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**The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is sponsoring Rick Hodsdon's:**

## **Basic Federal and State Gun Carry Laws**

**March 18, 2026**

**12:30 PM – 4:30 PM (online only)**  
**4 POST credits**

### **About the Instructor:**

**Richard Hodsdon** has spent all of his professional life representing and defending state and local officials, conducting criminal prosecutions, training and advising criminal justice and government officials. Rick has spent 8 years as a special assistant Minnesota Attorney General, a year in private practice and over 30 years as an assistant county attorney for Washington County Minnesota. Rick has been legal counsel for the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association since 1987.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

#### **Federal and State Gun Laws: Carry Laws for the Front Lines**

In this class you will learn about Minnesota law on the carrying of handguns, restrictions on venues, carrying under the influence and the rights and obligations of gun permit holders. Then you will get an overview of the carry permit process in Minnesota, the requirements needed to get a permit, and how street officer documentation and enforcement can make or break whether a permit is issued or denied. We finish with a discussion of what makes a person ineligible to possess a firearm under state and federal law. How an officer on the street processes paperwork and documents encounters with a subject will make a critical difference in this important public safety issue. Improper documentation and enforcement efforts can tie the hands of the public safety professionals and cause needless civil liability.

**Cost:** \$90

**Online:** Zoom Link will be sent to registrants prior to the training date.

**P.O.S.T. Credits:** 4

**Reg Registration:** Register for this training [HERE](#) (or visit the MSA Website and navigate to Trainings → Legal Issues for Public Agencies)