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## *Justifying Force*

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### **Self-Defense: Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Prepared Citizen**

*Every person has the right to defend—even by force—his person, his liberty, and his property.*

—*Frédéric Bastiat*

Bastiat, in his seminal essay “The Law” (1850) describes self-defense as the primary right from which all other rights flow.

Both the framers of the U.S. Constitution and, before them, the authors of Pennsylvania’s original Bill of Rights agreed with this notion of the primacy of self-defense (the latter even going so far as to include specific language on the subject). Yet “justification of the use of force” is one of the most widely misunderstood legal concepts—a misunderstanding that can, unfortunately, lead to tragic consequences for those forced by circumstance to exercise this fundamental right.

“Justifying Force” will clarify the many intricacies of the law surrounding use of force, and will definitively answer such questions as:

- **When can I touch someone?**
- **When can I arrest someone?**
- **Do I have a duty to retreat?**
- **How do I gauge how much force can I use?**
- **How does the law change in my home vs. the street?**
- **Under what circumstances can I use deadly force**

Join us for a 2-hour seminar with Lou Gentile that will give you the knowledge you need to protect your rights in a self-defense situation.

#### **LOU GENTILE**

#### **INSTRUCTOR**

Lou Gentile is President of Gentile-Meinert & Associates, Inc., CEO of Corporate Security and Investigations, and President of the Academy of Investigations and Protection. Lou began his career in law enforcement with the Pennsylvania State Police. After seventeen years, he advanced to the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s staff serving as a Regional Director, Western Zone Commander, Assistant Deputy Chief in the Office of Investigations and Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Drug Control. Lou is one of the foremost experts on the Justification of Use of Force in the state, and his firm is one of the few authorized to teach Act 235: Lethal Weapons Certification to private-sector security professionals.

**When:** Thursday, February 25th, 2010 -- 6:30-8:30pm  
**Where:** Sheraton – Station Square  
**Admission:** \$45 – *Advanced Registration*  
\$75 – *At the door*

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