



Tactical Talk

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QUESTION:

Why is it so hard to solve mystery homicides in Arkansas?



ANSWER:

Because there are no dental records and all the DNA matches.

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Study Group

Our Study Group experiment has proven to be quite a success. We pick one night each

month, and have several serious students gather in the classroom for discussion of a particular tactical or technical subject. After studying the subject, we go to the range to try out and compare the techniques discussed in the classroom. In a typical class, we cover a lot of subjects, but none in real depth. The Study Group session allows us to dissect a specific subject area and focus on it alone.

In the July session, we studied Ready Positions, including standard, compressed, and covert readies. We timed shooting from the various ready positions, and everyone learned a lot about their application. The August session focused on handgun malfunctions. We used a mixture of live and dummy rounds to work on rapidly fixing the common pistol malfunctions. The September session addressed responses to multiple targets, from both the tactical perspective and as pertains to shooting technique. The October session will focus on movement, a critical survival skill. The October session is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 6:00 pm. There is a minimal \$20.00 charge for each session. Attendees should be graduates of Level III or its equivalent.



TRAINING IN WEAPONS, TACTICS AND COMBATIVES

Gabe Suarez, Close Range Gunfighting

Gabe will be returning to Rangemaster on October 23-24, to conduct his Close Range Gunfighting Course. Most defensive encounters with handguns take place at very short range—from arm's length to across a room. Typical range techniques, or those used in competitive shooting, simply won't work under these conditions, against live hostile assailants. Learn techniques for close-in self defense from one of the most respected and innovative trainers in the industry. Tuition is \$349.00, and there are a few spaces left.

Attorney General's Annual Report

I recently received a copy of the annual report from the office of the Attorney General of Shelby County, William Gibbons. Attorney General Gibbons' office is one of the busiest AG offices in the country, and is seriously undermanned and underfunded. Despite this, they do a splendid job of prosecuting criminals, and have initiated several programs which have had a documented impact on certain types of crime. To give you a brief overview of the crime situation in Memphis, here are some excerpts from the report for 2003.

Cases prosecuted by the AG's office - 93,000.

Firearms confiscated by police - 3,235.

Crimes involving suspects armed with guns-

Armed carjackings- 342

Armed Robberies- 2,467

Aggravated Assaults- 1,978 (note there were another 3,000 Aggravated Assaults involving weapons other than guns.)

There were 543 rapes reported. Various authorities estimate that only one in three, to one in six rapes are reported, so the actual number was probably around 2,000 or so.

The AG's Gang Unit estimates between 10,000 and 15,000 gang members in Shelby County, with 5,000 hard core members. In 2003, there were 728 violent crimes involving 3 or more suspects acting together. This included 459 robberies, 71 carjackings, 23 rapes, and 8 murders. Burglary has hit a new high in Memphis, with 16,807 reported in 2003. That's about one home in every ten.

Combative Pistol Courses

The Combative Pistol Course is our signature pistol class, which we have been conducting all over the United States for the past several years. This is a very intensive course, covering all of the essential skills involved in fighting with a handgun. There are two full days of training, plus an evening session on Saturday to include low light firing, with and without a flashlight. Students fire between 800 and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Tuition is \$299.00. The primary instructor is Tom Givens.

Oct. 16-17, 2004	Anniston Police Range, Anniston, Alabama
Oct. 30-31, 2004	CASA Range, Little Rock, Arkansas
Jan. 22-23, 2005	The Firing Pin, Indoor range, Hinton, Oklahoma
Mar. 19-20, 2005	South River Gun Club, Atlanta, Georgia
April 9-10, 2005	Las Vegas, NV



OC/Pepper Spray Class

Thursday, Oct 7, 2004, 6:00-10:00 pm we will conduct a Fox Labs certified OC class. You will learn the history and development of OC (Pepper Spray) defensive tools, how to select the right unit, carry methods, deployment, and legal issues involved in using OC for self defense. You will not be sprayed. Cost is only \$49.00, and you receive a Fox Labs certification.

If you carry a gun, you need to have a force option in between speaking to people and shooting them. For those who do not/can not carry a gun, OC may be a vitally important piece of equipment. Call 901-370-5600 to enroll.

Defensive Shotgun Course at Rangemaster

We will offer our Defensive Shotgun Course on Tuesday-Wednesday, November 30 – December 1, 2004, 6:00-10:00 pm, at Rangemaster. The shotgun is a very powerful and effective weapon, but like all weapon systems, the operator needs an understanding of its capabilities and limitations. In this class you will learn about:

- Selection and useful modifications
- Proper shotgun handling/manipulation
- Shotgun ammunition characteristics and selection
- Safe, but useable storage conditions
- Defensive shotgun shooting techniques, and more.

Cost of this course is \$199.00, which includes all ammunition, which is supplied by Rangemaster.

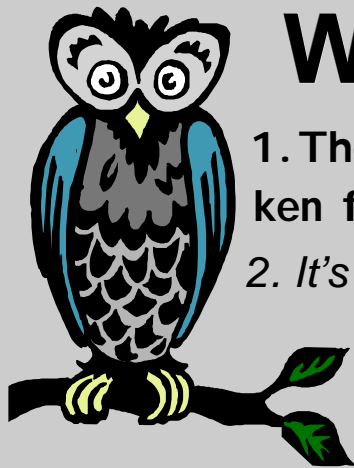
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Words of Wisdom

1. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.
2. *It's always darkest before dawn. So, if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.*
3. **Bad things only happen to someone else. To everyone on the planet but you, YOU are someone else.**
4. Good judgment comes from bad experience. Most of that comes from bad judgment.
5. **There are two theories on arguing with women. Neither works.**
6. *Experience is something you don't get until right after you need it.*
7. ***It's OK. The people following you are even more paranoid than you are.***
8. Build a man a fire and you keep him warm for a day. Set him on fire and he'll be warm for the rest of his life.