



# Tactical Talk

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"I know what honor is. It has been an honor to protect and serve all of you. I faced death with the secure knowledge that you would not have to. Never falter! Don't hesitate to honor and support those of us who have the honor of protecting that which is worth protecting."

*Marine SSgt Dan Clay, Killed In Action on 1 December, 2005, near Fallujah, Iraq. This quote was taken from a letter to his family*

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## Storing a Pistol in Your Car

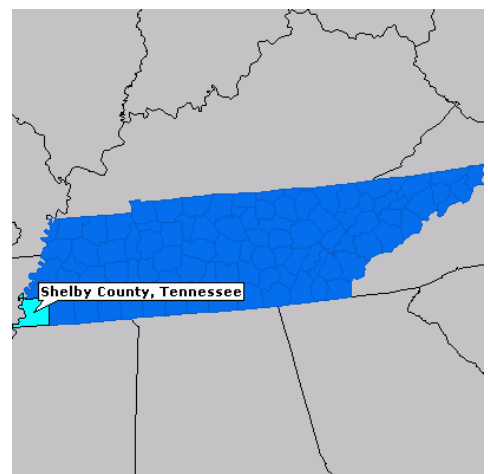


the seat, or in the glove box, just puts another gun on the street in the hands of criminals.

We have recently found a new product which solves this problem. This is a very compact, simple case made to secure to the seat frame in your car and slide under the seat. The case is steel, and the cable is rubber covered steel. The case is NOT marked "Safe" or "Gun" or anything else, and is very low profile. It will hold a full size 1911 and a spare magazine, or any smaller gun. In addition to use in your car, the unit can be secured to a bed frame, in a desk, or other storage space. There are mounting holes already drilled, to allow you to bolt the unit in a drawer or on a shelf. This handy item sells for just \$34.95. If you ever leave a gun unattended, you need one.

Practically every day, someone asks me how to secure a gun in their car while they go inside a place they simply cannot be armed, like the Federal courthouse, or the airport. This is an important issue. The BATFE traces guns that the police recover in crimes. Each month, we get a trace request on a handgun bought here, and it almost always turns out the gun was stolen from a parked car. Just leaving the gun under

There are about 6,000 registered sex offenders in Shelby County, scattered through every neighborhood in the area. To see where the ones in your neighborhood live, click on [www12.familywatchdog.us/](http://www12.familywatchdog.us/) and enter your address. You may be shocked at what you see.



## Combative Pistol II at Rangemaster



In CP1 students learn the core skills involved in self defense with the handgun, including a safe but fast draw-stroke, quick reloading, shooting with either hand, basic dim light skills, and more. CP2 is designed for graduates of CP1, and pushes the student to new levels of competency with their side-arms. CP2 consists entirely of range firing—no classroom time, and we fire between 1200 and 1500 rounds per student over the course of two very full days. This amount of trigger time allows us to both refine and ingrain correct responses. We guarantee each student will be a better shooter upon completion of CP2.

The next CP2 course will be on March 11-12, Saturday and Sunday, at Rangemaster. Space is limited. Cost is \$299.00.

## UPCOMING ROAD CLASSES

**March 25-26**

Combative Pistol I, Baton Rouge, LA

**April 1-2**

Combative Pistol II, Austin, TX

**April 22-23**

Combative Pistol I, Las Vegas, NV

**April 29-30**

Combative Pistol I, Atlanta, GA



## Annual Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development Course

Our annual instructor course will be conducted on August 4-6, 2006, Friday through Sunday. This is an intensive course, with both classroom and range instruction. Graduates become State Certified Handgun Instructors in Tennessee. All ammunition is provided, along with a huge reference manual and all study materials. Cost is \$399.00. Students learn to operate and shoot a wide variety of handguns and learn to instruct and coach others. Even if you have no desire to teach, there is no better way to learn a lot about current defensive shooting technique and “why” we do “what” we do.

# New Smith & Wesson M&P

## A Limited Review

I don't like to comment on pre-production samples of guns, because so much can change before final production guns actually get into the dealer pipeline. We recently received two new S&W M&P (Military & Police) autos from our regular distributor, and gave them a careful going over.

This is a new polymer frame service pistol intended, as the name implies, to get Smith and Wesson back into the worldwide military/police market. It is also well suited to carry for personal defense. The two we had were in .40 S&W caliber, and the steel magazines hold 15 rounds. That is a lot of capacity for a gun with a very comfortable, ergonomic grip (more on that later). The frame is steel reinforced polymer, with a stainless steel slide finished in Melonite, a hard, rust-proof black finish.

The grip frame features three interchangeable sections; small, medium, and large. These can be changed very quickly and easily, and appreciably change the size/feel of the grip. This allows the user to customize the gun to fit his/her hand size. The grip surface is stippled for a secure grip, and is very well shaped and quite comfortable.

The slide is beveled at the front end to make inserting the gun into the holster easier. I wish more handgun manufacturers would do this. There is an integral light/laser rail on the dust cover. The slide latch appears on both sides of the frame, which is a great idea! This makes locking the gun open in the left hand simple and easy. This is one of the most user friendly guns I've seen for a left handed shooter.

On the two samples we had, the trigger pull was about six pounds and fairly smooth. Re-set is fairly quick, but a bit mushy to those accustomed to a single-action trigger. Accuracy was quite good for a service pistol. We put a couple hundred rounds of service ammo through one sample with no malfunctions, right out of the box. The M&P is priced comparable to the Glock line, which it is intended to compete against.



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## Wisconsin Loses Bid to Allow Concealed Carry

There are only four states out of fifty that do not have a provision for the carry of concealed handguns by private citizens. These states are Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, and Kansas. In January, the Wisconsin legislature passed a carry permit law and sent it to the governor, who vetoed it. The state senate over-rode the veto, but the over-ride in the state house failed by two votes. There are bills pending in the Nebraska and Kansas legislatures right now, and their sponsors think they have a good chance of passing this year. Be thankful if you live in a state that recognizes the right of a law abiding citizen to defend his own life and the lives of his loved ones.

