



# Tactical Talk

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"Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. ... The right of citizens to bear arms is just one guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America but which historically has proven to be possible."

—Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (1960)

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## TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



Since summer is a heavy travel time, this is a good time to review personal security tips for travelers staying in motels and hotels.

1. Don't open the door to your room to unexpected visitors. If someone claims to a hotel employee, call the front desk first to verify why they were sent. A common ruse is to have a female knock on your door with some story about needing help. When you open the door, her male associate forces his way into the room.
2. Use all of the latches, locks, and chains provided on your room door. Remember that others may have a key to your room.
3. Upon entering your room, be sure all connecting doors to other rooms, and sliding glass doors to balcony or patio are locked.
4. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Car break-ins are very common at hotels/motels.
5. Keep your room key secured at all times. Do not leave it, or anything that identifies your room number, on the table in the restaurant or on the bar. No one needs to know your room.
6. When coming and going late at night, use the main entrance.
7. If away from the room for an extended time, leave valuables secured at the front desk.
8. Look out to the parking lot when leaving, and scan the lot as you go to your car.
9. A simple rubber doorstop can be dropped in your luggage, and used to increase the security of your room door when you go to bed.
10. Don't leave your gun behind when you leave. Hotel staff are always finding handguns under pillows and mattresses, or in the nightstand.

## Tactical Conference 2007

Feb. 24-25, 2007, Saturday-Sunday, at the Memphis Police Academy, Rangemaster will again host our annual Tactical Conference. Ten nationally recognized trainers will conduct both classroom and live-fire training segments, including live fire with the AR carbine and the shotgun. There will also be our annual indoor match, with improved reactive targets and several surprises. Enrollment in this event is over half full already, and it usually fills up by November 1. Send your entry in soon if you plan to attend.

## FIREARM RETENTION, DISARMING AND RECOVERY

Northeastern Tactical Schools' Firearm Retention, Disarming, and Recovery class will teach you how to disarm any size firearm, retain any style sidearm in the hand or in the holster, or recover a sidearm from a failed retention holster, all with one single method. Class includes:

- ◆ Seven elements of weapon-retention survival
- ◆ Review of CCW retention holster systems
- ◆ Review of proprietary sidearm features
- ◆ Review of the five major gun retention systems
- ◆ Common dangers in major disarming systems
- ◆ Physical conditioning and weapon-retention
- ◆ Mental conditioning and weapon-retention
- ◆ Weapon-retention and deadly force limits
- ◆ Hick's Law vs. weapon-retention and disarming
- ◆ History of the Japanese one-hand disarm
- ◆ The science of the one-hand disarm
- ◆ Reflexively beating martial art trained disarmers
- ◆ Disarming firearms at the front, side and rear
- ◆ Disarming firearms standing, kneeling or rolling
- ◆ Disarming firearms in and around moving vehicles
- ◆ Holster retention against 360° attacks
- ◆ Holster retention against multiple attackers
- ◆ Reflexive recovery after a security holster failure
- ◆ Disarming during retention drills
- ◆ Retention during disarming drills
- ◆ Disarming multiple weapons drills
- ◆ Conclusion



Self-defense students of all skill levels are welcome. Class size is limited. A valid license to carry, a Federal Firearms License, or letter of reference from a practicing attorney is required to attend.

Location: Rangemaster, Memphis, Tennessee  
 Dates: December 1, 2006  
 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 Tuition: \$180 - A 50% tuition deposit is required in advance.

For more information visit our website at [www.northeastertacticalschools.com](http://www.northeastertacticalschools.com) or contact Michael de Bethencourt at either [ne\\_tacticalschools@hotmail.com](mailto:ne_tacticalschools@hotmail.com) or telephone 978-667-5591.

**From our good friend and associate, John Farnam:**

We had two women, both in highly-paid professional positions, attend a Basic Defensive Pistol class last year. Neither had ever owned a gun before coming to us, but they had moved to a rural area and, on their own, decided to acquire defensive pistols and attend our training. They were referred to us by a local attorney. Still wrestling with their anti-gun, liberal upbringing, both indicated repeatedly that they would probably be the last to ever have to use their pistol skills. Well, when it's least expected, you're elected:

*"Last week, one of my dogs, a rottweiler, for reasons I'll never know, precipitously went after Kathy, biting her in the ankle. At the time, Kathy was relaxing on our back porch. He wouldn't let go, so I grabbed his testicles in an attempt to distract him. That caused him to let go of Kathy, but he then immediately went after me, biting me in the thigh. His incisors went in all the way!*

*Since moving out of the city, I had gotten into the habit of carrying my pistol (H&K P2000, in 40S&W, w/Cor-Bon PowerBall, per your recommendation), concealed in an IWB/belt holster most times I was at home. I am comfortable doing so. In this state, CCW permits are hard to get, but there is no regulation pertaining to carrying in one's own home. I consider the practice a non-issue in our rural county.*

*It was a good thing! When the dog bit into my leg, I drew my pistol and, being careful not to shoot myself, shot him several times, at contact range, in the body. I was unable to shoot him in the head without shooting myself. Even so, my shots were instantly effective. He yelped, let go, and then fell away. He was dead within a few seconds. PowerBall worked as advertised! Of four rounds, all hit, and none exited.*

*My leg required surgery, and I may end up with a limp, but I learned from the surgeon that the dog's incisors missed my femoral artery by less than an inch! Had I not ended the attack when I did, I would surely have easily sustained additional serious injury and/or bled to death at the scene.*

*I am still in the 'coping stage,' but I am in the process of rethinking the dog subject. My dog's attack was completely unexpected, and I have no idea what was going through his mind. My perspective on dogs has changed forever!*

*Fortunately, my training taught me to be prepared and decisive, even in the sudden presence of this unexpected menace. Thank heaven my pistol was within reach, fully loaded, and ready to go! Thank heaven I had the skill and determination to see through my panic and think clearly enough to act, when it needed to be. I'm glad to be alive, and I'm glad I was prepared, even though, at the time, I wasn't sure why!"*

**Comment:** Once again, we carry pistols as a means of dealing with UNEXPECTED threats! That is why they have to be continually (1) close at hand and (2) in a high state of readiness. My student fearlessly acted at the critical moment. She is a hero. She saved her own life and probably the life of her friend.

None of the foregoing will ever be seen in a headline, nor will it ever be reflected in any statistic quoted by a politician. But, in this business, it is happy endings like this that we live for. Good show!

*John*

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## FBI Crime Report for 2005:

In June, the FBI released the Uniform Crime Report for 2005. The FBI collects data from every police department in the country each year, and takes six months to compile and tabulate the data. They then release the results.



### Comparing Memphis To Los Angeles According to the FBI UCR:

Your chance of being murdered in Memphis last year was 2.2 times your chance of being murdered in Los Angeles. You were three times more likely to be the victim of an Aggravated Assault in Memphis, and twice as likely to be raped. Last year in Memphis, there was a Violent Crime for every 53 residents. In Los Angeles, there was a Violent Crime for every 121 residents. With 1 person of 50 being the victim of Violent Crime here, the lessons are obvious:

1. Don't be complacent. Accept that this CAN happen to you or a loved one.
2. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Know who is around you and what they are doing.
3. Be armed.

## Andy Stanford, OPS, Low Light Surgical Speed Shooting at Rangemaster, Memphis, Sept 9-10, 2006

Two full days of low light shooting skills, with and without a flashlight, with the man who literally wrote the book (Fight at Night). Our modern indoor range is air conditioned and features controlled lighting. We can vary the lighting from full daylight to full darkness, and shades in between.

Armed confrontations in low light are the rule, not the exception. Learn up to date techniques for utilizing hand held lights to find and identify potential assailants, assist accurate shooting, and confuse your enemies. Call 901-370-5600 to register.