

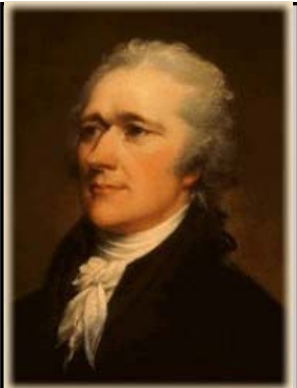


# Tactical Talk

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"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed."

— Alexander Hamilton,

The Federalist Papers at 184-188

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

The Christmas Season is upon us, and with it comes increased crime. When visiting shopping malls remember the following safety tips:

- ◆ Shop in pairs or small groups if at all possible, especially if female.
- ◆ Park in well lighted areas, as close to the store as possible. Bypass parking spaces on the outer edges and wait a few minutes for a better spot.
- ◆ Put packages in your trunk, not inside the car where they can be seen from outside.
- ◆ Secure your purse. Keep the strap over your shoulder. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart, even for a moment.
- ◆ Don't be embarrassed to ask store security to escort you to your car, particularly at night.
- ◆ Don't become fixated on shopping. Get your head up and scan around—keep up with who is around you. Take note of anyone who seems to be watching you instead of shopping.
- ◆ As you go to your car, scan the parking lot and the area around your car as you approach. If you see something that doesn't look right, go back inside.



**Remember that your best defense is to be alert and aware of your surroundings. We wish you all a safe and merry Christmas!**

## On-Going Instructor Development

Self defense, especially with firearms, is a science that continues to evolve and change. Modern firearms training has only been around for about thirty-five years, and much has changed in that period. The best instructors continue to train, attending classes by other trainers and organizations. This allows the instructor to keep abreast of new developments in technique, tactics, and equipment, and prevent stagnation in his own curriculum.

At Rangemaster we believe strongly in this continual education process. In October, twelve of our assistant instructors attended NRA Handgun and Self Defense in the Home Instructor Courses. In November two of our lead instructors attended a five day NRA Law Enforcement Tactical Shooting Instructor School, and another lead instructor attended a three day recertification course for FBI Police Firearms Instructors. In addition, five of our staff attended a shotgun course put on by Gabe Suarez at the Memphis Police Academy ranges. All of our staff instructors take these courses periodically, so we can continue to bring you up to date, relevant firearms and tactics training.



## Com-Tac Holsters

Com-Tac is one of the premiere makers of Kydex synthetic holsters and magazine pouches. The staff at Com-Tac are shooters, and their holsters are used by both top competitive shooters and serious gunmen. Rangemaster is now an official stocking dealer for Com-Tac products. We have an array of their holsters here, and can special order anything you need with a two-week delivery time.



# STUDENT INVOLVED SHOOTING

Each year we typically have several students involved in self defense incidents. Last month, one of our female students was involved in a shooting during an attempted armed robbery. Here are some details.

The student (we'll go by her initials, I.P.) was at work in a gas station/convenience store at 1:45 am. A young male approached the store, entered, and began pacing back and forth between the lottery ticket display and the counter. His clothing, demeanor, and actions caused I.P. to become suspicious immediately. Suddenly, he approached the counter at a fast walk, simultaneously pulling a handgun from under his sweatshirt. As he drew his gun, I.P. grabbed her own 9mm pistol from the counter under the cash register. As the suspect raised his gun and pointed it at her, she fired, as the suspect reached a point just across the counter from her. I.P. is certain she hit the suspect in the left shoulder, which she saw jerk backward at the impact. The suspect immediately turned and ran out the door, jumping into a waiting car with an accomplice in it, which sped off.

The police soon arrived, and the surveillance video showed the suspect and the getaway car, but so far no arrests have been made. Of course, I.P. was not arrested or detained, as this was clearly a self defense shooting.

I.P. had only taken her basic handgun permit course here a few weeks before this shooting. She credits the familiarity with the pistol and *the confidence she gained* in that class with being able to defend herself. She told me she would never have been able to do that before her training.

The key lessons here:

1. When something looks suspicious, don't try to rationalize it away. Get ready mentally.
2. When someone threatens your life, act quickly and without hesitation.
3. Training builds skill. Skill builds confidence. Skill and confidence win fights.

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# Specialty Classes Upcoming

## 3-Day Dynamic Marksmanship Course

at Rangemaster, Jan. 13-15, 2007, Saturday-Monday, all indoors, daylight and dim light firing, 1500 rounds, **\$399.00**

## 1911 Operator's Course

at Rangemaster, proper maintenance and modifications, plus shooting/gunhandling technique, Feb. 10-11, 2007, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. both days



## Tactical Response, Fighting Pistol

at Rangemaster, March 24-25, 2007, Tactical Response conducts this class all over the US. We are pleased to host this fast-paced intensive course in Memphis.