



Tactical Talk

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*If at first you
don't
succeed,
sky diving
may not be for
you.*

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STUDY GROUP

Starting in July, we will conduct a Study Group on a Monday or Tuesday evening, once each month, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of this group will be for serious students to get together and have a detailed discussion of a recent event, or a scenario, in the classroom. In a group discussion format, we'll talk about the various tactics and techniques that could be employed in this scenario. We'll then go on the range and work everyone through the scenario, live fire, so the theories can be put to the test.

Participation will be limited to students who have attended a Level III handgun course, or higher, since the scenarios may involve any of the defensive pistol skills. We'll examine a different subject each month. There will be a \$20.00 "cover charge" to handle the cost of targets and supplies and the use of the range for the evening. The first three dates will be:

July 19, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Aug 31, Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sept 27, Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

This is a great way to keep your skills current, while learning more about personal tactics and problem solving.

Basic Personal Protection Instructor Development Course

Once each year we conduct a three day course for persons who wish to become Tennessee State Certified Handgun Instructors. Successful completion of this course is all one needs to become a state certified instructor. This is an intensive course, intended to teach proficient shooters how to teach others in basic defensive pistolcraft. Time is about evenly split between the classroom and the range, with extensive firing done with various action types and manufactures of handguns. Candidates must pass a thorough written examination, and achieve a passing score on the range firing tests. Each student will also deliver a brief presentation to the class on some subject. Each candidate will fire about 700 rounds of ammunition, through a variety of handguns. Rangemaster supplies the ammunition and firearms, plus a huge reference manual. Cost is \$399.00, all inclusive.

After passing this course, graduates will receive the application needed to become a state certified instructor. Whether you plan to conduct formal training or not, this certification could be valuable to you, as proof of competency in defensive shooting. It's hard to say you are not competent to carry a gun when the state certifies you as competent to teach others to do the same.



On the Road in August

During the month of August, we'll be offering our two day Combative Pistol Course in two locations:

Aug 21-22, Pine Barrens Range, Westhampton, Long Island, NY

Aug 28-29, Bluegrass Indoor Range, Louisville, KY.

This is a very intensive course, covering all the essential skills involved in fighting with a handgun. Low light firing, weapon retention/disarming skills, shooting on the move, and other vital skills are all addressed. You will need about 800 rounds of ammunition, concealment gear, and a serviceable handgun with at least three magazines. For details, see www.rangemaster.com.

LEVEL IV COURSE

On Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15, we'll conduct a Level IV handgun course, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. Two of the key areas addressed in this course include Gang Intelligence and Low Light Skills. In the classroom, you will learn about local gangs, how to spot and read gang graffiti and tattoos, and more. There is also both classroom and range training in low light techniques, both with and without a flashlight. You will learn about low light searching techniques, and effective flashlight assisted shooting techniques. You will need around 450 rounds of ammunition.

Cost is \$175.00.



Local Crime Trends

Twice in the past month, local businessmen were abducted at gunpoint outside stores, taken to remote locations, and executed with multiple shots. In both cases, their cars were burned in an effort to destroy evidence. In both cases, the motive for the abduction and murder was simply to obtain the victim's ATM card and pin number. Immediately after murdering the victims, the thugs went to ATM's and withdrew a few hundred dollars. In the first case, four suspects have been arrested and remain in custody, no arrests have been made in the second. Both cases appear to have involved multiple assailants, who arrive in their own car, and follow the victim and one or more thugs in the victim's car to the place of execution.

Also in June, one of our students was forced to kill an armed intruder in his home in the wee hours, after the suspect broke in the back door and entered the home armed with a rifle. This occurred in an upscale neighborhood in Collierville, but Memphis itself records about 15 incidents per day of burglars breaking into occupied homes. Here are some simple precautions:

- 1. Lock your doors! You wouldn't think anyone would have to be told this today, but there is a late night burglar working the Hack's Cross/Winchester area who usually enters through unlocked doors.**
- 2. Use your burglar alarm system when you are at home.**
- 3. Keep your self defense weapon in an appropriate state of readiness. If you have children, a lock-box can hold a loaded handgun ready, but securely locked up until needed.**
- 4. Accept the fact that this CAN happen in YOUR neighborhood.**

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National Tactical Invitational, NTI XIV

In June, Tom Givens attended the National Tactical Invitational, conducted at the West Shore Sportsmens Association in Harrisburg, PA. This is an almost week long annual event, which tests the practitioners mental skills, tactics, and equipment in a series of scenario based events, both live fire and against human adversaries with Simunitions guns. During each day of the event, there were seminars and panel discussions at the host convention center, featuring a number of nationally recognized trainers. There were lectures and presentations by such luminaries as John and Vickie Farnam of Defense Training International; Jeff Gonzales, of Trident Concepts; George Demitriou from Modern Warrior; and our own Tom Givens.

Tim Burke is a very highly trained shooter, a student of Rangemaster and most of the other better schools in the country. He wrote an excellent, highly detailed account of his NTI experience, which can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/2nst9> . I recommend you read his article, for a host of tactical lessons and insights from a skillful and educated gunman's perspective. Next year's NTI will again be at Harrisburg, the week following Memorial Day. For more information about the NTI, see www.teddytactical.com . Tom will be there again in 2005.

"The said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press, or the rights of conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms..."

———Samuel Adams