



# Tactical Talk

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### **Special points of interest:**

- **Crime Talk** with host, Steve Wolf
- Tactical Shotgun Course, Nov. 7th
- Memphis Crime Stats
- Howard Benz's review of More Guns, Less Crime by Dr. John Lott

**“And he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.”**

—Luke 22:36

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## Ladies Only Tactical Pistol Class

On Sunday, November 8th, our female students have a unique opportunity to train with one of the most respected female shooting instructors in the United States, Brett McQueen of Los Angeles.



**Ms. Brett McQueen**

Brett is a highly skilled shooter and instructor who trains civilian, security, and law enforcement personnel throughout California. With her partner, Scott Reitz of LAPD SWAT, she operates International Tactical Training Seminars, Inc. (formerly California Pistolcraft Seminars or CPS). ITTS is a top-flight school. Brett is certified as an instructor by the NRA, has taken

training at some of the most prestigious schools in the country, and is one of very few civilian instructors certified by the FBI.

Brett will be teaching women how to successfully defend themselves in an increasingly violent and unpredictable world. As a woman who carries a gun, she will be aware of and in tune with the unique problems facing women who choose to go armed. All students in this class must first complete our Basic Personal Protection Course. It would be helpful, but is not required, to attend our Tactical Pistol Course (Level II). Cost is \$179.00, and only a few class slots remain. Call today.

**“Are we at last brought to such a humiliating and debased degradation, that we Americans cannot be trusted with arms for our own defense?”**

—Patrick Henry, 1788

## Rangemaster Shooters are Winners!

The Mississippi State IDPA Championship was held Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, 1998. Congratulations! All five of Rangemaster's shooters placed in their division/class. Good shooting!



### **Stock Service Pistol**

1st Expert – Jeff Dommeyer

3rd Expert – Rob Robinson

4th Sharpshooter – Steve Wolf

5th Marksman – Howard Benz

### **Enhanced Service Pistol**

2nd Expert – Jim Cowan



Tired of the same old “who got killed today” crime reporting? Interested in active programs aimed at reducing crime and violence in our community?

## Crime Talk

Then tune in Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. for *Crime Talk*, hosted by Rangemaster’s own Steve Wolf. *Crime Talk* airs every Sunday afternoon on AM 600, WREC talk radio.

Every week Steve interviews interesting guests who are actively involved in trying to make Memphis a safer community.

Politicians are given a chance to elaborate on their crime fighting plans and agenda, and personal safety experts give you tips on making your family more secure. *Crime Talk* is broadcast from our own professional studio in Steve’s office here at Rangemaster. You are invited to come by and participate in person or to call in with your questions and comments. Tune in and let us know what you think.

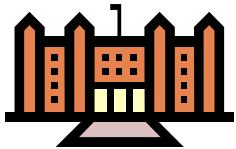
*Crime Talk* is sponsored by Bud Davis Cadillac, Memphis’ finest Cadillac dealership, at 5433 Poplar Avenue.

## EIGHT-HOUR TACTICAL SHOTGUN CLASS

The shotgun is one of the most useful, yet misunderstood, weapons available to the private citizen. Its decisive power and versatility make it a potent defensive weapon—but only if the operator has the skill and knowledge to use it effectively under combat conditions.

On Saturday, November 7th, we will conduct a full-day **Tactical Shotgun Course**, instructed by Jim Higginbotham and Tom Givens. Jim is Tom’s former law enforcement partner and is currently the Firearms Instructor for the Grayson County (KY) Sheriff’s Department. Jim is certified as an instructor by the NRA, Gunsite, the FBI, and the state of Kentucky. Some of you met Jim when he won the Stock Service Pistol Division at our Winter Indoor IDPA Championship.

The **Tactical Shotgun Course** will cover the proper mechanical operation of the shotgun, useful modifications, selection of ammunition, proper high speed handling techniques, transition to handgun drills, and other topics. Shooting will include birdshot, buckshot, and slugs in both drills and tactical scenarios. Cost is \$179.00 INCLUDING ammunition—which is a bargain. Space is strictly limited; so sign on early.



## SERIOUS CRIME IN MEMPHIS

Several students have asked us lately to republish some of the crime statistics for Memphis so they can refer to them when discussing the problem with others. For that reason, listed at the right you will find a recap of some of the serious crime categories from 1996. (Note: These pertain only to the area inside the city limits, not the metropolitan area.) These are only the reported crimes. The FBI estimates that another 15% go unreported for various reasons.

The overall clearance rate for these listed crimes was 18%. This means less than one in five has any chance of being prosecuted. In this same year, the Memphis Police Department answered over 750,000 calls (2,055 per day average).

## REPORTED INDEX FELONIES

TYPE	NUMBER
HOMICIDES (not including justifiable killings)	159
RAPE	789
ROBBERY	5,970
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5,615
BURGLARY	16,634
LARCENY/THEFT (over \$500 in value)	26,828
AUTO THEFT	14,284
ARSON	595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,874</b>

\*\*Population 600,000 divided by 71,000 index felonies = 1 for every 8.5 residents!

# MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME : A BOOK REVIEW

By Howard M. Benz



How many times have you felt that the “media” has biased its presentation of an article involving guns? Too many times to count you say. Well, relief--in terms of hard evidence--is on the way! John Lott, Ph.D. author of “More Guns, Less Crime” does not present the typical anecdotal evidence presented by Handgun Control Incorporated (HCI). Mr. Lott analyzed the change in criminal behavior before and after allowing the issuance of Concealed Carry Permits by several states in recent years. States with the largest increases in gun ownership also have the largest drops in violent crimes. His thorough research and analytical approach provides exciting conclusions that justify what we already know – criminals prefer unarmed victims!

“More Guns, Less Crimes” is the product of a research paper written by Messrs. Lott and Mustard, both University of Chicago Professors. The paper entitled, “Crime, Deterrence, and Right to Carry Legislation” provides landmark evidence that after several states enacted “Shall Issue” concealed carry laws, which allowed normal citizens to carry a concealed handgun, usually after some form of training and background check (and of course a fee to the state!), crime against persons dramatically declined. The Paper provided very detailed analysis and statistics, however, the book, “More Guns, Less Crimes”, is substantially more readable. Professor Lott does not simply present his findings, but provides a thorough discussion of how people react to guns, gun control and crime. As a bonus he methodically destroys many HCI and other gun control “nuts” biases and statistical misrepresentations!

Professor Lott debunks several “studies” that proclaim “guns” are “bad.” For example, the frequently cited study “guns in the home are 42 times more likely to kill someone in the home” is shown for the sham study that it is. Professor Lott explains this often-cited statistic that murder victims are killed by either relatives or acquaintances. What most people don’t understand is the “acquaintance murder” number also includes gang members killing other gang members, drug buyers killing drug dealers, fares killing cab drivers, etc. Ninety percent of adult murderers have had criminal records as adults.

It should not be a surprise that increasing the number of armed citizens would reduce crime rates. Criminals are not entirely stupid. The possibility of armed victims reduces the expected benefits and increases the expected costs of criminal activity. Lott found that concealed handgun laws reduce violent crime for two reasons. First, they reduce the number of attempted crimes because criminals are uncertain which potential victims can defend themselves. Second, victims who have guns (and I would add – good training) are in a much better position to defend themselves. Professor Lott’s quantification of these effects, the largest study of its kind to date, is groundbreaking. I encourage each person who holds a carry permit to read “More Guns, Less Crimes.”



## TACTICAL QUOTES

“The sickness of the late twentieth century is cowardice. Anger is the only cure for cowardice—anger strong enough to overcome fear.” —Eric Hoffer

“The ‘Art of War’ is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can and as often as you can, and keep moving on.” --Ulysses S. Grant

“Practice doesn’t make perfect; only PERFECT practice makes perfect. If you practice crap for twenty years, all you’ll be is a crapmaster. Crapmasters do not win gunfights!” —Marc Fleischmann (S. California SWAT operator/trainer)

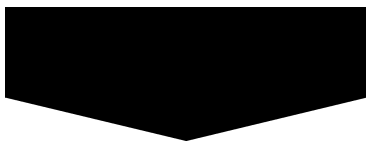
**It is the cold glitter in the attacker’s eye, not the point of the questing bayonet that breaks the line. General George S. Patton**

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## **TACTICAL TALK SUBSCRIPTION FORM**



We have published four editions of Tactical Talk thus far, distributing them to Rangemaster customers and students free of charge. Our goal with Tactical Talk is to keep you informed of changes in the law that may affect you; to critique products and services that may be of value to you; to inform you of upcoming classes and special events; and to entertain you. Each issue—more or less monthly—will bring you up-to-date information and help you function more safely in a changing and often perilous world.

We have published the first four issues free of charge, but demand for the newsletter has grown considerably. Thus, its production costs have risen greatly. We are therefore asking that you subscribe to Tactical Talk for the nominal fee of \$15.00 per year. This will defray the costs of printing and postage and allow us to keep putting out this important information monthly. Please cut out the subscription form below and return to us with your check or credit card authorization. This will ensure that you continue to receive this important resource. Thanks!

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