

# TACTICAL CONFERENCE

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2015

## Schedule at a Glance...

February 20-22, **Memphis, Tennessee**

<u>FRI</u>	800	830	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Classroom A	I Shoot Like a Girl (Bigley)					Excited Delirium (Haggard)						Fitness & Nutrition (Lindenman)					Defining the Threat (T. Givens)			
Classroom B	Teach 'Em a Lesson (Harper/Johnson)					Lethal Encounters (Higginbotham)					Gunfight Video Study (Murphy)					Witness Dynamics (Ayoob)				
Outdoor Range			Heightened Gun Handling (Gosa/Weems)								Critical Handgun Skills (Keepers)									
Frangible Range #1 (indoors)			Surviving the Knock-Out Game (Burch)								Weapon Retention & Disarms (Sharp)									
Frangible Range #2 (indoors)			Optimizing Use of Cover (Holschen/Redl)								Low Light Force-on-Force (Rehn/Causey)									
Rifle Range (outdoors)																				

<u>SAT</u>	800	830	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730	
Classroom A	Performance Under Fire, Pt. 1 ( <a href="#">Heame</a> )											Court-Proofing Defense ( <a href="#">Hayes</a> )				Performance Under Fire, Pt. 2 ( <a href="#">Hearne</a> )					
Classroom B	Law of Self-Defense ( <a href="#">Branca</a> )					Tactical Communication for Couples ( <a href="#">Werner</a> )					Fatal Choices ( <a href="#">Aprill</a> )				Urban Terrorism ( <a href="#">Topper</a> )						
Outdoor Range			Enhancing Trigger Control ( <a href="#">Dobbs</a> )						Critical Handgun Skills ( <a href="#">Keepers</a> )						PMS: Pistol Manipulation Skills ( <a href="#">L. Givens</a> )						
Frangible Range #1 (indoors)			Experiential Learning Laboratory ( <a href="#">Southnarc</a> )									Practical Small Knife Principles ( <a href="#">Fry</a> )									
Frangible Range #2																					
Rifle Range (outdoors)			Defensive Shotgun Manipulations ( <a href="#">Moses</a> )																		

<u>SUN</u>	800	830	900	930	1000	1030	1100	1130	1200	1230	1300	1330	1400	1430	1500	1530	1600	1630	1700	1730
Classroom A	Rehabilitating Shooters ( <u>Thomas</u> )					Women's Holsters ( <u>Bigley</u> )					Kneeling & Cover ( <u>Kulscar</u> )					Bad Defensive Shootings ( <u>Werner</u> )				
Classroom B		Training / Reality Mismatch ( <u>Greco</u> )					Secrets of Highly Successful Gunfighters ( <u>Bolke</u> )					The Five Ws of Risk ( <u>Aprill</u> )								
Outdoor Range			Heightened Gun Handling ( <u>Gosa/Weems</u> )								Pistol Manipulations ( <u>Haggard</u> )									
Frangible Range #1 (indoors)											Close Range Handgun Threat: Empty Hand Skills ( <u>Ellifritz</u> )									
Frangible Range #2 (indoors)			Low Light Force-on-Force ( <u>Rehn/Causey</u> )																	
Rifle Range (outdoors)			The Rotator Target System ( <u>Famam</u> )																	

## Course Descriptions & Instructor Bios...

Welcome to the 2015 Tactical Conference & Polite Society Pistol Match, brought to you by Rangemaster Firearms Training Services! Below is a list of the trainers for this year's conference and course descriptions for their presentation topics. Each block will be open to conference registrants on a first come/first served basis. Feel free to attend whichever blocks suit your interests and schedule. Use the links in the schedule chart on the previous page to jump directly to a particular training block. Please note that the schedule and locations are subject to change as circumstances require. Any schedule updates will be promptly posted on our website.

### PLEASE NOTE:

No one will be admitted once a training block has begun. Late arrivals are very disruptive and could present a safety issue in some classes, so they will not be allowed. This policy will be strictly enforced.



The owners of Rangemaster Firearms Training Services are proud to have such an impressive array of experienced trainers in their midst. But of course, the tried-and-true veterans of this industry will not be able to train forever. In order to ensure that students of personal defense have access to quality instruction for decades to come, this year's Tactical Conference will feature a new initiative called the Rangemaster Trainers Apprenticeship Program, or RTAP. Spearheaded by Lynn Givens of Rangemaster, RTAP is designed to embrace today's rising stars and mold them into tomorrow's best and brightest personal defense instructors. The 2015 Conference introduces three promising RTAP presenters, and their topics are included below. Whenever you see the RTAP logo next to a trainer's name, that means the person has been tapped! Please be sure to give those presenters a heartfelt "Attaboy!" (or "Attagirl!") and encourage them to continue gaining experience as highly-competent firearms trainers.



## YES, I SHOOT LIKE A GIRL

*...Would you like a lesson?*

Lori Bigley  
Norman, OK

*Friday*

Friday @ 8am – 10am  
Classroom A

Lori is a multiple graduate of Rangemaster's instructor development program and several other training schools. She is also an NRA firearms instructor and a competitive shooter.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The face of the American gun owner is changing, as more women than ever are picking up a gun for the first time. From the pistol-packing soccer mom to the rifle-wielding yoga instructor, women are becoming a more common sight around your neighborhood gun store. Shooting has always been a male dominated industry. From the corporate CEO to the self-proclaimed expert behind the gun counter, there are men at every level of the hierarchy. Most guns are designed by men, for men, and most of the information that's available to the shooter is geared toward men.

This segment will cover the best ways for women to get more involved in the firearms industry and how to navigate this male-dominated environment easily and successfully. We will discuss handgun selection, training opportunities, and how to get started in competitive shooting. The information in this session is not only geared toward women, but also beneficial to men leading/instructing female shooters or wanting to help the women in their lives get involved in the many aspects of shooting.



## EXCITED DELIRIUM

Lt. Chuck Haggard  
Topeka, KS

Friday @ 10:30am – 12:30  
Classroom A



Chuck is a highly trained and experienced police officer, with a number of years in patrol, 18 years in SWAT, and training assignments. He is an instructor for the National Law Enforcement Training Center and is a Rangemaster certified Advanced Firearms Instructor.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this classroom presentation Chuck will detail some of the drugs and other issues that result in extreme violence, pain resistance, and superhuman strength in some individuals involved in attacks on police and private citizens. Bath salts, cocaine, PCP, and various combinations of drugs can result in an opponent who commits unspeakable acts of violence and who may seem impervious to gunfire and other injuries. Having some knowledge of this condition beforehand may be very useful if you are faced with such an assailant in the future.



## FITNESS & NUTRITION

*for the Combat or  
Shooting Sport Athlete*

Larry Lindenman  
Naperville, IL

Friday @ 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Classroom A

Larry Lindenman is a recently retired state police captain with experience working in narcotics and SWAT. He is also an amateur MMA fighter and combat athlete with over 30 years of martial arts training.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Of the many training considerations we all must keep in mind, none is more confusing than physical fitness and nutrition. Students of combat for both the sporting arena and the real world often seek supplemental physical training to optimize performance, enhance skill, and improve health. Many athletes turn to specialized diets or unconventional training regimens. From kettle bells to CrossFit and powerlifting to triathlons, the seemingly endless list of options can be daunting. Which techniques are best in the context of personal defense? Beyond enhancing physical skills, exercise and appropriate nutrition are responsible for saving more lives than any self-defense training method. You are far more likely to die from a preventable disease than from a violent attack. This seminar will identify the most effective fitness and nutrition practices for law enforcement, military, combat athletes, and civilians aspiring to best prepare themselves for a potentially deadly encounter.

Larry has helped hundreds of combat sport athletes and regular citizen athletes lose fat and enhance their physical skills through a simple, practical, easy-to-follow, evidence-based exercise and nutrition program. You will leave this class with an actionable fitness and nutrition plan that doesn't require unnecessary banning of foods or excessive, dangerous exercise protocols.



## DEFINING THE THREAT:

*Designing Training for Private Citizens & Plainclothes Officers*

Tom Givens  
Memphis, TN

Friday @ 4pm - 6pm  
Classroom A



Tom has been carrying a gun professionally for 44 years, teaching firearms and tactics for 35 years, the last 19 years full-time. He has been certified as an expert witness on firearms and firearms training in both state and federal courts all over the US, is the author of five published textbooks on the subject and over 100 published magazine articles. He holds a Master rating in three IDPA divisions and holds instructor certifications from numerous organizations including the NRA LE Division and the FBI.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is a lively PowerPoint presentation going into some detail about how to set up a defensive firearms training program for private citizens and others who go armed in plain clothing. Much use is made of data from over 60 Rangemaster student involved shootings plus data from the FBI, DEA, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and other sources.



## TEACH 'EM A LESSON

*...Without Pulling Your Gun*

Craig Harper  
Memphis, TN

Tiffany Johnson  
Memphis, TN

Friday @ 8am - 10am  
Classroom B

Craig Harper has taught personal defense classes for over 13 years and has 20 years of experience in adult education. In addition to teaching firearms classes, he is also a certified Fox Labs OC instructor. He has made hundreds of presentations to audiences of all types and sizes on topics ranging from firearm safety to immigration to advertising. Tiffany Johnson is an attorney and former public school teacher who now teaches at the University of Memphis. She also has years of presentation experience, including teaching CLE seminars (continuing legal education) to other attorneys. Both Craig and Tiffany are certified by the State of Tennessee, the State of Mississippi, and the NRA as firearm safety trainers. They both have taken every training course offered by Rangemaster, and both are Rangemaster-certified Advanced Firearms Instructors.



Craig Harper



Tiffany Johnson

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** You are a firearms trainer! Your credentials are impressive. Your material is compelling. Plus you have a long line of well-paying students who are eager to learn. There is only one problem: your presentation has all the pizzazz of drying paint. Most trainers know a lot more about handgun slides than they do about PowerPoint slides. But the presentation is not about frills. It's about content delivery. Your invaluable

knowledge is worthless to your students if you cannot effectively convey it to them. So what's the answer? Either you can pay a heap of money to a spiky-haired computer geek to redesign all of your presentation slides, or you can come to this seminar! We'll take a look at some classic PowerPoint gaffes that arise in the context of firearms training and offer tips on how to avoid them. We'll also use interactive exercises to develop

### NOTE TO ATTENDEES:

Although it is not required, attendees are welcome to bring laptops to this seminar in order to practice some of the techniques being taught. Students can also bring their own PowerPoint files on a jump drive for feedback from the instructors during the workshop.

the presentation techniques that work best for your personality, your teaching style, your technical skills, and your brand. By making the most of teaching aids, you will boost instructional quality for your students and energize the training experience for yourself.



## SURVIVING LETHAL ENCOUNTERS

Jim Higginbotham  
Cave City, KY

Friday @ 10:30am - 12:30pm  
Classroom B



Jim Higginbotham has been a sworn law enforcement officer for over 30 years and is the firearms instructor for his department. He is instructor certified by Gunsite, the NRA LE Division, the FBI, Rangemaster and other organizations and has worked for several years as a contract small arms SME for the DOD.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will outline the variables involved in personal self-defense incidents: the variables you do have some control over and the many variables you simply CANNOT control. By configuring your training program to give you the maximum advantage in those areas you can affect before and during the fight, you can minimize the factors that are left to chance or fate.



## VIDEO STUDY OF ACTUAL GUNFIGHTS

John Murphy  
Chantilly, VA

Friday @ 1pm – 3pm  
Classroom B



John is an experienced and talented trainer with a broad tactical education and actual field experience, including ten years with the Marine Corps. He now operates FPF Training in Virginia.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this session, John will teach how to incorporate the now ubiquitous surveillance videos into training programs for instructors or individuals. His goal is to facilitate the initiation of action/speed through Recognition Primed Decisions. He will relate the methodology we use to analyze post-IED attack Jihad footage and apply that to self-defense incident footage. This is a method of "gaining experience" without getting shot and

giving people the capacity to speed up their decision-making process to take prompt, decisive, and CORRECT action. John will also discuss the limitations of video as a training tool and the dangers of having too much of a "canned" response. The latter part will be illustrated by using dash-cam footage from an unfortunate shooting that took place in South Carolina.

Tom Givens  
presenting at the  
2014 Tactical  
Conference





## WITNESS DYNAMICS: *What We All Need to Know*

Massad Ayoob  
Live Oak, FL

Friday @ 3:30pm - 6pm  
Classroom B



Massad Ayoob has been handgun editor of *Guns* magazine and law enforcement editor of *American Handgunner* since the 1970s and has published thousands of articles in gun magazines, martial arts publications, and law enforcement journals. He is the author of more than a dozen books on firearms, self-defense, and related topics. He served 19 years as chair of the Firearms Committee of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers and several years as a member of the Advisory Board of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association. In addition to teaching for those groups, he has also taught for the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and the International Homicide Investigators seminars. Mas has been admitted by several courts as an expert witness in weapons and shooting cases since 1979. He has also been a fully-sworn, part-time police officer for over three decades. He has appeared on CLE-TV delivering continuing legal education for attorneys through the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association and has been retained to train attorneys to handle deadly force cases through the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This classroom block of instruction will help us to understand how witnesses perceive what they observe, how they process that information, how they relate what they perceived to others after the fact, and how this can affect the outcome of a trial or other legal proceeding.



## HEIGHTENED GUNHANDLING

*for the Interactive Environment*

Shane Gosa  
Americus, GA

Lee Weems  
Athens, GA

Friday @ 9am - Noon  
Outdoor Pistol Range

Shane Gosa is a Georgia POST certified general and firearms instructor, and Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors executive board member. Lee Weems is the Chief Deputy of the Oconee County Georgia Sheriff's office, a certified police firearms instructor and Georgia POST general and firearms instructor, and a Georgia Association of Law-Enforcement Firearms Instructors board member.



Shane Gosa



Lee Weems

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This block of instruction will focus on the use of sound judgment while involved in defensive shooting scenarios. While knowing how to shoot is important, so is knowing when to and when not to shoot. This class will give you alternative ready positions and siding/indexing methods to use in high stress or densely populated situations, as well as cementing Col. Cooper's four rules in life or death situations. You will learn how to maximize your ability to stay alive while

minimizing liability and threats to innocent persons. This class is based off of one designed for peace officers and draws from the International Association of Chiefs of Police model policy for the use of force.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- Everyday carry gear
- Eye/ear protection
- 50 rounds of ammo
- Note-taking materials



# CRITICAL HANDGUN SKILLS

Spencer Keepers  
Moore, OK

Friday @ 1pm – 4pm  
Outdoor Pistol Range



Spencer is a master holster maker, owner of Keepers Concealment Systems, and a talented trainer. He is one of the very few shooters who have passed the Rangemaster Pistol Master test, and he is a Rangemaster Advanced Firearms Instructor.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This class is designed to build critical handgun skills, including grip, trigger control, recoil control, stance, target transitions, and one-handed shooting (strong hand and support hand). Spencer will also help students accomplish a fluid draw stroke that will allow very fast hits on very small targets. The draw stroke is one of the most overlooked handgun skills for concealed carry, but it's one of Spencer's main areas of focus.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- Eye and ear protection
- Semi-auto handgun
- At least three magazines
- Belt-mounted holster
- Magazine pouch
- 300 rounds of ammo



# SURVIVING THE "KNOCK-OUT GAME" *Immediate Action in Close Quarters*

Cecil Burch  
Phoenix, AZ

Friday @ 9am - Noon  
Indoor Frangible Range #1



Cecil Burch has been pursuing his passion for Martial Arts since he was 16. After studying Shotokan, Kenpo, and Tae Kwon Do, he moved to Jeet Kune Do and the Filipino Martial Arts under Dan Inosanto and Paul Vunak, where he undertook an in-depth study of the combative use of the stick and knife along with empty hands training. In 1990, he began extensive study in Savate under Salem Assli. He also spent time learning Muay Thai and has been asked to be an instructor in a number of different Pentjak Silat systems such as Tongkat, Mustika Kwitang and Bukti Negara. In 1994 he began training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu with Megaton Dias. Cecil is currently a black belt under Megaton and has competed extensively, including the 2010 Pan-Ams as the Bronze Medalist (as a black belt), 2010 American Nationals Gold (black belt – heavyweight division) & Silver (absolute), 2009 American National Gold (brown belt – super heavyweight) & Silver medal (brown belt – absolute division), and the 2006 Pan-Am gold medal (purple belt – super-heavyweight). He has been training in boxing since 1987, where he started with Paavo Kettonen at Top Level Boxing in Phoenix, AZ. He has continued that training with some of the top striking coaches in the world, including such world class trainers as Adam Singer of The HardCore Gym (producer of numerous UFC fighters).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Cecil's interactive session focuses on the immediate action skills necessary for defending against spontaneous, surprise assaults in extremely close quarters. This hands-on module teaches participants effective physical skills that will keep them in the fight, even when starting from an initial disadvantage like a sucker punch or a sudden rush. Participants do not need any particular previous training or great physical prowess. This coursework is for anyone, regardless of physical condition. All required equipment will be provided in class.



# WEAPON RETENTION & DISARMS:

*A Practical Approach*

Paul Sharp  
Elgin, Illinois

Friday @ 1pm – 4pm  
Indoor Frangible Range #1



Paul Sharp is a police officer with 16 years of experience. His current assignments are patrol, SWAT and training. His past assignments have included resident officer, undercover narcotics detective and neighborhood response officer. Paul has graduated from numerous firearms and tactics courses and is an Illinois State firearms instructor, defensive knife instructor, defensive tactics instructor and is the lead pistol instructor for his agency.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** As responsible citizens, we do our best to avoid, defuse, and de-escalate confrontations. Sometimes despite our best efforts, things escalate and a physical confrontation occurs. In this block of instruction we'll learn fundamentally sound tactics and techniques for retaining our weapons during a physical confrontation. We'll also learn how to effectively disarm an armed attacker with simple, safe, and effective methods.



# OPTIMIZING USE OF COVER

*Part 1: Skill Development*

John Holschen  
Bellevue, WA

Don Redl  
New York, NY

Friday @ 9am – 11:30am  
Indoor Frangible Range #2

John Holschen is a frequent guest instructor with InSights. John served for over 20 years in the Special Operations and Intelligence branches of the U.S. Army. He is a former US Army Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and Special Forces Medic. John taught at the JFK Special Warfare School and was the Senior Hand to Hand Combat Instructor/Master Instructor for 1st Special Forces Group.



John Holschen



Don Redl

Don Redl is the managing member and Director of Training for Executive Options, LLC. Don has over 20 years of operational experience conducting investigative, executive protection, and training operations throughout the United States and internationally. Don is certified by the NRA as a law enforcement firearms instructor, by Simunition as a force-on-force instructor, and by Sig Arms as an active shooter response instructor. He is also certified as a firearms instructor by the State of New York, the State of Utah, and the State of Florida.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This seminar will allow participants to explore optimized use of cover in deadly force encounters where the defender is armed with a handgun. Discussion will focus on defining “optimized use of cover” and understanding its potential value in the resolution of the conflict. Drills will begin with application of optimized use of cover in a static engagement and progress to situations where the attacker is moving in response to the defenders use of cover. Students will be challenged to use cover effectively in force-on-force engagements with a combination of dummy guns, SIRT Training Pistols, and Airsoft handguns.

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- (1) Concealment garment (private citizen) or appropriate uniform (LE/Military).
- (2) If you have any of the items listed below PLEASE bring them (not mandatory):
  - Dummy gun that fits your holster.
  - SIRT training pistol (and holster if available)





# LOW LIGHT FORCE-ON-FORCE SCENARIOS

Karl Rehn  
Bryan, TX

Caleb Causey  
Arlington, TX

Friday @ 1pm – 4pm  
Indoor Frangible Range #2



Karl Rehn

Karl is an NRA Training Counselor and Chief Range Safety Officer. He also holds numerous NRA Firearms Instructor endorsements, including Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home, Advanced Pistol, Muzzleloading, Metallic Cartridge, and Shotgun Reloading. His other roles include Simunition Certified 'Confrontational Simulation' Instructor, National Range Officers Institute (NROI) Level II Range Officer, US Practical Shooting Association Instructor, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Education (TCOLE) Instructor, USPSA/IPSC Grand Master, and concealed handgun license instructor for the states of Tennessee and Texas.

After high school Caleb Causey joined the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic. Caleb has deployed to various locations in the Balkans; where he has worked as a line medic with the 82nd Airborne and in the ER of the 212 MASH. After serving his country, Caleb joined the City of Benbrook's Fire Department and served there as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT. Over the next several years Caleb was involved with the department's rescue dive team and worked as the Tactical Medic with local area SWAT team. Caleb also has worked with multiple Private Military/Security Companies as a Medic and as an Operator.



Caleb Causey

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Participants will experience multiple force-on-force parking garage scenarios conducted in low light. These scenarios will be complex, involving several role players, as dependents, strangers, attackers, and responding uniformed personnel. Communication, movement, lowlight tactics, and medical skills will all be incorporated. All participants in the session will be a part of every scenario, as a role player or observer. Due to the complexity of these scenarios, total group size will be limited to 15. This will be a two-hour session. Training will be conducted by Karl Rehn of KR Training with the assistance of Caleb Causey of Lone Star Medics.

*Saturday*



## PERFORMANCE UNDER FIRE

John Hearne  
Pontotoc, MS

Saturday @ 8am – 5:30pm  
(with breaks) Classroom A



John has been a law enforcement officer since 1992, a Rangemaster staff instructor since 2001, and a serious scholar of self-defense for many years. He holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Research Methods. John has trained multiple times at Gunsite, Thunder Ranch, the Rogers Shooting School (to name a few), working with trainers such as Louis Awerbuck, Ken Hackathorn, Pat Rogers, Larry Vickers, Scott Reitz, Bruce Gray, Todd Green, and more. He is a Rangemaster-certified Advanced Firearms Instructor. John's full-day training segment is a condensed presentation of the ongoing data collection that he has pursued over his career.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This cornerstone extended training session is the center piece of the conference. John's lecture series is the culmination of several years of research into who wins gunfights and who loses, and how their prior training affected the outcomes. Training psychology and current theories of adult skill learning and decision making are examined in detail with an eye toward devising a more effective training program for those who go in harm's way. Due to the length and intensity of this presentation, it will only be offered on Saturday (Session A from 8am to 12:30pm; Session B from 3pm to 5:30pm).



John Hearne



## COURT-PROOFING SELF-DEFENSE

Marty Hayes, J.D.  
Seattle, WA

Saturday @ 1pm – 2:30pm  
Classroom A



Marty Hayes is a former police officer with many years of law enforcement experience and a degree in law. He founded the Firearms Academy of Seattle, a nationally recognized firearms school in Washington. Marty is the president of the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network (ACLDN) and a frequent expert witness in legal matters pertaining to firearms use. The ACLDN is committed to the legal defense of citizens who are forced to use lethal force in legitimate self-defense. Marty is a published author and a firearms instructor, certified by numerous organizations including the NRA, Massad Ayoob Group, and Rangemaster.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will examine the actions a lawfully armed private citizen can take before a critical incident in order to forestall future unmeritorious claims and charges. Marty will discuss training, equipment, and personal lifestyle adjustments that can keep you out of trouble in the event that you're forced to use a firearm in self-defense.



## THE LAW OF SELF-DEFENSE

Andrew Branca  
Boston, MA

Saturday @ 8am – 10am  
Classroom B



Andrew F. Branca, Esq., is one of the foremost experts in U.S. self-defense law across all 50 states, whose expertise has been used by the Wall Street Journal, the Chicago Tribune, NPR, numerous other media organizations, as well as many private, state and federal agencies. He is a Massachusetts lawyer, Life Member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), and adjunct instructor on the Law of Self-Defense at the Sig Sauer Academy in Epping, NH. He regularly lectures and speaks throughout the country on how to protect yourself against both a violent attack and the legal machine that descends upon you afterwards.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Andrew conducts his Law of Self-Defense seminar all over the US and is recognized as one of the premiere authorities on the legal issues involved in the lawful use of force. This course will provide a brief over-view of the basic fundamentals of self-defense law for private citizens in the United States.



## TACTICAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR COUPLES

Claude Werner  
Atlanta, GA

Saturday @ 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Classroom B



Claude Werner brings a lifetime of experience behind the gun to every course he teaches. A retired U.S. Army officer, he served in Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces, and Mechanized Infantry units and commanded a Special Forces A-Team and Bradley Infantry Company. He was the Chief Instructor at the elite Rogers Shooting School for five years and is currently an NRA Certified Instructor in several disciplines. A seasoned competitor, Werner is a Four Gun Master in the International Defensive Pistol Association and has won numerous sanctioned IDPA championships in the revolver division using snub-nose revolvers.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will center on communication and cooperation between couples during violent confrontations or other emergencies. If you are out and about with your husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend or significant other and the ship hits the sand, this could be invaluable information.



## FATAL CHOICES: *Violent Criminals & Target Selection*

William Aprill  
New Orleans, LA

Saturday @ 1pm – 3pm  
Classroom B

William possesses a rare combination of different types of experience. He has worked in law enforcement, is a seasoned competitive shooter, has an advanced rating from the famed Rogers Shooting School, and is a licensed psychologist. He has trained extensively with numerous shooting and tactics schools and holds an Advanced Instructor certification from Rangemaster.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this fast-paced and interactive lecture, participants will be led through contemporary theories and current, curated data on the process by which criminals select their targets for violent aggression. The course will examine the internal thought processes of the criminal psyche. William also will analyze the universe of typical "good guy" behavior, demeanor, and attributes that might actually make selection for attack more likely. Previous iterations of this material have been presented to law enforcement agencies and private citizen groups across the United States as well as in international law enforcement educational venues.



## URBAN TERRORISM AND THE HEARTLAND

Martin Topper, PhD  
Daytona Beach, FL

Saturday @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm  
Classroom B

Dr. Topper has been heavily involved in training for many years. He has worked in the areas of criminal law enforcement, forensics, and firearms policy with the Department of Health & Human Services, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Department of Homeland Security, among other agencies. Since 1991, Dr. Topper has published over 300 firearms-related articles in national magazines. He started his own consulting firm in 2006.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will examine 21st Century Urban Terrorism as described by Col. David Kilcullen and examine its applicability to America's large urban intermodal transportation hubs like Memphis, St. Louis, and Chicago. Implications for armed civilians, police, and military will be discussed.



## ENHANCING TRIGGER CONTROL

Wayne Dobbs  
Allen, TX

Saturday @ 9am – Noon  
Outdoor Pistol Range



Wayne retired from a Dallas-area police department where he served in Patrol, Deployment (covert tactical/crimes specific unit), SWAT, Narcotics/Intelligence, the FBI-Dallas Organized Crime Task Force, and Major Crimes/CID. For nearly ten years, Wayne directed and managed his department's firearms training program. He received his FBI Police Firearms Instructor certification in 1980 and has continually been involved in firearms training for police, private citizens, and government contractors ever since. Dobbs also holds instructor-level firearms certifications from the NRA, Glock, the US Department of State, Rangemaster, CSAT (Paul Howe), and others.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Wayne will conduct a three-hour, live-fire session in which the instruction and courses of fire will focus solely on fine-tuning trigger control for better handgun marksmanship. Attendees will need their everyday carry gear, eye/ear protection and 200 rounds of ammunition.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- Everyday carry gear
- Eye/ear protection
- 200 rounds of ammo



## CRITICAL HANDGUN SKILLS

Spencer Keepers  
Moore, OK

Saturday @ 12pm – 2:30pm  
Outdoor Pistol Range

Spencer is a master holster maker, the owner of Keepers Concealment Systems, and a talented trainer. He is one of very few shooters who have passed the Rangemaster Pistol Master test, and he is a Rangemaster-certified Advanced Firearms Instructor.





**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This class is designed to build critical handgun skills, to include grip, trigger control, recoil control, stance, target transitions, and strong and support hand shooting. Spencer will also help students accomplish a fluid draw stroke that will allow very fast hits on very small targets. The draw stroke is one of the most overlooked handgun skills for concealed carry, and it's one of Spencer's focal points.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Eye and ear protection
- Semi-auto handgun
- At least three magazines
- Belt-mounted holster
- Magazine pouch
- 300 rounds of ammo



## PMS: PISTOL MANIPULATION SKILLS *(Ladies Only)*

Lynn Givens  
Memphis, TN

Saturday @ 3pm – 5pm  
Outdoor Pistol Range



Some years ago, before becoming Mrs. Givens, Lynn was stalked by a mentally disturbed man who threatened her life and the life of her son. Eventually, that person committed suicide, ending that particular threat. However, as Lynn researched personal security issues in response to that threat, she learned about the actual level of criminal violence and the need to be self-sufficient in terms of personal safety and security. That led Lynn to a dedicated study of personal self-defense, and she has now been a firearms instructor for nine years. She holds an Advanced Instructor Certification from Rangemaster as well as instructor certifications from the NRA, the State of Tennessee, and the State of Mississippi. She is also a Surefire Low Light Technology Specialist.

Lynn was the Primary Instructor among the female trainer cadre at Rangemaster in Memphis, TN; and now she travels the country with Tom Givens conducting classes for Rangemaster Firearms Training Services.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This live fire range session will focus on the essential skills required for effective use of a defensive handgun. Students will work on a safe, efficient, rapid presentation of the pistol from the holster; delivery of accurate close-range multiple shots; timing; and efficient reloading. Students should already be familiar with the operation of their handgun and the basics of shooting technique. Participation is limited to ladies only.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Eye and ear protection
- Quality semi-auto handgun (at least 9mm)
- At least two magazines (more would be better)
- Strong-side belt holster
- 100 rounds of ammo
- Two X-chromosomes



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING LABORATORY

Craig "Southnarc" Douglas  
Gulf Coast

Saturday @ 9am – 1pm  
Indoor Frangible Range #1



Southnarc is a well-known and highly respected trainer who recently retired from a career in law enforcement which included a number of years in undercover drug enforcement work. He is the best at teaching students to spot and understand the subtle cues that indicate an impending interpersonal problem. His Managing Unknown Contacts (MUC) course-work teaches students the critical issues of positioning, verbal engagement, and movement patterns to allow the student to maintain the critical edge in any potentially violent interpersonal conflict.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this block of instruction, Craig will lead the students through interactive scenarios that simulate street contacts with persons who may have evil intent. This live, real-time interaction with live opponents is an invaluable learning opportunity for anyone who is serious about self-defense. Craig will facilitate specially-designed simunitions exercises that require students to negotiate blind scenarios, distinguish threats from non-threats, choose the appropriate level of force to employ, and engage targets as necessary. He will also offer valuable feedback on each student's performance.



## PRACTICAL SMALL KNIFE PRINCIPLES

Chris Fry  
Utica, NY

Saturday @ 1:30pm – 4pm  
Indoor Frangible Range #1



Chris has operated his training company, Modern Defensive Training Systems, for 15 years. He is a recognized leader in training with the small, every day carry knife.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The Practical Small Knife Primer is a two hour block of instruction which outlines an effective defensive structure utilizing a small knife or knife-like object. This plot follows a non-attribute-based learning model resenting attendees with a methodology applicable to conventional edged tools and improvised much like objects, and in our everyday environments. A solid grounding in safety and fundamentals of defensive knife application or present a heavy emphasis is placed upon the students' ability to access, deploy and manipulate the knife while multitasking or under the stress of a close range confrontation.



## DEFENSIVE SHOTGUN MANIPULATIONS

Steve Moses  
Tyler, TX

Saturday @ 9am - Noon  
Outdoor Rifle Range

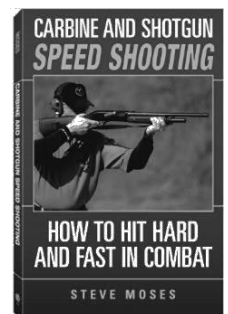


Steve is a Texas law enforcement officer, member of a law enforcement entry team, and a long time firearms trainer. His book, *Speed Shooting with the Carbine and Shotgun*, is available from Paladin Press and contains a wealth of valuable insight on shotgun deployment for competition, recreation, and personal defense.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this three-hour block of live-fire instruction, Steve will focus on efficient handling techniques for the combat shotgun.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Shotgun
- Eye/ear protection
- 40 rds. of buckshot
- 10 slugs



## REHABILITATING SHOOTERS

Julie Thomas  
Dallas, TX

Sunday @ 8am – 10am  
Classroom A

Julie is an experienced shooter who has trained with Southnarc, Rangemaster, and others. She is a Rangemaster certified firearms instructor.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this talk is to present a framework of strategies for an instructor to help a struggling experienced shooter. Shooters may have a lifetime of firearms experience under their belts but still struggle with basic practical marksmanship. They face challenges based on ingrained habits reinforced by years of repetition, ego, ignorance, and possibly fear. They're discouraged and embarrassed. But they've found an instructor they believe they can trust (you!) and they want help. As the old adage goes, "When the student is ready, the instructor will appear." Here's how to be that instructor.

## WOMEN'S HOLSTERS & ACCESSORIES

Lori Bigley  
Norman, OK

Sunday @ 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Classroom A



Lori is a multiple graduate of Rangemaster's instructor development program and several other training schools. She is also an NRA firearms instructor and a competitive shooter.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This segment will cover various carry methods, gear, and shooting principles geared toward women. We will cover holster selection, specifically looking at concealed carry options that are comfortable, concealable, secure, and fast. In addition, we will explore

different draw techniques, work with multiple holster options, and discuss other shooting accessories. This session will be hands-on. It is designed not only for the beginner female student but also for men and women leading or instructing female shooters.

## KNEELING POSITIONS ...in Combination with Cover

Eve Kulscar  
Hammond, IN

Sunday @ 1pm – 3pm  
Classroom A



Eve Kulscar has completed both the Rangemaster Firearms Instructor three-day course and the Advanced Instructor course. She has successfully completed numerous other combative pistol classes and close quarters force instruction.

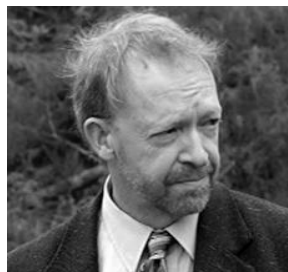
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This classroom block will review the pros and cons of several kneeling positions and explore ways to effectively use cover when shooting from these positions. Stages that mimic common locations and scenarios will be set up (e.g., simulating a business office, parking garage or lot, etc.). Attendees will role-play in different defensive scenarios using SIRT pistols to practice using cover while shooting from kneeling/compromised positions.



## BAD DEFENSIVE SHOOTINGS

Claude Werner  
Atlanta, GA

Sunday @ 3:30pm – 5:30pm  
Classroom A



Claude Werner brings a lifetime of experience behind the gun to every course he teaches. A retired U.S. Army officer, he served in Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces, and Mechanized Infantry units and commanded a Special Forces A-Team and Bradley Infantry Company. He was the Chief Instructor at the elite Rogers Shooting School for five years and is currently an NRA Certified Instructor in several disciplines. A seasoned competitor, Werner is a Four Gun Master in the International Defensive Pistol Association and has won numerous sanctioned IDPA championships in the revolver division using snub-nose revolvers.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Over the years, Claude has collected a large assortment of news items concerning self-defense shootings by private citizens. He has used this large database in the past to try to define the skills needed by private citizens in order to defend themselves and their loved ones effectively. Recently, Claude turned his attention to self-defense shootings that were found to be improper or unlawful, with severe legal consequences for the defenders. This is a great opportunity to learn from the mistakes of others and avoid these pitfalls.



## THE TRAINING/REALITY MISMATCH

Gary Greco

Sunday @ 8:30am – 10:30am  
Classroom B

Gary is a recently retired career officer from the U.S. intelligence community. He specialized in counter-terrorism with service in Lebanon, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Africa, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In his last assignment, he served as the Senior Intelligence Advisor to the Commanding General Joint Special Operations Command. He has been heavily involved in firearms and tactics training for many years. From a teenager, he was lucky enough to study weaponcraft under long forgotten firearms instructors Major Larry Thorne, Ambassador John George, Police Officer Brian Felter and Korean War Veteran John Pepper. Additionally, Gary was a founding member of a self-supported training and study group in the Washington, DC area comprised of local law enforcement, federal agents, military personnel, U.S. intelligence professionals, and concerned citizens that have now trained together on a monthly basis for over twenty years.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will examine modern firearms training and explore the appropriateness of TTPs and weapons for private citizens. Discussion will also enter into possibly controversial topics of your training resume, the development of fantasy and gamification of the firearms training industry, realities of the criminal justice system, and crossing personal Red Lines and Stupid Lines. Additionally, we will discuss weapons, caliber, tactics and mindset that participants in the recent Global War on Terrorism have successfully employed. The session will also take a realistic look at the current threat to the U.S. posed by terrorists.



# SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL GUNFIGHTERS

Darryl Bolke  
Dallas, TX

Sunday @ 11am – 1:30pm  
Classroom B



Darryl Bolke retired from a Southern California police department as a Sr. Corporal after 19½ years as a full time officer due to injuries sustained during a violent on-duty confrontation. He was a Firearms Instructor and Armorer for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team for 17 years and the primary instructor for all firearms systems used by his agency. He also provided mandatory firearms training for the fire department Bomb Squad and Arson investigators. He assisted on the investigation of over 75 officer-involved shootings, assisting the administrative investigation team with the firearms portion of these investigations. He has provided expert testimony on firearms and police tactics in numerous court cases.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This class will center on training lessons learned in police agencies with highly successful street records, including Darryl's former department, the LAPD Metro and SWAT units (with whom he has trained extensively), and other agencies that share a similar approach to training gunfighters. Actual shooting incidents will be studied, along with the implications from the training of the officers involved.



# THE FIVE Ws OF RISK

William Aprill  
New Orleans, LA

Sunday @ 2pm – 5pm  
Classroom B



William possesses a rare combination of different types of experience. He has worked in law enforcement, is a seasoned competitive shooter, has an advanced rating from the famed Rogers Shooting School, and is a licensed psychologist. He has trained extensively with numerous shooting and tactics schools and holds an Advanced Instructor certification from Rangemaster.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Techniques, tactics, and procedures for the active, emergent context of violent assault are as common a topic as the weather, it seems. Abundant material on the aftermath of this sort of event is also available. However, the preparatory period, what Craig Douglas has referred to as the *pre-kinetic phase* of such encounters, is given limited, if any, attention by the vast majority of erstwhile defenders.

This presentation will review common errors made by practitioners as they attempt effective preparation for defense against violent aggression as well as common pitfalls and limitations in thinking about lawful violence. Attendees will also be exposed to a programmatic method for undertaking the pre-need decision-making that will underpin a sound self-defense and survival mindset.



# HEIGHTENED GUNHANDLING

*for the Interactive  
Environment*

Shane Gosa  
Americus, GA

Lee Weems  
Athens, GA

Sunday @ 9am - Noon  
Outdoor Pistol Range

Shane Gosa is a Georgia POST certified general and firearms instructor, and Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors executive board member. Lee Weems is the Chief Deputy of the Oconee County Georgia Sheriff's office, a certified police firearms instructor and Georgia POST general and firearms instructor, and a Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors board member.





Shane Gosa



Lee Weems

learn how to maximize your ability to stay alive while minimizing liability and threats to innocent persons. This class is based off of one designed for peace officers and draws from the International Association of Chiefs of Police model policy for the use of force.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This block focuses on the use of sound judgment in defensive shooting scenarios. While knowing *how* to shoot is important, so is knowing *when* to shoot and when *not* to shoot. The class will give you alternative ready positions and siding/indexing methods to use in high stress or densely populated situations, as well as tools for cementing Col. Jeff Cooper's four safety rules in life or death situations. You will

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Everyday carry gear
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- 50 rounds of ammo
- Note-taking materials



## PISTOL MANIPULATIONS

Chuck Haggard  
Topeka, KS

Sunday @ 1pm – 4pm  
Outdoor Pistol Range



Chuck is a highly trained and experienced police officer, with a number of years in patrol, 18 years in SWAT, and training assignments. He is an instructor for the National Law Enforcement Training Center and is a Rangemaster certified Advanced Firearms Instructor.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In this live-fire block, Chuck will help students learn efficient, effective, robust techniques for operating a

defensive handgun in an optimal manner. The course of fire is designed to build upon the fundamentals and instill in shooters the specialized skills required for proficient, reliable pistol-craft in the context of personal defense.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Everyday carry gear
- Eye and ear protection
- 100 rounds of ammo



## CLOSE RANGE THREATS: *Empty Hand Skills for Gunfighters*

Greg Ellifritz  
Dublin, OH

Sunday @ 1pm – 4pm  
Indoor Frangible Range #1



Greg is a 19-year veteran police officer, spending 13 years as the full time tactical training officer for his central Ohio agency. In that position, he was responsible for developing and instructing all of the in-service training for a 54-officer police department. Prior to his training position, he served as patrol officer, bike patrol officer, bike patrol coordinator, and field training officer for his agency. He currently serves as a patrol officer, firearms instructor, and precision marksman. He has been an active instructor for the Tactical Defense Institute since 2001 and a lead instructor for TDI's ground fighting, knife fighting, active shooter, impact weapons, and extreme close quarters shooting classes.



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** In a close range gunfight, a seamless transition between handgun skills and empty hand tactics is necessary. Unfortunately, many accomplished pistol shooters don't have a background in an armed fighting and for whatever reason (time, health, fitness, lack of interest) won't seek additional empty hand training. This class is designed to bridge the gap between unarmed fighting and pistol shooting for the person with limited empty hand combative skills. We will cover simple, easy-to-retain movements that work well under stress. We will also discuss and practice how to stop an opponent's draw, how to draw your own weapon while fighting, how to disarm your opponent or deflect his/her weapon, and the mechanics of making a successful contact shot from retention. Students will practice simple strikes and other empty-hand defensive techniques.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Training weapon (blue/red inert plastic gun)
- Quality holster



## LOW LIGHT FORCE-ON-FORCE SCENARIOS

**Karl Rehn**  
Bryan, TX

**Caleb Causey**  
Arlington, TX

**Sunday @ 9am - Noon**  
Indoor Frangible Range #2



**Karl Rehn**

Karl is an NRA Training Counselor and Chief Range Safety Officer with certifications in Home Firearm Safety, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home, Advanced Pistol, Muzzleloading, Metallic Cartridge and Shotgun Reloading. His other roles include Texas Concealed Handgun License Instructor, Simunition Certified 'Confrontational Simulation' Instructor, National Range Officers Institute (NROI) Level II Range Officer, US Practical Shooting Association 'Safe Handgun Competitor' Instructor, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Education (TCOLE) instructor, Tennessee Concealed Handgun License Instructor, and USPSA/IPSC Grand Master.

After high school Caleb Causey joined the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic. He has deployed to various locations in the Balkans, where he has worked as a line medic with the 82nd Airborne and in the ER of the 212 MASH. After serving his country, Caleb joined the City of Benbrook's Fire Department and served there as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT. He was involved with the department's rescue dive team and worked as the tactical medic with local area SWAT team.



**Caleb Causey**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Participants will experience multiple force-on-force parking garage scenarios conducted in low light. These scenarios will be complex and will involve several role-players acting as dependents, strangers, attackers, and responding uniformed personnel. Communication, movement, low light tactics, and medical skills will all be incorporated. All participants in the session will be a part of every scenario, as role players or observers. Due to the complexity of these scenarios, total group size will be limited to 15. Training will be conducted by Karl Rehn of KR Training with the assistance of Caleb Causey of Lone Star Medics.



## THE ROTATOR

**John Farnam**  
Ft. Collins, CO

**Sunday @ 9am - Noon**  
Outdoor Rifle Range

John S. Farnam, president of Defensive Training International, is one of the top handgun instructors in the world. He has personally trained thousands of federal, state and local law enforcement personnel, as well as non-police, in the serious use of firearms. In addition, he has authored four books on the subject: *The Farnam Method of*

*Defensive Handgunning, The Farnam Method of Defensive Shotgun and Rifle Shooting, The Street Smart Gun Book, and Guns & Warriors - DTI Quips Volume 1.*



**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** John will go over the history, development, and training advantages of the Rotator steel target system. Students will then be able to test their skills against the target system.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- Pistol
- 50 rounds of ammo



*Thank You*

We would like to thank you for supporting Rangemaster Firearms Training Services! We hope you'll sign up for further training from RFTS, and we look forward to seeing you again for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Tactical Conference in 2016.

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