



Tactical Talk

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Local Homicides on the Rise

Between Jan 1, 2011 and June 28, 2011 there were 64 homicides in the City of Memphis. During the same period in 2010, there were 50. Of the 64 recent homicides, 13 were ruled justifiable by authorities.

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“Guns in Bars” Now Over a Year Old, No Problems Reported

In July 2010, it became legal for Handgun Carry Permit holders to wear their handgun into restaurants that serve alcohol. Of course, anti-gun rights media immediately tagged this law as the “Guns in Bars Bill” and predicted mass carnage throughout the state. Exactly what the law allowed was grossly distorted by the media, who claimed it would allow “anyone to carry their guns in bars”. What the law DOES is allow a citizen with a valid Handgun Carry Permit to wear his gun into restaurants that serve alcohol, as long as the permit holder does not drink ANY amount of alcohol while armed. Drinking while armed is a serious crime, with penalties that include jail time, a hefty fine, and loss of the carry permit.



This law has now been in effect for over a year, and of course the bloodshed and mayhem the media predicted has not occurred. I have been unable to find a single incident in which a permit holder has caused any problem in any establishment that serves liquor. In Knox county, the Sheriff’s Office there reported 61 incidents in the last year in businesses that sell alcohol. Not one of them involved a gun. According to Knox County Assistant Chief Deputy Rich Wilson, “This law has not changed our job one bit.” Of course, when it comes to gun rights, the media can’t be bothered with facts.

Score One for the Good Guys

“Christina” is a student of ours, a professional, and a very small young lady, standing just 4’11” tall. Her diminutive stature makes her an attractive target for thugs, but her Kahr handgun compensates for that. Here is Christina’s account of a recent interaction she had.



Christina is a small female, but she shoots like the big boys!

What happened at the gas station was pretty typical of Memphis. I stopped at night and had to go in. When I got close to the door some freaked out looking, tall, skinny, white guy – probably a crack head – began approaching me from the dark of the side of the building. He was obviously hanging out near the alley, close to the front door, but out of sight of the employees so he could harass patrons with impunity. Anyway, the second this creep started to approach me (and I don’t know what he was trying to say to me) I cut him off abruptly and told him to leave me alone – firmly. Harshly. When I went inside I told the cashier about a guy hanging out beside the door and harassing customers she got on a walkie talkie and told someone something in Spanish and then checked me out. When I walked out the door I was looking for him. I was a little dressed up so my gun was unfortunately in my purse instead of on my person, but at this point I had unzipped it and was ready. He came walking up behind fast and hard, following me to toward the car door, mouthing off about how I had “told on him”. He was way too close. I spun around and assumed “the stance” with my hand drawing my gun from the purse as I stared hard at him, ready for whatever. It all happened really fast – cliché, I know – but such things do. There was what seemed like a long second there when I thought I would have to shoot him but he looked at my hand withdrawing the gun, shut up and abruptly turned the other way and walked off fast. I would be lying if I said it didn’t take a while for my heart to stop beating in my ears. But I sure don’t know what I would have done if I hadn’t been through all of the training at Rangemaster. It’s quite likely I would be just one more victim. God knows that’s what every freak and geek assumes when they see a little 4’11” lady. The gun is always a surprise. □ I am thankful for that every day. ---Christina

This is a perfect example of a decent person being able to defend themselves against unlawful criminal attack without even firing the weapon. In this case the gun wasn’t even completely drawn, but merely communicating its presence to the criminal caused him to break off and flee. The three most important things here were:

Being alert, aware of the surroundings, and acceptance that we live in a rough world;

Having a sidearm on the person, not back at home; and

Refusing to be a victim!



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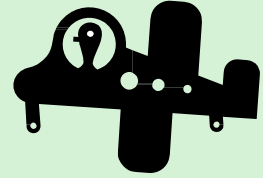
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Learning From Others Mistakes

By Rangemaster Instructor, Craig Harper



A recent story in the newspaper caught my eye. A pilot crashed his airplane at a local airport; fortunately he survived with only minor injuries but he totaled the aircraft. Based on the story in the paper, the pilot violated what is considered good operating practices; he tried to fly without fuel. The story got me thinking about the circumstances of this event and how it applies to personal protection.

The reported details: The pilot had maintenance work performed on his airplane. The mechanic followed a standard procedure; when he was finished with the aircraft he turned off the fuel supply. When the pilot was to fly, he failed to turn the fuel supply on; he assumed the fuel was turned on because that's how he always left the aircraft when he shut down the engine. Apparently, he also failed to conduct a fundamental function, something the greenest student pilot learns on day one of training: perform a pre-takeoff checklist. I guarantee you "Fuel on" is on the list. There was just enough fuel in the system to take off and climb a few hundred feet. That's when things got very quiet.

What did you assume when you got ready to leave your home today? Were you wearing your pistol? Is there a round in the chamber; did you perform a chamber check? Did your daily check list include making a few practice presentations from the carry method you are using? Could the clothes you are wearing for today's weather conditions have an effect on your ability to access weapons? We need our own checklists and to make no assumptions when it comes to our personal safety.

I've made so many stupid mistakes over the years. Some were merely embarrassing; some were nearly fatal. The really bad mistakes were generally caused by one of two things: overconfidence or assumptions. It was the grace of God and good training that kept the near-fatal mistakes from having the worst outcome. When it comes to personal safety we can assume nothing. We need the discipline of checklists to assure we haven't overlooked fundamental preparations.

Experience is a great teacher but the cost of tuition is very high. I'm willing to bet that the pilot won't repeat his mistakes but, what a price to pay for the education. This is an opportunity to learn from someone else's mistake; assume nothing, use checklists. Your very life may depend on it.

"Experience is something you get right after you need it."

Special Classes at Rangemaster in Memphis



Tennessee Armed Security Officer Renewal: Aug. 29, 2011, Monday, 6pm-10pm

LEOSAHR218 Retired Police Officer Certification: Sept. 8, 2011, Thursday, 8am-5pm

Qualification Night: Sept .8, 2011, Thursday, 6pm-10pm

Defensive Shotgun II (Defensive Shotgun or Home Defense Shotgun prerequisite):
Sept .26-27, 2011 Mon-Tue, 6pm-10pm

Rangemaster Road Classes, second half of 2011

Texas Tactical, Weatherford, Texas- Custom two day advanced handgun and tactics course in conjunction with Bluff Dale Firearms Academy (Steve Moses and Allan McBee)

Sept 10-11, 2011 Sat-Sun Contact Steve Moses steve_moses@msn.com

Oklahoma City Gun Club, **Defensive Shotgun**, Two Day format, Sept 17-18, 2011

Contact Spencer Keepers, spencerkeepers@yahoo.com

East Texas Rifle & Pistol Club, **Longview, Texas**- **Defensive Shotgun**, One Day Format

Sept 30, 2011 (Friday) Contact James Sterling sterlingranch@suddenlink.net

East Texas Rifle & Pistol Club, **Longview, Texas**- **Combative Pistol**, Two-Day Format,

Oct 1-2, 2011, Sat-Sun Contact James Sterling sterlingranch@suddenlink.net

Cedar Ridge Shooting Academy, **Cave City, KY**- **Advanced Pistol Skills**, One Day Format

Oct 8, 2011 Saturday Contact Cedar Ridge www.cedarridgeshooting.com 270-544-7220

Cedar Ridge Shooting Academy, **Cave City, KY**- **Defensive Shotgun**, One Day Format

Oct 9, 2011 Sunday Contact Cedar Ridge www.cedarridgeshooting.com 270-544-7220

KR Training, **Lincoln, Texas** (near Austin)- **Combative Pistol**, Two Day Format

Oct 15-16, 2011 Sat-Sun Contact Karl Rehn, KR Training rehn@krtraining.info

Private Range, **Americus, Georgia**- **Combative Pistol**, Two Day Format

Oct 22-23, 2011 Sat-Sun Contact Shane Gosa wsgosa@hotmail.com

Oklahoma City Gun Club, **Oklahoma City**- **Three Day Firearms Instructor Development and Certification Course**

Oct 28-30, 2011 Friday-Sunday CLEET authorized to certify Oklahoma SDA Instructors Contact Spencer Keepers spencerkeepers@yahoo.com



Armed Security Officer Training

State law requires that all private security officers must be licensed by the Department of Commerce & Insurance. The licensing process requires 16 hours of certified training for Armed Security Officers, which includes training on legal issues, patrol procedures, and firearms use. Rangemaster offers these 16 hour courses, with three scheduled for this Fall.

Sept 6-7, 2011 Tue-Wed 8am-5pm

Oct 5-6, 2011 Wed-Thur 8am-5pm

Nov 15-16, 2011 Tue-Wed 8am-5pm

The cost of this course is only \$125.00, which includes all of the ammunition needed. Graduates receive a training certificate that must be included with the application to the State for registration as an Armed Security Officer. Armed officers must also take refresher training each two years in order to keep their license. The refresher course is four hours, and costs \$60.00, again including all ammunition. The next Refresher Course will be Aug 29, 2011, Monday, 6pm-10pm. Call 901-370-5600 to register for these courses.



Classroom and range training for professional security officers is now available at Rangemaster.



2011 Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit Statistics

The Tennessee Department of Safety recently released data on Handgun Carry Permits from 2010. As of Jan 1, 2011, there were 307,816 Tennessee residents with Handgun Carry Permits. In 2010 alone, the state issued 102,879 permits, of which 39.9% were new permits and 51.5% were renewals. As of Jan 1, 2011, there were 41,722 permits held in Shelby County. The average processing time for a new permit in 2010 was 23.5 days, or a bit over three weeks. The average time for processing a renewal was 44.9 days.

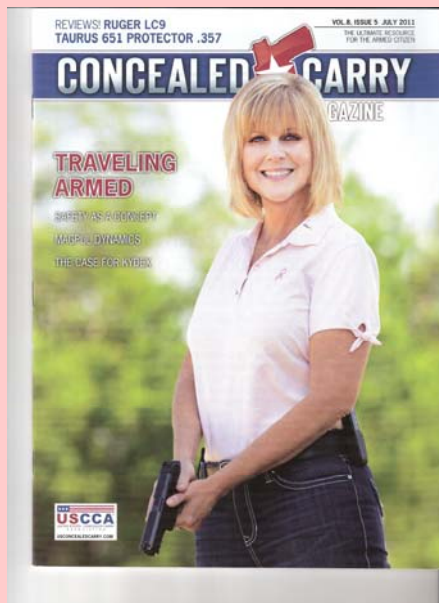
On Friday July 8, 2011, Republican Gov. Scott Walker signed Senate Bill 93 which will bring concealed carry to Wisconsin making it the 49th state to legalize carrying a concealed weapon. This leaves Illinois as the only state that doesn't allow concealed carry. The new law will go into effect on November 1, 2011.

"By signing concealed carry into law today we are making Wisconsin safer for all responsible, law abiding citizens," Walker said in a statement.

Applicants will be required to be 21 years of age or older, pass a criminal background check, must have no history of mental illness as well as taking the required training. The exact details of the permit process will be developed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice by November 1, 2011. After Nov 1 Wisconsin will also honor all permits issued by other states, including Tennessee.

Concealed carry permit holders will be forbidden to carry in police and sheriff stations, jails, courthouses and secure mental institutions. You will be able to carry in other public buildings in city's and state parks but governments and private property owners will be allowed to restrict concealed carry with a posted sign.

Lynn is now a Cover Girl!



The July 2011 issue of Concealed Carry Magazine has a photo of Lynn Givens on its cover, posing with her S&W M&P. Concealed Carry Magazine is a national publication which goes out to the 65,000 members of the US Concealed Carry Association. The magazine is just one benefit of membership in this organization.



For more information, see USConcealedCarry.com.

Recommended Reading

I highly recommend *Inside the Criminal Mind*, by Stanton E. Samenow, Ph.D. (The Revised and Updated Edition). The original version of this book was published in 1984, and became a best-seller. The work was updated in 2004, after Samenow had an additional 20 years of experience in researching criminal behavior. John Douglas was one of the original profilers in the FBI Behavioral Sciences Unit, and he had this to say about *Inside the Criminal Mind*, "Utterly compelling reading, full of raw insight into the dark mind of the criminal."

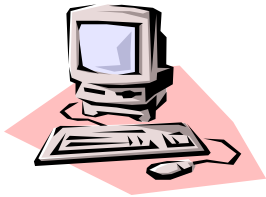


Samenow carefully destroys the delusional theories about why people become criminals, and comes to the conclusion that career criminals choose to live outside the law. Criminals think differently than do ordinary people, and they have a diametrically different world view. In order to deal with criminals successfully, one has to understand what makes them tick and how they think. I just checked Amazon.com and this excellent book is available used for as little as \$10.00. Highly recommended!

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New Publication Available at Rangemaster


The "Tennessee Handgun Permit Travel Guide" is a handy 56 page booklet that lists the relevant laws on carrying a handgun in all 36 of the states that honor a Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit. It also lists the states that do not honor a Tennessee permit, and lists the requirements for legally transporting a firearm through those states. This is an invaluable guide for those of us who travel. It also contains a copy of the relevant portions of the current Tennessee statute that governs carry in restaurants, school grounds, and state parks. Cost is only \$12.95.

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