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The Annual Rangemaster Tactical Conference
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The Rangemaster Tactical Conference is the premier training event for students and teachers of personal defense. This annual conference takes place over a packed three-day weekend and features several tracks of coursework in defense-related disciplines. The weekend offers interactive classroom sessions, hands-on training, and live-

fire courses covering everything from marksmanship, to tactics and mindset, to defensive tools and gear, to empty-hand skills, to trauma care. Over forty renowned trainers from all over the country converge to share their expertise with conference attendees and to network with colleagues and like-minded peers. Tom Givens started the Tactical

Conference in 1998 to give everyday citizens access to high-quality defensive training, and it has continued to grow ever since. Tom, Lynn, and the entire Rangemaster family would like to welcome all the attendees, volunteers, and trainers joining us for this year's Conference. Be safe, learn as much as you can, and have fun (in that order). ■



For firearms safety, we use the Four Universal Gun Handling Rules that are pretty much industry standard. All Tac-Con attendees are required to follow these rules at all times.

- 1 Gun-Handling:** Treat all guns as if they are fully loaded, all the time.
- 2 Muzzles:** Do not allow the weapon to point at anything or anybody you are not willing to shoot.
- 3 Trigger Fingers:** Keep your trigger straight and well away from the trigger guard unless your sights are on a target and you have decided to shoot.
- 4 Targets:** Be certain of your target, what's around it, and what may be behind it.





PROCEDURES

Check-In Procedures

When you arrive on Friday morning, please proceed to the check-in area to get your name tag. Tac-Con HQ will open at 7am. From there, you can head straight to your first class. Please do not loiter in the check-in area, as that creates traffic jams. There will be a separate social tent for catching up with friends. Unless you are assigned in advance as part of the set-up crew, please do not show up on Thursday just to look around. Everyone will be very busy with preparations, and spectators can delay progress.

Gun-Handling Rules (How Not to Get Kicked Out)

Unlike many other shooting venues, the Tactical Conference is a “hot” event. Unless a specific class does not allow live weapons, all attendees, volunteers, and trainers are welcome to carry concealed, loaded weapons. That means firearms should be secured on your person, in a quality holster that covers the trigger guard.

There is simply no reason to have a handgun out of its holster anywhere on the property except while you are on the firing line in a shooting class and the trainer has instructed you to present it. **DO NOT** take a handgun out of its holster in the parking area, in any classroom area, or anywhere else on the property except a live-fire range, during a drill, as instructed by the person teaching the class. **Any violations will result in immediate expulsion from the property.**

Long guns should be cased (unloaded) or slung (unloaded) when transporting them from vehicle to long gun classes. Have the action open. If slung, please be sure the weapon is slung with the muzzle straight up or straight down, so as to not sweep others with your muzzle while walking.

Disarming for Force-on-Force and Hands-On Classes

If you go to a hands-on class that prohibits live weapons (such as Southnarc’s ELL or a disarming course), you need to remove all gear beforehand. **DO NOT** bring firearms, ammunition, live knives, Kubotans, OC dispensers, or any other weapon-related gear to those training areas. Go to your vehicle, take the holster off **with the gun in it**, and stow the holstered gun in your car. **BE CERTAIN** you have removed all live gear from your person before you go the class.

For these classes, trainers and RSOs will check to confirm you have no live weapons. For knife classes, you may bring a trainer/drone knife with no sharpened edge or tip. For classes on disarming, you may bring a solid rubber/plastic training gun (red gun, blue gun, etc.). This is a huge safety issue, and these procedures will be strictly enforced.



Red Shirts (RSOs)

On each live-fire training range, there will be a Range Safety Officer (RSO), who will be wearing a red shirt. The RSO is in charge of that range as far as safety and crowd control are concerned. Please follow that person’s directions so that everyone remains safe and the events can be kept on schedule.

For live-fire courses, the RSO on each range has a pre-printed roster for that class. Only those on that roster may participate in that class. If you are not on that roster, you may observe from an area designated by the RSO. Please stay in that area.

Please do not deluge the RSO with requests to get into a class for which you are not on the roster. RSOs have lots of very important tasks to juggle, and they cannot accommodate special requests.

Conference Crew

Over forty nationally recognized trainers and subject matter experts are here to conduct dozens of training blocks for you. In addition, there are almost twenty Rangemaster staff members and volunteers working this event, plus several of NOLATAC’s staff on hand. Please be patient and cooperative with them, so they won’t have any reason to hurt you. 😊

Other than these specific guidelines, relax, have fun, and soak in as much training as time allows! ■



OUR VENUE

The 2019 Tactical Conference will take place at the NOLATAC Training Center in Avondale, Louisiana (just outside of New Orleans). The diagram below shows how the site will be arranged for the weekend.

Please note the designated parking area. Attendees' vehicles are not allowed onto the grassy areas or at the ranges. Staff members will be available with golf carts to assist any attendees who have mobility restrictions.

There will be limited supplies of ammo and other items available for purchase in the NOLATAC Pro-Shop Tent, and attendees will have access to the onsite restaurant. Portable restroom facilities will be set up near Tac-Con HQ. ■



Once again, welcome to Tac-Con. Thank you in advance for being safe and courteous to all in attendance. We hope you enjoy the Conference and gain lots of new information and skills that you can put to immediate use. We look forward to training with you.

Sincerely,

Tom and Lynn Givens



Schedule at a Glance...

Download the Conference Mobile App: [events XD](#) (Install and search for "Rangemaster")

	Classroom Tent 1	Classroom Tent 2	Classroom Tent 3	Hand-to-Hand Bay	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3	Range 4	
FRIDAY	8a	Ammo Update Topper	National Tactical Invitational: Lessons Learned Gochenour	Strategies, Options, and Tactics Werner	MacGyver School of Medicine House	Social Levergun Weems	Handgun Draw Pakieser + Penzel	Technical Skills for Tactical Success White	MATCH
	9a	Concealed Carry: Beyond the Gun Murphy				Medical Response on the Range Causey			
	10a		Controversial Acquittals Ayoob	Mission Drives Gear Bolke	Great American Gunfights Heame		Intro to Handguns (Ladies only) Kulcsar + Thomas	Take a Seat Whitlock	
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SATURDAY	8a	Police-Citizen Contacts Weems	All About Optics Skubis	Concealed Carry & the Modern Woman Whitlock	Integrating Street Encounter Skills Haggard	Recoil Management (Repeat) Sharp	Domestic Defensive Handgunning Farnam	Critical Skills & Drills (Repeat) Dobbs	MATCH
	9a	Home Invasions Givens	Gunners in Chairs Getting Coffee Greco						
	10a			Trauma Care for Pets Pugliese	Active Killer Response Monk	AIWB Concealment Theory Keepers	Street Encounter Shooting Skills Murphy		
	11a	Correcting Shooting Errors Rehn							
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SUNDAY	8a	Ammo Update (Repeat) Topper		Saps & Jacks Lindenman		Street Encounter Shooting Skills (Repeat) Murphy		SHOOT OFF	
	9a	Mission Drives Gear (Repeat) Bolke	Police-Citizen Contacts (Repeat) Weems						All About Optics (Repeat) Skubis
	10a			Evolution of Firearms Training Givens	Controversial Acquittals (Repeat, Extended) Ayoob	Surviving the Extreme Event (Rpt) Holschen	Practical Folding Knife Fry	Technical Skills for Tactical Success (Repeat) White	
	11a	The Changing Face of the Industry Johnson + Qadir							Martial Arts for Middle-Agers Moses
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PLEASE NOTE: No sign-up is required for classroom blocks. Live-fire blocks and the Experiential Learning Lab are filled by advance sign-up only. Rangemaster RSOs will have the official list of approved participants for these blocks. Anyone who was not approved to participate is free to observe from the spectators area.

FRIDAY

Ammo Update: Loads for Personal & Home Defense

FRI ♦ 8am—10am
Classroom 1



Dr. Martin Topper

This presentation begins with a review of both old and new types of ammunition and discusses how the various designs neutralize threats. It then moves on to discuss which are the most effective loads available to both law enforcement and civilians on the market today. Finally, it concludes with a look at the tactical environments in which shootings take place today and then presents a method for balancing ammunition effectiveness with the risk of collateral damage in those environments. ■

Dr. Martin Topper is the owner of Martin D. Topper Ph.D. Consulting, LLC, where he writes and consults on issues involving firearms, tactical training, and ammunition performance. He previously worked in federal law enforcement, program administration, and mental health before retiring from federal service. ■

National Tactical Invitational: Lessons Learned

FRI ♦ 8am—Noon
Classroom 2



Skip Gochenour

The National Tactical Invitational was an annual event where invitees had their personally-selected training, preferred practice routines, and chosen equipment selection challenged in live-fire and interactive interpretation venues with human adversaries. The purpose of the NTI was to study the training community and its effectiveness at providing students with skill-sets for managing critical incidents. Equipment selection, weapons deployment/recovery techniques, weapons' failure remediation skills, and environmental management practices were tested and evaluated in complicated "on-demand" circumstances. The goal of the NTI's annual 25 events was two-fold. The first was to provide the Practitioner with a checklist or inventory for further work and development. The second was to evaluate and understand what was occurring in the training community and its effectiveness/responsiveness in addressing Problem 1 (the fight) and Problem 2 (the aftermath). In this

four-hour presentation, the NTI's founder will discuss observations and conclusions from his decades of running this program and how the serious student of personal defense can apply those lessons to refine their training today. ■

Skip Gochenour is a licensed private detective and founder of S. R. Gochenour & Associates. He has consulted on hundreds of civil and criminal cases involving firearms and use of force, and he has appeared on documentary television shows such as Forensic Files, Autopsy, and Murder by the Book. Skip also founded and serves as the Director of the American Tactical Shooting Association (ATSA). Through ATSA, Skip pioneered the National Tactical Invitational (NTI), an exclusive annual event where top-tier defensive shooters negotiated realistic scenarios in a 360-degree training environment with role players and Simunitions. ■

Strategies, Options, and Tactics

FRI ♦ 8am—10am
Classroom 3



Claude Werner

This class focuses on helping clients define the personal protection strategies, options, and tactics that are appropriate for them personally. By defining personal strategies and being aware of possible options, the tactics appropriate to a person's goals and lifestyle can be chosen. These are unique to each person and no one size fits all. Being aware of a range of possibilities in advance of criminal encounters helps median lifestyle people achieve positive outcomes and avoid negative outcomes. ■

Claude Werner is The Tactical Professor. His background combines extensive work in the military, personal protection training, and white-collar financial services fields. He focuses on the Pareto Principle of solving the most likely case first and then working on less likely cases. Claude is a retired Army Captain with 10 years of service in Special Operations. He was also the Chief Instructor of the elite Rogers Shooting School. The Tactical Professor is his blog. His publications about Personal Protection topics include three DVDs, two books, and two audio CDs. ■

MacGyver School of Medicine: Improvised Trauma Care

FRI ♦ 8–11:45am
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Dr. Sherman House

Theodore Roosevelt famously said, “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” With that principle in mind, this high-yield, informative seminar will highlight the operative needs of the Civilian Defender when confronted with trauma from interpersonal violence, spree killers, motor vehicle collisions, or other mass casualty incidents. Heavy emphasis will be placed on improvising medical interventions where conventional TCCC materials are unavailable. Objective scientific analysis and measurement will be used to assess the efficacy of said improvised medical interventions. Medical training is NOT REQUIRED! Students are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to bring to class only what they honestly everyday-carry (EDC), whether they carry medical equipment or not. Also, note-taking materials are required. ■

With over twenty years of experience as a health care provider, Dr. Sherman A. House is a Hospital, Special Needs and General Dentist, as well as a Reserve Police Officer (Patrolman) in Middle Tennessee. Prior to his career in dentistry, Dr. House was a Fireman and Emergency Medical Technician and a Shotgun Messenger for West Coast Armored Truck companies. Dr. House originated the Civilian Defender training concept and has studied extensively in the defensive arts, both armed and unarmed, as well as self-defense law, emergency medicine, criminal psychology, and tactical driving. He has personally saved lives using CPR, Rescue Breathing, AED, TCCC, ACLS, PHTLS and Heimlich Maneuver techniques. ■

Social Levergun

FRI ♦ 8am–9:45am
Range 1



Chief Lee Weems

The lever-action platform has been getting the job done since 1860, and it is still a viable choice for a patrol/social rifle. This course covers safe handling procedures, basic operation, and loading techniques for the lever-action rifle. Please bring a centerfire lever-action rifle that (1) has a loading gate in the receiver and (2) allows direct loading of round into the chamber. If your rifle doesn't meet these requirements, it doesn't make you a bad person, but you can't use it in the class. ■

Required Equipment:

- Lever-action rifle (see course description for details)
- 40 rounds of ammo
- Eye & ear protection
- Brimmed hat
- Means of carrying spare ammo (butt cuff, belt carrier, etc.)

Lee Weems has been a peace officer since January of 1999 and currently serves as the Chief Deputy of the Oconee County Georgia Sheriff's Office. He served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (GALEFI) and holds the GALEFI Master Instructor Certification. He is the owner and operator of First Person Safety and holds numerous instructor certifications from Rangemaster, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and others. ■

Handgun Draw: Making the First Shot Count

FRI ♦ 8am–9:45am
Classroom 3



Erik Pakieser



Rolf Penzel

Unfortunately, many pistol shooters don't have access to a range where they can practice drawing a live handgun from a holster. Draw and presentation are critical skills that must be executed carefully and correctly to ensure the most important shot in a gunfight - the first shot - is successful. Participants will learn the proper draw and presentation of the handgun from their preferred carry method. Strong-side carry, appendix, pocket, shoulder, ankle, cross-draw and off-body carry will be discussed. This course will include both dry practice and live fire. ■

Erik D. Pakieser has over 25 years of experience in the military, law enforcement, corrections, and emergency management. He is the founder and principal instructor of QSI Training, a fight-focused

training organization that specializes in practical firearms skills and force-on-force. **Rolf Penzel** is the founder of Minnesota-based One Defense, LLC. has over 20 years of experience instructing people of all ages and backgrounds in a wide range of disciplines. Rolf is a military veteran and expert rifle marksman, and he has earned instructor certifications from Rangemaster, Defense Training International, the ACLDN, and the NRA. ■

Required Equipment:

- Eye and ear protection
- Reliable handgun
- Spare magazines or speed-loaders
- Holster with covered trigger-guard
- 100 rounds of ammo

Translating Technical Skills Into Tactical Success

FRI ♦ 8am—11:45am
Range 3



Gabriel White

This four-hour block offers practical methods of balancing the pursuit of technical skill improvement with the overriding tactical priority of on-demand performance when it counts. We will begin by practicing in isolation some core technical skills using a dry- and live-fire progression (draw, ready position presentations, trigger control, and target transitions). Then we'll apply those skills in a course of fire emphasizing on-demand performance with a little more going on – serial-tasking, muzzle management, decisions to increase or decrease the level of force used, and knowing when to stop shooting. ■

Gabriel White is a defensive handgun instructor and competitive shooter in the Pacific Northwest. He comes from a pure private citizen background and seeks to develop students' technical and tactical excellence. As the founder of Gabe White Training, Gabe stands apart by living a deep commitment to competing and training with his actual concealed carry gear at a high technical level and to adhering to safe and effective tactics and self-defense practices.

Gabe is the Chief Instructor of the Public Range FTU and the public defensive handgun training program for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. Gabe is FAST Challenge Coin-holder No. 9; he's one of only four people worldwide to shoot the Rogers Shooting School Test clean; and he's the only person worldwide to clean it from concealment. ■

Required Equipment:

- Safe and reliable handgun
- Non-collapsing holster (strong side or appendix)
- At least three magazines
- Eye and ear protection
- Brimmed hat
- 200 rounds of ammo

NOTE: This is not a beginner class. Prior defensive handgun training is required (including safe holster work).

Mission Analysis & Skills Beyond the Gun

FRI ♦ 10am—11:45am
Classroom 1



John Murphy

This session deconstructs the “mission” of concealed carriers to pinpoint which skills they should prioritize in order to accomplish that mission. These include soft skills (like knowing oneself, understanding violence, and managing post-incident dynamics) to hard skills (like contextualized marksmanship technique). John uses real-world video footage to suggest practical ways average people can strengthen those soft and hard skills that are most consequential to armed citizens. He also raises caution flags about the potential hazards of undervaluing or neglecting those skills. ■

John Murphy has been instructing civilian concealed carry classes for fifteen years and has trained under some of the most respected firearms instructors in the country, incorporating the best and most practical methods and techniques into his courses. While he has extensive military and civilian

Department of Defense experience, he has learned much more about shooting and self-defense for citizens in these venues than he has during his service. John founded FPF Training in northern Virginia and is increasing the number of courses he offers around the country. ■

Preparing for Medical Emergencies on the Range

FRI ♦ 10am—11:45am
Classroom 3



Caleb Causey

This class will help attendees develop SOPs (standard operating procedures) and effective plans for medical emergencies related to both indoor and outdoor shooting ranges. Creating a Range Response Team, evacuation guidelines, medical contingencies, and medical equipment selection are just few of the subject that will be addressed. ■

Caleb Causey (owner and director of training for Lone Star Medics) has been involved with field and tactical medicine for over 20 years. Caleb is a former US Army Combat Medic with multiple deployments. Following the military, he spent six years with the fire department where he was a member of the engine, ladder companies, and dive team. During those six years, he was also assigned to the SWAT team as the team medic. He has earned several state, national, and international certifications at both the provider and instructor level. Causey attended an accelerated paramedic

program and became an adjunct instructor shortly thereafter. In 2009 Caleb started Lone Star Medics with the help of several close friends and began teaching across the US. Caleb and LSM have been featured in several media outlets over the years, and Caleb has written several articles himself. He has presented at multiple conferences, trade shows, and schools, and he is proud to have been a presenter for several years at the Rangemaster Tactical Conference. ■

Just Enough Jits

FRI ♦ 10am–11:45am
Range 1



Cecil Burch

Contrary to popular belief, many empty-hand fights (and those involving weapons) end up on the ground. "Just Enough Jits" is designed to introduce fundamental concepts to help you survive this type of situation. This is a hands-on module in which participants will learn and practice relatively simple physical skills to keep them in the fight even when starting from an initial deficit, such as a sucker punch or a sudden rush. While we will be engaging in physical contact, this course is NOT "Fight Club." It does not require any previous training, nor does it require any great physical prowess. Attendees are not required to exert any further than their own comfort levels. This is a good opportunity to start to experience this kind of material in a safe environment. **NOTE:** No live ammo or firearms are allowed anywhere in the training area for this block. ■

Cecil Burch has been a firearms enthusiast since age 12 and a martial artist since age 16. He now has over 35 years of experience in Martial Arts and Combative methods, and he is a first-degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Cecil has traveled extensively and conducted seminars across the U.S. and internationally. He has been a featured presenter at the Mid-Atlantic Training Conference, the New England Shooter's Summit, the Rangemaster Tactical Conference, and several other venues. He has worked extensively with law enforcement officers, federal air marshals, military special operation troops, and private citizens on the functional utilization of Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing, and clinch-fighting in close quarters combat. ■

Critical Fundamentals: Skills & Drills

FRI ♦ 10am–11:45am
Range 2



Wayne Dobbs

This two-hour live-fire segment will review the most critical, fundamental executions for use of the pistol in defensive encounters. While all the fundamentals are important, we will cover the four most important ones that if executed properly will provide the best chances of success in a deadly force use. These fundamental approaches will be reinforced with a series of simple and effective drills that will provide both a training and benchmark testing package for students to use as they move forward in their learning journey with the defensive handgun. ■

Required Equipment:

- Serviceable pistol
- Strong-side belt-mounted holster
- At least three magazines
- Eye/ear protection
- Note taking materials
- At least 200 rounds of ammo

Wayne teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired from the Richardson, TX Police Department after a 25-year career with service in Patrol, Deployment (covert tactical/crimes specific unit), SWAT, Narcotics/Intelligence, the FBI-Dallas Organized Crime Task Force, and Major Crimes/CID. For nearly 10 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 since that time. Wayne has trained continuously for many years under the top names in the industry: Ken Hackathorn, Larry Vickers, Pat Rogers, Paul Howe, Clint Smith, Jerry Miculek, John Farnam, Tom Givens, and others. ■

Explaining Controversial Acquittals

FRI ♦ 1pm–2:45pm
Classroom 1



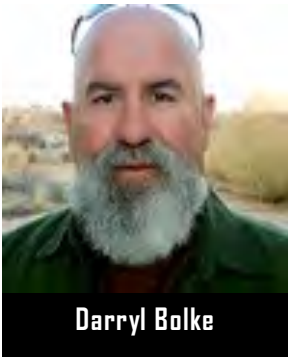
Massad Ayoob

In this session, renown firearms trainer and expert witness Massad Ayoob unpacks some of the most controversial gun-related acquittals of recent times. Mas will explain where misinformation and misunderstandings come from in self-defense cases and how smart defense teams can more effectively educate juries. ■

Massad Ayoob is the founder and lead instructor of Massad Ayoob Group, based in Florida. He has served as an editor of Guns Magazine and American Handgunner since the 1970s. He has published thousands of articles in gun magazines, martial arts publications, and law enforcement journals; and he has authored over a dozen books. Mas has been judicially recognized as an expert witness in weapons and shooting cases since 1979 and has consulted and testified in several high profile cases. He is one of approximately ten Five-Gun Masters among the 10,000-member International Defensive Pistol Association, and he was the first to earn that title. ■

Mission Drives the Gear Train

FRI ♦ 1pm–2:45pm
Classroom 2



Darryl Bolke

When it comes to civilian defensive carry, there's no such thing as one-size-fits-all. In this two-hour session, Darryl Bolke will discuss how to pick the tools and training that best fit your world and your personal situation. He will also explore the most effective ways to adapt your EDC tools to situations outside of your usual comfort zones. ■

Darryl Bolke teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired from a Southern California police department as a Sr. Corporal after 19.5 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 provided expert testimony in regards to firearms usage and police tactics in numerous court cases. Bolke also developed and implemented a nationally recognized edged weapons policy and training program for law enforcement. His past assignments have included 3.5 years in a full time bicycle unit and 4 years as a Tactical Flight Officer in the Air Support Unit, as well as 10 years as a Field Training Officer and a year assignment primarily working vice. A majority of his career was working at night in a patrol environment. He also spent several years as a licensed Private Investigator specializing in high level corporate cases and worked high level executive/VIP protection and high threat protection details in the private sector. He has been on staff with several organizations providing firearms and edged weapons instruction. Darryl Bolke is also the Unconventional Weapons editor for Surefire's Combat Tactics magazine and has had numerous published magazine articles in both the U.S. and Japan on firearms, edged weapons, and related equipment. He has also authored numerous California P.O.S.T. certified classes. ■

Great American Gunfights

FRI ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Classroom 3



John Hearne

Two events in the 20th Century have had huge impact on firearms training for both law enforcement officers and armed citizens - the Newhall Massacre and the FBI's Miami Firefight. This presentation will offer detailed debriefs of both events, focusing on weapons, tactics, offender psychology, and other relevant considerations. ■

John has been a federal law enforcement officer since 1992, serving primarily in uniform patrol. He currently serves as an instructor (firearms, tactics, active shooter, & use of force), an armorer, and a field training officer for his agency. John has earned firearms instructor certifications from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (Pistol, Revolver, Shotgun, Rifle, Select-Fire), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Rifle Association (NRA), and Rangemaster (Advanced Instructor Certification), among other organizations. John has been a Rangemaster instructor since 2001 and has helped teach armed citizens, law enforcement officers, and military personnel across the country. He is also a noted public speaker and has been engaged for speeches and research presentations on armed defense and use of force at a variety of national and international venues since 2005. ■

Take It Back: Hostile Weapon Disarms & Recovery

FRI ♦ 1pm–2:45pm
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Fletch Fuller

This class will deal with the close-quarter firearm threat within arm's reach. We'll practice proven techniques for disarming an attacker or regaining control of YOUR weapon during an attempted disarm. Practical exercises and drills will be conducted with inert training weapons only. ■

NOTE:

No live firearms or ammo allowed in the training area!

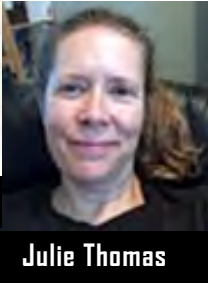
Fletch is a highly-trained and experienced law enforcement trainer with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He is the lead use-of-force trainer for a department with 900 sworn personnel, where he has also served in the patrol and gang units. He is the founder and lead trainer for Ready-Up Tactical, which offers functional and practical use-of-force and firearms training and consultation for police, military, and responsible citizens. ■

Intro to Handguns (Ladies Only)

FRI ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 1



Eve Kulcsar



Julie Thomas

Whether students are new shooters looking for solid skills instruction, experienced shooters looking for some fine-tuning, or instructors looking for a different perspective, this class offers the opportunity to go through an in-depth primer on handgunning essential skills with several Rangemaster-certified instructors and a low student-to-instructor ratio. We will emphasize core competency in shooting platform, sight alignment, trigger control, and presentation from the holster. ■

Required Equipment:

- Reliable handgun
- Holster and gun belt
- At least two extra magazines
- Eye and ear protection
- 150 rounds of ammo

Eve Kulcsar established Roka Arms Training to bring best-in-class defensive firearms training to responsibly armed citizens. She is a law enforcement officer and an experienced firearms instructor who has trained with industry leaders such as Tom and Lynn Givens of Rangemaster; Craig Douglas of Shivworks; William Aprill of Aprill Risk Consulting; and Paul Sharp of Sharp Defense. She has also successfully completed training at Rogers Shooting School in Ellijay Georgia. **Julie Thomas** is a life-long student of martial arts who has trained extensively in hand-to-hand combat with and without handguns. She now teaches with Texas-based Palisade Training Group, where she specializes in helping beginning shooters and remediating struggling shooters. ■

Take a Seat

FRI ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 2



Tatiana Whitlock

We spend a great deal of time sitting down at home, at work, in the car, in restaurants, and in classrooms. How often have you worked shooting from concealment or simply drawing from a holster while seated? What happens if you're in a booth, on a bench seat, on a roller chair, in metal folding chair, or seated in a car? This session focuses on the logistics and techniques to safely engage a target from multiple seated positions and different angles. We'll emphasize individual skill building as well as essential communication techniques, partner skills, movement, and after-action processing. Train in the context of your life for the fight of your life! ■

Required Equipment:

- Reliable handgun
- Concealed, non-collapsing holster
- Eye & ear protection
- Approximately 200 rounds of ammo

Tatiana Whitlock is a firearms instructor and hunter residing in the majestic state of Maine. As a mother of two, she takes her family's safety seriously and knows that in a worst-case scenario, she will always be the first responder on the scene. Tatiana is an NRA-certified instructor; the Director of Training at Howell's Indoor Range and Shooting Academy; and the Director of Training for the national women's shooting league, A Girl and A Gun. She is a featured host & instructor on Trigger Time TV and a contributing author for numerous industry publications and the NRA Women's Network. She also serves as the Creative Director and COO for a Michigan-based firearms marketing agency: GAT Marketing. ■

Recoil Management

FRI ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 3



Paul Sharp

In this live-fire block, Paul will teach a systematic approach to managing recoil and driving the pistol, even during rapid strings of fire. We will perform a series of progressive exercises that help us learn exactly where and how to grip our pistol so as to make rapid hits in an accurate and controlled manner. ■

Required Equipment:

- Your everyday carry gear
- Eye and ear protection
- Brimmed cap
- 300 rounds of ammo

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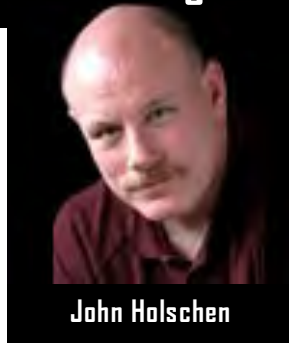
Karl Rehn

This two hour lecture will discuss answers to these questions: What percentage of gun owners train? What classes do they take? What level do they train to? What barriers are preventing more people from attending training, particularly training beyond state minimums? What problems exist in the current training history, particularly with instructor certification and how potential students choose training courses and instructors? ■

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Surviving the Extreme Event

FRI ♦ 3pm–4:45pm
Classroom 2



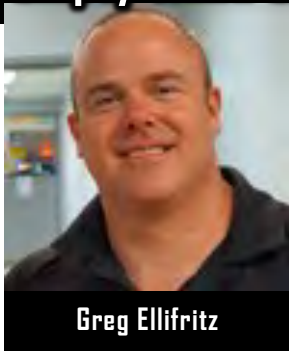
John Holschen

In this two-hour session, John will discuss individual preparation (techniques, tactics, and procedures) for infrequent but high-risk threat events such as the Las Vegas sniper attack, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Bataclan Theater attack, as well as more common active shooter types of situations. ■

John has many years of service in the U.S. Special Operations community as an operator and a trainer. As a civilian trainer he has worked to convert his specialized skills in the areas of weapons and combative techniques into useful defensive curricula for private citizens. John has placed among the top participants in the “National Tactical Invitational” (NTI) multiple times and has been recognized as a “Master Instructor” and “Master Tactician” by the American Tactical Shooters Association. ■

Empty-Hand Skills for Gunfighters

FRI ♦ 3pm–4:45pm
Classroom 3



Greg Ellifritz

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 unarmed fighting and for whatever reason (time, health, fitness, lack of desire) 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. In the two-hour block, we will discuss and practice how to stop an opponent's

draw, how to draw your own weapon while fighting, how to deflect or disarm your opponent's weapon, and the mechanics of making a successful contact shot from retention. Simple lethal force hand strikes will also be practiced. ■

Equipment:

- If possible, students should bring a training weapon (blue gun or red gun) and a quality holster that fits the training weapon.
- **NOTE:** No live weapons or ammo will be allowed in the training area (inert training weapons only).

Greg Ellifritz owns Active Response Training. Greg has been a police officer since 1995 and spent 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. In addition to his training position, he has served as patrol officer, armorer, bike patrol officer, bike patrol coordinator, sniper, and field training officer for his agency. Greg holds instructor, master instructor, or armorer certifications in more than 75 different weapons systems, defensive tactics programs, and law enforcement specialty areas. He has taught classes nationwide for The Tactical Defense Institute, Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, and The American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers. ■

SATURDAY

Police-Citizen Contacts

SAT ♦ 8am—9:45am
Classroom 1



Chief Lee Weems

This presentation will explore the legal guidelines handed down by the United States Supreme Court governing contacts between citizens and peace officers. Special attention will be given to the understanding of the concepts of reasonable articulable suspicion (RAS) and probable cause (PC) and their applications to the seizure of persons and property. Particular focus will be paid to how these concepts apply to the armed citizen. The legal framework for the evaluation of use of force by the courts will also be discussed. ■

Lee Weems has been a peace officer since January of 1999 and currently serves as the Chief Deputy of the Oconee County Georgia Sheriff's Office. He served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (GALEFI) and holds the GALEFI Master Instructor Certification. He is the owner and operator of First Person Safety and holds numerous instructor certifications from Rangemaster, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and others. ■

All About Optics

SAT ♦ 8am—9:45am
Classroom 2



Jon Skubis

In this course we'll learn about understanding and evaluating optics. How they can benefit you and dispelling the many myths out there. By the end you'll have the ability to determine which optics are right for your application, how the differences in sizes/quality will affect performance, and how much you really need to spend to get the job done. Areas that will be covered will be rifle scopes, red dot sights, holographic sights, prismatic sights, spotting scopes, binoculars, and rangefinders. We'll also cover how to correctly mount, boresight, and zero optics. You'll not only get the knowledge to guide you but have the opportunity to get hands on with optics to actually see the differences. ■

Jon Skubis is the Sales Manager for Vortex Optics Military, Law Enforcement, and Government Sales. He began his career with Vortex as one of their technical experts handling all things optics. With over 30 years of shooting experience, Jon uses his extensive knowledge and expertise to better serve those who serve society. Jon works closely with Vortex New Product Development and various training facilities, as well as hundreds of varied agencies in order to make sure they have the tools to do their jobs well. ■

Concealed Carry & the Modern Woman

SAT ♦ 8am—11:45am
Classroom 3



Tatiana Whitlock

This class focuses on helping clients define the personal protection strategies, options, and tactics that are appropriate for them personally. By defining personal strategies and being aware of possible options, the tactics appropriate to a person's goals and lifestyle can be chosen. These are unique to each person and no one size fits all. Being aware of a range of possibilities in advance of criminal encounters helps median lifestyle people achieve positive outcomes and avoid negative outcomes. ■

Tatiana Whitlock is a firearms instructor and hunter residing in the majestic state of Maine. As a mother of two, she takes her family's safety seriously and knows that in a worst-case scenario, she will always be the first responder on the scene. Tatiana is an NRA-certified instructor; the Director of Training at Howell's Indoor Range and Shooting Academy; and the Director of Training for the national women's shooting league, A Girl and A Gun. She is a featured host & instructor on Trigger Time TV and a contributing author for numerous industry publications and the NRA Women's Network. She also serves as the Creative Director and COO for a Michigan-based firearms marketing agency: GAT Marketing. ■

Integrating Different Street Encounter Skills

SAT ♦ 8am—9:45am
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Chuck Haggard

This class will include drilling with inert pepper spray. No live agent will be used as part of the class. Participants will be exposed to MUC principles (Managing Unknown Contacts) and how to integrate this information into their personal defense tactics. Students will also be exposed to concepts of escalation/de-escalation of force options, decision making, ranging in street encounters, the realities of in-fight weapon access, and the Default Cover tactic as taught by Craig Douglas and Cecil Burch to survive the first couple of seconds of "The Knock-out Game" type attack. This class is designed to complement Cecil Burch's

"Getting Your Gun Into the Fight," which takes place immediately after this block. ■

Equipment:

- Dummy handgun and holster (if possible)
- Glasses or eye protection
- Towel or paper towels
- Inert pepper spray, if available

NOTE: No live weapons or ammo allowed in the training area.

Chuck Haggard has been active in private defensive training throughout his long career in urban law enforcement. After nearly thirty years of steady upward progression through the ranks of the Topeka Police Department, he ventured out on his own and founded Agile Training and Consulting. Chuck is certified as a civilian and law enforcement trainer on various weapon systems, including pistol, shotgun, rifle, carbine, oleoresin capsicum (O.C.), baton, and Taser. He is also skilled and experienced at teaching weapon retention, disarming, and other empty-hand techniques. Chuck maintains his POST certification and stays active in the law enforcement community, but he now devotes even more time to training other police officers, military personnel, security forces, and private citizens on the art and science of personal defense. ■

Recoil Management (Repeat)

SAT ♦ 8am—11:45pm
Range 1



Paul Sharp

In this live-fire block, Paul will teach a systematic approach to managing recoil and driving the pistol, even during rapid strings of fire. We will perform a series of progressive exercises that help us learn exactly where and how to grip our pistol so as to make rapid hits in an accurate and controlled manner. ■

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Required Equipment:

- Your everyday carry gear
- Eye and ear protection
- Brimmed cap
- 300 rounds of ammo

Domestic Defensive Handgunning for Operators

SAT ♦ 8am—11:45am
Range 2



John Farnam

Operators routinely go armed. Yet, in most threatening domestic circumstances, dangerous encounters need not escalate to lethal levels. In fact, most are probably avoidable! In addition to gun-handling and shooting skills, Operators need to integrate verbal and postural skills into their overall repertoire. Operators need to know how to maintain their options and adequately protect their own best interests, when encountering dangerous suspects and subsequently interacting with police. We need to be able to shoot, move, and communicate- effectively, and often simultaneously! We'll practice all of these skills in this class. Participants will need a reliable handgun and holster, eye and ear protection, and approximately 100 rounds of ammunition. ■

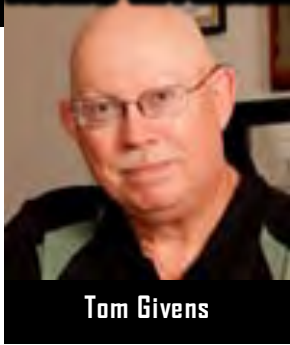
Required Equipment:

- Reliable handgun and non-collapsing holster
- Eye and ear protection
- 100 rounds of ammo

John S. Farnam is a prolific author and the founder and president of Defensive Training International. He is presently a fully commissioned deputy sheriff (Training Officer) for the Park County, Colorado Sheriff's Office. With years of experience as a law enforcement trainer and a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, John is one of the top defensive firearms instructors in the nation. He has personally trained thousands of federal, state, and local law enforcement agency personnel, many private security agencies, foreign governments, and hundreds of civilians in safe gun handling and the tactical use of the defensive firearms. ■

Home Invasions: What You Need to Know

SAT ♦ 10am–11:45am
Classroom 1



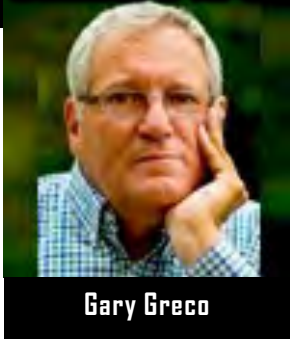
Tom Givens

This is a two-hour classroom presentation on home invasions. We will look at burglary from several perspectives, including defining the offense; looking at current trends and the dangers they pose; preventive and protective strategies (including how to better harden your home); plus an in-depth look at several real world cases. This particular crime has evolved a great deal over the past decade. At one time, most home invasions were actually hostile take-overs in the drug trade. That is no longer the case. Families are often targeted today because they live in affluent areas; have been seen at a store with cash or credit cards; or fit a specific victim profile. In this session we will identify potential weak spots and strive to reduce the likelihood of being chosen for this crime. If that fails, we'll look at effective strategies for defending your home and family. ■

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Gunners in Chairs Getting Coffee

SAT ♦ 10am–11:45pm
Classroom 2



Gary Greco

Tac-Con is famous for its vast array of larger-than-life icons of the firearms training community. It's easy to forget that these giants are just regular people. In a spin-off of Jerry Seinfeld's Netflix show, "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee," Gary Greco hosts this laid-back series of short interviews with several Tac-Con trainers to reveal the quirks and foibles that lurk just beneath their renowned public personas. If you need a break from the more serious classes, kick back with us over coffee and learn what these trainers are like when they're off the firing line. ■

Gary has been involved in the serious study of the employment of firearms for nearly 50 years. He was fortunate to learn from long forgotten but very experienced gunmen, such as Korean War Veteran John Pepper, Ambassador John George (who also served in Merrill's Marauders), WWII Veteran and US Special Forces Capt. Larry Thorne, Special Agent Bob Crovatto (US Secret Service), John Richardson (US Intelligence Community) and Officer Roger Burgess (Prince Georges County Police). Gary was an early competitor in IPSC and served as a Regional Coordinator. Gary went on to a 34-year career in the US Army and US Intelligence Community, where he served in Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, Northern/Central Africa and multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. ■

Skin That Smokewagon: Getting Your Gun in the Fight

SAT ♦ 10am–11:45am
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Cecil Burch

In this class we will look at ways to accomplish distance. We'll use verbalization, footwork, positioning, and awareness to efficiently move away from an aggressive criminal and deploy a pistol in a manner that prevents him from stopping us. The focus is on NOT GETTING ENTANGLED. Instead, we'll work on affording ourselves the opportunity to use the pistol the way it is intended to be used – at a distance. We will be utilizing the principles of Managing Unknown Contacts (MUC) created by Craig Douglas. This block is designed to be paired with Chuck Haggard's CCW Integration block (immediately before this class), although participants are not required to attend both. We will cover maintaining spatial relationship with

functional footwork, correct movement and proper verbalization, and presenting the pistol through an appropriate line of extension and compression (including retention). We'll also work on recognizing when to go for the gun and when not to. ■

Cecil Burch has been a firearms enthusiast since age 12 and a martial artist since age 16. He now has over 35 years of experience in Martial Arts and Combative methods, and he is a first-degree black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Cecil has traveled extensively and conducted seminars across the U.S. and internationally. He has worked extensively with law enforcement officers, federal air marshals, military special operation troops, and private citizens on the functional utilization of Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing, and clinch-fighting in close quarters combat. ■

Attendees should bring a dummy handgun and holster (if possible).

NOTE: No live weapons or ammo allowed in the training area.

Critical Fundamentals: Skills & Drills (Repeat)

SAT ♦ 10am–11:45am
Range 4



Wayne Dobbs

This two-hour live-fire segment will review the most critical, fundamental executions for use of the pistol in defensive encounters. While all the fundamentals are important, we will cover the four most important ones that if executed properly will provide the best chances of success in a deadly force use. These fundamental approaches will be reinforced with a series of simple and effective drills that will provide both a training and benchmark testing package for students to use as they move forward in their learning journey with the defensive handgun. ■

Required Equipment:

- Serviceable pistol
- Strong-side belt-mounted holster
- At least three magazines
- Eye/ear protection
- Note taking materials
- At least 200 rounds of ammo

Wayne teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired from the Richardson, TX Police Department after a 25-year career with service in Patrol, Deployment (covert tactical/crimes specific unit), SWAT, Narcotics/Intelligence, the FBI-Dallas Organized Crime Task Force, and Major Crimes/CID. For nearly 10 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 since that time. Wayne has trained continuously for many years under the top names in the industry: Ken Hackathorn, Larry Vickers, Pat Rogers, Paul Howe, Clint Smith, Jerry Miculek, John Farnam, Tom Givens, and others. ■

Trauma Care for Pets

SAT ♦ 1pm–2:45pm
Classroom 1



Dr. Lauren Pugliese

This course aims to prepare attendees to effectively handle emergencies that may occur with our companion animals. Topics that will be covered include disaster planning, dog first aid kits and bug out bags, adapting human first aid kits/skills for dogs, examining for injuries, restraint techniques, heat related injuries, bandaging, and CPR. No equipment is required for class. While the course will focus on dogs and cats, other species can be accommodated on request at the time of class. ■

Dr. Lauren Pugliese is a veterinary surgeon who practices at the VCA Advanced Veterinary Care Center in Indianapolis, IN. Lauren graduated from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. She completed a research fellowship and a small animal surgical residency at the Ohio State University. After completing her residency and master's degree, she joined a private specialty veterinary practice where she performs a variety of soft tissue and orthopedic surgical procedures. In addition to her clinical work, she teaches pet first aid classes to the tactical community through Active Response Training. ■

Active Killer Response

SAT ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Classroom 2



Ed Monk

This presentation will better prepare armed citizens to quickly recognize and stop an active killer. We will discuss mental preparation, gear, and tactical considerations. TIME is the most important factor, both in planning and in the response. The presentation begins with a study of several past active killer attacks, including details of what happened and what lessons were learned. We will then discuss trends, analyze patterns, and recommend plans to help individuals and organizations effectively respond to active killer attacks. ■

With experience as a law enforcement officer, school teacher, firearms trainer, and Army officer, Ed Monk has been researching, analyzing, and providing training on the Active Killer threat for over ten years. He has given presentations on the topic to universities, schools, churches, law enforcement agencies, and other audiences in several states, and he currently trains an Arkansas school district with armed school staff. Ed is co-owner and instructor at Last Resort Firearms Training in White Hall, AR, where he trains students on the defensive use of handguns and other firearms. ■

The Five W's of Risk

SAT ♦ 1pm–2:45am
Classroom 3



Dr. William Aprill

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 most 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. ■

William Aprill is a licensed mental health professional with over 15 years experience across the continuum of care. He presently maintains a private practice and consultancy specializing in post-traumatic interventions and other disciplines. William is a former deputy sheriff (Orleans Parish, LA, Criminal Sheriff's Office) and Special Deputy US Marshal (Eastern District of Louisiana). He is a decorated competitive shooter and has taught civilian, law enforcement, and military personnel in various fighting skills since 1990. William maintains an active schedule both as student and teacher, having been instructor-rated by several top-tier trainers and studying under many of the most influential members of the combative arts community. Through his company, Aprill Risk Consulting, William has presented his material on violent criminals and their decision-making, defensive incident aftermath, mindset development, and defensive preparedness locally and nationally, including at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (IALEFI), the Rangemaster Tactical Conference, Tactical Response Alumni Weekend, and Paul-E-Palooza, the memorial fundraiser for the family of the late Paul Gomez. ■

Experiential Learning Lab

SAT ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Craig Douglas

Craig Douglas has an enormous amount of training and experience exposing students to stressful, relevant, and valuable force-on-force scenarios with trained role-players and hit-marking cartridges. In this block, participants will negotiate blind scenarios and be debriefed on their performances. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in and observe others reacting to active, thinking, moving opponents in real-life circumstances. ■

Craig Douglas (a/k/a "SouthNarc") is the founder of ShivWorks, a consortium of like-minded professionals devoted to training and product development in the emerging field of interdisciplinary problem-solving for self-defense. Craig retired from law enforcement after 21 years of service with the bulk of his career spent in narcotics and SWAT. Since 2003, Craig has been teaching globally under the ShivWorks brand and has conducted coursework on entangled shooting skills in nearly 40 states and nine foreign countries. He has taught for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and to three branches of the U.S. military. ■

Required Equipment:

All attendees (whether observing or participating) will need to bring eye protection.

Street Encounter Shooting Skills

SAT ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 1



John Murphy

Pure marksmanship is only one of many steps to prevailing in armed street encounters with criminals. This intense four-hour range session reinforces the multi-layered problem management skills that must be coupled with shooting technique when static paper targets become living, breathing, human adversaries. Technical skills will be taught through a series of drills and then applied in context with realistic scenarios incorporating verbalization, movement, decision-making, and (if necessary) armed response. ■

John Murphy has been instructing civilian concealed carry classes for fifteen years and has trained under some of the most respected firearms instructors in the country, incorporating the best and most practical methods and techniques into his courses. While he has extensive military and civilian Department of Defense experience, he has learned much more about shooting and self-defense for citizens in these venues than he has during his service. John founded FPF Training in northern Virginia and is increasing the number of courses he offers around the country. ■

Required Equipment:

- Eye/ear protection
- 300 rounds of ammo
- Qualify handgun and non-collapsing holster
- Concealment garment

Practice & Refinement for the Armed Citizens

SAT ♦ 1pm–4:45am
Range 2



Brian Hill

The ability to present your firearm and make accurate hits sooner is the focus for this block. The fundamentals of grip, trigger, sights, and follow through will be explored in a series diagnostic drills focused around the process of drawing the firearm efficiently. These drills will help create essential skills and solid fundamentals for the continued improvement of your shooting competency. ■

Brian Hill is the founder of the Complete Combatant, which focuses exclusively on training armed citizens to meet the challenges of defending themselves. Brian operates out of two locations: The Complete Combatant/Fusion Mixed Martial Arts is located in Kennesaw, GA; and he owns a private range in Dahlonega, GA. Brian offers force-on-force courses, mixed martial arts classes, proactive mindset lectures, and firearms training. He has been a full-time coach for 35 years and excels in helping people of all levels reach their goals by teaching them HOW to practice, HOW to measure their skills, and HOW to test themselves. ■

Required Equipment:

- Reliable handgun
- Non-collapsing holster
- Concealment garment
- Eye/ear protection
- At least two magazines or speed-loaders
- 400 rounds of ammo (high estimate)
- Brimmed hat

Social Shotgun

SAT ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 3



Tom Givens

While the shotgun is one of the most effective and versatile weapons available to the average private citizen or police officer, it is also the least understood and most under-utilized. This live-fire block will cover the fundamental tenets governing effective use of the shotgun as a defensive weapon system. ■

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Required Equipment:

- Reliable semi-automatic or pump action shotgun
- 75 rounds of birdshot
- Eye and ear protection

Correcting Common Shooting Errors

SAT ♦ 3pm–4:45pm
Classroom 1



Karl Rehn

This two-hour presentation identifies the 10 most common shooting errors with insight for instructors and coaches into how to recognize and correct them. Demonstrations during the lecture will show how modern dry fire training aids can be used to develop the ability of coaches, assistant instructors, and students to diagnose and remediate problems with shooting fundamentals. This skill set is extremely important for those teaching live fire courses, coaching shooters or working to improve their own skill level. ■

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AIWB Concealment Theory

SAT ♦ 3pm—4:45pm
Classroom 3



Spencer Keepers

This is a two-hour overview of the often misunderstood “appendix inside-the-waistband” (AIWB) mode of concealed carry and center-line carry in general. We’ll teach you what AIWB is, what it isn’t, and how to get the most out of it.

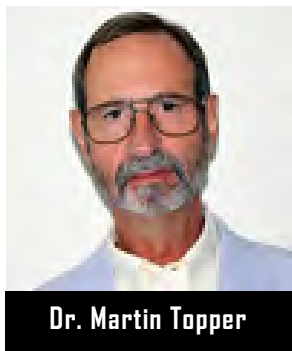
Topics include safety considerations, holster design, comfort factors, and ways to integrate AIWB carry into everyday lifestyle, from sun-up to sun-down. We’ll cover all the fundamentals and some of the overlooked aspects of carrying AIWB. This is a classroom session with no live-fire (all demonstrations will be done with inert blue guns). ■

Spencer Keepers is the founder of Awareness Defense Training, LLC and Keepers Concealment, LLC. He is a nationally-renowned competitive and defensive shooter, an experienced trainer, and a custom holster-maker. He also teaches at the BDC Gun Room in Oklahoma. He has trained extensively with Tom Givens, Craig Douglas, Rob Pincus, Will Andrews, Claude Werner, John Farnam, and many others. Spencer is also one of only a handful of people to earn a ranking of “Expert” on Todd Louis Green’s coveted F.A.S.T. Wall of Fame. ■

SUNDAY

Ammo Update: Loads for Personal & Home Defense (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 8am—9:45am
Classroom 1



Dr. Martin Topper

This presentation begins with a review of both old and new types of ammunition and discusses how the various designs neutralize threats. It then moves on to discuss which are the most effective loads available to both law enforcement and civilians on the market today. Finally, it concludes with a look at the tactical environments in which shootings take place today and then presents a method for balancing ammunition effectiveness with the risk of collateral damage in

Dr. Martin Topper is the owner of Martin D. Topper Ph.D. Consulting, LLC, where he writes and consults on issues involving firearms, tactical training, and ammunition performance. He previously worked in federal law enforcement, program administration, and mental health before retiring from federal service. ■

Small Impact Weapon Skills: Saps & Jacks

SUN ♦ 8am—9:45am
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Larry Lindenman

This seminar is a practical overview of small impact weapon skills. It is designed for people looking for a tool-based less-than-lethal response to criminal attack. Larry will discuss, demonstrate, and teach effective use of impact weapons and improvised impact weapons that are common in our everyday environments. Using interactive practical exercises, Larry will start with a solid grounding in safety and fundamentals and then progress to effective deployment of impact weapons under the stress of close-range confrontation. **Please Note:** This class will involve moderate physical contact. ■

Larry Lindenman retired from the Illinois State Police after 26 years of service. After patrolling the interstates for four years, Larry spent the remainder of his career in Investigations, SWAT, and narcotics investigations. Larry has an extensive background in Filipino martial arts (beginning his training in 1980), and he is a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Larry was a SWAT instructor and range officer, and he authored the Defensive Tactics manual for the Illinois State Police. He currently serves as the training coordinator for The Range at 355 in Bolingbrook, Illinois; and he is the owner and founder of Point Driven Training, a tactical training company. ■

Street Encounter Shooting Skills (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 8am—11:45am
Range 2



John Murphy

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Required Equipment:

- Eye/ear protection
- 300 rounds of ammo
- Qualify handgun
- Non-collapsing holster
- Concealment garment

John Murphy has been instructing civilian concealed carry classes for fifteen years and has trained under some of the most respected firearms instructors in the country, incorporating the best and most practical methods and techniques into his courses. While he has extensive military and civilian Department of Defense experience, he has learned much more about shooting and self-defense for citizens in these venues than he has during his service. John founded FPF Training in northern Virginia and is increasing the number of courses he offers around the country. ■

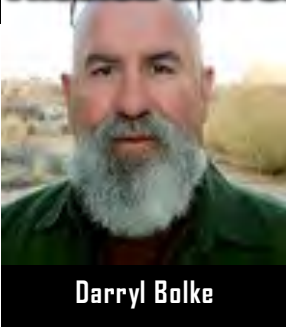
Tac-Con Pistol Match Final SHOOT-OFF

Sunday,
March 17, 2019
8am—9am • Range 4



Mission Drives the Gear Train (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45am
Classroom 1



Darryl Bolke

When it comes to civilian defensive carry, there's no such thing as one-size-fits-all. In this two-hour session, Darryl Bolke will discuss how to pick the tools and training that best fit your world and your personal situation. He will also explore the most effective ways to adapt your EDC tools to situations outside of your usual comfort zones. ■

Darryl Bolke teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired from a Southern California police department as a Sr. Corporal after 19.5 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 provided expert testimony in regards to firearms usage and police tactics in numerous court cases. ■

Police-Citizen Contacts (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45pm
Classroom 2



Chief Lee Weems

This presentation will explore the legal guidelines handed down by the United States Supreme Court governing contacts between citizens and peace officers. Special attention will be given to the understanding of the concepts of reasonable articulable suspicion (RAS) and probable cause (PC) and their applications to the seizure of persons and property. Particular focus will be paid to how these concepts apply to the armed citizen. The legal framework for the evaluation of use of force by the courts will also be discussed. ■

Lee Weems has been a peace officer since January of 1999 and currently serves as the Chief Deputy of the Oconee County Georgia Sheriff's Office. He served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (GALEFI) and holds the GALEFI Master Instructor Certification. He is the owner and operator of First Person Safety and holds numerous instructor certifications from Rangemaster, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and others. ■

All About Optics (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45am
Classroom 3



Jon Skubis

In this course we'll learn about understanding and evaluating optics. How they can benefit you and dispelling the many myths out there. By the end you'll have the ability to determine which optics are right for your application, how the differences in sizes/quality will affect performance, and how much you really need to spend to get the job done. Areas that will be covered will be rifle scopes, red dot sights, holographic sights, prismatic sights, spotting scopes, binoculars, and rangefinders. We'll also cover how to correctly mount, boresight, and zero optics. You'll not only get the knowledge to guide you but have the opportunity to get hands on with optics to actually see the differences. ■

Jon Skubis is the Sales Manager for Vortex Optics Military, Law Enforcement, and Government Sales. He began his career with Vortex as one of their technical experts handling all things optics. With over 30 years of shooting experience, Jon uses his extensive knowledge and expertise to better serve those who serve society. Jon works closely with Vortex New Product Development and various training facilities, as well as hundreds of varied agencies in order to make sure they have the tools to do their jobs well. ■

Take It Back: Hostile Weapon Disarms & Recovery (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45pm
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Fletch Fuller

This class will deal with the close-quarter firearm threat within arm's reach. We'll practice proven techniques for disarming an attacker or regaining control of YOUR weapon during an attempted disarm. Practical exercises and drills will be conducted with inert training weapons only. ■

NOTE:

No live weapons or ammo allowed in the training area!

Fletch is a highly-trained and experienced law enforcement trainer with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He is the lead use-of-force trainer for a department with 900 sworn personnel, where he has also served in the patrol and gang units. He is the founder and lead trainer for Ready-Up Tactical, which offers functional and practical use-of-force and firearms training and consultation for police, military, and responsible citizens. ■

Critical Fundamentals: Skills & Drills (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45pm
Range 1



Wayne Dobbs

This two-hour live-fire segment will review the most critical, fundamental executions for use of the pistol in defensive encounters. While all the fundamentals are important, we will cover the four most important ones that if executed properly will provide the best chances of success in a deadly force use. These fundamental approaches will be reinforced with a series of simple and effective drills that will provide both a training and benchmark testing package for students to use as they move forward in their learning journey with the defensive handgun. ■

Required Equipment:

- Serviceable pistol
- Strong-side belt-mounted holster
- At least three magazines
- Eye/ear protection
- Note taking materials
- At least 200 rounds of ammo

Wayne teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS) in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He retired from the Richardson, TX Police Department after a 25-year career with service in Patrol, Deployment (covert tactical/crimes specific unit), SWAT, Narcotics/Intelligence, the FBI-Dallas Organized Crime Task Force, and Major Crimes/CID. For nearly 10 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 since that time. Wayne has trained continuously for many years under the top names in the industry: Ken Hackathorn, Larry Vickers, Pat Rogers, Paul Howe, Clint Smith, Jerry Miculek, John Farnam, Tom Givens, and others. ■

Changing Gears

SUN ♦ 10am—11:45am
Range 3



Tim Chandler



Ashton Ray

Many shooters find that they have two speeds: Fast or accurate. They can deliver reasonable accuracy too slowly for the pace of a fight, or they can shoot reasonably quickly but not accurately enough to make fight-stopping hits. Learning how to “change gears,” to accurately judge the refinement in sight picture and trigger manipulation necessary to make the hit required in the moment...is crucial for anyone using a handgun in self-defense. In Changing Gears, we will evaluate baseline performance, provide techniques and strategies for improvement, evaluate the effectiveness of these techniques and strategies against the baseline, and provide some targeted strategies for continued development in further practice. ■

Required Equipment:

- Reliable handgun
- Sturdy, non-collapsing holster (strong side or appendix)
- At least two magazines (revolvers allowed as long as you can reload as on pace with semi-autos)
- Eye/ear protection
- Concealment garment
- 200 rounds of ammo
- Uplula mag-loader or similar device would be helpful

Over the past 17 years, **Tim Chandler** has had the opportunity to learn from the best instructors in the military, law enforcement, citizen defense, combatives, and competitive shooting worlds. Tim has earned three instructor certifications from Rangemaster (pistol, shotgun, and advanced instructor), and he currently teaches with FPF Training and 360 Performance Shooting. He has taught with Tom Givens, John Murphy, Green Ops, and the late Todd Green. **Ashton Ray** is a U.S. Navy veteran and owner of 360 Performance Shooting in Pittsburgh, PA. As part of his commitment to continuing education, Ashton Ray has trained with some of the best instructors in the industry, including Benjamin DeWalt, Todd Louis Green, Tom Givens, Pat Goodale, Ken Hackathorn, “Super-Dave” Harrington, Rob Haught, Patrick McNamara, Robert Vogel. Larry Vickers, and many others. ■

Evolution of Firearms Training: A Century of Progress

SUN ♦ 1pm—2:45pm
Classroom 1



Tom Givens

This is a two-hour classroom presentation on the history and development of what we think of today as modern defensive firearms training. We will examine over 35 individuals and several incidents that have shaped the evolution of firearms training over the past 100 years. ■

After completing a 25-year career in law enforcement and specialized security work, Tom opened his own pistol range in Memphis, TN in 1996. For 18 years, it was the primary source of handgun carry permit certification for the greater Memphis area. Joined by his wife Lynn, Tom formed Rangemaster Firearms Training Services. The training duo now travels extensively to arm responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge they need to effectively protect themselves and their families. ■

Explaining Controversial Acquittals (Repeat, Extended)

SUN ♦ 1pm—4pm
Classroom 2



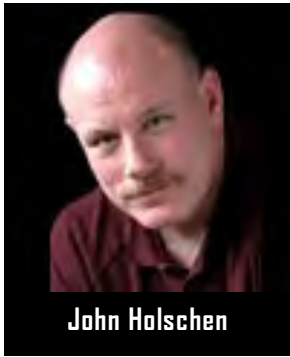
Massad Ayoob

In this session, renown firearms trainer and expert witness Massad Ayoob unpacks some of the most controversial gun-related acquittals of recent times. Mas will explain where misinformation and misunderstandings come from in self-defense cases and how smart defense teams can more effectively educate juries. ■

Massad Ayoob is the founder and lead instructor of Massad Ayoob Group, based in Florida. He has served as an editor of Guns Magazine and American Handgunner since the 1970s. He has published thousands of articles in and over a dozen books. Mas has been judicially recognized as an expert witness in weapons and shooting cases since 1979 and has consulted and testified in several high profile cases. He is one of approximately ten Five-Gun Masters among the 10,000-member International Defensive Pistol Association, and he was the first to earn that title. ■

Surviving the Extreme Event (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 1pm–2:45am
Classroom 3



John Holschen

In this two-hour session, John will discuss individual preparation (techniques, tactics, and procedures) for infrequent but high-risk threat events such as the Las Vegas sniper attack, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Bataclan Theater attack, as well as more common active shooter types of situations. ■

John has many years of service in the U.S. Special Operations community as an operator and a trainer. As a civilian trainer he has worked to convert his specialized skills in the areas of weapons and combative techniques into useful defensive curricula for private citizens. John has placed among the top participants in the “National Tactical Invitational” (NTI) multiple times and has been recognized as a “Master Instructor” and “Master Tactician” by the American Tactical Shooters Association. ■

Practical Folding Knife

SUN ♦ 1pm–2:45pm
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Chris Fry

This two-hour block introduces effective techniques for using a folding knife or knife-like object in self-defense. Chris will present methodologies that have broad defensive application, regardless of the defender's physical attributes. His techniques also apply broadly to lots of conventional edged tools and improvised knife-like objects common in our everyday environments. Class will start with safety and fundamentals. Then practical exercises will help students reliably access, deploy, and manipulate the folding knife while multi-tasking or fending off a close-range confrontation. ■

NOTE:

No live weapons or ammo allowed in the training area!

Chris Fry is the owner and lead Instructor of Modern Defensive Training Systems. He has earned instructor certifications in multiple martial arts, NRA disciplines, and tactical firearms training programs. Chris has worked in the executive protection industry as a Protection Agent for PFC Safeguards since 2006. He also teaches with Progressive F.O.R.C.E. Concepts in Nevada, servicing law enforcement, military, and select government agencies. A lifelong student, Chris has studied with dozens of industry experts in several defensive disciplines (including handgun, shotgun, carbine, and tactics) to amass thousands of hours of training. Chris contributes to various online firearms-related websites and podcasts, and he is a frequent presenter at personal protection and small arms training conferences for both civilians and law enforcement. Working with 1000+ clients per year for nearly 20 years, Chris has unique experience presenting information in an easy-to-learn, practical manner. ■

Translating Technical Skills Into Tactical Success (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 1pm–4:45pm
Range 2



Gabriel White

This block offers practical methods of balancing technical skill improvement with the overriding tactical priority of on-demand performance when it counts. We will begin by practicing in isolation some core technical skills using a dry- and live-fire progression (draw, ready position presentations, trigger control, and target transitions). Then we'll apply those skills in a course of fire emphasizing on-demand performance with a little more going on – serial-tasking, muzzle management, decisions to increase or decrease the level of force used, and knowing when to stop shooting. ■

Required Equipment:

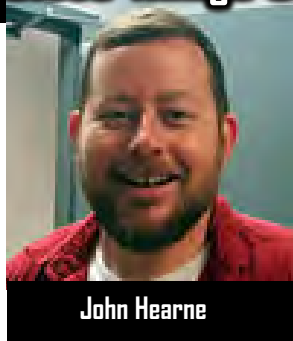
- Safe and reliable handgun
- Non-collapsing holster (strong side or appendix)
- At least three magazines
- Eye and ear protection
- Brimmed hat
- 200 rounds of ammo

NOTE: This is not a beginner class. Prior defensive handgun training is required (including safe holster work).

Gabriel White is a defensive handgun instructor and competitive shooter in the Pacific Northwest. He comes from a pure private citizen background and seeks to develop students' technical and tactical excellence. As the founder of Gabe White Training, Gabe stands apart by living a deep commitment to competing and training with his actual concealed carry gear at a high technical level and to adhering to safe and effective tactics and self-defense practices. Gabe is the Chief Instructor of the Public Range FTU and the public defensive handgun training program for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon. Gabe is FAST Challenge Coin-holder No. 9; he's one of only four people worldwide to shoot the Rogers Shooting School Test clean; and he's the only person worldwide to clean it from concealment. ■

Close-Range Carbine

SUN ♦ 1pm–4:45am
Range 3



John Hearne

This class introduces the unique problems associated with using the AR-pattern rifle at shorter distances. Topics covered include snap shooting, reliable safety manipulation, sight offset concerns, appropriate ready positions, and reloads. Disclaimer: This class will make extensive use of dry practice to maximize learning. Don't expect to fire a single live round in the first hour. There will be no magazine dumps at ten yards. This class's context is that of the armed citizen or uniformed patrol officer, not the Delta-SEAL-Operator Dude. ■

John Hearne has been a federal law enforcement officer since 1992. He serves as an instructor (firearms, tactics, active shooter, & use of force), an armorer, and a field training officer for his agency. John has earned firearms instructor certifications from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National Rifle Association (NRA), and Rangemaster (Advanced Instructor Certification), among other organizations. ■

Required Equipment:

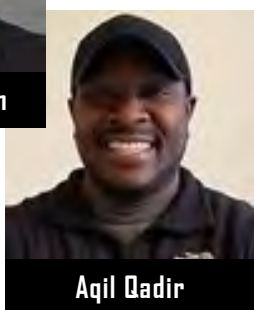
- Magazine-fed semi-auto rifle with sling (AR pattern highly recommended)
- Eye/ear protection
- At least 3 EMPTY magazines
- 200-300 rounds of ammo
- Brimmed hat

The Changing Face of the Industry

SUN ♦ 3pm–4:45pm
Classroom 1



Tiffany Johnson



Aqil Qadir

Research shows that human beings are tribal by nature. We can't help but gravitate towards people who remind us of ourselves. But have we taken this natural tendency to a counterproductive extreme? If you're a firearms trainer, a gun-industry product vendor, or a Second Amendment advocate of any kind, then you can't afford to idle in your social or political comfort zone. This session will take an honest look at how the pro-gun community can become less insular and reach audiences beyond the echo chamber. ■

Tiffany Johnson is a practicing attorney and teaches legal studies at the University of Memphis. After years of fearing guns, she started taking classes and changed her views. She now blogs about law, race, and modern (mis)perceptions on firearms through her website, Front Sight Press. Tiffany holds instructor certifications from the NRA (Training Counselor), Massad Ayoob Group (Deadly Force Instructor), and Rangemaster (Advanced Instructor Certification). **Aqil Qadir** is a former police officer, a government security contractor, and the founder and lead instructor of Citizens Safety Academy in

Murfreesboro, TN. He is an NRA Training Counselor and is has earned instructor credentials from several organizations, including the NRA, Rangemaster, Yavapai Firearms Academy, Sabre Red, IALEFI, and Defense Training International. Tiffany and Aqil are both longtime members of the Rangemaster family, having studied extensively under Tom and Lynn Givens. ■

Preparing for Medical Emergencies on the Range (Repeat)

SUN ♦ 3pm–4:45pm
Classroom 3



Caleb Causey

This class will help attendees develop SOPs (standard operating procedures) and effective plans for medical emergencies related to both indoor and outdoor shooting ranges. Creating a Range Response Team, evacuation guidelines, medical contingencies, and medical equipment selection are just few of the subject that will be addressed. ■

Caleb Causey (owner and director of training for Lone Star Medics) has been involved with field and tactical medicine for over 20 years. Caleb is a former US Army Combat Medic with multiple deployments. Following the military, he spent six years with the fire department where he was a member of the engine, ladder companies, and dive team. During those six years, he was also assigned to the SWAT team as the team medic. He has earned several state, national, and international certifications at both the provider and instructor level. Causey attended an accelerated paramedic

program and became an adjunct instructor shortly thereafter. In 2009 Caleb started Lone Star Medics with the help of several close friends and began teaching across the US. Caleb and LSM have been featured in several media outlets over the years, and Caleb has written several articles himself. He has presented at multiple conferences, trade shows, and schools, and he is proud to have been a presenter for several years at the Rangemaster Tactical Conference. ■

Martial Arts for Middle-Agers

SUN ♦ 3pm–4:45am
Hand-to-Hand Bay



Steve Moses

As the saying goes, growing old is no job for sissies. This block of instruction is directed toward older or physically-limited shooters who have concerns about protecting themselves against a younger, larger, stronger, and/or more skilled attacker, especially if no handgun is immediately available. Steve Moses, took up Jiu Jitsu in 2012, and he is now 65 years old, arthritic, and managing a bulging cervical disk and two lumbar fusions. In this two-hour session, Steve will discuss his journey, his failures and successes, and his specific recommendations as to what skills he believes are most important for older or more fragile students, what classes to take from what instructors, how to pick the right Gracie or Brazilian Jiu Jitsu school, and how to minimize the chance of injury while training. He'll also explore the most effective ways to deploy those techniques for success in a hand-to-hand defensive confrontation. ■

Steve Moses has taught defensive firearms and tactics classes to hundreds of men and women in six states since 1994. He is a reserve deputy, former member of a multi-precinct large county Special Response Team, Licensed Level 4 Personal Protection Officer Instructor, and holds an International Defensive Pistol Association Expert rating. Moses has completed over 80 law enforcement and civilian-sector weapons and tactics classes, and recently completed the Rangemaster Advanced Handgun Instructor Course. Steve was shift-lead on a mega-church security team for seven years, and has been teaching church security classes for over five years. He started martial arts training in 1974, and holds a brown belt in Bushikan Jiu Jitsu, black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and studied Filipino Knife Fighting and Krav Maga. Steve also has a brown belt in Relson Gracie Jiu Jitsu and is currently an instructor at Relson Gracie Jiu Jitsu/Krav Maga in Tyler, Texas. Steve Moses and Allan McBee are co-owners of Palisade Training Group, LLC. ■

Tac-Con Pistol Match & Awards

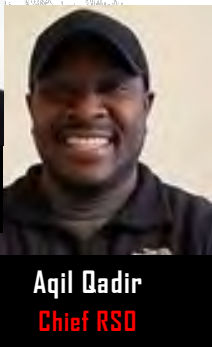
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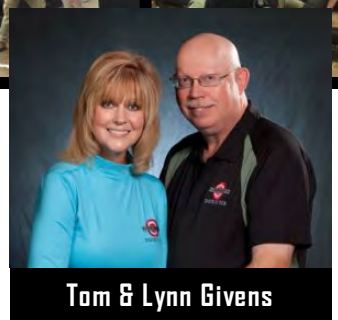
The annual Polite Society Pistol Match has always been a staple of the Tactical Conference. All registered attendees are eligible to shoot the match. Competition times are assigned in advance and sent by email, and a list of the full competition schedule will be available at the Conference. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. You will need 40 rounds of ammunition, and your handgun must be fully concealed. When you arrive, please be prepared to shoot, with all your gear ready to go. The range safety officers will give further instructions once you arrive. Please follow their instructions carefully. All RSOs are authorized to disqualify shooters for safety violations or non-compliance with range rules.

The preliminary rounds take place all day Friday and Saturday. The top 8 males and top 8 females will then compete on Sunday morning in a final shoot-off to crown our 2019 champions. Spectators are encouraged to come and cheer on the finalists. Winners will be announced and awards distributed after the shoot-off on Sunday morning. Good luck in the match! ■



Thank You

Thanks for attending the 2019 Rangemaster Tactical Conference!
We look forward to seeing you again in 2020.



Tom & Lynn Givens