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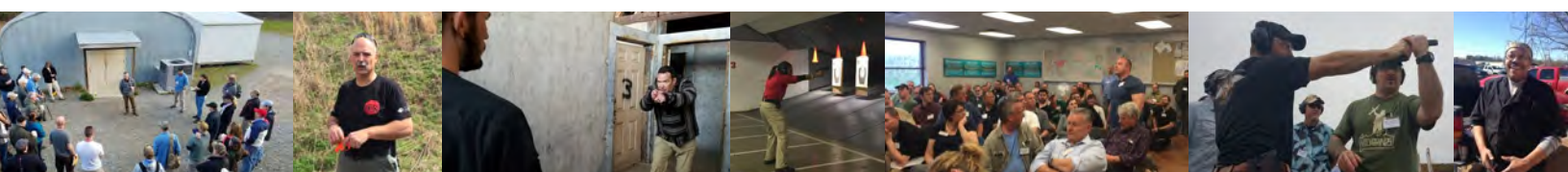
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Welcome to the Rangemaster TACTICAL CONFERENCE

20th Anniversary



The Annual Rangemaster Tactical Conference and Polite Society Pistol Match
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Schedule at a Glance...

		Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Med Bay	Paper Range	Steel Range	Rifle Range	Shoot House	Covered Range
FRIDAY	8a	Lend a Paw Pugliese		Ladies Panel V. Farnam		Urban Rifle J. Farnam		Distance Pistol Hayes & McCormack		Pistol Match
	9a									
	10a	Security & Foreign Travel Greco	Church Security Moses		Ladies Self-Defense Lindenman	Snubby Skills Werner	Pistol Skill Builder Weems			
	11a									
	Noon									
	1p	More Bang for Training Bucks Topper & Feldman	Defining the Threat Givens	Active Killer Response Monk	Tactical Treatment of Combatives Casualties Causey		Animated Targets Holschen	Practical Carbine Skills Moses		Pistol Match
	2p									
	3p	Unconventional Wisdom Ayoub	Business Tactical Kulcsar			Basic Handgun Dobbs	Animated Targets (Repeat) Holschen			
	4p									
SATURDAY	8a	Concealed Carry and the Modern Woman Whitlock	Historical Handgun Rehn	Performance Under Fire (Part 1) Hearne	The Knock-Out Game Burch	What Really Matters Dobbs	Managing Recoil Sharp			Pistol Match
	9a									
	10a		Offensive Shotgun (Pt. 1) Bolke		Escaping Restraints Ellifritz	Small Auto Pistols Haggard		Distance Pistol (Repeat) Hayes/McCormack		
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	Noon									
	1p	Historical Handgun (Repeat) Rehn	Between Harsh Word & Gun Haggard	Performance Under Fire (Part 2) Hearne	UTM Certification Course Hasenkamp	Fear Not the Double Action Shot Langdon	Trip Your Trigger (Ladies Only) L. Givens & Bigley		Experiential Learning Lab Douglas	Pistol Match
	2p									
	3p	Evolution of AIWB Keepers	Officer Involved Shootings Davis							
	4p									
SUNDAY	8a				Tactical Treatment of Combatives Casualties (Repeat) Causey	Tactical Success with Technical Skills White	Keep Your Piece Fuller			Pistol Match
	9a									
	10a	1986 Miami Shoot-Out Givens		Unconventional Wisdom (Repeat) Ayoub			Point Blank Pistol Skills Harris			
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	Noon									
	1p	Violent Acts and Actors Aprill	Active Killer Response (Repeat) Monk	Violent Criminals, Justification Models, & Your Training Gochenour	UTM Certification Course (Repeat) Hasenkamp	Offensive Shotgun (Pt. 2) Bolke	Between a Harsh Word and a Gun (Practical Exercises) Haggard			Men's Shoot-off
	2p									
	3p					Social Lever Gun Weems				Ladies' Shoot-off
	4p									

PLEASE NOTE: All classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no advance enrollment, and "saving seats" is not allowed. Presenters may limit class size as they deem necessary to ensure students' safety and reasonable comfort.

FRIDAY

Lauren Pugliese, DVM

Pet First Aid: Lend a Paw

**Friday, 8am-10am
Classroom 1**



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.

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.

Vicki Farnam

Ladies Panel Discussion

**Friday, 8am-10am
Classroom 3**



Why do some women carry a concealed handgun and others choose not to? Have you ever wondered (or been asked), "How can I get my wife (daughter, girlfriend, mother, etc.) to carry?" This is one of the most common questions men ask female shooters. Often they ask with frustration or even incredulity. In this session, longtime firearms trainer and author Vicki Farnam will lead a panel of experienced female shooters in an open Q&A session to address common myths, questions, and issues that arise related to women and guns. All are welcome, and men are especially encouraged to attend and hear women's perspectives on these very common points of contention.

Vicki Farnam has been teaching firearms for over 25 years with Defense Training International, Inc. In addition to teaching numerous women's courses, Vicki specializes in teaching male firearms instructors how to teach women to shoot. In 2003, she co-authored her first book, *Women Learning to Shoot*. A second book, *Teaching Women to Shoot*, followed shortly thereafter. Vicki has taught for law enforcement, the U.S. Marine Corps, numerous women's defensive shooting training conferences, and both the ILEETA and ILEFAL annual conferences.

John Farnam

Urban Rifle

**Friday, 8am-10am
Paper Range**



This course is about the interplay between pistol and rifle (or carbine) applications in urban defensive contexts. We will explore the ways these two weapon systems can complement each other and the safest and most efficient methods of transitioning between them. All pistol work will be from a concealed draw. Good iron sights; EOTech or Aimpoint (Red Dot) sighting systems; or low-power, low-profile, forward-mounted scopes are best for this class.

Rifles will be put to strenuous, rugged use and may get scratched up a bit. Pretty guns are best left at home. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Approx. 20 rounds of pistol ammo; at least 2 extra magazines or speed-loaders; Approx. 100 rounds of rifle ammo; eye and ear protection; rifle magazine carrier (see conference app for more info).

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.

Long Distance Pistol Shooting

**Friday, 8am-10am
Rifle Range**

While most defensive shooting incidents happen within a relatively short distance, we are now facing the real problem of active killer incidents and the need to be able to hit these criminal actors at much longer distances and under extreme stress. This block of instruction will concentrate on two aspects of this. The first is teaching the techniques to hit at long distance with a pistol. The second is for students to learn their weapon's limitations. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Approximately 100 rounds of ammo; pistol and holster; eye and ear protection.



After spending years as a police officer, competitive shooter, and police firearms instructor, Marty Hayes founded the Firearms Academy of Seattle in 1990. He now serves as its director and president. For two decades, he has been teaching firearms and self-defense to the Seattle/Portland area population, with thousands of satisfied students.

Belle McCormack is student coordinator and a staff instructor for the Firearms Academy of Seattle. She has been shooting for several years, and for the last three years has dedicated her life to learning the craft of teaching defensive hand-gunning. She is an avid IDPA and USPSA shooter and a regular host on The Polite Society Podcast.

Gary Greco

Personal Security During Foreign Travel

**Friday, 10am-12pm
Classroom 1**



This presentation will assist you in the planning process for your proposed travel overseas for business, tourism, ministry outreach, or study abroad. The discussion has been designed to help you identify the steps you need to take to ensure your trip is safe and successful.

Gary has over 35 years as a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community and has served or traveled extensively on six of the seven continents. He currently resides part of the year in Tuscany, Italy. These experiences have allowed him to develop a unique set of training philosophies in the areas of weapons/combatives techniques and security awareness. As a trainer, he has worked to convert some of these specialized skills and knowledge for private citizens.

Steve Moses

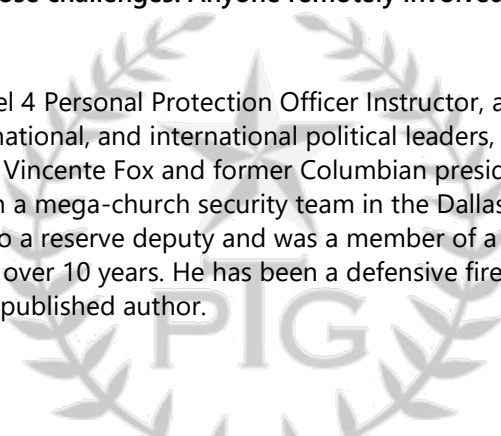
Church Security

**Friday, 10am-12pm
Classroom 2**

For five years, Steve Moses served as shift leader on a large-scale security operation for a mega-church in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In this session, he will discuss some of the unique challenges of securing a house of worship and the effective ways that he and his team overcame those challenges. Anyone remotely involved in church security should consider attending this session.



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Ladies' Self-Defense Skills

Friday, 10am-12pm
Med Bay

Do women have specific self defense needs that are different than men's? Larry Lindenman will answer this question and develop a physical defensive skill set that enhances females' unique strengths in a dynamic but safe training environment. This class will emphasize pressure-tested physical skills for stand-up and grounded fighting. Through repetition and gradually increasing pressure, students will develop competence and confidence in a physical skill set that allows them to recognize and physically prepare for imminent attack, survive first contact, and move to a dominant position, allowing for deployment of a concealed firearm, knife, physical technique, or escape. Participation is limited to ladies only, but men are welcome to attend and observe.



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 brown 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.

Claude Werner

Introduction to Snubby Skills

Friday, 10am-12pm
Paper Range

One of the most commonly carried (but seldom trained-with) firearms is the snub nose revolver. Specialized training for the snub has seldom been available in the past. Contrary to popular belief, service revolver doctrines do not always translate well to the snub nose revolver. This is a two-hour, live-fire skill-building clinic designed specifically for snub nose revolvers. It emphasizes marksmanship development, gun-handling skills, and carry techniques for the snub. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Short-barrel revolver, reliable holster, 100 rounds of ammo. Limited to 24 students.



Claude Werner's background combines extensive work in the military, self-defense training, and white collar financial services communities. This eclectic experience base gives him a view of self-defense equipment and techniques that is more attuned to the needs of people with median lifestyles than some segments of the industry. He is a retired Army Captain with 10 years of service in Special Operations, and he served as a market research director for three commercial real estate firms. Claude is also an NRA-certified firearms instructor in multiple disciplines, and he formerly served as Chief Instructor at the Elite Rogers Shooting School.

Lee Weems

Defensive Pistol Skill Builder

Friday, 10am-12pm
Steel Range

This live-fire pistol class will utilize the crawl-walk-run approach, beginning with rapid presentation from concealed carry and progressing through more complex drills that build upon one another. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** At least 100 rounds of ammo; quality firearm with at least a six-round capacity; at least three magazines for pistols with 10-round capacity or more (four magazines/speed-loaders if capacity is fewer than 10 rounds); holster that does not collapse when pistol is drawn; concealment garment; eye/ear protection; brimmed hat. AIWB is accepted, but no cross-draw or shoulder rigs. Serpa-type holsters are not allowed. Please report to the range with magazines loaded to full capacity.



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 is a member of 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.

More Bang for Your Training Bucks

**Friday, 1pm-3pm
Classroom 1**

To get the most from training, you must do three things: know what is and isn't training; get the training you need; and integrate your training with your lifestyle. Dr. Feldman and Dr. Topper will discuss ways to maximize the benefits you derive from training and provide examples of how training is integrated into their daily lives.



Dr. Martin Topper is the owner of Martin D. Topper Ph.D. Consultants, 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.



Jack Feldman is a professor emeritus of psychology at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Feldman came to the world of self-defense later in life (circa 1998). Since then, he has trained extensively — earning NRA instructor credentials, attending the National Tactical Invitational for many years, and competing in regular pistol and carbine matches. Jack has tried to use his academic background for the benefit of the self-defense community, including helping Delta Airlines develop an armed pilot program and consulting informally on various other defense-related projects.

Tom Givens

Defining the Threat

**Friday, 1pm-3pm
Classroom 2**



How do you plan your training? How do you decide what classes to take, what shooting drills to practice, or how to spend your range time and ammo? This block will offer practical considerations to keep in mind when setting up your own personal training regimen or proposing a training program for your students. We will examine the differences between military, on-duty law enforcement, and private citizens' defensive paradigms and how to maximize the benefits from limited training resources.

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. Soon joined by his wife Lynn, the training duo formed Rangemaster Firearms Training Services to share their expertise with a much broader audience. They now travel across the country and around the world to arm responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge they need to effectively protect themselves and their families.

Ed Monk

Active Killer Response

**Friday, 1pm-5pm
Classroom 3**

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 Shooter 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.

Tactical Treatment of Casualties

In this class, students will learn how and when to identify and treat life-threatening injuries sustained during a violent attack. Students will be presented with several different tactical medical products and methods for carrying them as part of their everyday carry (EDC). This will include minimal lecture and as much hands-on skills practice as possible. There is no special equipment required for this class, and there are no prerequisites. This will be geared towards the layperson with little to no formal medical training, but healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend as well.



Caleb has been a medic involved with field and tactical medicine for over 15 years. His background includes four years as a combat medic in the U.S. Army with multiple deployments overseas, six years as a volunteer FF/EMT with the Benbrook, TX Fire Dept., and six years as the SWAT medic with the Benbrook Police Dept. Caleb has earned several state and national certifications at both the provider and instructor levels throughout his career. He has also published several articles with Personal Defense Network and ITS Tactical. Since founding Lone Star Medics, Caleb has traveled across the U.S. teaching his courses to armed citizens, law enforcement, and healthcare professionals alike.

John Holschen

Training for Accuracy on Animated Targets

**Friday, 1pm-3pm
Steel Range**

Nationally, law enforcement officers have less than a 25% hit ratio in deadly force encounters despite qualifying in courses of fire that require significantly more accuracy. This is usually attributed to performance degradation under stress. Although that is certainly part of the answer, the fact remains that training and qualification takes place on stationary targets while the majority of deadly human



interactions involve an animated (moving) threat. Our students have demonstrated increased hit ratios in force-on-force training events after engaging in the drills you will learn during this session. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** (1) A functional handgun; (2) Two to three magazines (depending on capacity) or four speed-loaders; (3) 200 rounds of ammunition; (4) Hearing and eye protection; (5) Appropriate clothing and hydration for shooting on an outdoor range.

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.

Steve Moses

Practical Carbine Skills

**Friday, 1pm-3pm
Rifle Range**

This course covers the primary skills and techniques required for safe, reliable, effective use of the carbine in practical defensive contexts. Limited to 20 students. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** 200 rounds are required, and rifles should be pre-zeroed. Zeros can be 1.5 inches low at 25 yards, dead-on at 50 yards, or even dead-on at 100 yards.



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Unconventional Wisdom: Why Some Defenses Fail ... and What DOES Work

Friday, 3pm-5pm
Classroom 1



Most criminal defense strategies in court are geared toward creating reasonable doubt. In a justifiable use of force case, the dynamics are different. This session will analyze real criminal prosecutions to show the most effective ways to build a self-defense legal strategy that wins in court.

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.

Eve Kulcsar

Friday, 3pm-5pm
Classroom 2

Business Tactical



This course will cover personal safety for people who have to dress in a 'business casual' manner for their jobs, as well as anyone working in an office or carry-restricted setting (the non-permissive environment). We'll discuss different means of carrying at work and the risks/benefits associated with them, managing concealed carry at work, defensive options other than firearms, and types of gear that are best suited for business-people, office workers, and other professionals. This class will be workshop style, so come prepared to participate! If carrying a gun to work means a risk of losing your job, or if your work attire makes it difficult or impossible to carry at work, then this course will help provide solutions.

Eve Kulcsar established Roka Arms Training to bring best-in-class defensive firearms training to responsibly armed citizens. She has trained with industry leaders such as Tom and Lynn Givens of Rangemaster; Craig Douglas of ShivWorks; William Aprill of Aprill Risk Consulting; Paul Sharp of Sharp Defense; and the Rogers Shooting School in Georgia. Eve is now a full-time law enforcement officer in Illinois, but she seeks out private training throughout the year to continuously develop and sharpen her skills as both an instructor and shooter.

Wayne Dobbs

Basic Handgun Skills

Friday, 3pm-5pm
Paper Range

Is this your first time at the Tactical Conference? Are you new to handgun training (beyond the carry permit)? Would you like to freshen up your fundamentals? If so, this class is for you! This live-fire block is designed to teach (or to reinforce) the primary, baseline techniques and critical safety skills that every shooter must habituate before moving on to more complex applications. The class is geared towards new firearm owners and those with little or no formal training. This is a low-stress course intended to provide a safe, non-intimidating atmosphere where students can learn at their own pace and personal comfort level. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Students will need a functional handgun; a properly-fitted holster and gun belt; 100 rounds of ammunition; and hearing and eye protection. If you have extra magazines or speedloaders, please bring those too (not required, but encouraged).



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, 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 ever since. Wayne has trained continuously under top names like Ken Hackathorn, Larry Vickers, Pat Rogers, Paul Howe, Clint Smith, Jerry Miculek, John Farnam, and Tom Givens.

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Friday, 3pm-5pm
Steel Range



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SATURDAY

Tatiana Whitlock

Concealed Carry and the Modern Woman

Saturday, 8am-12pm
Classroom 1

Women are the fastest growing demographic in the firearms community; but when it comes to concealed carry, they are often the most misunderstood. This seminar identifies the unique needs of the modern American woman as she explores firearms and embraces the concealed carry lifestyle. From experiential teaching techniques, to feature-based gear selection, to effective use of contemporary vernacular, we will take a close look at what works and what doesn't

work for women shooters. Expand your skill-set as an instructor working with female students, or make personal advancements to your own self-defense strategy in this four-hour seminar.

EQUIPMENT LIST: Notepad, pen, open mind, and a sense of humor.



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.

Karl Rehn

Historical Handgun

Saturday, 8am-10am
Classroom 2

Learn the history of handgun training and technique, from 1935 to present day. This course will present a chronology of handgun skills and drills, paired with the guns most commonly associated with those skills and drills. We'll focus on the most influential shooters and trainers from different eras and their specific contributions to the field of defensive handgunning.

Karl Rehn is the owner and lead instructor of KR Training. He has over 2,000 hours of training from the nation's top tactical schools and multiple national and world champion competitors. He is a multi-division Grand Master in USPSA, an NRA Training Counselor, a Texas law enforcement and carry permit instructor, and a graduate of the Rangemaster Advanced Instructor class. Karl spent 10 years at Texas A&M managing the DHS-funded Threat and Risk Assessment national training program and 23 years doing Navy-funded R&D in physical security systems at UT-Austin.



Performance Under Fire (Part 1)

Saturday, 8am-12pm
Classroom 3



This extended training session is the centerpiece of the Tactical Conference. John's lecture series is the culmination of several years of research into who wins gunfights and who loses, and how their prior training affected the outcomes. Training psychology and current theories of adult skill-learning and decision-making are examined in detail with an eye toward devising a more effective training program for those who may find themselves in harm's way. Due to the length and intensity of this presentation, it will only be offered on Saturday (all day, with a lunch break).

John has been a federal law enforcement officer since 1992, serving primarily in uniformed 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's firearms instructor certifications include Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (Pistol, Revolver, Shotgun, Rifle, and Select-Fire); Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Police Firearms Instructor; National Rifle Association (NRA); Tactical

Shooting; Rangemaster Advanced Instructor Certification; and others. John is a noted researcher and speaker and has been speaking at a variety of national and international venues since 2005.

Cecil Burch

Surviving the Knock-Out Game

Saturday, 8am-10am
Med Bay

Cecil's interactive session focuses on the immediate action skills necessary for defending against spontaneous, surprise assaults in extremely close quarters. This hands-on module teaches participants effective physical skills that will keep them in the fight, even when starting from an initial disadvantage like a sucker punch or a sudden rush or ambush. Participants do not need any particular previous training or great physical prowess. This coursework is for anyone, regardless of physical condition. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** None. All required equipment will be provided in class.



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.

Wayne Dobbs

What Really Matters

Saturday, 8am-10am
Paper Range

This block emerged from the "Secrets of Highly Successful Gunfighters" lecture from previous Tactical Conferences. After interviewing and studying several individuals with a history of winning gunfights, Darryl Bolke and Wayne Dobbs recognized a recurring theme of specific skills that always mattered most in shooting incidents. In this live-fire block, Wayne will lead students through a series of shooting drills developed to implement the skills most commonly employed by gun-fight victors. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Students will need a quality pistol, holster, and gun belt; roughly 200 rounds of ammunition; eye and ear protection; and at least two spare magazines or speedloaders.



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Paul Sharp

**Saturday, 8am-10am
Steel Range**

Managing Recoil



In this live-fire block, Paul will teach practical ways to enhance control of a service pistol during rapid strings of fire. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Participants will need eye and ear protection, a ball cap, roughly 300 rounds of ammunition, and their everyday carry gear.

Paul Sharp is the owner and head coach at the Straight Blast Gym Illinois, a combat-based BJJ Blackbelt, and one-sixth of the ShivWorks Collective. He is also a police officer with nearly 20 years' experience. Current and past assignments in a large metropolitan area have included patrol, SWAT, officer training, resident officer, undercover narcotics detective, and neighborhood response officer. Paul holds a Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and instructor ratings in Filipino Martial Arts, Jeet Kune Do concepts, and Mixed Martial Arts. Having competed at a professional level in Mixed Martial Arts and boxing, Paul is uniquely positioned to coach others from knowledge and experience. He now teaches, blogs, and publishes training videos through his company, Sharp Defense.

Darryl Bolke

**Saturday, 10am-12pm
Classroom 2**

Offensive Shotgun (Part 1: Classroom)



This two-part shotgun course will begin with two hours of classroom instruction on Saturday morning, followed by two hours of live-fire drills on Sunday afternoon. Anyone taking the live-fire portion is strongly encouraged to start with the classroom session. The classroom portion will explore the history and use of the shotgun for offensive application (as opposed to the defensive and sporting contexts). It will also include a honest evaluation of where the shotgun fits in the toolbox of firearms typically used in law enforcement and citizens' home defense.

Darryl Bolke now teaches with Hardwired Tactical Shooting (HiTS). 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.

Greg Ellifritz

**Saturday, 10am-12pm
Med Bay**

Escaping Common Restraints

With home invasions and kidnappings becoming more and more common, basic knowledge of how to escape from handcuffs, zip ties, ropes, and other commonly used methods to restrain victims could be a life-saver. Greg will show participants a few quick and easy techniques that almost anyone can successfully apply. This course is hands-on.



Greg Ellifritz owns Active Response Training. He has been a police officer since 1995 and spent 13 years as the full-time tactical training officer for his central Ohio agency, where he developed and taught all of the in-service training for the 54-officer department. 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.

Small Auto Pistols

Saturday, 10am-12pm
Paper Range

Many CCW folks train and attend classes with a service-sized handgun while carrying a very small semi-auto handgun on a daily basis (either as a primary or a back-up). This targeted block of instruction will cater specifically to small auto pistols. Compared to what we normally use with service-sized pistols, small handguns often require modified handling, such as for reloads and malfunction clearances. We will explore various carry options (ankle, pocket, etc.) and demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages of each. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Attendees will need a sub-compact semi-automatic pistol and about 100 rounds of ammo.

Chuck 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 to pursue private training on a more regular basis and founded Agile Training & Consulting. Chuck is certified as a civilian and law enforcement trainer on various weapon systems, including pistol, shotgun, rifle, carbine, oleoresin capicum (O.C.), baton, and Taser. He is also skilled and experienced at teaching weapon retention, disarming, and other empty-hand techniques.

Marty Hayes & Belle McCormack

Long Distance Pistol Shooting (Repeat)

Saturday, 10am-12pm
Rifle Range

[Repeat] While most defensive shooting incidents happen within a relatively short distance, we are now facing the real problem of active killer incidents and the need to be able to hit these criminal actors at much longer distances and under extreme stress. This block of instruction will concentrate on two aspects of this. The first is teaching the techniques to hit at long distance with a pistol. The second is for students to learn their weapon's limitations. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Approximately 100 rounds of ammo; pistol and holster; eye and ear protection.

After spending years as a police officer, competitive shooter, and police firearms instructor, Marty Hayes founded the Firearms Academy of Seattle in 1990. He now serves as its director and president. For two decades, he has been teaching firearms and self-defense to the Seattle/Portland area population, with thousands of satisfied students.

Belle McCormack is student coordinator and a staff instructor for the Firearms Academy of Seattle. She has been shooting for several years, and for the last three years has dedicated her life to learning the craft of teaching defensive hand-gunning. She is an avid IDPA and USPSA shooter and a regular host on The Polite Society Podcast.

Karl Rehn

Historical Handgun (Repeat)

Saturday, 1pm-3am
Classroom 1

[Repeat] Learn the history of handgun training and technique, from 1935 to present day. This course will present a chronology of handgun skills and drills, paired with the guns most commonly associated with those skills and drills. We'll focus on the most influential shooters and trainers from different eras and their specific contributions to the field.

Karl Rehn is the owner and lead instructor of KR Training. He has over 2,000 hours of training from the nation's top tactical schools and multiple national and world champion competitors. He is a multi-division Grand Master in USPSA, an NRA Training Counselor, a Texas law enforcement and carry permit instructor, and a graduate of the Rangemaster Advanced Instructor class. Karl spent 10 years at Texas A&M managing the DHS-funded Threat and Risk Assessment national training program and 23 years doing Navy-funded R&D in physical security systems at UT-Austin.

Between a Harsh Word and a Gun (Lecture & Demo)**Saturday, 1pm-3pm
Classroom 2**

Chuck Haggard will cover various less-than-lethal, less-lethal, and emergency options for the CCW person or off-duty officer when a firearm is either unavailable or inappropriate for the level of force confronted. The class will emphasize OC spray as an intermediate force option with information to help students make sound decisions when purchasing and deploying OC spray. Inert spray demonstrations are incorporated into this training. No live spray will be used. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** All equipment will be provided, so students are not required to bring anything (inert OC training units are welcome). On Sunday,

Chuck will also teach a follow-up class where these techniques will be applied in practical exercises.

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John Hearne**Performance Under Fire (Part 2)****Saturday, 1pm-5pm
Classroom 3**

This extended training session is the centerpiece of the Tactical Conference. John's lecture series is the culmination of several years of research into who wins gunfights and who loses, and how their prior training affected the outcomes. Training psychology and current theories of adult skill-learning and decision-making are examined in detail with an eye toward devising a more effective training program for those who may find themselves in harm's way. Due to the length and intensity of this presentation, it will only be offered on Saturday (all day, with a lunch break).

John has been a federal law enforcement officer since 1992, serving primarily in uniformed 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's firearms instructor certifications include Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) (Pistol, Revolver, Shotgun, Rifle, and Select-Fire); Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Police Firearms Instructor; National Rifle Association (NRA); Tactical Shooting; Rangemaster Advanced Instructor Certification; and others.

Jeromy Hasenkamp**UTM Certification Course****Saturday, 1pm-5pm
Med Bay**

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Jeromy Hasenkamp has devoted over two decades to the study, practice, and instruction of defensive tactics, marksmanship, and reality-based training. His company, Pacific Tactical LLC, provides reality-based firearms training and training products to law enforcement, military, and private citizens. Mr. Hasenkamp conducts training for Ultimate Training Munitions and Axon (formerly Taser) as well as his own programs. He recently left the Oregon State Police after 22 years to pursue instructing and other business ventures full-time.

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Fear Not the Double-Action Shot

Saturday, 1pm-5pm
Paper Range

This live-fire class will focus on techniques and training drills to help shooters improve and master their traditional double-action semi-automatic pistol. Topics will include proper DA technique, training the transition to single action, the DA first shot at speed, and understanding the advantages of the DA auto. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Students will need a traditional double-action pistol, a reliable holster, at least 350 rounds of ammo, extra magazines and mag pouches (enough to bring at least 30 rounds to the firing line for each string), and eye and ear protection.



Mr. Langdon is the founder and lead instructor of Langdon Tactical, Inc. He has 12 years active duty as a U.S. Marine and 20 years in the firearms industry and private sector. He is a graduate of more than 30 formal shooting schools and four anti-terrorism schools with instructor certifications from the FBI, NRA, U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps. He is also a graduate of U.S. Army Ranger School, Navy SCUBA School, U.S. Army Airborne School, U.S. Army HALO School and both USMC Scout Sniper School and Scout Sniper Instructor School. He has trained thousands of students in advanced marksmanship skills, including personnel from the FBI, DEA, CIA, DIA, Federal Air Marshals, State Department, Secret Service, state and local law enforcement, every branch of the U.S. armed forces, and a even few foreign military services.

Lynn Givens & Lori Bigley

Trip Your Trigger (Ladies Only)

Saturday, 1pm-5pm
Steel Range

Want to hit with your pistol? Learn how to work your trigger correctly! Lynn Givens and Lori Bigley will lead a series of drills designed to strengthen and refine students' trigger manipulation. The course features several trigger-focused exercises meant to enhance, ingrain, and habituate effective trigger control and increase accuracy and consistency.

This block is restricted to ladies only. It is also not suitable for beginners (must have prior formal training and be familiar with safe handgun operation, presentation, holstering, and basic marksmanship). **EQUIPMENT LIST:** (1) High-quality semi-automatic handgun of at least 9mm caliber (sorry, no revolvers); (2) at least two magazines (three would be better); (3) two magazine pouches; (4) a non-collapsing belt holster that covers the trigger guard; (5) eye and ear protection; (6) 200 to 250 rounds of ammunition.



Lynn Givens is a certified handgun instructor with over 2,500 hours of study under some of the most highly respected experts in the country. Because of her experiences with a stalker, Lynn has worked extensively with women facing similar problems. For this work, she was recognized with a plaque from the local Attorney General's office and featured in *Concealed Carry* magazine and *At Home Tennessee* magazine. Lynn assists with Rangemaster advanced classes all over the United States. Lori Bigley is an engineer and a Rangemaster-certified instructor who began teaching as part of the Rangemaster Trainers Apprenticeship Program (RTAP). She has trained extensively with Tom and Lynn Givens and now assists on the range, particularly with ladies-only classes.

Craig Douglas

Experiential Learning Lab

Saturday, 1pm-5pm
Shoot House

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. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** All attendees (whether observing or participating) will need to bring eye protection.



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. Craig has been teaching globally under the brand of ShivWorks since 2003 and has conducted coursework on entangled shooting skills in 35 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.

Evolution of AIWB and Centerline Carry

**Saturday, 3pm-5pm
Classroom 1**

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. In addition to thousands of hours of training as a student on several defensive platforms, Spencer also has instructor credentials from Rangemaster, Oklahoma Shooting Skills, Defense Training International, the NRA, and the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET).

Kevin Davis

Learning from Officer-Involved Shootings

**Saturday, 3pm-5pm
Classroom 2**

This session will offer an overview of the good, the bad, and the ugly aspects of typical American law enforcement training in firearms, mindset, and tactics. We will analyze the demonstrated benefits and pitfalls of most LEO training and also address the investigative and legal aftermath of an OIS.

Kevin Davis is a 34-year veteran of law enforcement with experience in corrections, patrol, street narcotics, and SWAT, where he was a team leader and lead instructor. Assigned to the Training Bureau of his large municipal police agency, he is a court-recognized expert in firearms, tactics, suspect control, and use of force. Kevin is the author of "Use of Force Investigations" and "The Citizen's Guide to Armed Defense," as well as a frequent contributor to Officer.com, PoliceOne.com, and his blog spot at KevinRDavisBlog.com.

Caleb Causey

Tactical Treatment of Casualties (Repeat)

**Sunday, 8am-12pm
Med Bay**

[Repeat] In this class, students will learn how and when to identify and treat life-threatening injuries sustained during a violent attack. Students will be presented with several different tactical medical products and methods for carrying them as part of their everyday carry (EDC). This will include minimal lecture and as much hands-on skills practice as possible. There is no special equipment required for this class, and there are no prerequisites. This will be geared towards the layperson with little to no formal medical training, but healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend as well.

Caleb has been a medic involved with field and tactical medicine for over 15 years. His background includes four years as a combat medic in the U.S. Army with multiple deployments overseas, six years as a volunteer FF/EMT with the Benbrook, TX Fire Dept., and six years as the SWAT medic with the Benbrook Police Dept. Caleb has earned several state and national certifications at both the provider and instructor levels throughout his career. He has also published several articles with Personal Defense Network and ITS Tactical. Since founding Lone Star Medics, Caleb has traveled across the U.S. teaching his courses to armed citizens, law enforcement, and healthcare professionals alike.

Supporting Tactical Success with Technical Skills



This four-hour block offers practical methods of balancing technical skills with tactical priorities. We will begin by covering the core technical skills of drawing, ready position presentations, and shooting, all practiced in isolation. Then we will apply those skills on-demand, under pressure, while safely managing the tactical and spatial challenges of a square range environment. Students will have to serial-task, work alongside multiple nearby shooters, constantly manage their muzzle direction, recognize when to stop shooting, and engage in quick and constant decision-making. This is not a beginner class. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** (1) Safe and reliable handgun and non-collapsing holster (strong-side or appendix); (2) at least three magazines; (3) eye and ear protection; (4) a brimmed hat; and (5) 300 rounds of ammunition. Prior defensive handgun training required (including safely drawing and re-holstering).

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 in the training he provides. Gabe stands apart by living a deep commitment to competing and training with his actual concealed carry gear at a high technical level in addition 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.

Fletcher Fuller**Sunday, 8am-10am
Steel Range**

Keep Your Piece: Weapon Retention for CCW



For responsible armed citizens and professionals alike, every physical confrontation involves at least one weapon: theirs. Protecting that weapon and/or deploying it under control against a violent and dangerous attacker is a critical skill. This class will present practical, functional, and proven methods of handgun retention for a variety of carry methods and tactical scenarios. Training will be dramatically enhanced with the use of the Silent Blank Rounds provided by our friends at Ultimate Training Munitions (UTM). **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Students will need eye protection.

Fletcher 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.

Tom Givens**Sunday, 10am-12pm
Classroom 1**

The 1986 Miami Shoot-Out: A Debrief

On April 11, 1986, several FBI agents found themselves engulfed in a public firefight with two bank robbers in Miami. Two agents were killed, and five others were wounded. The robbers were eventually killed — but not before inflicting serious carnage in a heavily-populated area. For several long minutes the robbers kept fighting, even as agents vastly outnumbered them and fired countless rounds at them, to little effect. This incident sparked lots of study, research, and reconsideration of police gear and tactics. The shoot-out involved vehicles, semi-auto pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, and body armor. In this session, Tom analyzes the shoot-out and discusses what worked, what didn't, and what lessons we can learn.



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. Soon joined by his wife Lynn, the training duo formed Rangemaster Firearms Training Services to share their expertise with a much broader audience. They now travel across the country and around the world to arm responsible citizens with the skills and knowledge they need to effectively protect themselves and their families.

Unconventional Wisdom: Why Some Defenses Fail ... and What DOES Work (Repeat)

Sunday, 10am-12pm
Classroom 3



[Repeat] Most criminal defense strategies in court are geared toward creating reasonable doubt. In a justifiable use of force case, the dynamics are different. This session will analyze real criminal prosecutions to show the most effective ways to build a self-defense legal strategy that wins in court.

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.

Randy Harris

Point Blank Pistol Skills

Sunday, 10am-12pm
Steel Range

Point Blank Pistol Skills is a study in the deployment and effective use of the pistol at distances of fewer than ten feet. This is the distance envelope where time (and timing) are paramount. In this critical space, there is little time to react and no time to be wasted with misses or ineffective marksmanship. At touching distance, empty-hand combative skills are often needed to help facilitate a clean, un-fouled draw stroke and decisive hits. We will focus on improving draw stroke, gaining a better position, in-fight weapons access, and making fight-stopping hits from full extension all the way in to shooting while in physical contact with the target. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** (1) Reliable pistol and holster, (2) 200 to 250 rounds of ammo, (3) at least two spare magazines (or four speedloaders), (4) eye and ear protection. For our interactive dry work, students are also strongly encouraged to bring an inert pistol replica that fits their holster if possible (a few loaners will be available).



With over 18 years of experience in the shooting and training industry, Randy is a staff instructor for Suarez Int'l, an NRA-certified instructor, a Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit instructor, a Rangemaster-certified instructor (1st in his class), and a Rangemaster Advanced Instructor (1st in his class). Randy has shot in both the IDPA Nationals and IDPA World Championships, where in 2015 he finished in the top 20 overall in the Stock Service Pistol Division. With a focus on integrating skill sets and interdisciplinary problem solving, his training influences include Rangemaster (Tom Givens), ShivWorks (Craig Douglas), AMOK (Tom Sotis), Massad Ayoob, and the Rogers Shooting School, among many others.

William Aprill

Violent Acts and Actors

Sunday, 1pm-3pm
Classroom 1

In this interactive lecture, participants will be led through contemporary theories and current, curated data on the process by which criminals select their targets for violent aggression. The course will examine the internal thought processes of the criminal psyche. William also will analyze the universe of typical "good guy" behavior, demeanor, and attributes that might actually increase the chances of being selected for attack. Previous iterations of this material have been presented to law enforcement agencies and private citizens' groups across the United States and in international law enforcement educational venues.



Dr. William Aprill is a licensed mental health professional with over 19 years of experience across the continuum of clinical care. William is also a former deputy sheriff and Special Deputy U.S. Marshal. A decorated competitive and defensive shooter, William has taught civilian, law enforcement, and military personnel in various fighting skills since 1990. He maintains an active schedule both as student and teacher, having been instructor-rated by several top-tier trainers of the combative arts community. Through his company, Aprill Risk Consulting, William has presented on the psychology of violence and several other defense-related topics across the country in collaboration with ShivWorks, Lethal Force Institute, Rangemaster, Active Response Training, and several others.

Active Killer Response (Repeat)

**Sunday, 1pm-5pm
Classroom 2**

[Repeat] 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 Shooter 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.

Skip Gochenour

Justification Models & Your Training

**Sunday, 1pm-5pm
Classroom 3**



This course will explore the interplay between three things: (1) violent criminals' techniques, strategies, and methods; (2) legal justification standards governing self-defense claims, and (3) citizens' training regimens and response models. Our purpose is to provide attendees with a structure to evaluate various forms of violent criminal actions and use that information to develop training models that are compatible with the justification defense. Skip Gochenour is a private investigator, expert witness, and retired police detective specializing in homicide investigations. This presentation will use actual case studies drawn largely from Skip's own practice, including street confrontations, home invasions, mass shooting incidents, spree killers, serial killers, and gang related incidents.

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.

Jeromy Hasenkamp

UTM Certification Course (Repeat)

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Darryl Bolke

**Sunday, 1pm-3pm
Paper Range**

Offensive Shotgun (Part 2: Live Fire)



This two-part shotgun course will begin with two hours of classroom instruction on Saturday morning, followed by two hours of live-fire drills on Sunday afternoon. The shooting course is for those already familiar with use of the shotgun in a defensive role. Those who are not as comfortable with extensive shotgun manipulations are free to attend and observe without taking part in the live-fire drills. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** Students will need a patterned, reliable shotgun with a side saddle (or similar on-gun means of loading), a sling, a means of on-body ammunition carry, and a minimum of 100 rounds of bird shot or buck shot.

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Chuck Haggard

Between a Harsh Word and a Gun (Practical Exercises)

**Sunday, 1pm-5pm
Steel Range**

This interactive block will build on the Saturday afternoon classroom session by adding practical exercises. Students can test their knowledge in a safe environment with skill drills, role players, and inert pepper spray (no live agent will be used). The exercises will help students integrate basic MUC principles (Managing Unknown Contacts), methods of escalation and de-escalation, and nimble decision-making across the entire force continuum, with an emphasis on less-than-lethal defensive options. **EQUIPMENT LIST:** All students must bring shooting glasses and a towel or paper towels. Holsters and dummy versions of everyday carry (handguns/knives) are allowed, but no live weapons. ALL attendees will be patted down to ensure that no live weapons are in the vicinity. There will be a very limited amount of inert OC available, but students are encouraged to bring their own inert trainers if possible (Sabre, ASP, or similar MK6 sized units or keystick sprayers with inert inserts). This class is limited to 30 participants.



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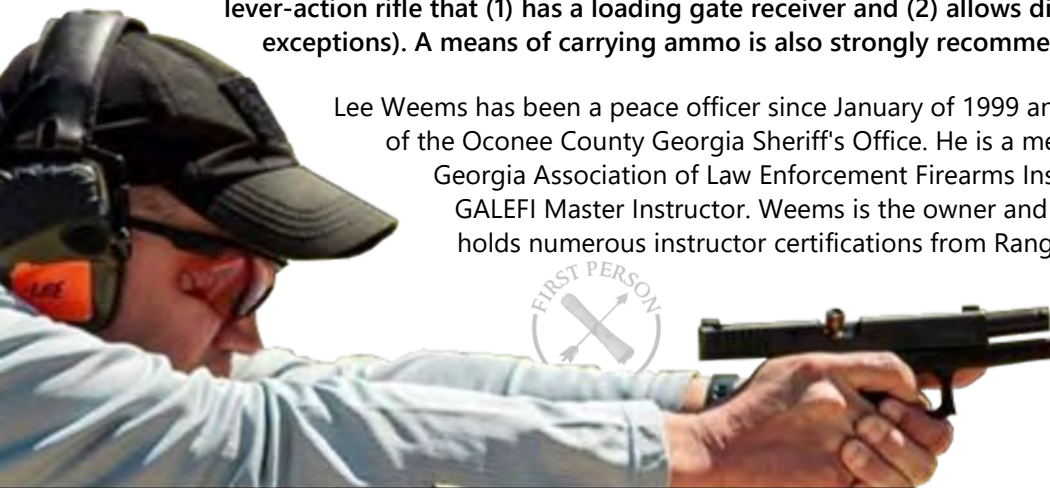
Lee Weems

Social Lever Gun

**Sunday, 3pm-5pm
Paper Range**

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.

EQUIPMENT LIST: Students will need eye and ear protection, a brimmed hat, 40 rounds of ammo, and a centerfire lever-action rifle that (1) has a loading gate receiver and (2) allows direct loading into the chamber (no exceptions). A means of carrying ammo is also strongly recommended (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 is a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors (GALEFI) and is a certified GALEFI Master Instructor. Weems is the owner and operator of First Person Safety and holds numerous instructor certifications from Rangemaster, the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers and others.

Polite Society Pistol Match & Awards

**Fri-Sun, All Day
Covered Pistol Range**



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 officers will give further instructions once you arrive.

This year, in celebration of the 20th Anniversary, the top 16 males and top 8 females will compete on Sunday afternoon in a final shoot-off to crown our 2018 champions. Spectators are encouraged to come and cheer on the finalists. Winners will be announced and awards distributed after the last session ends on Sunday afternoon. Good luck in the match!

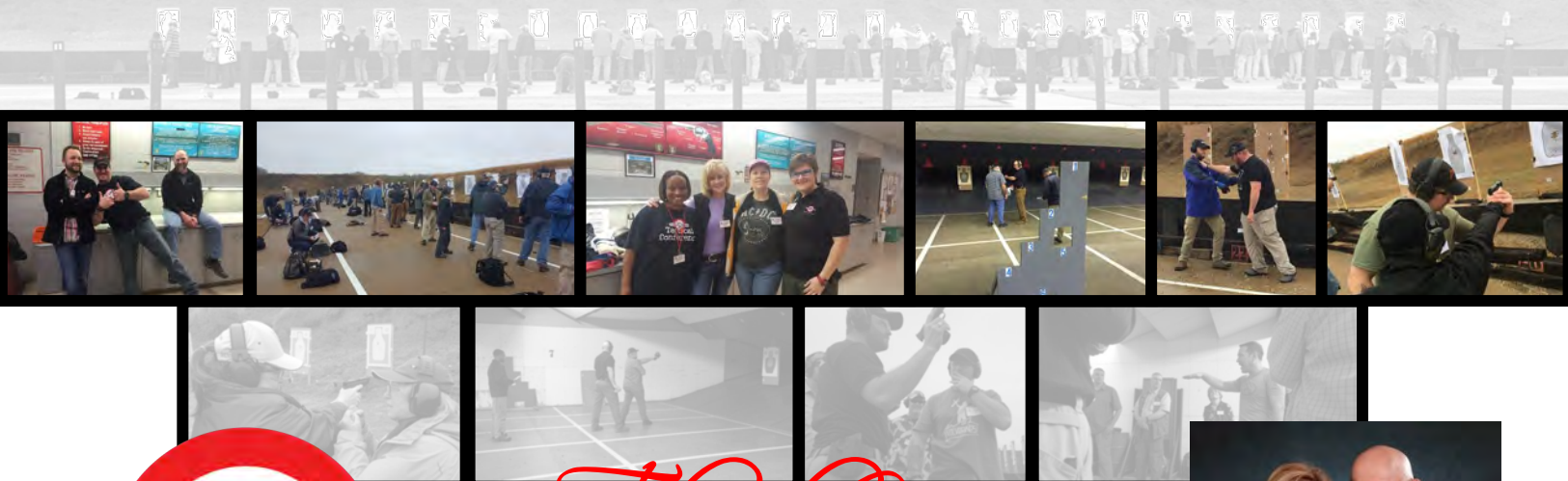
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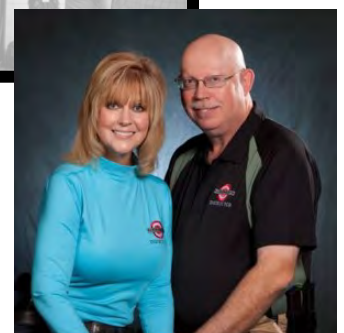
The Tactical Conference and Polite Society Match originally began as a major IDPA pistol match in the winter of 1998, but within a few years the format was changed to use more realistic, mannequin-type targets and actual carry gear. It soon became obvious that the attendees were more self-defense oriented than purely competitive shooting oriented. Also, many self-defense trainers were attending every year. Organizers soon recognized that if those trainers presented blocks of instruction during the match, competitors who were not busy shooting could devote their downtime to learning useful skills. Trainers could also showcase their teaching skills to an interested group of potential students. The Tactical Conference was born!

The first Conference took place at Tom's former pistol range in Memphis, Tennessee. The event has moved to a few different locations since then, including the Memphis Police Academy; the United States Shooting Academy in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and the Direct Action Resource Center (DARC) in Little Rock, Arkansas. We return to DARC for the 2018 Conference, where we proudly celebrate 20 years of excellence.



Thank You

Thanks for attending the 2018 Rangemaster Tactical Conference and helping us celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Tac-Con!
We look forward to seeing you again in 2019.





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