

TACCON21



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SCHEDULE

PISTOL MATCH (PRELIMINARY ROUNDS)

Friday, March 26 - 07:45AM to 11:45AM



John Barb, Martin Hoffert, Aqil Qadir

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01. ACTIVE KILLER THREAT AND RESPONSE (GTFIT)

Friday, March 26 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



Ed Monk

This presentation will better prepare armed citizens and officers to quickly recognize and stop an Active Killer. Its main focus is that TIME is the most important factor, both in planning and response. The presentation includes a study of over 20 Active Killer attacks. We will study the details of what happened in each attack to identify lessons learned for the armed responder. The presentation will then use trends and pattern analysis to offer recommendations for organizational and individual plans to prepare for and respond to Active Killer attacks. This will include considerations and recommendations in policies, mindset, weapon choice, tactics, and training needed to stop an Active Killer quickly. Other topics discussed will include countering emotional opposition to armed citizen involvement, minimizing the chance of misidentification (friendly fire) by cops and other armed citizens, school specific data, non-gun attacks, and possible tough decisions while countering an Active Shooter.

02. PERFORMANCE UNDER FIRE (PART 1)

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03. TACTICAL MEDICINE FOR EVERYDAY CARRY

Friday, March 26 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM

Caleb Causey



During this (however long Tiffany gives me:) block of instruction, students will learn how and when to appropriately identify and treat immediate 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 either. This will be geared towards the layperson with little to no formal medical training, but healthcare professionals are encouraged to attend as well. Equipment

Notes: - Closed-toe footwear, no sandals or flipflops. Running shoes or hiking boots are fine. This is more to prevent tripping than anything else during skills practice. - Long pants, no shorts/skirts. Nobody wants to rub up against a sweaty, hairy, nasty leg during TQ drills.

04. REVOLVER OPTIONS

Friday, March 26 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM

Darryl Bolke



A 5 W's approach to the revolver option for today's shooters. This class is geared towards those who may be thinking about use of a revolver for defensive purposes and instructors with limited practical revolver experience to become more familiar with the various aspects of revolver use to be better able to assist their students with choices and options. - Who should consider the revolver. - What types of revolvers are a good fit for various users. - When is the Revolver a great choice. - Where are the environments that a revolver excels in. - Why is the revolver a superior to other choices for specific missions or tasks. This should all be part of how we make the best choices for ourselves and to assist students, or others seeking advice. We will also discuss how to best keep them running reliably.

05. RETENTION DRAW

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06. ARMED MOVEMENT IN CROWDS

Friday, March 26 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM



Allan McBee, Steve Moses, Guy Schnitzler

Extreme events often take place in crowded areas. This block of instruction addresses situations that require engagement on behalf of the concealed carrier or those that require disengagement with the possibility of encountering one or more hostile parties in areas where other innocent parties are present. Topics addressed in this class are the challenges concealed carriers may face in such an event, handgun ready positions and methods of movement appropriate to the circumstances, risk to others during engagements with hostile parties, and methods of lessening the possibility of being mistakenly engaged by other concealed carriers and responding law enforcement. Class is limited to 18 students. EQUIPMENT: Students should bring a range bag in which they can place their holstered handguns and other defensive tools. The final exercise is live-fire and will require 9 rounds, but if time permits students will perform it twice. Students may want to bring lawn chairs or stools. Students are encouraged to bring plastic replica handguns in same model of their carry handgun, but this is not required and we have loaner equipment.

07. MAKING THE FIRST SHOT COUNT

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08. HOLSTER SUCCESS: PRESENTING THE PISTOL QUICKLY AND SAFELY

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09. PRINCIPLES OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE ARMED CITIZEN

Friday, March 26 - 09:00AM to 11:45AM



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. Equipment Notes • Reliable handgun • Non-collapsing holster • Concealment garment • Eye/ear protection • At least two magazines or speed-loaders • 200 rounds of ammo • Brimmed hat

10. SAFE TRAVEL IN DANGEROUS PLACES

Friday, March 26 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Greg Ellifritz

No matter whether you are traveling internationally or to one of the more dangerous cities in the USA, this class will provide you with quality tips that will make your travel adventure much safer and more enjoyable. In the class,

Greg will cover the following topics: - The most important travel precautions - Hotel room safety - Assessing neighborhood risk factors - Safely navigating a foreign city - Avoiding common travel scams - Money and Banking

Issues - Food/Drink safety in foreign countries - Identifying indicators of criminal behavior - Discreet travel weapons - Dealing with bribes and corrupt police officers - Abduction attempts, "Express kidnappings" and "Virtual kidnappings" We will end the class with a question and answer session to address individual travel concerns. All attendees will receive a digital copy of the instructor's newly released third-world travel safety book.

11. RECOIL MANAGEMENT

Friday, March 26 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Jeff Gonzales

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. EQUIPMENT: Participants will need eye and ear protection, a ball cap, roughly 300 rounds of ammunition, and their everyday carry gear.

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13. AIWB SKILLS

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John Daub

An introduction to Appendix Inside-the-Waistband (AIWB) Carry Method: What it is, what it isn't, and how to get the most out of it safely. Topics covered: AIWB concepts, AIWB safety, equipment, two-hand drawstroke, one-hand drawstroke, and more! EQUIPMENT - A gun suitable for daily concealed carry. - AIWB holster - Mag pouches are useful but not required (pant pockets ok) - The ability to shoot at least 20 rounds on the line (e.g. 2 10+ round magazines; 4 5+ round magazines). - At least 50 rounds of ammo. - Concealment garment (we will be shooting from concealment).

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14. STANDING YOUR GROUND

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM

Lee Weems



“Stand your ground” isn't a magic phrase that transforms a use of force into a lawful use of force. This class explores the dynamics of deadly force encounters to include the reasonable man doctrine, the lawful use of force, interacting with responding officers, and more.

15. EFFECTIVE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM

Tiffany Johnson, Aqil Qadir



Being an effective assistant instructor ("A.I.") requires more than just standing behind a row of shooters or loitering in the back of the classroom. How do you handle a nervous student? Or a student who doesn't follow directions? Or one who is unsafe, chatty, inattentive, physically compromised, or just plain terrified? What is the A.I.'s role, and how is it different from the lead trainer, the RSO, or the coach? In this class, the Citizens Safety Academy crew explores some useful tips, skills, and best practices that elevate the A.I. from just another spectator to an indispensable part of the training team.

16. LESSONS FROM RECENT SELF-DEFENSE SHOOTING CASES

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM

Massad Ayoob



In this two-hour session, we'll analyze recent self-defense shooting cases and the issues they presented in criminal court, civil court, and the court of public opinion.

17. PRACTICAL FOLDING KNIFE

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM

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, and then practical exercises will help students reliably access, deploy, and manipulate the folding knife while multi-tasking or fending off a close-range confrontation. EQUIPMENT NOTES: -Eye protection -Folding knife trainer if you have one

18. SMALL AUTO PISTOLS

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19. BUILDING A RETENTION SHOOTING POSITION

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



Greg Ellifritz

This class will teach the student to develop an optimal close range retention shooting position. The instructor will provide tips to maximize accuracy, weapon function, and weapon retention in an arms' length fight. Students will shoot 50-75 rounds in the class. This is not a class for a rank beginner. Prerequisites for the class include the ability to load, unload, and fire your weapon. Students should also be able to safely draw from the holster and clear weapon malfunctions. If students cannot perform to these standards, the instructor reserves the right to remove them in the interest of class safety. EQUIPMENT: - Reliable revolver or semi-automatic pistol. Mid or full sized weapons preferred. Rimfire weapons are acceptable in this period of ammunition shortages. - Eye and ear protection (electronic ears preferred) - Quality Inside-the-waistband or outside-the-waistband belt-mounted holster. Appendix carry is OK. - 75 rounds of ammunition PLEASE NOTE WHAT'S *NOT* ALLOWED: - No ankle holsters, shoulder holsters, pocket holsters, or fanny packs. - No Serpa or Serpa-style holsters. No ported barrels.

20. CRITICAL SKILLS AND DRILLS

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Wayne Dobbs

Critical Skills and Drills is a review of critical fundamentals of defensive shooting that directly impact on success in defensive pistol uses. These include a pragmatic safety review, discussion of which shooting fundamentals are most important in an encounter and the characteristics of successful pistol uses in street settings. The live fire segment of the class will consist of several drills and courses that use limited amounts of ammo per drill, but that are useful to assess actual skill levels and that can be used as skill development drills in follow on training efforts. Shooting drills will be conducted on tight targets at relevant distances in realistic time frames. Students will be given a drill list to take with them to assist in their own practice and training. EQUIPMENT NOTES Standard protective gear; pistol or revolver with three magazines/speedloaders; rigid holster that allows safe reholstering; 200 rounds of ammo

21. CORRECTING COMMON SHOOTER ERRORS

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Karl Rehn

This four-hour live-fire block identifies the 10 most common shooting errors with insight for instructors and coaches into how to recognize and correct them. Demonstrations and practice drills 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. EQUIPMENT NOTES: Handgun, magazines, holster, mag pouches, 200 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection.

22. TRANSLATING TECHNICAL SKILLS INTO TACTICAL SUCCESS

Friday, March 26 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Gabe 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 stopping shooting. This is not a beginner class - prior defensive handgun training is required (including safely drawing and holstering.) EQUIPMENT: Safe and reliable handgun and non-collapsing holster (strong side or appendix), at least three magazines, eye and ear protection, brimmed hat, and 200 rounds of ammunition.

23. PRACTICAL CONCEALED CARRY

Friday, March 26 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



John Murphy

The right of self-defense comes with enormous legal and moral responsibilities. The knowledge required to be a safe, effective, and prudent armed citizen goes far beyond just carrying a firearm and accurate shooting. This session fills that knowledge void by going in-depth on the aspects and perspectives of concealed carry that aren't addressed in basic permit courses or advanced shooting classes. We'll use immersive multi-media to show real-world applications and introduce students to recognition-based decision modelling.

24. CONCEALED CARRY AND THE MODERN AMERICAN WOMAN

Friday, March 26 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



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.

25. KEEP YOUR PIECE

Friday, March 26 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Larry Lindenman

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. No live weapons or ammo allowed.

27. HOLSTER SUCCESS: PRESENTING THE PISTOL QUICKLY AND SAFELY (REPEAT)

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FRIDAY DISMISSAL

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29. THE LAW OF SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, March 27 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM



Andrew Branca

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

30. RANGE RESPONSE

Saturday, March 27 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



Caleb Causey

This session will introduce attendees to considerations on setting up medical contingencies and appropriate responses while on the firing line or shooting range. Discussions will include medical equipment selection, coordinating with public safety assets, building a range response team, and debunking some common myths along the way. EQUIPMENT: - Closed-toe footwear, no sandals or flipflops. Running shoes or hiking boots are fine. This is more to prevent tripping than anything else during skills practice. - Long pants, no shorts/skirts. Nobody wants to rub up against a sweaty, hairy, nasty leg during TQ drills. :-)

31. CHANGING GEARS (REPEAT)

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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. EQUIPMENT LIST: - Reliable handgun (a gun you would actually carry) - Sturdy, non-collapsing holster suitable for repeated heavy usage (strong-side or appendix) - Concealment garment - At least two magazines carried on your person (revolvers are allowed, as long as the user can reload on pace with the semi-auto users) - Ability to refill magazines very quickly (Uplula mag-loader or similar device would be useful) - Roughly 150-200 rounds of ammunition (ammo consumption will depend on the pace of the class and participants' experience levels)

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33. TAKE A SEAT

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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!

34. RED DOT PISTOL: FUNDAMENTALS AND PERFORMANCE

Saturday, March 27 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



Scott Jedlinski

In this four-hour class, the students will be introduced to the fundamentals and performance aspects of the red dot pistol. Instructional points will include: -The importance of body mechanics -Finding the dot on fast presentation -Tracking the dot in recoil -Transitioning between gross and refined sight pictures -Performance at distance EQUIPMENT: - Red dot-equipped pistol - Good holster. NO SERPAS ALLOWED - Four (4) magazines - 250 rounds of ammo - Eye and ear protection

35. DEFENSIVE SHOTGUN (CLASSROOM)

Saturday, March 27 - 09:00AM to 11:45AM

Tom Givens



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 weapon system. In this three-hour classroom block, Tom will give an overview of the scattergun's historical background. Attendees will also learn how to properly select, modify, and operate the defensive shotgun for optimum effectiveness. Ammunition choices and purposes will be discussed in detail. This is an excellent primer for Tim and Ashton's live-fire shotgun block on Saturday afternoon.

36. THE LOST ART OF TEACHING BEGINNERS

Saturday, March 27 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM

Tiffany Johnson, Aqil Qadir



Every day, more and more people hang out shingles as firearms instructors. To stand out from the crowd, many trainers strive to be cutting edge, unique, or innovative. But while they race to pioneer the latest advancements in pistolcraft, one essential market is often forgotten: beginners. Teaching new shooters can be difficult. It requires nuanced social skills, tailored pedagogy, and a level of attention to detail that isn't as crucial when teaching experienced shooters. The entry-level market includes Second Amendment skeptics, millennial urbanites, and Hollywood devotees. As instructors, how can we plant a seed with these new shooters that will tempt them to rethink their preconceptions and maybe even come back for more training?

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Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Darryl Bolke

This class will center on training lessons learned in police agencies with highly successful street records, including Darryl's former department, LAPD Metro and SWAT, and others who share a similar approach to training gunfighters. Actual shooting incidents will be studied, along with the implications from the training of the officers involved.

41. RIOT AND PROTEST SURVIVAL

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



Ed Monk

This classroom lecture is designed to improve the students' understanding of (1) the riot/violent protest threat & environment; (2) the more complex tactical & legal issues of using deadly force against this threat in this environment; (3) lethal and non-lethal defense options; and (4) wargaming and mentally rehearsing likely confrontations....

42. THE MACGYVER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: IMPROVISED TRAUMA CARE

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Sherman House

“Do WHAT you can, with what you HAVE, where you ARE.” -Theodore Roosevelt 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 either not present (because you didn't bring them), or not available, due to geographical or material circumstances. Objective scientific analysis and measurement will be used to assess the efficacy of said improvised medical interventions. Medical skills/Medical training are 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.

43. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING LAB

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



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

44. CORRECTING COMMON SHOOTER ERRORS (REPEAT)

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Karl Rehn

This four-hour live-fire block identifies the 10 most common shooting errors with insight for instructors and coaches into how to recognize and correct them. Demonstrations and practice drills 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. EQUIPMENT NOTES: Handgun, magazines, holster, mag pouches, 200 rounds of ammunition, eye and ear protection.

45. ARMED MOVEMENT IN CROWDS (REPEAT)

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



Allan McBee, Steve Moses, Guy Schnitzler

Extreme events often take place in crowded areas. This block of instruction addresses situations that require engagement on behalf of the concealed carrier or those that require disengagement with the possibility of encountering one or more hostile parties in areas where other innocent parties are present. Topics addressed in this class are the challenges concealed carriers may face in such an event, handgun ready positions and methods of movement appropriate to the circumstances, risk to others during engagements with hostile parties, and methods of lessening the possibility of being mistakenly engaged by other concealed carriers and responding law enforcement. Class is limited to 18 students. EQUIPMENT: Students should bring a range bag in which they can place their holstered handguns and other defensive tools. The final exercise is live-fire and will require 9 rounds, but if time permits students will perform it twice. Students may want to bring lawn chairs or stools. Students are encouraged to bring plastic replica handguns in same model of their carry handgun, but this is not required and we have loaner equipment.

46. AIWB SKILLS (REPEAT)

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



John Daub

An introduction to Appendix Inside-the-Waistband (AIWB) Carry Method: What it is, what it isn't, and how to get the most out of it safely. Topics covered: AIWB concepts, AIWB safety, equipment, two-hand drawstroke, one-hand drawstroke, and more! EQUIPMENT - A gun suitable for daily concealed carry. - AIWB holster - Mag pouches are useful but not required (pant pockets ok) - The ability to shoot at least 20 rounds on the line (e.g. 2 10+ round magazines; 4 5+ round magazines). - At least 50 rounds of ammo. - Concealment garment (we will be shooting from concealment).

47. DEFENSIVE SHOTGUN (RANGE)

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Tim Chandler, Ashton Ray

Tom Givens' years of experience with the realities of criminal violence have made him a strong proponent of the defensive shotgun. It is the most powerful, most effective, and most misunderstood weapon commonly available to police and citizens inside the United States. In this live-fire block, Tim and Ashton will build on the concepts Tom teaches in the classroom session with techniques and methodologies that will allow you to harness the fight-stopping power of the defensive shotgun. You will learn effective recoil mitigation, accuracy at speed, and manipulations that work under even the most extreme circumstances. You can tame the beast. Tim and Ashton can show you how! EQUIPMENT: - A Shotgun (a limited number of loaner guns will be available, but not enough to equip everyone...so if you have a suitable shotgun, bring it) - Some method of keeping 25 shotgun shells on your person - Ballistically rated eye protection - Electronic hearing protection - A brimmed cap of some sort that will work with your hearing protection - 50 rounds of LEAD birdshot (heavier loads like #4 or #6 shot preferred) - 50 rounds of inexpensive LEAD buckshot - 5 rounds of good quality buckshot you would use for home defense (We recommend Federal Flight Control) - Note: If you wish to bring extra birdshot or buckshot in case we have some extra time to shoot, please feel free

48. DIAGNOSTIC SKILLS FOR INSTRUCTORS

Saturday, March 27 - 01:00PM to 05:00PM



Tim Herron

Practice is best done under the watchful eye of a qualified instructor. You need to inspire your students to want to learn from you. Test your skills and knowledge before learning how to obtain performance from yourself and your students. You will take home specific information and drills to train yourself and others. Learn what to focus on when training time is short and performance is a must. To train others, you must be able to perform and understand what makes you successful. Attendees' skills will be evaluated before practicing skills, drills, and instructional techniques to remediate shooters. Attendees will practice and demonstrate the important "tell, show, do" method for instructional success. Ultimately, the diagnostic tips and solutions covered in this four-hour block will bring out the best in you and your students. EQUIPMENT: Pistol, 3 magazines. 250 rounds. Standard outdoor live fire range gear.

50. RECOIL MANAGEMENT (REPEAT)

Saturday, March 27 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM

Jeff Gonzales



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. EQUIPMENT: Participants will need eye and ear protection, a ball cap, roughly 300 rounds of ammunition, and their everyday carry gear.

51. SIGHTS, TRIGGER, GRIP: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Saturday, March 27 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM

Chuck Haggard



This two-hour live-fire block is a practice and coaching session in improving one's trigger management and recoil control skills with the semi-auto pistol. This course should be of particular interest to folks who have issues with the dreaded "low and left" hits on target (low and right for you lefties). EQUIPMENT: - 150-200 rounds - Defensive pistol and holster - Eye and ear protection

SATURDAY DISMISSAL

Saturday, March 27 - 05:00PM to 05:30PM



The second day of Tac-Con is a wrap! Time to wind down and find some grub. Check out the Tac-Con Facebook group to see where everyone is going for dinner. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/taccon21/>

52. REVOLVER OPTIONS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM

Darryl Bolke



A 5 W's approach to the revolver option for today's shooters. This class is geared towards those who may be thinking about use of a revolver for defensive purposes and instructors with limited practical revolver experience to become more familiar with the various aspects of revolver use to be better able to assist their students with

choices and options. - Who should consider the revolver. - What types of revolvers are a good fit for various users. - When is the Revolver a great choice. - Where are the environments that a revolver excels in. - Why is the revolver a superior to other choices for specific missions or tasks. This should all be part of how we make the best choices for ourselves and to assist students, or others seeking advice. We will also discuss how to best keep them running reliably.

53. IN-FIGHT WEAPONS ACCESS

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM



Larry Lindenman

When we first started experimenting with close quarters fighting, we always believed weapons access was a given. Every training class we took, every rep we performed in practice, and every range and shoot house session started with the weapon in hand. When working with a knife or an impact tool, the starting point was the tool was out of the sheath or pocket and deployed. Even when drawing a pistol from "close range," we did so without physical pressure from a live human. When we applied physical pressure to the situation and worked with drone weapons, against live humans with free will to do whatever they wanted, we found out very quickly the deployment of the weapon was the hardest part of the self defense equation. That sub-1-second draw stroke never materialized, because the other person did what ever was necessary to foul the draw stroke. Even when the draw was clean, the opponent was able to grab the weapon or weapon-bearing wrist or arm, not allowing for a clean shot, stab, or strike. The struggle for the weapon often ended with the weapon ending up on the ground, out of reach. Through years of live, realistic, pressure-based training and watching thousands of people work through the problem, we uncovered a simple, binary process to cleanly deploy and effectively use weapons at close range. This class will reveal the techniques and involve numerous cooperative repetitions with a partner. Students will be working with classmates in a corroborative environment. This class will follow a crawl-walk-run format with students working at a comfortable and ever-increasing level of pressure. Students are encouraged to bring drone weapons and sheaths/holsters. The tool does not matter - knife, handgun, sap, expandable baton, taser, or pepper spray, these in-fight weapons access techniques work for the deployment and effective use of any tool.

54. MOVING AND SHOOTING

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM

John Holschen



Whether moving "off the X", to cover, or to get a clear shot on the threat, this seldom practiced and often misunderstood skill set can be vital to success in a lethal force encounter. This two-hour session will consist of dry and live fire drills designed to exercise and develop your ability to move dynamically and shoot accurately.

EQUIPMENT Required equipment for this course includes 1) A safe and reliable handgun. 2) Non-collapsing holster (Strong side or appendix. No Serpa type holsters please.) 3) 2-3 magazines (or 4 speed loaders if using a revolver.) 4) 150 rounds of ammunition. 5) Hearing and eye protection. 6) Appropriate clothing and hydration for shooting on an outdoor range. 7) A dummy gun that fits your holster if you have one. Note: This is not an entry level course.

Students must have prior defensive handgun training including drawing with the type of holster used.

55. STREET ENCOUNTER SKILLS

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



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. EQUIPMENT: Students will need and eye/ear protection and 300 rounds of ammo for this class (No guarantee of how much will be fired, but we don't want to run short!). All shooting will be done from concealment.

56. AIWB SKILLS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 09:45AM



John Daub

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57. RED DOT PISTOL: FUNDAMENTALS AND PERFORMANCE (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



Scott Jedlinski

In this four-hour class, the students will be introduced to the fundamentals and performance aspects of the red dot pistol. Instructional points will include: -The importance of body mechanics -Finding the dot on fast presentation -Tracking the dot in recoil -Transitioning between gross and refined sight pictures -Performance at distance EQUIPMENT: - Red dot-equipped pistol - Good holster. NO SERPAS ALLOWED - Four (4) magazines - 250 rounds of ammo - Eye and ear protection

58. TRANSLATING TECHNICAL SKILLS INTO TACTICAL SUCCESS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 08:00AM to 11:45AM



Gabe 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 stopping shooting. This is not a beginner class - prior defensive handgun training is required (including safely drawing and holstering.) EQUIPMENT: Safe and reliable handgun and non-collapsing holster (strong side or appendix), at least three magazines, eye and ear protection, brimmed hat, and 200 rounds of ammunition.

59. ACTIVE KILLERS: AN OVERVIEW

Sunday, March 28 - 09:00AM to 11:45AM



Tom Givens

Information from various government and open sources will be examined, along with case histories of several well-known (and not-so-well-known) active shooter/spree killer episodes in the United States. Get the facts, rather than the biased crap you often see on television.

60. BUSINESS TACTICAL

Sunday, March 28 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Eve Kulcsar

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 is for you. This training block 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!

61 SAFE TRAVEL IN DANGEROUS PLACES (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Greg Ellifritz

No matter whether you are traveling internationally or to one of the more dangerous cities in the USA, this class will provide you with quality tips that will make your travel adventure much safer and more enjoyable. In the class, Greg will cover the following topics: - The most important travel precautions - Hotel room safety - Assessing neighborhood risk factors - Safely navigating a foreign city - Avoiding common travel scams - Money and Banking Issues - Food/Drink safety in foreign countries - Identifying indicators of criminal behavior - Discreet travel weapons - Dealing with bribes and corrupt police officers - Abduction attempts, "Express kidnappings" and "Virtual kidnappings" We will end the class with a question and answer session to address individual travel concerns. All attendees will receive a digital copy of the instructor's newly released third-world travel safety book.

62. GET YOUR GRAPPLE ON

Sunday, March 28 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Cecil Burch

Most people are realizing that having some grappling skills that may help you in a self-defense is a good idea, but are intimidated by taking the actual plunge. This block of instruction will help. By the end, you will have a good idea of the hows and whys of what a typical BJJ class will look like, and if this type of training is for you. This will be co-taught by as many members of the ShivWorks Collective as possible so you will be getting multiple coaching

insights. We will go over the basic principles and conceptual framework that makes jiu-jitsu so functional, and we will show what a typical class at a BJJ academy looks like. Everyone will have the opportunity to do the standard warm-ups and drills, and learn a few basic techniques. We will discuss how to approach the training with the focus on self-defense and how to make any adjustments needed. We will look at the different types of sparring to familiarize you with how safe and easy it is, and all the instructors will be available at the end to actually spar against. No one will be forced to do any physical activity that they do not feel comfortable with. This block is geared for literally EVERYONE to get something positive out of the experience. Required Equipment – None. This is a come as you are event. If you are already training in BJJ and have a gi (training outfit), then by all means feel free to bring it. If you have not done any training along these lines at all, that is perfectly fine, since this block is to introduce you to it. So we will have some loaner gis for people to use so they can get an idea of what it is like. And if you prefer to just wear your normal clothes and only participate in some of the activities, that is fine as well!

63. MOVING AND SHOOTING (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



John Holschen

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64. DEFENSIVE AMMUNITION: A SYSTEMS APPROACH

Sunday, March 28 - 10:00AM to 11:45AM



Chuck Haggard

This two-hour block is all about ballistic effectiveness. We'll cover the different ways in which target selection, knowledge of "tactical anatomy," and defensive ammunition choices all interact. A live-fire ballistics gelatin shoot is included in this class. EQUIPMENT: You'll need eye and ear protection for the ballistic gelatin demonstration. No ammunition needed, unless you want to test out your own ammo during the demo (time permitting).

SUNDAY LUNCH BREAK

Sunday, March 28 - 12:00PM to 12:45PM



Relax and get to know some of your fellow Tac-Con trainers and attendees during the noontday break. Bring your own packed lunch, or grab a quick bite nearby. The Social Tent is always open for anyone who wants to just hang out and enjoy some down time with friends.

PISTOL MATCH (CHECK-IN FOR FINAL SHOOT-OFF)

Sunday, March 28 - 12:30PM to 12:45PM



John Barb, Tom Givens, Martin Hoffert, Aqil Qadir

Pistol Match Finalists: Please check in with Match staff no later than 12:30pm. The final Shoot-Off will start promptly at 1pm. Spectators are welcome, but please respect the gallery boundaries set up by the match staff. Awards ceremony will begin immediately after the shoot-off, at the Police Range. The shoot-off should not last more than an hour. If you have any questions about the pistol match, please see our Match Director, Martin Hoffert.

PISTOL MATCH (FINAL SHOOT-OFF)

Sunday, March 28 - 12:45PM to 01:45PM



John Barb, Tom Givens, Martin Hoffert, Aqil Qadir

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65. AVOIDING RANGE ACCIDENTS

Sunday, March 28 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



Jeff Gonzales

The Instructional Agility & Strategies course is an instructor-level seminar for firearm instructors and aspiring instructors. The goal is to learn best practices for identifying and reducing risk inherent with live firearms training. In this seminar, participants will learn about the gunshot injury/death triangle in an effort to better recognize unsafe activity or behavior before it occurs. An emphasis is placed on first order behaviors such as proper equipment, the ability to follow instructions and observance of safety rules. Shifting the focus to second order behaviors such as risk mitigation practices and pre-mishap planning. Participants get to finish with an analysis of several case studies to further understand Instructional Agility & Strategies.

66. GUNS OF THE BONNIE AND CLYDE AMBUSH

Sunday, March 28 - 01:00PM to 02:45PM



Darryl Bolke

Due to a resurgence of interest due to movies and books about the demise of Bonnie and Clyde, there has been a ton of repeated myths and conjectures about the weapons used and how they were employed. Darryl Bolke has been researching this shooting for many years from the outlook of an investigator working the firearms and ballistics aspect of an officer involved police shooting. Darryl has done this exact same type of inquiry in over 75 officer involved shootings as a court recognized firearms and tactics expert for his former law enforcement agency. He found that the myths, retold stories, and wrongly reported press accounts were as much a factor in the 1930's as they are today. This class will be an opportunity for attendees to see photographic evidence, detailed analysis and some logic and expert opinion based theories that differ from much of the legend. There will be some learning points as valid today as they were in the 1930's. We will also have several of the same types of firearms used by the posse available for attendees to see and feel the types of guns used. This class should be both entertaining and educational.

67. INTEGRATING STREET SKILLS

Sunday, March 28 - 02:00PM to 05:00PM



Chuck Haggard

This is an interactive exercise in integrating the MUC paradigm into one's personal defense tactics, adding verbal skills and less-than-lethal tools, and knowing when to introduce various force options in an encounter, including deadly force. MUC is an acronym for "Managing Unknown Contacts," a concept coined and codified by Craig Douglas of ShivWorks.

68. PRINCIPLES OF PERFORMANCE FOR THE ARMED CITIZEN

Sunday, March 28 - 02:00PM to 05:00PM



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. Equipment Notes • Reliable handgun • Non-collapsing holster • Concealment garment • Eye/ear protection • At least two magazines or speed-loaders • 200 rounds of ammo • Brimmed hat

69. CRITICAL SKILLS AND DRILLS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 02:00PM to 04:00PM



Wayne Dobbs

NOTE: The Sunday repeat of this class is one hour shorter than the Friday version (to accommodate the Pistol Match Final Shoot-Off). Critical Skills and Drills is a review of critical fundamentals of defensive shooting that directly impact on success in defensive pistol uses. These include a pragmatic safety review, discussion of which shooting fundamentals are most important in an encounter and the characteristics of successful pistol uses in street settings. The live fire segment of the class will consist of several drills and courses that use limited amounts of ammo per drill, but that are useful to assess actual skill levels and that can be used as skill development drills in follow on training efforts. Shooting drills will be conducted on tight targets at relevant distances in realistic time frames. Students will be given a drill list to take with them to assist in their own practice and training. EQUIPMENT NOTES Standard protective gear; pistol or revolver with three magazines/speedloaders; rigid holster that allows safe reholstering; 200 rounds of ammo

70. CHANGING GEARS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 02:00PM to 04:00PM

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. EQUIPMENT LIST: - Reliable handgun (a gun you would actually carry) - Sturdy, non-collapsing holster suitable for repeated heavy usage (strong-side or appendix) - Concealment garment - At least two magazines carried on your person (revolvers are allowed, as long as the user can reload on pace with the semi-auto users) - Ability to refill magazines very quickly (Uplula mag-loader or similar device would be useful) - Roughly 150-200 rounds of ammunition (ammo consumption will depend on the pace of the class and participants' experience levels)

71. INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR FIREARMS TRAINERS

Sunday, March 28 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Tiffany Johnson

How do you create a firearms course? Do you assemble your favorite drills and run students through them? Do you cover all the topics you enjoyed most in your own training career? The answer is... it depends. Here's what you CANNOT do: you can't wing it. Instructional design is just that – every aspect is carefully, strategically, thoughtfully devised to meet specific, pre-determined goals for pre-determined markets. We pursue these goals through lesson plans, teaching aids, demonstrations, student exercises, assessment, and rewards. In this session, we'll briefly discuss the ADDIE model, Bloom's Taxonomy, the Kirkpatrick model, and how they all can help increase our teaching effectiveness.

72. ISLAMIST TERROR GROUPS POST 9/11: NEW PLAYERS, NEW GOALS

Sunday, March 28 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Hany Mahmoud

Since 9/11 the United States and their allies have experienced an exponential increase in attacks, than in previous decades. While many of these Groups/Movements/Causes have existed for decades (some as long as a Century), in the last 20 years, the “players” and their objectives have experienced massive changes. These include, leadership, funding, tactics in both operations and recruiting. This is a constantly changing arena, even in terms of alliances,

and is often completely misunderstood, and seen as monolithic, homogenous, and in ideological "lock-step." This lecture is intended to provide clarity, updates and nuance that is much needed to better understand these threats.

While the format is by necessity a brief overview, attendees will receive information, a reading list, and other resources, so they can better focus on whatever aspect is of most relevance to them.

73. LESSONS FROM RECENT SELF-DEFENSE SHOOTING CASES (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Massad Ayoob

In this two-hour session, we'll analyze recent self-defense shooting cases and the issues they presented in criminal court, civil court, and the court of public opinion.

74. REVOLVER ESSENTIALS (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Lee Weems

This class focuses on the essentials of running a wheel gun. Topics will include proper grip, loading, reloading, and presentations to the target. EQUIPMENT: Participants need the following: • A revolver (One would think this would be obvious, but...) • 100 rounds of ammo • Safety gear (ear/eye protections, etc) • A strong side belt holster (no floppies or Serpas) • At least three speed loaders • At least one speed strip ***Participants may also bring an ankle or pocket holster, but please have a belt holster for the initial holster work. AIWB is good to go.

75. HOLSTER SUCCESS: PRESENTING THE PISTOL QUICKLY AND SAFELY (REPEAT)

Sunday, March 28 - 03:00PM to 05:00PM



Tim Reedy

This two-hour block offers proven methods of safely drawing a handgun from the holster, quickly getting an effective hit on target, and safely re-holstering the gun. We will begin by practicing the 4-step draw without live fire, focusing on safety, efficiency, and repeatability. We'll then apply this in live-fire drills aimed at delivering one or two shots quickly and reliably. Who should attend? Handgun novice/first-time TacCon attendees. Someone with

little experience with firearms, or drawing from a holster. Someone with no formal holster training. If you're already very experienced with handgun drawing and shooting, this is not the class for you. Please contact me at Tim@tdrtraining.com if you have any questions about the course or what to bring. How to arrive: No unsupervised gun handling. Please bring your unloaded handgun still in the case or the bag to the range. If the gun is already in the holster on your body, leave it there, regardless of whether it's loaded or unloaded. Absolutely no gun handling on the range except at the direction of the instructor. EQUIPMENT: * Safe and reliable handgun * Non-collapsing holster (only strong side or appendix) * At least one magazine * Eye and ear protection * Brimmed hat * 50 rounds of ammo NOTE: This is a beginner class. Only basic familiarity with firearm safety and your handgun is required.

SUNDAY DISMISSAL

Sunday, March 28 - 05:00PM to 05:30PM



And that's it! Tac-Con-21 is over! We hope you enjoyed the weekend. Thank you all for coming, and we'll see you again next year. For information on Tac-Con-22, please stay tuned to our website: www.taccon.info.

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