



# Tactical Talk

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*"Today, we need a nation of Minutemen, citizens who are not only prepared to take arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as the basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom."*

**— John F. Kennedy**

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## Rangemaster Road Classes

Early 2011

**Combative Pistol**, Two Day Format, February 19-20, 2011, LSU Police Range, near Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

*This is a very nice police range with a comfortable modern classroom. We did a course there this past September, and it was HOT! The weather should be a lot nicer in February.*

**Combative Pistol**, Two-Day Format, April 2-3, 2011, East Texas Rifle Pistol Club, Longview, Texas.

*ETRPC is one of the largest private gun clubs in the country, with an excellent range complex.*

**Combative Pistol**, Two-Day Format, April 16-17, 2011, Sheriff's Dept Range, Florence, SC.



**Dynamic Marksmanship Course**, Two-Day Format, April 9-10 2011, *The Bullet Hole*, indoor range facility near Kansas City, Kansas. *This is a large indoor range complex. We'll be using a range separate from the public, and a modern classroom.*

## Statements of the Enemies of Liberty

*"We are taking the law and bending it as far as we can to capture a whole new class of guns."*

**Jose Cerada,**

*(White House official who specializes in gun control policy),  
The Los Angeles Times*

*"We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans ..."*

**Bill Clinton (USA TODAY, 11 March 1993, page 2A)**

## Justifiable Homicide by Private Citizens

The US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, defines a “justifiable homicide” as the lawful, legal killing of a criminal suspect who is in the act of committing a felony. The BJS collects annual data on these homicides, both those done by police officers and those involving private citizens. From 2000 through 2005, police officers in the US killed 2,110 felons in justifiable homicides. In that same period, private citizens killed 1,274 criminals, an average of 4 per week. Thus, private citizens accounted for 38% of the felons killed justifiably.

Here in Memphis, the situation is quite different. In 2005, in Memphis there were 21 justifiable homicides. Only 3 were done by police officers—18 were done by private citizens. In 2007 the numbers were even higher. In 2007, there were 32 justifiable homicides in Memphis. Five involved police officers, while the other 27 involved private citizens. Thus, in those two years, 85% of the justifiable homicides in Memphis were done by private citizens in self defense.

Why would 10% of all the justifiable homicides by private citizens in the whole US occur here in Memphis? Simple—we have a lot of private citizens here who legally go armed. At present, about 42,000 Shelby County residents have Handgun Carry Permits, which represents about 4.5% of the population. The national average for carry permits is about 1-1.5% of the population. Rangemaster trained 32,000 of those permit holders, and one thing we continually stress in training is that you must have the gun on you when the attack occurs to be able to use it in self defense. In locales where citizens can legally be armed, violent criminals get killed. Where citizens cannot go armed, THEY are the ones who get killed.



## Defensive Shotgun 1, *Memphis*

The shotgun is one of the most powerful, effective, and versatile weapons available to the average citizen. It is also easy to learn to shoot well. There are some tricks to using it well, however, and there is an awful lot of misinformation commonly encountered. We'll be holding a shotgun course on March 19-20, Saturday-Sunday, 9am-1pm both days. Tuition is only \$199.00, which includes all of your ammunition. You'll shoot birdshot, buckshot, and slugs, and again we'll supply all the ammo you need. Sign up early, as this class usually fills in advance.



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# Reciprocal States

*The Tennessee handgun carry permit is valid anywhere in Tennessee. In addition, it is also recognized in a number of other states. You can legally carry a firearm with a Tennessee handgun carry permit in the following states:*



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|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Mississippi | Missouri   | Nevada    | Pennsylvania  | Arkansas |
| Alabama     | Louisiana  | Idaho     | Vermont       | Utah     |
| Georgia     | Texas      | Montana   | Delaware      | Nebraska |
| Florida     | Oklahoma   | N. Dakota | Alaska        | Kentucky |
| S. Carolina | Kansas     | S. Dakota | New Hampshire | Arizona  |
| N. Carolina | Colorado   | Minnesota | W. Virginia   | Indiana  |
| Virginia    | New Mexico | Michigan  | Wyoming       | Ohio     |

## Advanced Firearms Instructor Course

Rangemaster will conduct an Advanced Firearms Instructor Course at the home range in Memphis on Feb 26-27, 2011. This is an intensive two-day Saturday-Sunday course running from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. both days.



Students will need about 800 rounds of ammunition. Tuition is only \$269.00. Entry is strictly limited to graduates of one of our Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Courses, taken either here or on the road. Call Lynn at 901-370-5600 to register.

# Defensive Gun Uses

A term you will often see when researching self defense is "DGU", which stands for "Defensive Gun Use". A "DGU" occurs when an armed citizen uses a gun in some manner in self defense against a criminal attacker. In a DGU, the gun may be fired, or it may have simply been produced, causing the attacker to break off and flee.

Thirteen scholarly studies have found between 700,000 and 3.4 million DGU's in a single year in the United States. The disparity comes from different definitions of the term among various sources. All of the studies can be found in the book, [Armed, New Perspectives on Gun Control](#), by Kleck and Kates, available at [gunlaws.com](http://gunlaws.com).

Let's take the lowest figure any researcher came up with: 700,000. That is 1,918 times *per day!* The highest figure, 3.4 million DGU's, works out to 9,315 times a day. The truth probably lies somewhere in between, at a few thousand DGU's per day. That's a few thousand times every single day that people in the US use guns in legitimate self defense. That's sobering.

How can there be so many DGU's? Let's look at Tennessee alone. In 2009, the population of Tennessee was 6,296,254. In that same year there were 42,041 violent felonies reported to police in Tennessee. That is one violent felony per every 150 persons. Every violent felony is an opportunity for a DGU, IF THE INTENDED VICTIM IS ARMED. However, Tennessee is a largely rural state, and in most of the state violent crime is fairly low.

In Memphis, however, the story is quite different. In 2006, the population of Memphis was about 650,000 people. There were 13,544 violent felonies reported to police that year in Memphis. That's one for every 48 residents. With a reported violent crime for every 48 residents, it's easy to see how so many DGU's can occur. If more people were routinely armed, there would be even more of them.

The very best analogy for carrying a pistol is homeowner's insurance. Most of you will go your entire life without a serious house fire. However, the consequences of a house fire are devastating, just like the consequences of a violent criminal attack. You don't carry homeowner's insurance on the days you expect to have a house fire—you carry it every day.

## The Founding Fathers on Guns and Freedom

*In the past couple of years there has been a great deal of debate about just what the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution means. I think it is instructive to read exactly what the Founding Fathers had to say on the subject, as they were very clear about their intentions. This is what our founding fathers, and others, had to say about gun control and freedom...*

"They that can give up liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." -Benjamin Franklin, Historical Review of Pennsylvania..

"The legitimate powers of government extend to such acts only as they are injurious to others." -Thomas Jefferson, Notes on the State of Virginia (1781-1785).

"I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials." -George Mason, 3 Elliot, Debates at 425-426.

"The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed." -Thomas Jefferson.

"(The Constitution preserves) the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation...(where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." -James Madison.

"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes...Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." -Thomas Jefferson, quoting Cesare Beccaria.

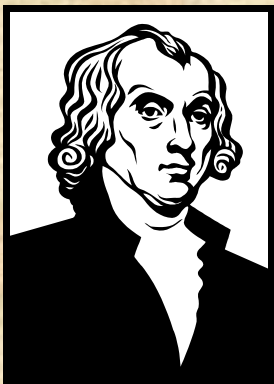
"Arms in the hands of citizens (may) be used at individual discretion...in private self defense..." -John Adams, A defense of the Constitutions of the Government of the USA, 471 (1788).

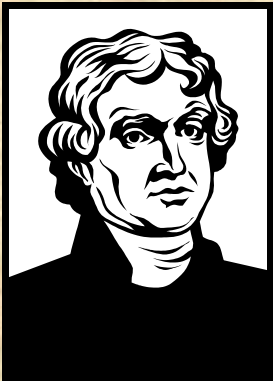
"...arms...discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property. ...Horrid mischief would ensue were the law-abiding deprived the use of them." -Thomas Paine.

"On every question of construction (of the Constitution) let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and in-



Franklin





stead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed." -Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Johnson, June 12, 1823, *The Complete Jefferson*, p322.

"Experience hath shown, that even under the best forms [of government] those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny." -Thomas Jefferson, *Bill for the More General diffusion of Knowledge* (1778).

"To disarm the people (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave them..." - George Mason, *3 Elliot, Debates* at 380.

"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed." -Alexander Hamilton, *The Federalist Papers* at 184-8.

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined...The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun.: -Patrick Henry.

"To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them..." -Richard Henry Lee writing in *Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republic* (1787-1788).

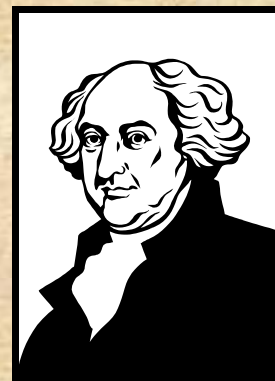
"The Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms." -Samuel Adams, *debates & Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, 86-87.

"...the people have a right to keep and bear arms." -Patrick Henry and George Mason, *Elliot, Debates* at 185.

"The right of the people to keep and bear...arms shall not be infringed. A well regulated militia, composed of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country..." -James Madison, *1 Annals of Congress* 434 (June 8, 1789).

"The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them." -Zachariah Johnson, *3 Elliot, Debates* at 646.

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." -Thomas Jefferson, *Proposal Virginia Constitution*, 1 *T. Jefferson Papers*, 334 (C.J. Boyd, Ed., 1950).



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