



Tactical Talk

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“There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet the enemy.”
—George Washington

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Self-Defense and the 6th Commandment

If you have done any study of Western Religions, you quickly learn that the King James Version (KJV) of The Bible is not a particularly accurate translation of the original texts. There are a lot of reasons for this, some cultural and some political, but suffice to say that translating from Hebrew or Aramaic to Greek to old English to modern English made many opportunities for error. The Sixth Commandment is a classic example.

The word "kill" in Exodus 20:13 and Deuteronomy 5:17 should properly be written as "murder." The proper translation is THOU SHALT NOT MURDER. It is interesting that in Matthew 19:18 the King James Version correctly translates the Sixth Commandment: "Thou shalt do no murder." The Hebrew word (ratsach) and the Greek Word (phonenō) which are used in the Sixth Commandment in earlier texts both clearly mean "murder." The Hebrew language has a general word for killing (the verb muwth, meaning "to cause to die") and the Greek language has a general word for killing (the verb apokteinō), but these general terms for killing are not used in the Sixth Commandment. Instead very specific words are used which forbid MURDER. Thus, there is no Biblical injunction against using deadly force in self defense or in defending the life of another. MURDER is killing unjustly, or without justification, and unlawfully. None of those adjectives describe legitimate self defense.



From time to time, customers attempt to buy a handgun from us, or attend the Handgun Carry Permit class and present us with a driver's license from another state. Invariably, they say that they moved to Tennessee some time ago but just haven't changed their driver's license. You should be aware that failing to change your driver's license is an offense, for which you can get a hefty fine. Here are the requirements, straight from the Tennessee Department of Safety website.



Department of Safety

New Residents

New residents or those returning to Tennessee and holding a driver license from another state must obtain a Tennessee driver license no later than thirty (30) days after establishing residency. New residents will need to go to any of our [full-service driver service centers](#) that are located throughout the state. New residents holding a valid [learner's permit from another state](#) must meet separate requirements to obtain a Tennessee learner permit or driver license.

Requirements

- ◆ All new or returning residents must surrender their out-of-state license at time of application for Tennessee license. Tennessee law does not allow a resident of this state to hold more than one valid driver license or ID. Only foreign country licenses/IDs may be retained.
- ◆ All new or returning residents must take a Tennessee vision screening at the [full-service driver service center](#). There are additional requirements for [commercial driver license](#) holders.
- ◆ New or returning residents whose out of state license has been expired for more than six months must take the Tennessee knowledge exam, road skills test, and vision screening.
- ◆ New residents from other countries are required to take full tests: vision screening, knowledge exam, and road skills test. They will be allowed to keep the license issued by that country.

New Mississippi Training Requirements



The Handgun Permit issued by the State of Mississippi to their residents has a lot of restrictions attached, and is not recognized by a lot of other states because there was no requirement for training.

Recently, Mississippi adopted a new statute which allows for two types of permit in Mississippi. A MS resident can still get the restricted permit without training, but after training, can receive an endorsement on their permit which allows them to carry just about anywhere in MS, and which will result in wider recognition of the new endorsed permit by other states. Rangemaster's state certified handgun carry permit class meets the requirements for the new Mississippi training endorsement. Here is the language from the new MS statute:

A person licensed under Section 45-9-101 to carry a concealed pistol, who has voluntarily completed an instructional course in the safe handling and use of firearms offered by an instructor certified by a nationally recognized organization that customarily offers firearms training, or by any other organization approved by the Department of Public Safety, shall also be authorized to carry weapons in courthouses except in courtrooms during a judicial proceeding, and any location listed in subsection (13) of Section 45-9-101, except any place of nuisance as defined in Section 95-3-1, any police, sheriff or highway patrol station or any detention facility, prison or jail. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations allowing concealed pistol permit holders to obtain an endorsement on their permit indicating that they have completed the aforementioned course and have the authority to carry in these locations.



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Back-Up Guns for Civilians . . . Good Idea?

by Tom Givens

For the past ten years, Craig Harper has been a staff instructor at Rangemaster. He is highly trained, having taken courses from a number of the best firearms instructors in the US. He also has experience as a Military Policeman in the US Army. A few days ago, Craig and I were discussing a recent incident in which a police officer was killed. The officer was shot in his dominant arm (right handed officer, shot in right arm). Although conscious and trying to fight back, he was unable to reload his empty handgun with his non-dominant hand only, and was executed by his assailant. Craig and I both felt that if this officer had been wearing a back-up gun (BUG), he might have been able to access it and continue the fight. Unfortunately, he did not have a second gun.

To quote Craig's comments, "For a long time, I was of the mind that I didn't need to carry a BUG. After all, I had a very good primary gun that was well-maintained. It ALWAYS ran. In a class we both participated in – I think it was with Farnam – your 1911 failed. Remember that; your slide flying down range to about the 7-yard line? I saw that and thought, "I KNOW Tom takes very good care of his guns, and it still failed. If it can happen to him, it can happen to me." That is what convinced me that I needed a BUG. I've carried one ever since."

Craig continued, "During last year's Tactical Conference in Tulsa my thinking was reinforced. I was shooting my "practice" Kimber during the scenarios and it malfunctioned. I cleared it, continued on, until it failed to feed again. At that point I discarded it, ducked behind cover and retrieved my Kahr PM 9 out of the ankle holster and finished the stage. My time for the stage sucked; but I was still in the fight! Without a BUG, I would have needed my knife to make a bayonet charge; not a good idea when the bad guy is shooting at you.

So you can carry a BUG or be Bugged - Being Un-Gunned."

Craig is so right, and that is why I carry a lightweight .38 revolver on my ankle, every day, in addition to the Glock 35 in the IWB holster on my belt. My G35 is accurate and reliable, and holds lots of .40 S&W ammo. But if the striker, or some other vital part breaks, the G35 isn't even a good club. That's what the Colt Cobra on my ankle is for.

For many years, while working in law enforcement, I carried a small .38 revolver as a BUG, sometimes in an ankle rig, sometimes in a pocket holster. After I became a full-time trainer, I was no longer involved in law enforcement and carried on a state issued handgun carry permit, like any other armed "civilian". At that point, I confess that I began to be a bit lax about carrying a BUG, relying on my holstered full size sidearm. After a short period of time, while traveling around the country teaching defensive shooting classes, I went back to religiously wearing my BUG, every day. Why?

The answer is simple. In class after class after class, everywhere I went, I saw well maintained, expensive, quality pistols break during high round count classes. By "break", I don't mean "malfunction". I mean, they suffered a parts breakage that rendered the gun out of action until a replacement part could be procured and installed. Bummer! This happened, and continues to happen now, with unsettling frequency. This phenomenon is not limited to one make or model, either.

When working extensively with military units after 9/11, I saw one M9 after another suffer parts breakages, usually locking blocks or firing pins. At one point, I actually had a three pound sack of broken M9 locking blocks and firing pins. With SIG pistols, I've seen the trigger return spring break on all models, and I've seen several slide stops break on P220's, rendering the guns inoperable. With Glocks (Yes, even Glocks!), I've seen several trigger return springs break, more than one locking block disintegrate, strikers break, extractors chip or break, take down latches fall out, and six slides fail structurally, with chunks breaking off.

The 1911 is a chapter all to itself. In the incident on the range that Craig mentioned, he and I were attending another instructor's course, something we both try to do at least once a year. I was shooting a 1911 customized and

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tuned by one of the best pistolsmiths in the US. I kept the gun cleaned and properly lubricated, and used only quality ammunition in it. During a drill, the slide stop broke into two pieces, putting the gun out of action. At the end of the drill, I put that one in my range bag and got out my spare, which I loaded and continued the class. I wouldn't have had that luxury during a fight! I have seen 1911's in class break extractors and ejectors, seen barrel bushings come apart (3 occasions), seen the thumb piece break off the thumb safety, and even seen the lower barrel lugs shear off, turning the gun into a very nice paperweight.

Revolvers are certainly not immune. In fact, when a revolver malfunctions, it is usually a problem that will require time and tools to fix. I've seen firing pins break, particularly the hammer mounted firing pins on Smith & Wessons. I've seen ejector rods back out or get bent, strain screws back out from vibrations, and bullets jump forward under recoil, locking the cylinder so that it won't rotate and cannot be opened. If any of these events occur in a gunfight, you darn well better have another gun to continue fighting with.

Since Murphy has a habit of showing up when he's least welcome, I recognize that a well made, well maintained sidearm may break at a critical point in a gunfight. Given that, I carry a second gun, so if this happens, I can transition to the second gun and continue the fight. We carry a sidearm every day because we recognize that although a gunfight is a low probability today, it is a possibility for which we can be prepared and which we will deal with if we have to. Also, although that gunfight is a low probability event, the cost of losing is simply too high to take the risk of not being armed. To me, the logical progression of this train of thought is that my sidearm is not likely to break during a fight, but if it does, the potential penalty is too great, unless I have a BUG. So, every day, I carry my sidearm, and as life insurance, I carry my BUG.



Two excellent BUG's, the 6 shot Colt Agent (top)
and the S&W 442 5-shot (lower), both in .38 Special

Massad Ayoob, MAG-20 Course

July 30-31, 2011, Saturday-Sunday
Rangemaster, Memphis, TN

Armed Citizens' Rules of Engagement

This is a two-day, 20-hour immersion course in rules of engagement for armed law-abiding private citizens, emphasizing legal issues, tactical issues, and aftermath management. Topics will include interacting with suspects, witnesses, responding police officers...threat recognition and mind-set...management of social and psychological aftermath after having had to use lethal force in defense of self or others...and preparing beforehand for legal repercussions and minimizing exposure to them. Situations in the home, at the place of business, or "on the street" will all be covered. Prerequisite: none.

This is a very intensive classroom course that runs from 8:00am until 6:00pm both days. The training will take place in the comfortable classrooms at Rangemaster, with modern audio/visual equipment. There are numerous hotels and restaurants literally within blocks of Rangemaster.

Optional Third Day

Monday, August 1, 2011

Handgun Skills, with Tom Givens

This is an intensive full day of live-fire range training on Rangemaster's comfortable, air conditioned indoor range. Students will fire between 350 and 400 rounds of ammunition in drills designed to enhance marksmanship ability, ingrain gunhandling skills that will hold up under duress, and reinforce sound tactical principles. Both daylight and low light firing will be conducted and the class runs from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. This class is not suitable for beginners.

COST

Tuition for MAG-20 is \$400. The optional third day for live fire training is \$200. A deposit of \$200 will hold your space for either or both segments, with the balance due no later than 15 days prior to class date. Ammunition will be available at low cost on site.

REGISTRATION

To register, please call Rangemaster at 901-370-5600. You may register by phone with a credit or debit card, or fax your information to 901-370-5699. Registration can be made by mail with a check, to Rangemaster, 2611 S. Mendenhall Rd, Memphis, TN, 38115. Questions can be addressed to ***rangemaster.tom@gmail.com***. See www.rangemaster.com for more details on our facilities and other training opportunities. Registered students will receive directions, hotel list, equipment list and other information near class time.

Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Courses in 2011

We will be conducting two of these intensive three-day long Instructor Development Courses in 2011, one in Memphis and one in Oklahoma City. This is a very detailed, in-depth course, designed to teach good shooters how to teach other people to shoot. The shooting requirements are demanding as is the written examination. The course is also a great deal of fun, and successful candidates leave with a well earned sense of accomplishment. This course is approved for state licensing of handgun instructors by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Oklahoma CLEET.

Students in these classes need 900 rounds of ammunition for their sidearm. Shooting is conducted on all three days of the course, along with classroom work. We supply a 170+ page training manual, which becomes a valuable reference source after the class.

Memphis, TN, held at Rangemaster, 2611 S. Mendenhall Rd, Memphis, TN, 38115

August 5-7, 2011- Friday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. all three days. Call 901-370-5600 to register. Our indoor range is air conditioned, so the August heat doesn't matter. This class will fill in advance, so don't procrastinate.

Oklahoma City, OK, held at the Oklahoma City Gun Club, just outside OKC

October 28-30, 2011- Friday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. all three days.

Contact Spencer Keepers at "Awareness Defense Training" <spencerkeepers@yahoo.com>, to register. Spencer will be handling all registrations for this course locally.

New Training Facility in Kentucky

This year we will be conducting several training events at an incredibly nice, brand new training facility near Cave City, Kentucky. The **Cedar Ridge Shooting Academy** is a brand new 300 acre facility with ranges for rifle, pistol, and shotgun, plus a comfortable clubhouse with classroom and retail space. See <http://www.cedarridgeshooting.com/> for lots of color photos and details.

On June 4-5 we'll be conducting a **Combative Pistol Course** there. Contact Cedar Ridge directly to register for that course. On Oct 8-9, we will be conducting the **Eastern Tactical Conference** there. This is the two-day training extravaganza we did last year in Culpeper, VA. The Cedar Ridge facility is bigger, newer, and nicer, and is very centrally located. Cave City is the home of Mammoth Cave National Park, in a beautiful region of Kentucky, located about halfway between Louisville, KY, and Nashville, TN. There are numerous family activities available, including cave tours, horseback riding, canoe trips, museums, and more. Contact Lynn at 901-370-5600 to obtain a registration packet for this event, or print the registration forms from our website, www.rangemaster.com. This event will feature a truly integrated training opportunity with specialists in hand to hand skills and firearms skills in multiple blocks of instruction.

Combative Pistol 1 Two-Day

June 11-12, 2011, at a **private range in Culpeper, Virginia**. Contact John Murphy at john@fpftraining.com to register. This is a nice range in the middle of a very scenic and historic area in Northern Virginia. Qualification Night is Monday, June 6th, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how your skills with the handgun compare to those of professional law enforcement agencies? Here's your chance to find out. On Monday, June 6th, at 6:00 p.m., we will fire 3 law enforcement qualification courses. These will be the current qualification standards for the Memphis Police Department, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and the FBI. You will need 160 rounds of jacketed handgun ammunition, your pistol, holster, and three magazines for autos, or two speedloaders for revolvers.

Participation is limited to 20 students. Each will get a form showing the courses of fire and your scores, which you can put in your permanent training record. Cost is only \$49.00. Call 901-370-5600 to register.

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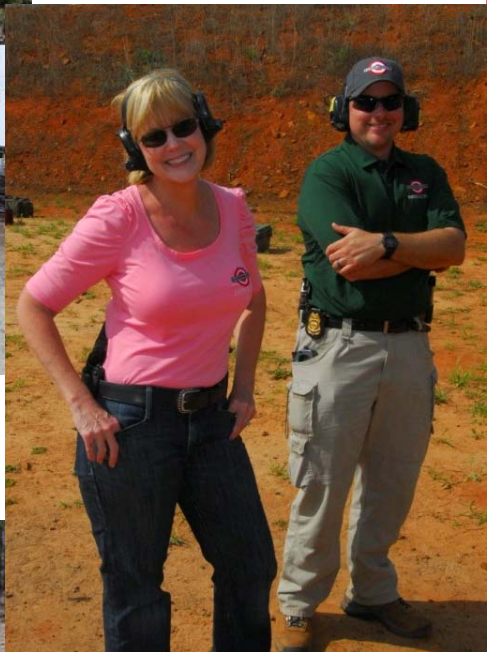
Student in Longview, Texas working a diagnostic drill on the infamous Dots



Lynn conducting an emergency reload. Note the new magazine on the way to the gun as the empty magazine drops from the pistol.



Lynn Givens shows excellent form at a recent class in South Carolina. See the ejected cartridge case right above the gun, but the gun is already back on target.



Lynn Givens and John Hearne having too much fun at a recent Rangemaster class in Longview, Texas.