



Tactical Talk

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"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety."

—Benjamin Franklin

A WISH TO LIVE FOREVER

I met a fairy who said she would grant me one wish.

Immediately I said, "I want to live forever."

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant eternal life."

"OK," I said, "Then, I want to die after Congress gets its head out of its ass".

"You crafty bastard," said the fairy.

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Assault Weapons Ban Make Any Sense?

In Europe in the Middle Ages, if an ox drawn cart overturned and as a result its owner died, the cart would be tried for murder. Once convicted, the cart would be burned. This made the poor ignorant peasants feel better, as blame for the death of their neighbor had been assigned and "justice" meted out.

The exact same kind of mentality is feverishly at work today among politicians and media types screaming for a ban on "assault weapons" after the Sandy Hook shootings. Let's look at some facts.

"Semi-automatic guns have no place in society!" Most of the guns manufactured today are semi-automatic, whether handgun, rifle or shotgun. Semi-automatic firearms are not new, having been around since about 1890. By attempting to make the terms "semi-automatic" and "assault weapon" synonyms, they betray their bias and hatred toward all guns.

"Assault weapons are the gun of choice for murder!" No, they are not. In fact, rifles of any sort are at the very bottom of the list of weapons used in US homicides. Every year, more people are murdered with "blunt objects" (hammers, baseball bats, boards) than with rifles. For instance, in the US in 2005 there were 445 murders committed with rifles, but 605 with hammers and clubs (caveman technology). In 2011, there were 323 murders committed with a rifle, but 496 committed with hammers and clubs. In fact, nearly twice as many people are murdered each year with hands and fists than with rifles. I guess we need a ban on "assault hands".

Here's my take: if you are proficient with a semi-automatic handgun and actually wear it, you are less likely to be murdered by someone who wants to bash your head in with a hammer.





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Active Shooter Response Course

March 18, 2013, Monday, 6pm-10pm

In just the past few months we have seen Active Shooter incidents in Aurora, Colorado, Clackamas, Oregon, and Newtown, Connecticut. There have been many others throughout the US, and one little known fact about them is that the killing has often been stopped by the arrival or presence of an armed good guy.

In this course we will look at the historical record of active shooter/spree killer episodes in the US. This information will include the demographics of the killers,

the preferred locations, weaponry used, and other vital intelligence on the threat. We will also examine your options if you are caught in such a predicament. Range time will focus on getting hits on an Active Shooter under stressful conditions with innocents in the vicinity of the target. Range time will include a scenario based engagement with reactive targets among no-shoots, simulating an Active Shooter incident.

Tuition is only \$99.00 and advance registration is required. This course is NOT suitable for beginning shooters. Students will need to be graduates of at least Level 3 Handgun here, or equivalent. Call 901-370-5600 to register.



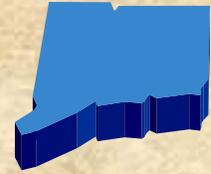
Quotes to Ponder

“The gun has been called the great equalizer, meaning that a small person with a gun is equal to a large person, but it is a great equalizer in another way, too. It insures that the people are the equal of their government whenever that government forgets that it is servant and not master of the governed. When the British forgot that they got a revolution. And, as a result, we Americans got a Constitution; a Constitution that, as those who wrote it were determined, would keep men free. If we give up part of that Constitution we give up part of our freedom and increase the chance that we will lose it all. I am not ready to take that risk. I believe that the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms must not be infringed if liberty in America is to survive.”

—Ronald Reagan



Another Tragedy in Connecticut



After the horrific murder of school children in December in Connecticut, many in the media have vilified the shooter's mother for having guns in the house. How soon they forget! Here is an incident that happened just 19 miles away from Newtown, CT, just five years ago. Dr. Petit did not own any guns.

Joshua Komisarjevsky, 26, of Cheshire, and Steven Hayes, 44, of Winsted, were arraigned Tuesday on charges of murder, assault, sexual assault, kidnapping, burglary, robbery, arson, larceny and risk of injury to children. More charges are pending, state police said Tuesday night. The two men could face the death penalty.

The state medical examiner confirmed that Jennifer Hawke-Petit, 48, was strangled and that her daughters, 17-year-old Hayley and 11-year-old Michaela, died of smoke inhalation. The deaths were ruled homicides. The girls' father, Dr. William Petit Jr., a prominent endocrinologist, remained hospitalized with head injuries.

The mother and two children were raped, sources familiar with the investigation told both the Waterbury Republican-American and Hartford Courant. The father, Dr. Petit was beaten with a baseball bat, thrown down the basement stairs, and then tied up in the cellar.

The two girls, sources told the Courant, ages 17 and 11, were tied to their beds and raped repeatedly, then left to burn after gasoline was poured around their beds and ignited.

The suspects entered the Petits' Cheshire home at about 3 a.m. Monday, planning to burglarize it, state police said. Sources familiar with the investigation tell the Republican-American that Hawke-Petit and Michaela were followed home from a supermarket Sunday by the suspects.

Employees at a bank called police after one of the suspects forced Hawke-Petit to make a \$15,000 withdrawal around 9:30 a.m., officials said. The employees balked, and Hawke-Petit told them her family was being held hostage, reports the Courant. One of the men was waiting for her outside the bank.

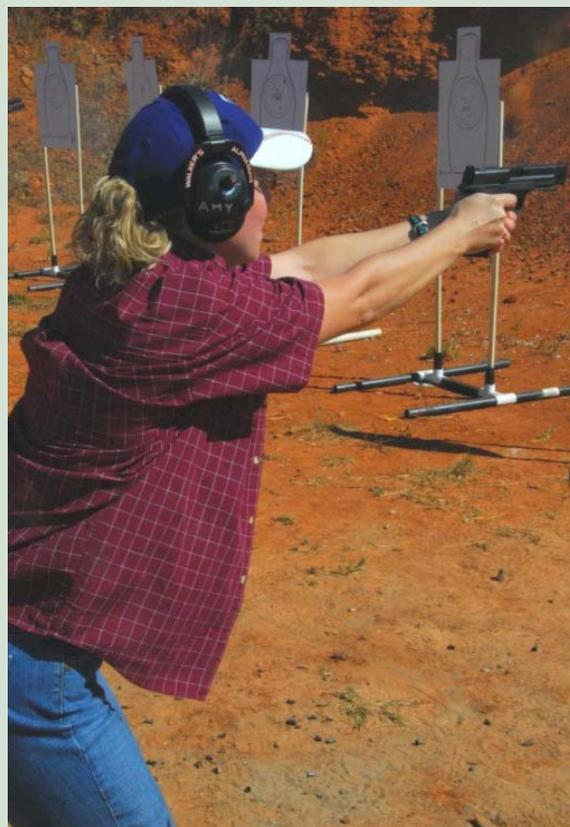
On the way back to the house, he bought a container of gasoline, according to the Republican-American. AFTER THE POLICE WERE CALLED BY THE BANK, the pair still had time to buy gasoline, rape and murder the mother, rape the children, then set the house on fire. Police arrived as the pair were leaving the house and a chase ensued. The men were caught in the family's car after ramming several police cruisers as they fled the burning home, authorities said.

Hawke-Petit and her daughters were found dead inside. Dr. Petit escaped the blaze and told police what happened.

Hayes and Komisarjevsky each have more than 20 prior burglaries on their records. At the time of the killings, both were free on parole after serving prison time for burglary convictions in 2003. (They served less than 2 years.)

Dr. Petit did not have any guns in the home. He failed in his primary duty as a husband and as a father. That duty is to protect and defend his family. He ran next door to a neighbor's home and waited for the police while his family was raped, tortured and murdered, and he will have to live with that for the rest of his life.

Now, when two men like this come to YOUR HOME, would you rather have an AR-15 or a golf club?

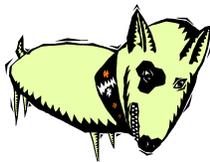


Gun vs. Dog

We are frequently asked, “Can I use my gun to defend against an aggressive dog?”.

In Tennessee the law would allow someone to shoot an attacking dog if they are acting “under a reasonable belief that the animal was creating an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury to that person or another or an imminent danger of death to an animal owned by that person.”

So, the short answer is “Yes”. However, as always, we must keep in mind the “reasonable belief” requirement. If a 4 pound Chihuahua is barking and nipping at your ankles, the use of a gun would clearly not be justified. If a 60 pound pit bull is about to attack your child, that’s another matter entirely.



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A few things to keep in mind:

These events do not take place in a vacuum. There may be other people present, or homes in the background. You will be held accountable for bullets that miss the dog or go through him, so you must be aware of the background. You may have to hold your fire until you can change the angle or get a better backstop behind the dog.

Bullets ricochet off concrete and asphalt pretty often, less so on dirt or grass. See above.

Handguns are often not terribly effective against large, aggressive dogs. You may have to hit the animal several times. Smaller calibers (.32, .380, .38 Special) often fail to penetrate the low, sloping, hard skulls of breeds like pit bulls and Rottweilers.

2012 PRIVATE SECURITY DEATH-INJURY REPORT

JANUARY 2 2013

Private Security Officers in the US, 2012:

ON DUTY DEATHS: 112

INJURIES & ASSAULTS: INCREASED BY 17%

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT SECURITY: MORE THAN 70,000 INCIDENTS
(INCLUDES VERBAL THREATS-PHYSICAL ASSAULTS-DEATHS)

DEATHS BY AGE:

MALE-103
FEMALE-9
MEDIUM AGE 46
YOUNGEST-19
OLDEST-88
16% OLDER THAN 55

MOST DEATHS OCCURRED:

NIGHTCLUB
APARTMENTS/RESIDENTIAL SITES
RETAIL
GAMEROOM/CASINO/ CLUB/RESTAURANTS
ARMORED CAR

MOST ASSAULTS OCCURRED:

RETAIL
NIGHTCLUBS
HOSPITALS
APARTMENTS/RESIDENTIAL SITES
CASINOS/GAMEROOMS/CLUBS/RESTAURANTS
HOTELS

METHOD of DEATHS:

GUNSHOT 65
STABBING 9
TRAUMA 14
MEDICAL 9
INDUSTRIAL/MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS -7
DROWNING -2
MISCELLANEOUS -6

There were also four on-duty confirmed suicides. The vast majority of the security officers killed were unarmed.

This information was supplied by Private Officer International. Private Officer International is a security-police association and national training resource offering membership, national seminars, on-line certification, resources and products for the private security, public safety, loss prevention, investigation and private police fields since 2004. Based in Charlotte NC, POI is also a clearinghouse for statistical data, news and information relating to the above listed areas.

Two Very Different Outcomes in Atlanta

A woman was working in an upstairs office when she spotted a strange man outside a window, according to Walton County Sheriff Joe Chapman. He said she took her 9-year-old twins to a crawlspace before the man broke in using a crowbar.

But the man eventually found the family.

"The perpetrator opens that door. Of course, at that time he's staring at her, her two children and a .38 revolver," Chapman told Channel 2's Kerry Kavanaugh.

The woman then shot him five times, but he survived, Chapman said. He said the woman ran out of bullets but threatened to shoot the intruder if he moved."

She held the intruder at gunpoint until police arrived and took him into custody.

This incident occurred on Jan 4 in a suburb of Atlanta. The male suspect had been arrested numerous times before and was last released from jail in August.

The very same day, in another Atlanta area town, armed home invaders shot a woman several times after she unsuccessfully tried to run and hide from them. She was unarmed.



More Gun-Free Zone Idiocy

We got this information via John Lott, a noted researcher on gun control issues.

The night James Holmes shot so many people at the Aurora, Colorado, movie theater there were a total of seven theaters showing *The Dark Knight Rises* on that same night, all within a twenty minute drive of Holmes' apartment. Did the deranged gunman pick the one closest to his home, or the farthest? Neither. Did he pick the one with the largest audience capacity? No. He chose the only one that was posted as a Gun-Free Zone. Colorado is a shall issue state, with a lot of concealed carry permit holders. By choosing the only theater posted as a Gun-Free Zone, he was assured of having unarmed victims to prey upon.

I consider posting a business as a Gun-Free Zone to be criminally negligent, at best, if not an active accomplice to murder.

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