



Tactical Talk

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“Being a predator is sometimes uncomfortable, but the alternative is being prey, and that is unacceptable”

—Phil Messina,
Modern Warrior Academy

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Annual Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course

*August 7-9, 2009, Friday through Sunday
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. each day, at Rangemaster, Memphis*

On August 7-9th, Rangemaster will conduct its 12th annual Firearms Instructor Course. This course is intended for students who are already familiar with their equipment and are above average shooters, who wish to learn how to teach/coach others in defensive shooting techniques, while bringing their own skill level up significantly.

Modern teaching methodology; the psychology of learning; preparation of lesson plans and training aids; and other academic topics are covered in the classroom. On the range, students will learn to coach others; observe, identify, and correct shooter errors; and polish and refine their own shooting skills. Each student receives a huge reference manual, which will become a valuable resource. We will supply approximately 700 rounds of ammunition for each student, which will be fired in the student’s own sidearm, and in various handgun types supplied by the range. Students will learn to operate and teach the use of revolvers and all types of semi-automatic handguns. Students will fire their own sidearms for the qualification course, and will need to bring 100 rounds of quality, factory ammunition for that purpose. There is an extensive written examination, and a range qualification course involved.

Students who successfully complete this course receive a certificate as a Rangemaster Certified Handgun Instructor. This qualifies for a State Certified Handgun Instructor license from the state of Tennessee. This class fills every year, so call 901-370-5600 soon to register. Cost is only \$449, which INCLUDES 700 rounds of ammunition.



Graduates, 2008 Firearms Instructor Course



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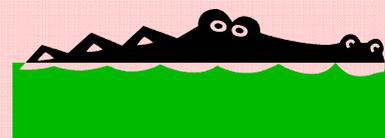
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Gators & Girls in Vicksburg



Ladies Only Self-Defense Course
Tara Wildlife, Vicksburg, MS

In June, Rangemaster instructors Tom and Lynn Givens went to Tara Wildlife, a beautiful lodge in the swamps outside Vicksburg, MS, to conduct a Ladies Only Self Defense Course. Situated on over 20,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat, Tara Wildlife has a modern, very comfortable lodge, fishing lakes, and archery only trophy deer hunting in the Fall. We conducted two days of handgun and shotgun self defense training for fourteen ladies, who came from as far away as Memphis, Atlanta, and Central Florida for the class. When not training, we were able to view abundant wildlife, including alligators, deer, and all sorts of small game and birds. For more information on Tara Wildlife, see www.tarawildlife.com.

OC/Pepper Spray Course

On Friday, August 28, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Rangemaster will conduct an OC/Pepper Spray Course. This class will be taught by Fox Labs certified instructors in our classroom. Material covered will include the history and development of aerosol irritant sprays; their proper selection and carry; tactics and techniques for effective deployment; and the legal issues involved in its use. OC is a useful accessory, particularly for women, but you need to know how to and how not to use it. Cost is only \$49.00. You will not be sprayed in this class. Call 901-370-5600 to register.



The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) recently released the 2007 production figures for American gun manufacturers. You might be surprised at the numbers.

Maker	Autopistols	Revolvers	Total
Smith & Wesson	302,623	196,255	498,878
Ruger	142,017	96,598	238,615
SIG Sauer	111,653		111,653
Kel-Tec	103,893		103,893
Beretta, USA	87,631		87,631
Glock	61,703		61,703
Kimber	55,722		55,722
Colt	17,833	4,785	22,618
Springfield Armory	13,687		13,687

Dodge City vs Memphis

Over the Saturday-Sunday 4th of July weekend, there were 5 murders in Memphis. In addition, a number of other people were shot, and these incidents occurred all over the city. Violence peaks in the heat of Summer, so be careful out there.

That Sunday's Commercial Appeal ran a letter to the editor, again moaning about the change in Tennessee law to allow valid Handgun Carry Permit holders to carry where alcohol is served, as long as the permit holder does not drink. As usual, the letter was emotional, rather than factual. Here is a rebuttal I sent the editor that day.



*To the Editor
The Commercial Appeal*

Sunday's edition had a letter from a writer who stated that even in Dodge City they had enough sense to outlaw guns where alcohol was served. Apparently, this writer received her education about American History from Hollywood movies, a notoriously poor source.

In fact, the Earp's did get a city ordinance passed in Dodge City, outlawing the wearing of deadly weapons in the portion of town South of the railroad tracks, an area known as The Deadline. This was NOT a city wide law, it only applied South of The Deadline: the area where all of the saloons, gambling parlors and brothels were located.

During the fifteen years from 1870 to 1885, the period in which Dodge City was considered a "frontier cow town", there were exactly 15 homicides. By the way, that is a homicide rate per capita far lower than that of the "back East" cities of New York or Chicago during the same time. Predictably, every single one of those homicides occurred in the area South of The Deadline. In other words, there were NO homicides where it was legal to be armed, but 15 where it was illegal to be armed. Then, as now, all such laws accomplish is to assure criminals that they will probably be the only ones armed in these gun free zones.

Tom Givens

Private Instruction/Coaching

Private, one-on-one instruction is available by appointment at Rangemaster. This is an excellent way to work on the diagnosis and remedy of specific problem areas in your shooting, or taking your skills to the next level. We have several certified instructors who handle these private sessions. Cost is \$65.00 per hour, with a one-hour minimum. Lynn Givens is available all day Mon-Fri for these sessions. Her specialty is working with female students, but she is qualified to help any shooter improve. Call 370-5600 to set up an appointment.



Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course *Oklahoma City, OK*

For the first time, we will be offering our instructor training off-site, in Oklahoma City:

*Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course
October 30 - November 1, 2009, Friday through Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day with Primary Instructor, Tom Givens*

We have arranged to use the excellent facilities of H&H Gun Range in Oklahoma City for this class. H&H has a modern, well equipped classroom, with audio visual gear and everything we need to put on the extensive classroom training involved in this course. Their indoor range makes weather a non-issue for the shooting portion of the training. There is a restaurant on-site, so we can minimize lost training time.

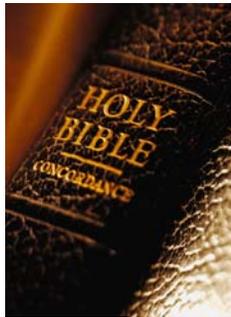
This is an intensive three-day course, with a lot of classroom work and a lot of shooting. Candidates must pass an extensive written examination, pass a shooting qualification, and deliver a brief classroom presentation. Students receive a 170 page instructor manual, which is a valuable reference source. Students will shoot their own sidearms during this class, and will also shoot a variety of other handguns for familiarization. Each student will need an accurate, reliable handgun of 9X19mm, .38 Special, or larger caliber, concealment gear, and 800 rounds of quality ammunition. We will supply ammunition for the other handguns fired for familiarization. H&H will have ammunition on hand for purchase for use in this course.

This course is geared toward teaching you how to teach others. You will gain a good bit of experience in coaching others; spotting, identifying, and correcting common shooting errors; course design and documentation; and other topics. You will also increase your own shooting skills. Students should already have basic shooting/gunhandling skills and be above average shots prior to this course.

Tuition for this class is \$385.00. That includes everything: there is no separate range fee to H&H. Advance registration is required. To register, call Lynn Givens at 901-370-5600 with a credit card, or mail a check to Rangemaster, 2611 S. Mendenhall Rd, Memphis, TN, 38115. Class size is limited.



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 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.

2008 FBI figures, for cities in the half million to one million population range, combining the Murder Rate and the Rate of Aggravated Assaults:

Looking at the Murder Rate in a city does little to tell you about the rate of violent crime in that city. Because of modern trauma care, incidents that *WOULD* have been a murder 40 years ago are now Aggravated Assaults. Here in Memphis, for instance, The Med works miracles every day in the trauma center, and as a result, only a tiny fraction of the people seriously injured in criminal attacks die from their injuries. So, to have a clear view of the rate of violence, one needs to combine the Murder Rate and the rate for Aggravated Assault. Using this formula, Memphis ranks as follows in the Top Five.

Population one-half million to one million residents:

1. DETROIT 0.034% 1.213%
2. MEMPHIS 0.020% 1.158%
3. NASHVILLE 0.013% 0.950%
4. BALTIMORE 0.037% 0.932%
5. ATLANTA 0.020% 0.745%

Recently the Commercial Appeal ran a piece in the Healthy Living section that was nothing more than anti-gun propaganda disguised as news. The title of the hit-piece was "Guns reduce safety in home, don't ensure security". It was full of the usual crap that having a gun in the home almost guarantees a tragedy. One of the misleading statements (lies) in the article was "Firearm injuries, most involving handguns, are a major cause of death in the Mid-South." In fact, firearms injuries ARE NOT a major cause of death anywhere in the United States.

The National Safety Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that collects and reports data on accidental injuries and deaths in the US. The latest year they have full figures for is 2004. In that year, accidental deaths were attributed to:

Motor vehicle accidents	44,933	40.1%
Poisoning	20,950	18.7%
Falls	18,807	16.7%
Choking	4,470	4.0%
Drowning	3,308	3.0%
Fire, Flames, Smoke	3,229	2.9%
Mechanical Suffocation	1,421	1.4%
Natural Heat/Cold	902	.8%
Struck by/against object	833	.7%
Machinery	795	.7%
Air Transport	679	.6%
Firearms	649	.6%

Firearms cause less than 1% of the accidental deaths in this country, so how can they be "a major cause of death in the Mid-South"? One is actually less likely to die in a firearms accident than in a plane crash. This is a perfect example of biased, inaccurate reporting.

One is far more likely to die from a fall in the bath-tub than from a firearms accident, yet no one suggests we all remove the bath-tubs from our homes.



Cecil Booker (right) has been a primary instructor here at Rangemaster for ten years. Here, he cooks up some barbeque at our annual 4th of July instructor staff cook-out at Rangemaster.

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2010 Tactical Conference and Polite Society Match

The annual Tactical Conference will be conducted on April 24-25, 2010, again at the beautiful facilities of the United States Shooting Academy in Tulsa, OK. To take advantage of the huge amount of space we have there, the number of trainers presenting classes in 2010 has been increased. There will be 20 or 21 well known professional instructors conducting classroom, hands-on, or live fire blocks throughout the weekend. This year we had to turn away over two dozen applicants who waited too late to try to register. I'll say it once again—this event fills up well in advance every year. If you want to attend in 2010, better register soon. E-mail rangemaster.tom@gmail.com to request a registration packet.

Upcoming Road Classes



Combined Skills Course, Southnarc/Tom Givens,
Sept. 12-13, 2009, at KR Training, near Austin, Texas.

Combative Pistol, Mon-Tue, Sept. 21-22, 2009, at Shawnee,
Oklahoma

One Day Defensive Shotgun, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at
Shawnee, Oklahoma

BUG Course, Vehicle Defense Course, Low Light Clinic,
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, Hot Springs, Arkansas

One Day Advanced Pistol Skills, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009,
Weatherford, Texas

One Day Defensive Shotgun, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009,
Weatherford, Texas

Dynamic Marksmanship, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15,
2009, at Oklahoma City Gun Club