



Tactical Talk

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"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember it or overthrow it."

-Abraham Lincoln,
4 April 1861

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The National Safety Council, chartered by an act of Congress, is a non-government, not-for-profit, public service organization with a mission to educate and influence people to prevent accidental injury and death. They collect and report the facts about accidental injuries and deaths from all sources. Recently, the NSC released data from 2007. Here are some facts:

Accidental Firearms Fatalities are at an All-time Low. Firearms are involved in fewer than 1 percent of all accidental fatalities in the United States. In a side by side comparison with other forms of injury, firearms have the lowest rate of accidents.

Public firearms safety education projects, like Hunter Safety Courses, Handgun Permit Courses, NRA First Steps programs, and similar educational programs are credited with contributing to the decline in firearms accidents. Firearm related fatalities in the U.S. have been decreasing consistently since record keeping began in 1903 and have reduced dramatically in the last 20 years.

During the last decade, the number of unintentional firearm related deaths for children 14 years of age and under has decreased by 61%, and by 77% in the last 20 years. Firearms are involved in 1% of accidental deaths among children 14 years of age and under, the lowest cause of accidental fatality.

Firearm related accidental deaths in the home are down 50% from 1987 levels. In the entire United States in 2007 there were only 400 accidental firearm related deaths occurring in the home, in a population of 300,000,000 people. In contrast, in 2007 about 1,000 people drowned in their own homes and another 11,600 died in accidental falls in the home. Removing bathtubs and stairs from your home would be more prudent than removing the firearms.

Hunting is a sport deeply involved with firearms, but it is one of the safest sports. The number of injuries reported for participants in various sports in 2007 included:

Baseball-	167,661	Bowling-	21,819	Football-	455,193
Golf-	36,886	Soccer-	198,679	Volleyball-	57,039

HUNTING- 916

Thus, one is 22 times more likely to be injured while bowling than while hunting. Remember that the next time somebody tries to tell you how unsafe it is to have a gun in the home.

For the purposes of record keeping, the US Justice Department defines "violent crime" as Murder, Aggravated Assault, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Kidnapping. The Justice Dept recently released figures for 2008, indicating there were 4.9 million of these offenses during last year. That is roughly a rate of one violent crime per 60 residents.



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Special Classes in October & November

Oct 10, 2009- Advanced Pistol Skills, One Day, Woodbury, Georgia

Oct 11, 2009- Defensive Shotgun, One Day, Woodbury, Georgia

Oct 15, 2009- Ladies Only Introduction to Handguns, 6:30pm-10:00pm, at Rangemaster, Memphis

Oct 18, 2009- Claude Werner's One Day Snubby Revolver Skills Course, at Rangemaster, Memphis

Oct 24, 2009- Advanced Pistol Skills, One Day, Weatherford, Texas

Oct 25, 2009- Defensive Shotgun, One Day, Weatherford, Texas

Oct 30-Nov 1, 2009- Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course, Oklahoma City, OK

Nov 14-15, 2009- Combative Pistol Course, Two Day, Oklahoma City Gun Club, OKC, OK



For further information on these courses or to register, call Lynn Givens at 901-370-5600.



Dry Fire Drills

The amount of practice one does may not be nearly as important when the flag flies as *how recent your last practice was*.

The easiest way to ensure you had RECENT practice is to engage in dry practice at home on a frequent basis. Here is a suggested dry fire practice regimen that takes only a few minutes to complete. We suggest this routine 2-3 times per week to maintain your skills.

CLEAR YOUR GUN. Remove all live ammunition from the dry fire area.

1. Draw to the ready. Draw like you mean business! Remember that the gun should be low enough for you to see the hands and waistline of an assailant, your trigger finger straight. Do this 10 times.
2. Draw to the ready, once. From the ready, bring the gun up to the eye/target line, get a quick sight picture, and get the slack out of the trigger, but do not press. Do this 10 times.
3. Draw to the ready, once. From the ready, present to the target and press off a good hit, quickly. Do this 10 times.
4. From the holster, present to the target, get a quick sight picture, and get the slack out of the trigger, but do not press. Do this 10 times.
5. From the holster, present to the target and press off a good hit. Do this 10 times.
6. From the ready, gun in dominant hand only. Present to the target and press off a good hit. Do this 10 times.
7. Same as above, but with the non-dominant hand only. Do this 10 times.
8. Start at ready, slide locked open on empty magazine. Have a magazine in your pouch, with at least one dummy round in it. Do an emergency reload. Do this 5 times.

Clear the gun. Put the dry fire target away. Out loud, say to yourself, "this session is over." Leave the dry fire area.

Some minutes later, in a different room, load the gun and say out loud, "this gun is now loaded". Holster the gun on your person or put it in its proper storage location.

Be serious about safety. When a session is over, IT IS OVER. Put the gear away.

NEVER SAY JUST ONE MORE TIME.

Rangemaster/Polite Society Tactical Conference, 2010

Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, 2010
at the United States Shooting Academy (USSA) Tulsa, Oklahoma

Registration fee is \$189.00. This includes all of the training segments, the tactical match, the side match, and the prize drawing.

All of the trainers present for 2009 will be returning, plus we will have some new trainers presenting topics. We will be expanding to take advantage of USSA's sprawling range complex, and there will be 21 instructors presenting various live-fire, hands on, and classroom training segments. This event will fill completely two to three months in advance, so sign up early to avoid disappointment.

You MAY NOT register for this event by phone. The only way to register is to print and complete a registration form and print and complete the USSA liability waiver, and send these to Rangemaster, along with payment. We have included the registration form and USSA Liability Waiver here for your convenience. Print, them, fill them out, and mail them to us asap.

Mail-in registration may be accompanied by a personal or company check, a money order, or credit/debit card information. FAX registrations can be accepted with credit/debit card info. The fax number is 901-370-5699.

Mail entries to Rangemaster
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Registered attendees will receive a detailed equipment list, list of trainers and their topics, and other information prior to the event date.

Rangemaster/Polite Society Annual Tactical Conference
April 24-25, 2010
United States Shooting Academy, Tulsa, OK

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR USE OF USSA FACILITIES

In order to utilize the facilities at the United States Shooting Academy ("USSA"), I, _____, in consideration of the right to enter and use the facilities and services of USSA, do enter into this Acknowledgement, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement ("Agreement"), and do hereby consent and agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that engaging in target shooting and the firearm training activities conducted at USSA are dangerous activities. I am fully informed and understand that these risks, hazards and dangers include the risk of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, as well as damage to property. I engage in these activities voluntarily and at my own risk.

2. I acknowledge and represent that I am familiar with the significant risks and dangerous nature of these activities and hereby assume any and all responsibilities and liabilities pertaining to such risks, whether to myself or to others, and without limitation or qualification.

3. I acknowledge that at the time of signing this Agreement I am of sufficient physical and mental condition to engage in target shooting and/or firearms training activities at USSA.

4. I agree that USSA, or any representative thereof, may, but has no duty to, provide to me with first aid, or through medical personnel of their choice, medical or training assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services if I am injured at USSA. This consent does not, however, impose an affirmative duty upon USSA to provide such assistance, transportation or services. I agree to be solely responsible for all medical expenses incurred in connection with my association with USSA and/or my use of USSA's facility. I understand that I may be unattended and unsupervised, and medical attention may be hours away, if any. I understand I may die without getting any medical attention, by getting improper attention, and/or not being evacuated promptly, or at all.

5. In consideration for utilizing USSA's services and/or facilities, I do on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue USSA, its successors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, subsidiaries and affiliates and each person acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") with regard to any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence or gross negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise, while participating in any target shooting or firearms training activities, or while upon USSA's premises where the activities are being conducted.

6. I shall indemnify, without qualification or limitation, the Released Parties, and shall defend and hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, demands or charges of every kind (including attorney's fees and costs) which any party may claim to have for property damage or personal injuries or any other damages, including death, arising from any cause or reason of every kind pertaining to or referring to or relating to: (1) my use of USSA's facilities; (2) my activities on the USSA facility; (3) any training I receive from USSA; and/or (4) my use of any vehicles, assets or materials of USSA.

7. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted pursuant to Oklahoma law. Neither party shall commence any litigation against the other arising out this Agreement except in the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Each party hereby consents to jurisdiction over it by, and exclusive venue in, the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

8. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be overbroad as written, such provision shall be deemed to be amended to narrow its application to the extent necessary to make the provision enforceable according to applicable law.

9. By my signature on this application, I state that I have no criminal convictions, am not currently under indictment or prosecution for any offense, and am not wanted for questioning or arrest by any law enforcement or government agency. I further state that I have no history of mental illness or substance abuse. I understand that my training may be terminated at any time during the course if my actions are not deemed appropriate by United States Shooting Academy's staff.

10. I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

EXECUTED this ___ day of _____, 2009.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Where Will You Need Your Gun?

Many, many people, including some who should know better, mistakenly believe that your home is the most likely place for one to need to use a defensive firearm. To me, this premise is obviously incorrect, so why do so many people believe it?

The answer is simple. Whether you read the newspaper, search the internet, or watch TV news, most of the legitimate self defense stories occur in the defender's home. Since most of the defensive incidents you become aware of happened in the defender's home, you begin to become convinced that the home is where most attacks take place. There is a ridiculously easy explanation for why the home is so over-represented in these reports.

According to various studies, about half of the households in the United States contain firearms. So, when at home, 50% of the US population has access to guns. Conversely, only 3% of the population has a handgun carry permit, so the vast majority of the US population does not have access to firearms when away from the home. Duh..... If you don't have access to a firearm when attacked, you will not be able to defend yourself with a firearm. So, the only reason the majority of successful defensive gun uses occur in the home is that is the only place most people have access to a gun. Simple.

In fact, you are far more likely to be attacked in a life threatening manner away from home. Thus, one should be armed whenever one is away from home. That is the purpose of a carry permit and skill with a personal sidearm—the sidearm is the weapon carried away from home. To illustrate, here are some statistics from the United States Department of Justice, looking at Robbery Locations for the year 2007:

Street- 43.8%	Commercial- 13.9%	Residence- 15.2%
Banks- 2.1%	Gas station- 2.6%	Miscellaneous- 16.8%

So, you are almost three times as likely to be robbed on the street than at home, and in the home only accounts for 1 robbery in 6. Similar patterns exist for rape, aggravated assaults, etc. In fact, good locks, an alarm system, and proper lighting can reduce your risk of violent crime at home to very low levels. Once you leave your home, though, you have no control over such items. The one thing you can control is having your emergency safety equipment with you, so you can respond to emergencies that occur away from home. Remember, the gun you left at home won't help you anywhere else.