



Tactical Talk

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"The power to tax involves the power to destroy;...the power to destroy may defeat and render useless the power to create...."

-- Chief Justice John Marshall, 1819

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MAG-20/Classroom –

Armed Citizens' Rules of Engagement:

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" are all covered. Tuition is \$400.

This is Ayoob's signature course, formerly known as LFI-1. All training will be in our comfortable air conditioned classroom.



Ayoob's class is on Saturday-Sunday. On Monday, Tom Givens will conduct a one day Advanced Pistol Skills course for those who want to stay over and work on their shooting skills. This is a full day on our air conditioned indoor range working on high speed marksmanship. You will need your normal carry gear and 400 rounds of ammunition, which can be purchased here. Tuition is \$200.00. For either of these courses, call 901-370-5600 to register.

The Drawstroke (Presentation)

The term "*presentation*" is used to describe a series of small controlled movements that obtain the pistol from the holster and place it on target, in a firing platform, ready to shoot and hit the target. This is a critical skill, which should be practiced often. If you ever need your gun to save your life, odds are the gun will be in the holster, so you will need to be able to produce it quickly, efficiently and safely. This is accomplished in a simple 4 count sequence, as follows:

COUNT ONE- At the same time, the gun hand goes to the gun and obtains a full firing grip, and the support hand goes to the chest, at about sternum height, fingers together, thumb up. The gun hand is driven up the back of the pistol grip in the holster, so that web of the hand hits the tang of the pistol. At that point the lower three fingers wrap securely around the butt of the pistol—trigger finger straight alongside the frame or slide of the pistol. A full firing grip must be obtained before the gun is drawn from the holster. This is critical!

COUNT TWO- The support hand stays where it is. As the pistol is drawn, the high, or "*flagged*" thumb of the gun hand runs upward along the shooter's rib cage until he feels it touch the pectoral muscle. At that point, the wrist is straightened and locked, and the barrel of the gun brought up almost level by dropping the elbow. This orients the gun on target and gets the muzzle out past the support hand. In a contact distance confrontation, the gun can be fired from here, as a 'retention position'.

COUNT THREE- The gun hands moves toward the body centerline, with the thumb brushing across the nipple. At the same time, the support hand slides toward the gun hand, so that both hands merge on the pistol at the shooter's chest. A good two hand grip on the pistol is achieved before any forward movement of the pistol begins. In a very close range fight, the gun can be fired from here.

COUNT FOUR- The gun is thrust upward, into the line of sight, and forward, toward the target. The sooner the gun comes up into the eye/target line, the better. As the gun is extended toward the target, the trigger finger contacts the trigger, removing the slack. The shooter's eye comes in to the front sight, establishing sight alignment. As the gun reaches full extension, it is fired.

DRAWING TO THE READY- involves the exact same set of motions, except that the gun stops when both hands form a good two hand grip on the pistol. At the ready, one must be able to see the target's hands and waistline, so the threat can be evaluated and a decision to shoot made, if needed.

Returning the gun to the holster safely involves a reverse sequence. Starting at The Ready, trigger finger straight: first, retract the support hand to its position on your sternum, to get it out of the way and prevent covering it with your muzzle. Then, bring the thumb of the gun hand back to its index position at your pectoral muscle. This orients the handgun above your holster. Point the muzzle down, and carefully insert the pistol back into the holster. Keep a firing grip on the gun until it is all the way seated in the holster, then take your hand off.

The presentation is a skill that can be perfected in dry practice at home. Put in the time in dry work, so you can safely, quickly and efficiently present the gun in a crisis, and safely re-holster it once the need for the gun has passed.



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Armed Movement in Structures (AMIS) with Southnarc

Home invasions and burglaries of occupied dwellings are becoming more and more common. If we live alone the answer is simple: bunker down in the bedroom with a shotgun and call 911. However, if we have children or other dependents elsewhere in the home, we may have no choice but to move through a structure containing a dangerous adversary or adversaries. Many courses address marksmanship and gunhandling skills, but few address learning the tactical realities of moving through a building with live hostiles in it. This is where Craig Douglas' AMIS course comes in.

In April, we hosted this class at Rangemaster, also utilizing a vacant commercial building on South Third for the live role play portions of the training. Using Airsoft equipment, we were able to put students in real time scenarios, in a more realistic setting, against live opponents. This is incredibly relevant and realistic training.

We had a fabulous building for this, a vacant commercial building with very different environments under one roof. The executive office area was much like a residence. Multiple small rooms with doors on a common hallway, restrooms, conference room (think dining room) etc. Another area much like a typical cube farm or retail space, and an open warehouse area with multiple enclosed small work spaces, a kitchen, and much more. Teams were able to rotate through completely different environments several times a day.

Craig was his usual masterful self. He has obviously put a great deal of thought and effort into this curriculum. The course work was simply outstanding. He was able to put people into plausible scenarios in a realistic space, which greatly enhanced the learning experience. There were several students who had taken AMIS once or even twice previously, and they were great as OpFor for the first timers. All together an excellent weekend of learning. Here is the official course description:

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Armed Movement in Structures:

The ShivWorks Armed Movement in Structures (AMIS) course is a twenty hour block of instruction focusing on negotiating movement problems within structures with limited or no resources. Realizing that moving through a structure that contains armed hostiles, perhaps by one's self, is probably the most dangerous task one can undertake, the best options for winning a confrontation are presented with the qualification that there is no safe way to do this.

Day One (12 hours):

- Viewing the environment in terms of the unseen
- Vertical, Horizontal, and Diagonal planes of visual obscurement
- Distance variables and the visual apex
- Threshold evaluation
- Dynamic and Deliberate movement
- Room Entry factors (known versus unknown)
- Minimizing multiple exposure
- Modifying the fighting platform to conform to cover and concealment
- Re-setting/Disrupting the adversary's OODA loop
- Chalk board exercises
- Dry-runs
- FoF evolutions
- Low-light module



Day Two (8 hours):

- Practical Exercises for egress, search, and third-party rescue

We will be doing this again in Memphis next April 6-7, 2013.

Barnes Bullets- Changing the Rules

Conventional pistol bullets have for decades consisted of a lead core, clad in a copper, cupro-nickel, or gilding metal jacket. In properly designed modern hollow point ammunition, the hollow cavity allows the jacket to rupture and the front end of the bullet to tear and peel back as the bullet penetrates flesh, resulting in the mushroom shaped final product we see in ammo makers' advertising.

A bullet with a separate lead core and a harder metal jacket is referred to as a "composite" bullet. Some excellent current examples of defensive handgun ammunition with composite bullets include the Federal HST line, the Speer Gold Dot line, the Winchester Ranger and PDX1 lines (same bullet), and the Remington Golden Sabers. In these conventional hollow point designs, we usually recommend you stay with the heavier bullet weights in a given caliber, to ensure adequate penetration, especially if odd angles or intermediate barriers are involved. Thus, the 124-147 grain 9mm's, the 165-180 grain .40's, and the 200-230 grain .45 bullets are our preferred choice.

Barnes Bullets produces an all copper hollow point handgun bullet, machined from a solid piece of copper. These bullets behave entirely differently than do composite bullets.

For one thing, copper is far lighter than lead, so a bullet of copper in a given caliber will be longer than a composite bullet of the same caliber and weight. Semiautomatic pistols place limitations on the overall length of the cartridge, as the cartridge has to fit in the magazine and cycle up the feed ramp and into the barrel smoothly. Also, there is a limited amount of powder space in a relatively small semiauto cartridge, so the bullet cannot be seated too deeply in the case. For these reasons, handgun rounds with all copper projectiles will have bullets a good bit lighter than those with comparable composite bullets. Handgun ammunition with all copper Barnes Bullets is now available made by Federal, Black Hills, and Cor-Bon. The bullets are the same, so you pick a manufacturer based on how reliably the ammo works in your handgun and which load shoots the best in your gun.



At a recent instructor development course we taught in Pennsylvania Mike Shovel from Cor-Bon came out with several slabs of properly prepared ordnance gelatin and allowed the students to shoot their carry ammunition into the gelatin blocks to see how they perform. I took advantage of the opportunity to try two loads that Lynn and I use.

First, we fired the 9mm 115 grain Cor-Bon DPX load from Lynn's Smith & Wesson M&P. This is her daily carry load, and it performed exactly as intended. Fired at 10 feet, the Barnes Bullet first passed through four layers of denim cloth laid over the front of the gelatin block. The

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bullet penetrated about 13 inches and expanded into a perfect, concentric, classic mushroom shape (see photo). This is ideal performance for a civilian self defense load. I then tried a .38 Special 110 grain DPX load in my 2" barrel Colt Cobra that I carry as a back-up gun. Again fired through four layers of denim cloth, the bullet penetrated 13.5 inches and expanded to about .55 caliber. The recovered bullet looked almost identical to the one Lynn had fired.

Another .38 Special load we tried was the Speer Gold Dot 135 grain .38 Special load, designed expressly for snubby revolvers. This load pretty much duplicated the performance of the .38 DPX load, but at the price of sharply increased recoil and blast. To me, the .38 DPX load is much more controllable in an aluminum framed snub-nose and it shoots very accurately in all three Cobra's I have tried it in.

Defensive Shotgun Course ~Coming Soon~

The shotgun is an under-appreciated and under-trained weapon with many advantages as a home defense or post-disaster scenario tool. Like most specialized gear, its usefulness is increased greatly by a bit of training in its use.

On Saturday-Sunday, June 30 and July 1 we will conduct a Defensive Shotgun Course at Rangemaster. Time is 10am to 2pm both days, and tuition is only \$229.00.

All ammunition for this course is supplied by Rangemaster, at no additional cost. This includes birdshot, buckshot and slugs. We also have several loaner shotguns for students who don't yet have a suitable shotgun. We only offer this course about once a year in Memphis, so don't let this one pass you by. Call [901-370-5600](tel:901-370-5600) to register.



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Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course

In April we conducted this course near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a very talented group of serious shooters. We had some very high scores, especially on the demanding written examination. We'll be doing a four-day expanded version of this course in Seattle, Washington in June, a three-day version in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in September, and a three-day in Americus, Georgia, in October.

On August 3-5 we'll be conducting this course at the home range in Memphis. This class is already over half full. This is the best way to take this course, as the home range is air conditioned and our classroom has all the A/V equipment and training aids we can use in this class. This course is authorized by Tennessee and Oklahoma for certification as a handgun permit instructor in those states.

