



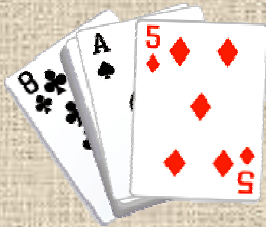
Tactical Talk

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Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning, all you need is two hearts and a diamond. After a few years, though, you may be looking for a club and a spade.



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Mississippi Gun Permit News

Until recently, obtaining a Mississippi gun permit did not require any training. Because of this, there are very many restrictions on where a permit holder can legally carry.

Now, there is an "Enhanced Carry Permit" available in Miss. You can apply for an Enhanced Permit once you have completed required training, OR if you have a current MS permit, you can take the training and get an endorsement on your current permit. Either way, the Enhanced Permit allows you to carry legally in far more places in Mississippi.

With the REGULAR GUN PERMIT it is A CRIME to carry a gun into:

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- ◆ Any courthouse;
- ◆ Any polling place;
- ◆ Any public park;
- ◆ Any school, college, university;
- ◆ Any school, college, or professional sporting event;
- ◆ Any establishment that serves liquor as their primary business (bar);
- ◆ Any church or other place of worship.



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Police, Sheriffs, or Highway Patrol stations, prisons, and jails; and Courtrooms where court is in session.

Our regular permit class satisfies the requirements for the Enhanced Permit. We issue a certificate upon completion of training, and you use that certificate to get your Enhanced Permit or to get the Enhanced endorsement on your current permit. Cost is \$99.00, which includes all ammunition. Call 901-370-5600 to register.





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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.

MARCH 8-10 Instructor Course, Florence, SC - contact Richard Wright
843-229-2629 labradorone@bellsouth.net \$499.00

MARCH 22-24 Instructor Course, KR Training, Austin, TX
Contact Karl Rehn, 512-633-8232 rehn@krtraining.info \$499.00

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Contact John Murphy john@fpftraining.com \$499.00

APRIL 20-21 Combative Pistol Titusville, FL American Police Hall of
Fame—Contact Paul Pawela 321-264-0911 range@aphf.org \$425.00

APRIL 27-28 Combative Pistol Ft Meade, FL - contact Jim Clark
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Sclay896@yahoo.com \$425.00

May 31- June 2 Combined Skills, Longview, Texas (Fri eve, Sat-Sun)
Contact Steve Moses steve_moses@msn.com \$450.00

Distractions

I had to jump start my motorcycle a few weeks ago. There was nothing wrong with the bike; it was purely my doing. I pulled up to the parking spot, somebody spoke to me just as I stopped, and I didn't go through my mental shutdown checklist: Kill switch off - Ignition off - Kickstand down. That simple check list has kept me from doing dumb things...like leave the ignition on. And that's exactly what I did. I was momentarily distracted, missed a shutdown step, and when I came back to the bike 2.5 hours later - dead battery!

All kinds of potentially dangerous distractions can work against us as we - and the criminals - go about our daily business. These distractions fall into two general categories: inattention and ruse.

It seems like modern life almost conspires against us, enticing us to slip out of one of the well-known Cooper Color Codes: Condition Yellow. Condition Yellow is going about our business in a relaxed state of alertness. We are aware of our surrounding; we notice people around us, and we are generally alert to things and people that look out-of-place or unusual. This is the condition in which we should be spending most of our waking hours. Years after Cooper first created the Color Code, we find that technology intrudes in a manner that even Cooper may have not imagined. Many things compete for our attention today: mobile devices, tablet computers, iPods, increased vehicular traffic, the car radio with scores of channel choices, and even weather conditions. These attention competitors underscore the need to sift through the clutter, compartmentalize the distractions, and make sure our mental condition is bright yellow, not some faded, lemon chiffon-like haze.

The other distraction we need to guard against is ruse; thugs trying to divert our attention and get close to us so they can do us harm. They do this by trying to engage us in some kind of interaction: hailing us from a distance and asking for the time, a smoke, directions to someplace, or some other pretense. All of this is designed to close the physical distance and then diverting our attention to something else. Thugs are quite good at this approach; after all, they are professionals at what they do. These situations demand an immediate shift from Condition Yellow to Orange. In Condition Orange, we have identified a possible threat and are mentally prepared to deal with it. While being polite to the person, we do not engage in an interaction, all the while checking around us to make sure the person addressing us doesn't have accomplices.

My recent distraction was embarrassing and inconvenient but harmless. The result was just a dead battery, not getting dead! Distractions on the street can have far more serious consequences. Technology, a busy schedule, and haste conspire against us to put us in potentially precarious circumstances. Don't allow it

Stuff We Like

For serious students or for anyone who teaches, electronic hearing protection ear muffs are a real necessity. These allow one to hear normal conversation, range commands, etc but electronically shut out harmful noises above 82 decibels, including gunfire. When you attend your first class with these on, you will be amazed at how much you have missed in the past.

Elvez makes the COM-655 model pictured here. These work very well, are comfortable, and are not expensive at all. We try to keep these in stock at \$77.95 per pair .



THE DEADLY FACTS ABOUT WATER!

FACT!

WATER CAN BE CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED BY BURNING ROCKET FUEL!!!

FACT!

OVER CONSUMPTION CAN CAUSE EXCESSIVE SWEATING, URINATION, AND EVEN DEATH!!!

FACT!

100% OF ALL SERIAL KILLERS, RAPIST AND DRUG DEALERS HAVE ADMITTED TO DRINKING WATER!!!



FACT!

WATER ONE OF THE PRIMARY INGREDIENTS IN HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES!!!

FACT!

WATER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DROWNING!!!

FACT!

100 PERCENT OF ALL PEOPLE EXPOSED TO WATER WILL DIE!

Visualization, or Mental Imagery

By Tom Givens

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Visualization, or imagery, is one of the most effective tools available to you for mental conditioning. This is vital to success in a fight. Under stress, your subconscious mind will immediately take over and direct your body to do whatever the subconscious has been programmed to do. If you have been programmed through training to respond correctly, you will. Panic is simply the lack of a pre-programmed response. Since your subconscious doesn't know what to do, it does nothing. (When in danger, or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout!) Obviously, your odds of surviving improve drastically if you have pre-programmed the correct tactical responses before a crisis.

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How do we program these correct responses until they become automated? There are three ways. First, you could engage in about a dozen gunfights. You would then be adept at making rapid, sound tactical decisions, *if you are still alive!* We don't recommend this method because the test comes first, the lesson afterward. This is a painful and expensive way to learn.

Bismarck said, "A smart man learns from his own mistakes, a wise man learns from the mistakes of others." This is especially true in this business, where mistakes can be fatal. The easiest way to learn from the mistakes of others is to read a big city newspaper each day as you eat your breakfast. Look in the local news and select two instances reporting the criminal victimization of some unfortunate person. Take five or ten minutes to read these two accounts and actually analyze them. Ask yourself two questions, and make yourself come up with an answer.

The first question is, "What did the victim do to put himself in this situation?" Once you learn a bit about criminal behavior, you realize that above all, criminals are opportunists. They capitalize on circumstances created by inattentive, complacent, lazy, and unobservant victims. Very soon you will learn to recognize the behavior or activity on the part of the victim that facilitated or even precipitated the crime. This will hold true in probably 95% of the cases you study. Once you have identified the specific victim behavior that caused the attack, you are reinforcing in your subconscious that this is negative, or harmful behavior. Day after day, by doing this, you are programming your subconscious to avoid that type of behavior. If you don't present the opportunity, the criminal cannot take advantage of it.

The next question is, "Alright, I was careless and got into this mess, how do I get myself out of it?" Make yourself think up a solution to the tactical situation. In this manner, you are getting practice every single day in making tactical decisions. If you make tactical decisions every day of your life, they will come easily to you if you find yourself in dangerous circumstances. If you have never practiced this decision making process, how do you expect to do it well under extreme stress?

The last technique in imagery we will discuss has to do with mentally rehearsing confrontations, to prepare beforehand for a confrontation. In your mind, as a normal, healthy person, there is a very fine line between reality and fantasy. A psychopath no longer has this distinction in his mind, and his fantasies become his reality. A normal mind blurs this distinction under several circumstances. If you are an avid reader, for instance, you "see" the action of a good novel or historical account unfolding in your mind as you read. You form mental images of the characters and events, as if you had seen them yourself. How many times have you wakened from a vivid dream and took a few seconds to orient yourself? These are examples of that blurred distinction between reality and fantasy.

Airline pilots periodically receive training in a flight simulator, which is an enclosed box mounted on hydraulic jacks. Upon entering the simulator, the pilot is seated in a cockpit seat, a control panel is arrayed before him, and the "windshield" has a back projected image on it, just like the view from a plane. As the pilot applies control movements to the stick and so forth, the "plane" responds with motion. Within a few moments, the pilot's brain is fully convinced that he is flying a plane, although intellectually he knows he is bolted to the floor of the training building. At some point, the control panel will advise him of an emergency, and the "plane" will simulate the movement involved, as in a sudden dive. The pilot must immediately take corrective action to keep from "crashing". Although they are in no real dan-

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ger, these guys come out of the simulator white knuckled and sweating, because the mind blurred the distinction between reality and fantasy. If, at some future date, the pilot is confronted with that actual emergency in a real aircraft, he will automatically respond, quickly and correctly, because his brain has learned that the correct action will save its life.

You can do the same thing with your mind in a self-defense context by using visualization exercises. Go to a quiet room and sit in an easy chair. Relax, and clear your mind of all thought (easy for some of us!). Now,

in your mind vividly imagine a tactical scenario. Think of it as a daydream, if you like, but get into it and project yourself into the action. For every imagined action by the bad guy, direct yourself through a proper reaction. "If he does this, I'll do that." Always direct the action to a successful outcome.

Let me give you a couple of examples. If you work in a retail environment, ask yourself, "What am I going to do when they stick this place up?" Visualize your workstation, and the surroundings. Where is cover? What direction could you fire in without endangering coworkers? Is there an escape route available? Don't wait until a hold-up man is standing across the counter from you to think about this. If you are a boss, ask yourself, "What am I going to do if a disgruntled employee comes plodding down the hall with a shotgun?" Is there any other way out of your office? Is there any real cover available? Where is the secretary? You might find you want to rearrange your office. Find out now, not while under fire!

There are really only a dozen or so ways for a thug to criminally victimize you. White-collar crime has endless opportunities for innovation, but street crime is pretty straightforward. Over a period of time, you can visualize your way through just about all of the likely forms of street crime, and have pre-programmed responses filed away in the back of your mind (the subconscious) ready for deployment if faced with a similar circumstance.

One last area to address is that of targets used in practice. Beware of doing all your shooting practice on bullseye targets or only vaguely humanoid targets that look more like a milk bottle than an attacker. Do some of your work on targets that look like a real, live, armed, threatening human being. Your subconscious needs to be accustomed to seeing your sights superimposed on such an image, otherwise you may lock up the first time you put your sights on a real assailant.

If you are faced with a life-threatening crisis in a form you have never seriously considered or given any thought to, you will likely hesitate just long enough to lose. If, on the other hand, you take a little time to practice these "simulations", you can program ready responses and be able to retain control of yourself and your actions. Your mind needs to know that there is a way out, and that you know what it is. This avoids panic, and allows you to act decisively, which is your salvation.

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Deadly Force Law in Tennessee

In the basic permit class we work hard to make the legal aspects of deadly force law simple and easy to understand. Fortunately, in this state the law is pretty straight-forward. However, I still get requests for the actual statute that governs the use of deadly force in Tennessee. Here it is, along with some court decisions that make the statute very clear.

First, the actual state law:

39-11-611. Self-defense. —

(a) A person is justified in threatening or using force against another person when, and to the degree, the person reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to protect against the other's use or attempted use of unlawful force. The person must have a reasonable belief that there is an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. The danger creating the belief of imminent death or serious bodily injury must be real, or honestly believed to be real at the time, and must be founded upon reasonable grounds. There is no duty to retreat before a person threatens or uses force.

Relevant court decisions:

"If any less injury than death or great bodily

harm is feared or indicated by the circumstances, the plea of self-defense will not be sustained, though the degree of homicide may be reduced."

Rippy v. State, 39 Tennessee, 217 (1858).

"Where great bodily violence is being threatened or inflicted upon a weak person by one much stronger and heavier, with his fists, and with such determined energy that the person assaulted may

reasonably apprehend death or great bodily injury, he is justified in using a deadly weapon upon his

assailant. It makes no difference whether the bodily violence is being inflicted with a bludgeon or with the fists of an overpowering adversary of superior strength and greater size."

State v. Bowling, 3 Shannon's Cases 110 (1880)

"A killing, warranted as in self-defense, must be done under an honest, existing, and well founded belief that it is absolutely necessary in self-defense."

**Rippy v. State, 39 Tenn. 217 (1858),
Draper v. State, 63 Tenn. 246 (1864);
Hull v. State, 74 Tenn. 249 (1880);**

