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## THE POWER OF SHE

Women make up half the population of the world, and a great deal of criminal violence is directed toward women. Every day in the United States, women are subjected to rapes and other sexual assaults, carjackings, robberies, abductions, and other crimes. In recent years, more and more women have been buying guns for personal protection, and more are entering the training field than ever before.

For over fifteen years, we have been conducting the annual Tactical Conference, the premier training event of the year. There have always been women in attendance at the Conference, but we have seen a sharp increase in the number of female attendees and pistol match competitors over the past

few years. In 2013, I believe we had 14 female participants; in 2014 that number was up to about 20; this year there were over 30. We also had a number of female trainers who presented blocks of instruction this year, including Lynn Givens, Tiffany Johnson, Lori Bigley, Eve Kulscar, Julie Thomas, and Linda Hoopes. Other female trainers in attendance included Vicki Farnam, Robyn Street, and Gail Pepin.

There were several topics presented this year of specific interest to ladies. Lori Bigley put on a detailed presentation on holsters and other carry options for women. Claude Werner and Linda Hoopes gave a presentation on tactical communication for couples. Southnarc, and Karl Rehn and Caleb Causey put on live force on force scenario-based training that applied to either gender. The 2016 event will feature a number of female trainers and new blocks of instruction. ■

- Tom Givens





Don't make it easy for him.

# CARRY YOUR FRIGGIN' GUN

Most of you have heard me mention 62 wins/zero losses/3 forfeits. At last count (Jan 2015) we have had 65 students involved in defensive shootings that I know of. These are students who have reported back to the school or have been reported to me through law enforcement channels. Of those, every single one who were armed at the time of the event won their fight (62 wins). No student of ours who was armed at the time has been killed. However, three students found themselves in need of a defensive handgun and did not have one. All three were killed in separate street robberies. In the last incident, the victim had handed over his wallet and cell phone and was standing there with his hands in the air when he was shot in the face and killed. These are the three forfeits.

In March, Lynn and I taught a series of courses in Florida. The classes were held on the weekends, so during the week we got to play tourist. On one of our excursions we went on an airboat tour in the Everglades. Below is a photo of us from that excursion. I am wearing a Glock 35 in my JM Custom Kydex IWB holster, plus 2 spare magazines, under a simple silk shirt. Lynn is utilizing a belly band to carry her S&W Shield 9mm discretely concealed under a very feminine blouse. We spent the entire day in a variety of activities around scores of other tourists and no one had a clue that either of us was armed. Carrying a concealed handgun is simply not as difficult as people like to make it out to be. Find a handgun/holster combination that fits your body type, cover it up, and get on with life. ■

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- Tom Givens



## NO GUNS, RIGHT?

(\*In sight)



# POP QUIZ!

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## TRIVIA TIME!

We've all heard and often repeated the idea that "an armed society is a polite society." Where did that quote come from?

- A) An American President
- B) A Science Fiction Novel
- C) An Italian Mafia Creed
- D) A Television Commercial

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# Tactical Conference

# 2016

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# March 11-13

## Registration is now OPEN!

The 2016 event will be held on March 11-13, 2016, again Friday through Sunday. Once again we will be using the outstanding facilities of the Memphis Police Training Academy. The Academy has multiple classrooms and multiple ranges, both indoors and outdoors. This allows us to run as many as five different training blocks concurrently, with live fire, hands on, and classroom instruction going on throughout the event. We moved the event a bit later in the year for better weather.

In 2016 we will have a number of new topics. A cyber security specialist will present a block on protecting yourself from

Internet threats, including identity theft. We will also have live fire carbine training on the outdoor range. We have some new trainers added to the mix as well as all of the usual suspects. There will be training available from a total of 36 nationally recognized trainers plus, of course, the lowlight defensive shooting match. This year the event sold out for four months in advance. Already, over 20% of the spaces for 2016 have been taken. Don't put off registration. This year we had to turn away quite a few people who waited too late to sign up. You can register online or you can print the registration form and send it by mail with a check. ■

[www.rangemaster.com/2016-tactical-conference](http://www.rangemaster.com/2016-tactical-conference)

## ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR COURSE

In March, we conducted an Advanced Firearms Instructor Development Course in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We had students from Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, Georgia, and all over Florida. This was a great group that worked very hard and achieved a high level of skill. This is a two day course that picks up where the Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development Course ends.

We will be offering another Advanced Instructor Course on October 3-4, 2015, at Wes Elliott's range in McCloud, OK. This will be the only other Advanced Instructor Course this year. Before taking this class, you must be a prior graduate of our Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development Course. To register, please visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-instructor-course-mccloud-ok-tickets-13502497333](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-instructor-course-mccloud-ok-tickets-13502497333). ■

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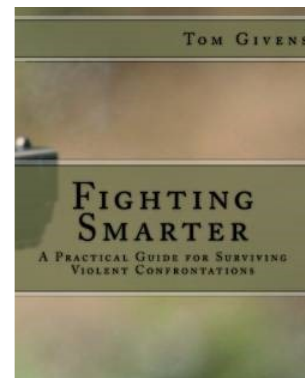


## Don't forget to pick up TOM'S BOOK

Now in its third edition, *Fighting Smarter* by Tom Givens is the result of over 40 years of specialized training, education and experience in using handguns for self-defense. Consisting of 40 chapters and over 300 pages, this book is full of vital information for anyone concerned about personal security. The first half of the book deals with the "software" issues, such as developing your awareness skills, building a winning mindset, and your legal rights and responsibilities. The "hardware" section

deals with selecting the right gun, holster, and ammunition and proper training to take control of your life.

Tom has been carrying a gun professionally for over 40 years and has been conducting training for over 35 years. He serves as an expert witness on firearms and training issues in state and federal courts all over the US. He is a former champion IPSC and IDPA competitor, and he holds an IDPA Master rating in three divisions. Givens has written well over 100 published articles in *Combat Handguns Magazine*, *SWAT Magazine*, *Concealed Carry Magazine*, *Soldier of Fortune*, and other publications. This is his fifth published textbook. ■



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