



## **MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER**

### **DRILL OF THE MONTH**

Throughout 2023 we will be running a Drill of the Month in each edition of the newsletter. The goal is help motivate folks to get to the range and actually shoot their defensive weapons, and to have some fun in the process. Each month we'll post a drill or a short course of fire. You are encouraged to go to the range, shoot the drill, and then post your thoughts and a photo of your target on the Rangemaster Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rangemaster/> .

#### **Baseline Skills Assessment Drill**

Use a B-8 repair center, FBI-IP-1 bullseye, or the bullseye on an LTT-1 target, scored as printed. This drill is intended to be shot cold, from concealed carry. If using a full size B-8, nothing further out than the 7 ring counts as a hit.

5 yards Draw and fire 5 rounds in 5 seconds, using both hands.

5 yards Start gun in hand, at Ready, in dominant hand only. Fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds.

5 yards Start gun in hand, at Ready, in non-dominant hand only. Fire 2 rounds in 3 seconds.

7 yards Start gun in both hands, loaded with 3 rounds only. Fire 3 rounds, conduct an empty gun reload, and fire 3 more rounds, all in 10 seconds.

10 yards Start gun in hand, at Ready. Fire 4 rounds in 4 seconds.

20 rounds total. Possible score = 200

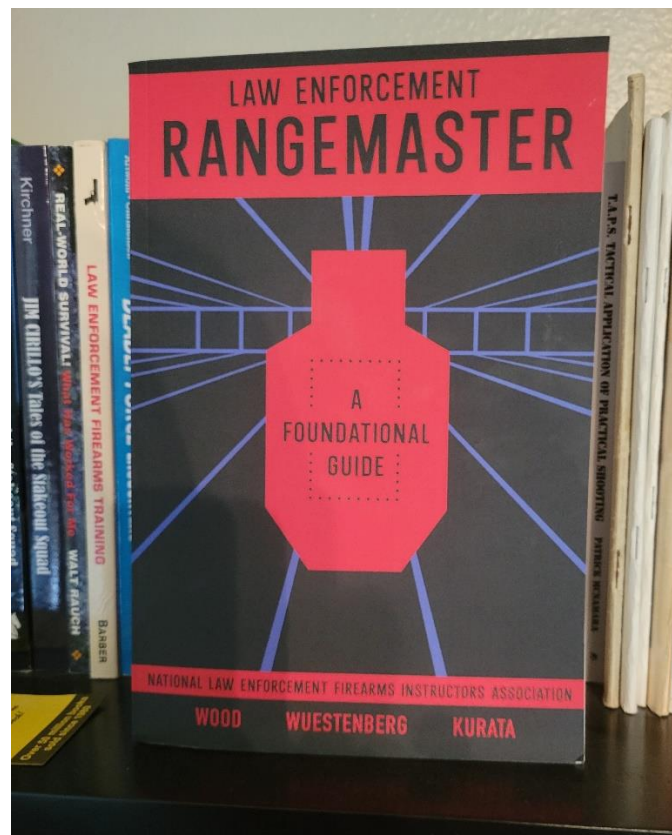


## **New Book,**

### **Law Enforcement Rangemaster, A Foundational Guide**

In law enforcement, “Rangemaster” is an actual job title. Used all over the country, it is most common out West. It refers to the guy in charge of the firing range, responsible for the physical facility as well as devising, designing, and implementing firearms training programs. This is a lot more complex than most realize.

If you are in such a position, or think you will be, I recommend **Law Enforcement Rangemaster, A Foundational Guide** by Woods, Wuestenberg, and Kurata. This was put together by the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association, and is an excellent overview of the duties and responsibilities of an LE Rangemaster. It’s available from Amazon.



## **M-1 Carbine, The Overlooked Assault Rifle**

In 1936 the US Army adopted the Rifle, caliber .30, M-1, popularly known as the M-1 Garand, named after it's designer. This was a full power, .30/06 battle rifle that weighed 9.5 pounds and was 43.5" long. This rifle served splendidly in WWII, Korea, and many other conflicts, remaining in service until the 1950's.



After WWI, the Army had become more mechanized and mobile, and there were many soldiers assigned to transport, engineering, artillery, supply, cooks and clerks, and other non-infantry roles. Although the M-1 was a great infantry weapon, it was too big, heavy, and long for these support troops to lug around while performing their duties. The Army wanted a weapon for such troops that would be more effective than a handgun, but lighter and more compact than the M-1 rifle.

Winchester had designed a line of semi-automatic, magazine fed carbines, including the Model 1905 and the upgraded Model

1907. In .351 caliber, the Model 1907 had become a favorite of Border Patrolmen, Texas Rangers, FBI Agents, and other lawmen during the turbulent 1920's and 1930's, so the Army asked Winchester to develop a light rifle for second line troops. Winchester began with the .32 Self Loader cartridge of the Model 1905, designed the .30 Carbine cartridge, and came up with what was to be designated the Carbine, caliber .30, M-1. The M-1 Carbine was an instant success, and it was issued to tankers, truck drivers, officers and senior NCO's, with a special folding stock version designed for paratroops. In fact, with 6.5 million produced, the M-1 Carbine became the most prolific US weapon of World War II.

The M-2 carbine was a fully automatic version, for which the 30 round magazine was developed. The M-2 features a rocking switch on the receiver to select either semi-auto or full auto fire. Since it fires a less powerful rifle cartridge full auto, the M-2 was one of the first true assault rifles.





The M-1 Carbine is only 35.6" long and weighs but 5.8 pounds. It is very short, light, and easy to handle. The .30 Carbine round generates little recoil, and with modern ammo it performs quite well as a defensive cartridge. The standard magazine holds 15 rounds, but 30 round magazines are available.

The .30 Carbine cartridge is easily available and not very expensive, which leads to practice and then to proficiency with the little carbine. Practice ammo is usually a 110 grain full metal jacket round at around 1900 feet per second. Several companies offer all copper hollow points, jacketed soft points, and jacketed hollow points for defensive use.

In recent testing, the Hornady Critical Defense load was quite accurate. It penetrated 21" of clear ballistic gelatin, expanding to an average .45" diameter. S&B 110 grain soft points averaged 16" of gel penetration and expanded to .60 caliber. This puts the little carbine at about the same effectiveness level as a .357 Magnum revolver, in a light, short, fast handling semi-auto carbine.

Smaller people find the M-1 Carbine easy and comfortable to shoot, and it does not have the "evil black rifle" stigma of the AR platform. If you want an intermediate power carbine for home defense, I'd give this one a hard look.

# Gun Control Mythbusting

In the gun control debate, as in most things, the truth is this: maybe 10% of the population wants to completely eliminate your right to self defense. Maybe 10% are adamantly opposed to all infringements upon your right to self defense. The 80% in the middle don't care a lot one way or the other.

What we have to learn to do is to educate and guide the 80% in the middle, so they do not elect those who would strip us of our rights. The anti's have done a much better job of using propaganda and outright lies to influence the 80%. We need to counter those lies with facts, any time this subject comes up with your friends, co-workers, etc. Here are some facts.

**Internet Gun Sales Must End!** Yes, you can go to Gunbroker.com and other sites and make a deal to purchase a gun from an individual or a dealer in another area. No, that gun cannot be sent to you directly. The gun must be shipped to a federally licensed gun dealer in your state, then you fill out a 4473 and undergo a background check as if you were purchasing the gun from that dealer's inventory. Failure to follow this procedure is a Federal felony, with huge fines and prison time. This has been a Federal law since 1968, 55 years ago, pre-dating the internet.

**We must close the "Gun Show Loophole"!** Another imaginary problem. Persons "engaged in the business of selling firearms" are required by Federal law to have a Federal Firearms License (FFL). FFL holders who sell guns at gun shows are required by Federal law to keep elaborate records of every sale; have every purchaser fill out a Form 4473; and obtain a NICS background check on every purchase, just as if the sale took place in their brick and mortar store. Violations are a Federal felony, carrying huge fines and significant prison terms. Guns used in crimes and subsequently seized by the police are called "crime guns". The US Department of Justice did a study of crime guns and found that only about 1% were obtained at gun shows. Of course, that means that 99% **WERE NOT.**

**There is an epidemic of "assault weapon" deaths.** No. Consider the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2018. That year more people were murdered with claw hammers and similar tools than with "assault weapons". More people

were murdered by use of hands and feet as impact weapons than by all types of rifles combined.

**Semi-automatic guns are new technology and are too dangerous.**

Semi-automatic firearms have been around since the late 1880's. I have a Savage .32 Auto handgun that holds 11 rounds of ammunition. It was designed in 1905 and entered production and civilian sales in 1907. My specimen was made in 1915, 108 years ago. I own a Mauser handgun designed in 1895 that holds 11 rounds. I have a Winchester Model 1907 rifle, which is a semi-automatic rifle with a detachable high capacity magazine. It was introduced in 1907, as an improved version of a model produced in 1905. My example was built in 1928. I have a semi-automatic shotgun designed by John Browning in 1899. My example was built in 1927. I could go on, but you get the picture.

**Letting civilians carry guns will result in all sorts of needless**

**violence.** Wrong. The exact opposite is true. States that have high rates of carry permit holders have significantly lower crime rates than states which do not. In addition, permit holders are the most law abiding segment of the population. Texas has a million CHL (Concealed Handgun License) holders, and the state tracks them very carefully. This is from an official Texas government report:

“On January 1, 1996, the Texas Concealed Handgun Law went into effect. This law states that the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) “shall issue” a concealed handgun license (CHL) to any Texas resident who meets the application requirements for character (background check) and training. This is an analysis of arrest data for Texas concealed handgun licensees that was performed on data from the subsequent years of 1996 – 2000. A comparison was made with the arrest data for the entire Texas population for the same time period, showing that, on average: male Texans who are over 21 years old and are not CHL holders are 7.7 times more likely to be arrested for commission of a violent crime than male Texans with a CHL; and female Texans who are over 21 years old and are not CHL holders are 7.5 times more likely to be arrested for commission of a violent crime than female Texans with a CHL. Of the violent crime cases that have been adjudicated, approximately 26% of CHL holders who were arrested were convicted, and 44% are cleared of the violent crimes for which they were arrested.”



**We need an Assault Weapons Ban!** Such a ban was in effect under Federal law for a ten year period. Among other things, it limited magazine capacity to ten rounds. Various organizations, from the Centers for Disease Control to the U.S. Department of Justice studied the effect of the ban for that ten year period. They all concluded that the ban had absolutely no effect on crime or violence.

All of these positions are verifiable facts. Use this information to help counter the outright lies used by those who would take away our most basic civil right and human right- the right to self preservation.

## Serious Violent Crime?

Your average person simply has no idea how much serious crime goes on in their community. If you are a trainer, a frank discussion of this topic may help your students understand the need for vigilance, training, and actually carrying protective equipment.

The statistics below are from the current TBI report for Memphis, TN, for the year 2021. The 2022 numbers are not out yet. These figures are for a fairly small city with a population of 649,444.

The first number after each crime category is the total number reported to police. The second number is the number of crimes “cleared”. “Cleared” means the police believe they know who is responsible, although there may have been no arrest or prosecution. The third is the percentage cleared.

Clearance rates have been declining steadily for several years. This is because more and more serious crime is perpetrated by offenders who are not known by the victim. This “stranger violence” is very hard to solve.

MURDER	306	116	37.9%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	13,305	2,703	20%
ROBBERY	2,053	377	18.3%

FORCIBLE RAPE	322	59	18.3%
FORCIBLE SODOMY	68	7	10.2%
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH OBJECT	36	5	13.8%
KIDNAP/ABDUCTION	684	89	13%

## UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

**Nampa, Idaho April 15-16 Combative Pistol (Aqil Qadir)**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combative-pistol-skills-tickets-468735750247>

**KR Training, TX Apr 27, Defensive Shotgun one day**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-day-defensive-shotgun-course-tickets-291819629367>

**KR Training, TX Apr 28-30 Instructor, pistol**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-291824203047>

**Tuttle, OK May 19-21 Instructor, pistol**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-292016277547>

**Yale, VA June 2-4, 2023 Instructor, pistol**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-168313735915>

**Kalamazoo, MI June 9-11, 2023 Instructor, pistol**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-166702173689>

**Springfield, MO    June 23-25    Instructor, pistol**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-215417699137>

**Slidell, LA    June 24-25    Combative Pistol (Aqil Qadir)**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/combative-pistol-skills-tickets-465457324387>

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# Tac-Con 2023 is here!

Later this month the entire Rangemaster crew will return to the fabulous facilities of the Dallas Pistol Club in Texas for the annual Tactical Conference. This year we have over 40 nationally recognized trainers providing classroom, hands-on, and live fire training blocks, with as many as nine training segments going on at one time in various parts of the range complex, all day long all three days of this unique event.

Trainers presenting this year include Scott Jedlinski, Tim Herron, Gabe White, John Farnam, Craig Douglas, Massad Ayoob, Lou Ann Hamblin, Tatiana Whitlock, Andrew Branca, Erick Gelhaus, John Hearne, Chuck Haggard, Tiffany Johnson, Michael Green, Greg Ellifritz, and a host of others. No other training event comes close to the full spectrum of instruction available here.

The 2023 event sold out three days after it was announced, 11 months in advance. The 2024 event will again be at the Dallas Pistol Club, on April 5-7, 2024. We will announce registration for 2024 in mid-April. Be ready!



# Do What You Can!

Lynn turns 68 years old this month. A few years ago, she had to have a screw emplaced in her left arm to anchor a tendon in place. It has bothered her ever since. A couple of years ago she broke her right wrist very badly (she is right handed). That wrist now has two metal plates and 9 screws holding it together. Thus, she can't shoot much at a time, so when she can she takes a break from coaching and jumps in on the line in class for 100 rounds or so. That's about all she can manage.

Despite these limitations, in recent classes she shot the Casino Drill clean under par, at 19.08 seconds, and passed the Master Firearms Instructor Course qual course at 95%. It would be easy for her to say, "It hurts to shoot, I'll just quit doing it". Instead, she does what she can, when she can, to keep her defensive skills sharp.

Ammo shortages, limited time, family obligations, jobs, etc make it difficult to practice, I get that. You'll simply have to carve out some time and do enough work to keep your skills at a useable level. Be like Lynn.

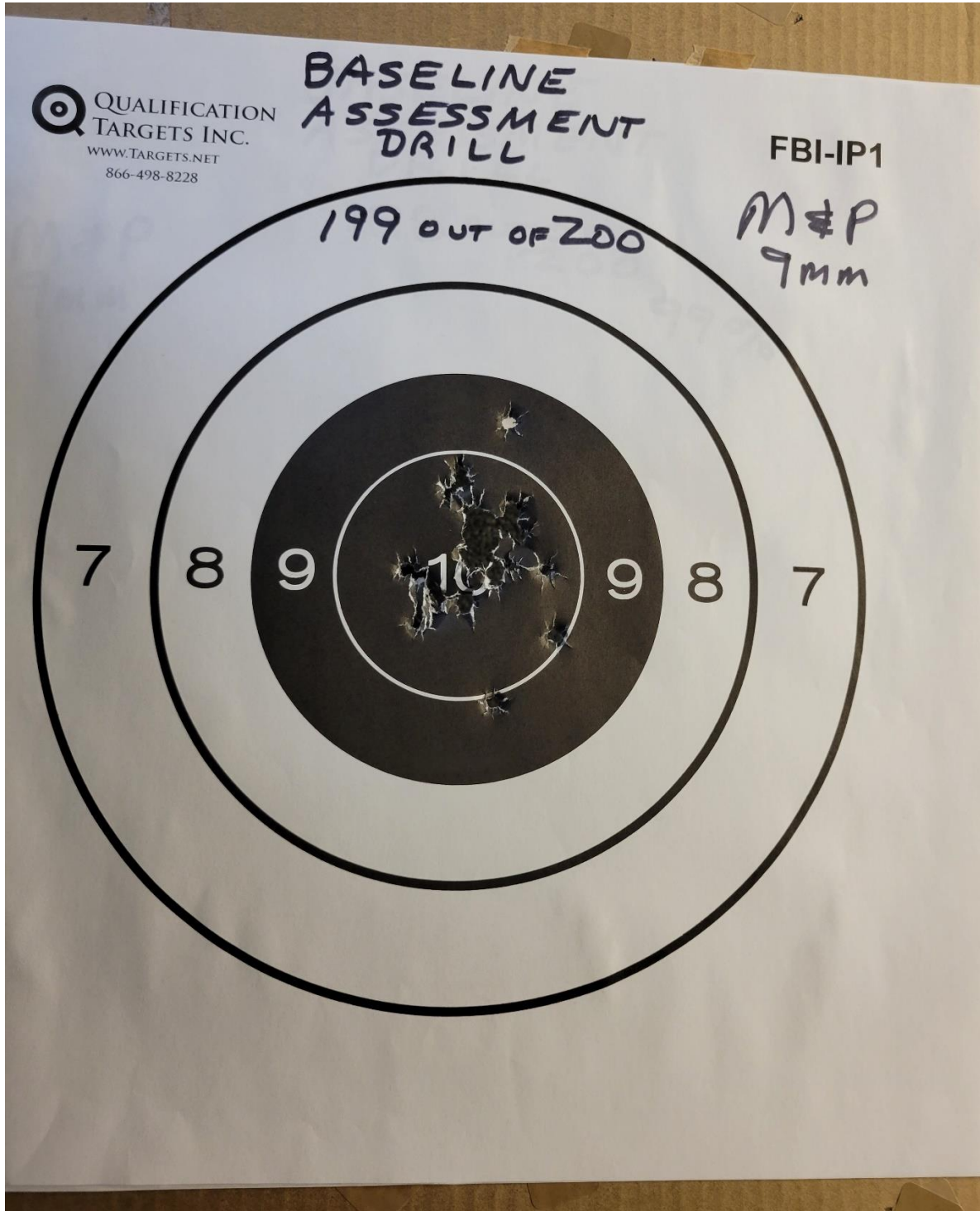


## Aluminum M&P, continued...

I got to do a third range session with the metal frame M&P a few days ago. I had not had a practice session in a couple of weeks, so I shot the 7 Yard Standards, cold, scoring 147 out of 150.



I then shot the Baseline Assessment Drill at 199 out of 200, and the Rangemaster Bullseye Course at 294 out of 300. I finished the sequence with 10 rounds from 10 yards, in 9.65 seconds, with a score of 98 out of 100.



M&P  
9MM

10 RDS  
9.65 SECS  
10 YARDS

98  
OUT  
OF  
100



**So far I have had no malfunctions of any kind. Both of the M&P's are much easier to shoot well than any of my Glock 17's. I will report back when I have a significant number of rounds through both guns.**