

# Rangemaster Firearms Training Services

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## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### DRILL OF THE MONTH

Throughout 2024 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/>.

## HIGHER STANDARDS

This month we are going to shoot a qualification course that would normally be shot on a silhouette target, but substitute a B-8C or an FBI-IP1 bullseye target, scored as printed. This raises the difficulty considerably, and reinforces mental discipline as well as the fundamentals of marksmanship.

**5 yards** Draw from concealment and fire 5 rounds in 5 seconds

**5 yards** Start at The Ready, gun in dominant hand only. On signal, fire 3 rounds in 3 seconds, dominant hand only

**5 yards** Start at The Ready. Same as above, but non-dominant hand only.

**7 yards** Start with only 4 rounds in the gun, at The Ready. On signal fire 4 rounds, reload, and fire 4 more rounds, all in 12 seconds.

**10 yards** Start at The Ready. On signal, fire 4 rounds in 4 seconds

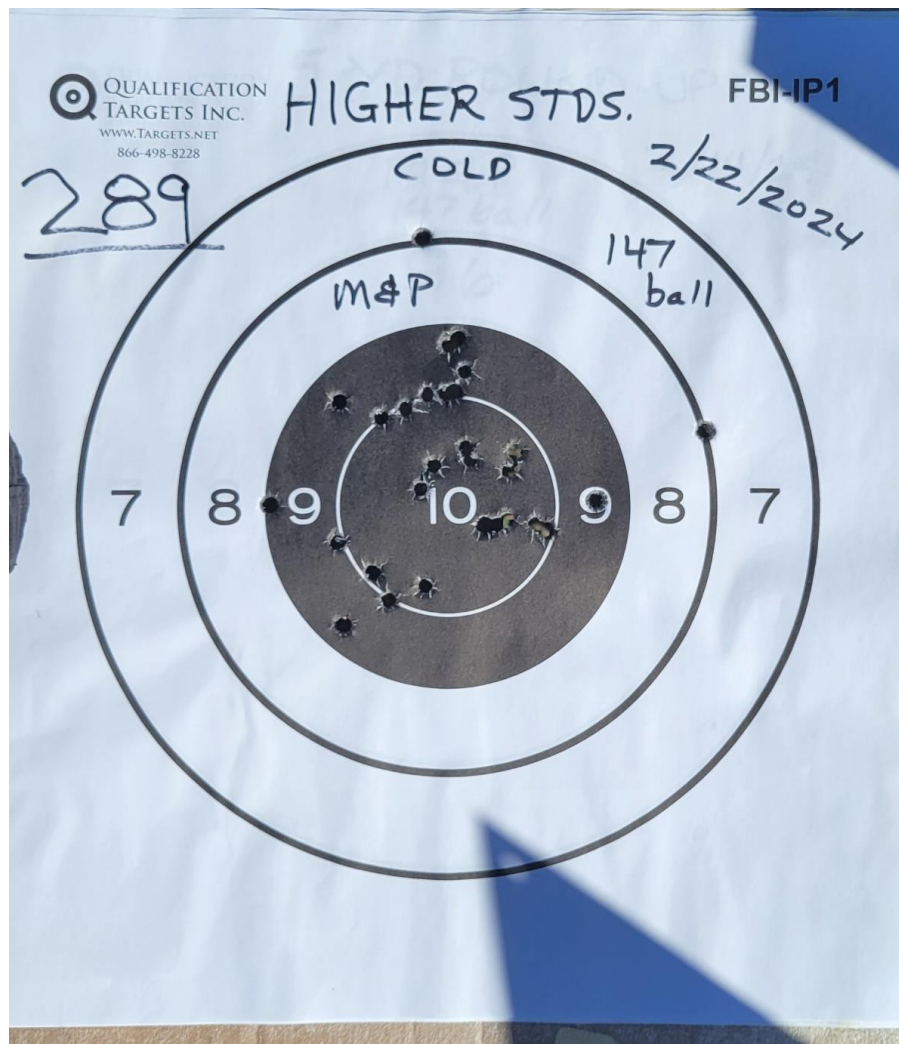
**15 yards** Draw and fire 4 rounds in 8 seconds

**25 yards** Draw and fire 3 rounds in 10 seconds

30 rounds total 300 points possible 270+ to Pass

The guys at Apache Solutions made you a video demo:

<https://youtu.be/bNwBMa2-D-4?si=PySBPRIn7qeiz9Va>

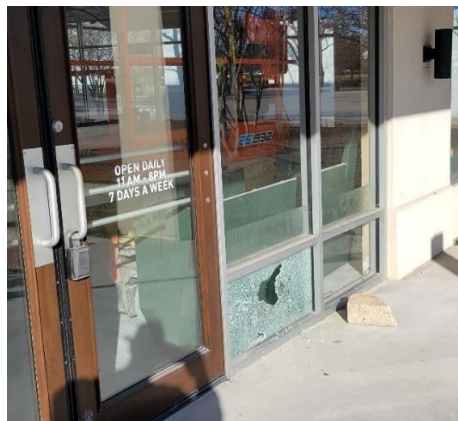


# The Key to the City

Around 8am one recent morning I stopped by a Starbucks in Covington, Louisiana. The business next door had a glass section of the storefront broken out, and a large chunk of concrete sitting by the broken glass. It appears to have been an attempted break-in during the night, possibly scared off by a burglar alarm.

When I worked patrol, we referred to large chunks of concrete like that one as “the key to the city”, as it was the most often found artifact at burglary scenes and was used to access all sorts of buildings which had glass doors or display windows.

No thug carries a 40-pound chunk of concrete around with him. They usually find this sitting some place nearby and use it out of convenience. To enhance your home’s security, take a look and make sure you don’t have cinder blocks, small concrete planters, concrete statuettes, etc around your entryways. These can be easily used by a burglar to facilitate entry to your home. An ounce of prevention:



## Permit-less Carry?

If you have a state issued instrument that allows you to legally carry a handgun on your person, depending on the state you are in it might be called a License to Carry, a Concealed Weapons License, a Handgun Carry Permit, or some other title. Herein, we will just use the term “permit”.

Today, 27 states allow the wearing of a sidearm without a state issued permit. This has led to a lot of people carrying a handgun with no permit. This has three serious pitfalls.

The first is travel. Some permit-less states only allow carry by state residents, and require a permit for visitors. Many permits, like those of Florida, Texas, Utah and others are valid in 35-38 states. That alone is sufficient reason to keep a valid permit.

The second issue is more hazardous. Under Federal law, it is a felony to possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, anywhere in the US. This includes a gun in your vehicle, as well as any you are wearing. This includes a school you don't even know is there, as when traveling. There is an exemption in the statute for peace officers and anyone with a valid permit. A simple traffic accident or traffic stop within 1,000 feet of a school could get you a felony arrest under this law.

Most states have a parallel statute, as well. In many states, a permit holder can pull onto a school parking lot while armed to drop off or pick up kids, so long as the gun

does not exit the vehicle. Again, that would be a felony without a permit.

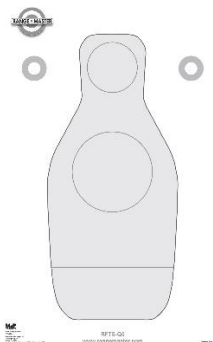
The third issue is similar. In many states it is a felony to carry into a restaurant that serves alcohol, but with an exemption for permit holders. What restaurant above fast food level doesn't sell alcohol?

I know.... "but my rights!". However, it is so easy and cheap to get a permit in most states that it is unwise to carry without one.

## **New Rangemaster Silhouette Target**

In 2017 we adopted the RFTS-Q target for use in Combative Pistol and the Firearms Instructor Development Course. As existing stocks of that target are used up, we will be replacing it with the RFTS-Q5, available from M&P Targets (see link). There is an 8" circle in the chest, and an ocular window circle in the head, plus the two "parrots" (zero circles) above the shoulders. Hits in the chest circle or the head circle count as 2 points, hits anywhere else above the belt line count as 1 point. The possible score for a 50 round qualification is, therefore, 100.

<https://mptargets.com/shop/rangemaster-rfts-q5-92730/>



## Protective Pistolcraft Instructor Development Courses

These are immersion level, five-day long courses that allow us to dive deeply into learning how to teach modern, effective self defense skills. There is a low light session outdoors one evening, with and without flashlights, plus some academic material on marketing for trainers, preparing Assistant Instructors, and much more. The next step for graduates of this course is the Master Instructor course, skipping over the Advanced course. We have two iterations of this course in 2024. Register soon, as they fill well in advance.

**June 19-23 PPIDC/5 day**

**Yadkinville, NC**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protective-pistolcraft-instructor-development-course-tickets-688827520657?aff=oddtcreator>

**Sept 25-29 Protective Pistolcraft Instr 5 day White Hall, AR**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protective-pistolcraft-instructor-development-course-tickets-688836898707?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

A student in the 2023 iteration of this course wrote a very detailed AAR, or review. See it here:

<https://swiftsilentdeadly.com/aar-rangemaster-protective-pistolcraft-idc/>



## **MORE ON THE MAC 1014 SHOTGUN**

In the February issue I gave my initial impressions on the MAC 1014 clone of the H&K/Benelli auto shotgun. Here, Zach Cox with a detailed report on his experiences with it.

[https://apachenc.com/mac1014/?fbclid=IwAR3widUk5AYrd3Dw-40HByVVqrodwGOUXgpW\\_v-1LhzVSwYljdLYdXtAEug](https://apachenc.com/mac1014/?fbclid=IwAR3widUk5AYrd3Dw-40HByVVqrodwGOUXgpW_v-1LhzVSwYljdLYdXtAEug)

## **Can't You Read the Sign?**

I have an idea to fix a number of serious problems.

Cancer is on the rise, with hundreds of thousands of Americans newly diagnosed each year. Let's put signs in every home and workplace saying "Cancer Free Zone".

There are about 3.5 million residential burglaries a year in the US. Let's put a sign in your yard that says "Intruder Free Zone". That should take care of it.

Obviously, these comments are tongue in cheek. Think about it, though. No rational person would expect either of those strategies to have any effect whatsoever on the problem. Why, then, do otherwise rational people think a Gun Free Zone sign would in any way prevent a criminal, a deranged person, or a terrorist from carrying out a planned attack just because they saw a silly sign?

The people who push these signs know this. They are not stupid enough to think these signs have any effect on



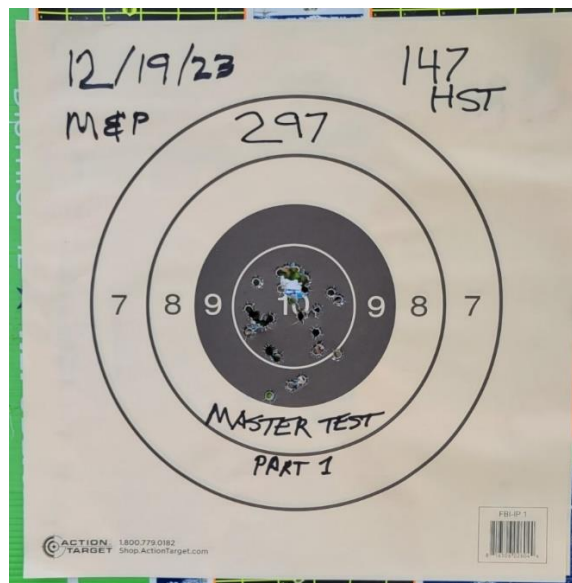
anyone's safety. The signs are simply part of incrementally getting you used to having your individual rights removed, a bit at a time. The right to self defense/self preservation is the most basic human right and civil right. Don't let these people keep chipping away at it.

## M&P 2.0 Aluminum Update

I have now been carrying/training with the Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 Aluminum frame (2.0A) for over a year. I have three of them, one I carry and two training/practice/demo guns. I now have close to 8,000 rounds through the three guns.

I have had no malfunctions with the guns nor with the 6 factory OEM magazines I use in practice. That is an enviable reliability track record.

I shoot these three very well. The excellent ergonomics make good shooting easy. Here is a target showing 297 points out of 300 possible, shot with my #2 practice gun.





All three guns are as delivered, right out of the box. No after-market barrels, optics, triggers, or anything. The only modification was putting black paint on the white dots in the rear sights, and putting orange paint on the front sights. Absolutely stock otherwise.



If you are looking for a reliable and capable carry pistol at a reasonable cost, this is one to look at.

## **PISTOL MASTER AWARD**

Late last year we announced the new Pistol Master Award, a coin to be earned by passing a bullseye type course and a silhouette-based course of high difficulty at 95% or above. So far, these are the highly skilled shooters who have achieved this distinction.

### **PISTOL MASTER AWARD ROSTER**

<b>Name</b>	<b>PMT</b>	<b>PPIQC</b>	<b>AGG</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Tom Givens</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>10/23/23</b>
<b>Bob Allen</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>12/10/23</b>
<b>Andy Anderson</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>198.7</b>	<b>same</b>
<b>Zach Cox</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>198.7</b>	<b>date</b>
<b>Tim Chandler</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>199.7</b>	<b>next</b>
<b>Brian DeKind</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>198.7</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Alvin Gunkel</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>195.7</b>	<b>entries</b>
<b>Keith Harper</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>192.3</b>	
<b>John Hearne</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>196</b>	
<b>Tim Kelly</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>197.7</b>	
<b>David Maglio</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>197.3</b>	
<b>Dale Miller</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>199</b>	
<b>Troy Miller</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>197.3</b>	
<b>Shannon Pable</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>193.3</b>	

<b>Aqil Qadir</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>195</b>	
<b>Ashton Ray</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197.3</b>	
<b>Daniel Reedy</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>197.3</b>	
<b>Rick Remington</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>199</b>	
<b>Mike Rioux</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>195.7</b>	
<b>Howard Marbury</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>193.3</b>	<b>01/28/24</b>
<b>Eric Hite</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>190.7</b>	<b>01/28/24</b>
<b>Chris Edwards</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>197.7</b>	<b>02/25/24</b>
<b>James Garner</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>02/25/24</b>



# UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

Mar 15-17 Firearms Instructor (John Hearne) Concord, CA

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-749507576337?aff=oddtcreator>

Mar 30-31 Advanced Instructor Lakeland, FL **sold out**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-646560468767?aff=oddtcreator>

April 5-7 Tac Con Dallas Pistol Club **sold out**

April 12-14 Pistol Instructor Springfield, MO

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688810299147?aff=oddtcreator>

April 26-28 Pistol Instructor Red Hill Range, Commerce, GA

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688812114577?aff=oddtcreator>

May 3-5 Pistol Instructor Boondocks, Jackson, MS

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688812495717?aff=oddtcreator>



May 4-5      Combative Pistol      (Aqil)      White Hall, AR

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-combative-pistol-course-tickets-688850930677?aff=oddtcreator>

May 17-19      Professional Pistolcraft Instructor      Bandera, TX

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/professional-pistolcraft-instructor-tickets-459108123757?aff=oddtcreator>      **sold out**

May 24-26      Pistol Instructor      KRT , Texas

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688812977157?aff=oddtcreator>

May 27      Historical Handgun      KRT, Texas

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historical-handgun-tickets-688819797557?aff=oddtcreator>

June 19-23      PPIDC/5 day      Yadkinville, NC

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June 27-29      Master Instructor      Xenia, OH

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/master-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688818303087?aff=oddtcreator>

July 19-21     Pistol Instructor

Shreveport, LA (indoors)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688853468267?aff=oddtcreator>

