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## **JULY 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/> .

### **Ken Hackathorn's Pistol Evaluation Drill**

Famed long-time trainer Ken Hackathorn came up with this routine as a means of comparing handguns “apples to apples” to see which ones perform better for you. All firing is done from Low Ready, so you don't have to have a holster for a handgun you are just trying out. Try this with guns you are considering carrying and the feedback will help you make an intelligent decision.

#### **“Combat Classic Evaluation”**

Rounds: 30 total, 5 points for every hit inside the circle.  
Every shot over the time limit takes 5 points off the score.

Target: IDPA Silhouette or other target with 8" circle in the chest Range: 3, 5, 7, 10 & 15 yards

Start Position: Low Ready for all stages

Stage 1. **3 yards**. On signal fire 2 rounds in 1.5 seconds dominant hand only.

Stage 2. **5 yards**. On signal fire 2 rounds to the body and 1 round to the head in 3.0 seconds.

Stage 3. **7 yards**. On signal fire 2 rounds in 2.0 seconds. REPEAT for a total of 4 rounds.

Stage 4. **10 yards**. On signal fire 2 rounds, reload and fire 2 more rounds. (Start with only 2 rounds in the gun.) Time is 8.0 seconds for auto pistol, 10.0 seconds for revolver.

Stage 5. **10 yards**. On signal fire 2 rounds with both hands, 2 rounds strong hand only and then 2 rounds weak hand only. Time is 9.0 seconds.

Stage 6. **10 yards**. On signal fire 1 round in 2.5 seconds. Repeat for a total of 5 rounds.

Stage 7. **15 yards**. On signal fire 6 rounds in 8.0 seconds

For instance, give this a try with your chosen primary sidearm and your chosen smaller "NPE gun" to see how much competence you lose with the smaller gun.

**Video demo:** <https://youtu.be/9mXx4yYT-o8?si=sHrs4qZnVETjmdPy>

**"You are only as safe as you are dangerous."**

**Paul Sharp**

## **Trigger Control Drill, "The Rogers Drill"**

The FBI calls this "The Rogers Drill" because they got it from Bill Rogers. It is a great way to work on follow through, trigger reset, and staying on the trigger from shot to shot. It requires that your pistol be capable of firing with the magazine removed.

Charge the chamber, then remove the magazine. You will fire the first shot, recover, then press off a second shot (dry). If the sights move you committed an error after the first shot, which may have been:

- a. Came off the trigger on the shot, causing you to slap the trigger on the second (dry) shot;
- b. Reset then snatched the trigger; or
- c. Involved your entire hand in pressing the second shot (dry) as a reaction to the blast of the first shot.

This is a great drill to help you identify, isolate, and fix whichever issue is causing you to move the gun on the second shot. The blast, recoil, and slide movement of a live shot mask a lot of issues. By having the second trigger press dry, you can actually see what your sights are doing and diagnose your problem. Give it a try.

# INSTRUCTOR COURSE NOTES

In May we had an outstanding instructor course at KR Training in Texas. We had 20 students from several states, from as far away as California and New Mexico. I was pleased that we had five female trainers in attendance, and all five passed with flying colors. There is a serious need for more competent female instructors. We also had several law enforcement officers, who are trainers for their agencies. We're making progress.







# **PROFESSIONAL PISTOLCRAFT INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE**

In May we conducted the second iteration of our Professional Pistolcraft Instructor class in Bandera, Texas. To attend, one had to already be a graduate of our Master Instructor program. 24 students gathered for this class, from 10 states, a very diverse group. One thing they all shared was a passion for and commitment to quality training and life-long learning.

In the classroom, we continued our detailed study of the history and development of modern firearms training, concentrating on the period from 1960 to the present. There was a detailed classroom block on developing and teaching Situational Awareness, plus a block on Home Invasions and a session on Active Killers. Range work included some very advanced drills, including a run at the Pistol Master Award coin and certificate. 14 of the students made the cut for this prestigious award. We finished up with an afternoon of Tactical Anatomy and Range Trauma Care, taught ably by Dr. Andy Anderson and Dr. Troy Miller.

The next iteration of this course will be in August 2025, at the fabulous air-conditioned Royal Range in Nashville, TN.





## **ANNUAL RANGEMASTER CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR REUNION/CONFERENCE**

Firearms instructors are like pencils. To be of any value, they must be sharpened periodically.

All professions require periodic in-service training or continuing education in order to keep a license/certification. Our profession should be no different. This is our annual event to provide Rangemaster certified instructors a chance to update their classroom training, refresh their skills on the range, network and fellowship with other trainers. This two-day event features presentations by Tom & Lynn Givens, Tiffany Johnson, Aqil Qadir, John Hearne and Lee Weems, and we have a new program each year.

Entry is strictly limited to Rangemaster graduates from any Rangemaster instructor development course. Advance registration is required. Refunds are available until 30 days prior to event date.



**Nov 2-3      Instructor Reunion/Conference  
Bandera, Texas**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-rangemaster-instructor-conference-tickets-688837911737?aff=ebsoporgprofile>**

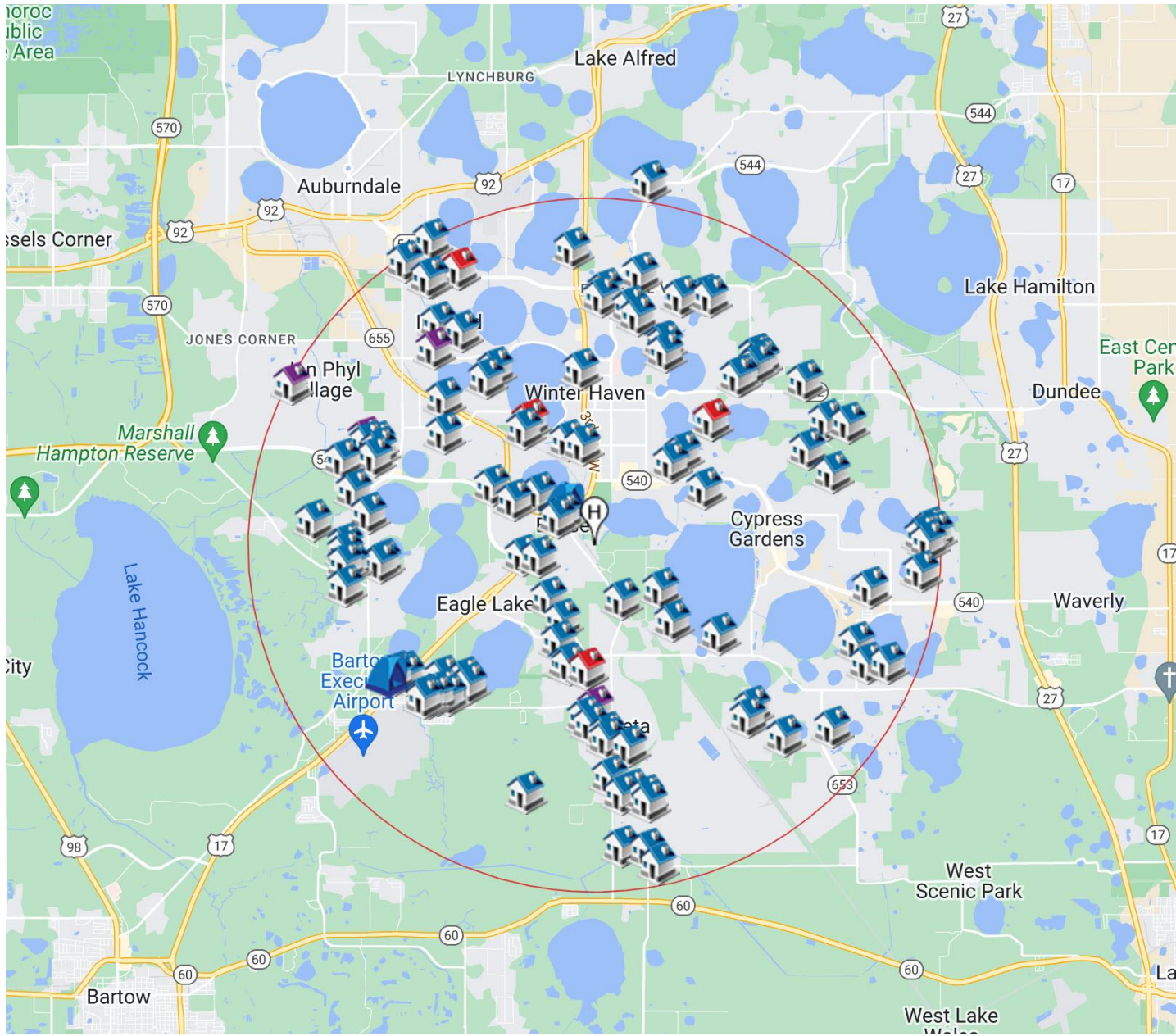


## **Robbers, and Car-Jackers, and Rapists**

### **Oh, My!**

Regular, civilized, acculturated people like to think that everyone around them is a normal person who means them no harm. It would be nice if that were so, but it is not. Every time you are in the supermarket, or the Wal-Mart, or any other public venue you are in close proximity to violent offenders who are on probation, parole, or bail, or who are wanted by the police and haven't been apprehended yet.

As an example, I live in a small rural community of about 60,000 people. We are 25 miles east from Tampa and 60 miles west of Orlando, in an agricultural area that is not densely populated. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is our state investigative agency. They are tasked with keeping up with registered sex offenders. I recently pulled up an FDLE map of the registered offenders within a five-mile radius of my home. In the illustration, the H is my home, and the 80+ buildings shown all house convicted sex offenders. The ones with red roofs are the Violent Sexual Predator category.



In an urban area, the sexual offenders are even more densely packed. Bear in mind, this map only covers ONE type of criminal offender, and these are just the convicted ones required by a court to register.

# UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

**AUG 10-11 Advanced Shotgun Instructor Cisco, GA**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-defensive-shotgun-instructor-course-tickets-715761861997?aff=oddtcreator> **sold out**

**Aug 16-18 Pistol Instructor (indoors) Buford, GA**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688815665197?aff=oddtcreator>

**Aug 17-18 Combative Pistol (Aqil) Mattawan, Michigan**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-combative-pistol-course-tickets-706071327347?aff=oddtcreator>

**Aug 23-25 Pistol Instructor New Kensington, PA**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/three-day-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-490482385017?aff=oddtcreator>

**Aug 31-Sept 1 Combative Pistol (Aqil) Nampa, Idaho**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-combative-pistol-tickets-721642481087?aff=oddtcreator>

**Sept 7-8 Combative Pistol (Aqil) Terre Haute, IN**



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rangemaster-combative-pistol-course-tickets-767928022387?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>

Oct 4-6 Master Instructor Mead Hall, OK

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/master-firearms-instructor-development-course-tickets-688819005187?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

