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CSAT

JANUARY 2007

INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:

- **January 11-22, 2007** **Special Skills** **Closed**
- **February 5-11, 2007** **Tac Rifle Inst** **OPEN** **Nacogdoches, TX**
- **February 10-11, 2007** **Tac Rifle I** **OPEN** **Nacogdoches, TX**
- **February 19-25, 2007** **Tac Pisol Inst** **OPEN** **Nacogdoches, TX**
- **February 24-24, 2007** **Tac Pistol I** **OPEN** **Nacogdoches, TX**
- **March 12-16, 2007** **Patrol Tactics Inst** **OPEN** **Dallas, TX**
- **March 26-30, 2007** **Shoot House Inst** **OPEN** **Lexington, KY**
- **April 16-20, 2007** **Adv Hostage Res** **OPEN** **Seguin, TX**
- **May 8-19, 2007** **Special Skills** **Closed**
- **June 4-8, 2007** **Adv. Hostage Res** **OPEN** **Chicago area, IL**
- **June 11-13, 2007** **Tac Team Leader** **OPEN** **Chicago Area**
- **July 19-29, 2007** **Special Skills** **Closed**
- **August 13-17,2007** **Adv HR** **Open** **Washington, IO**
- **September 3-7, 2007** **Tac Team Leader** **OPEN** **New Jersey**
- **September 10-12, 2007** **Adv HR** **OPEN** **New Jersey**
- **Sept 29-4 Oct, 2007** **TTPOA Swat Com** **Closed** **Nacogdoches**
- **October 21-26, 2007** **Tac Rifle Inst** **OPEN** **N. Chicago, IL**
- **October 25-26, 2007** **Tac Rifle I** **OPEN** **N. Chicago, IL**
- **November 12, 2007** **Seminar** **OPEN** **Indiana**
- **November 14-16, 2007** **Tac Team Leader** **OPEN** **Indiana**
- **November 17-20, 2007** **ITOA Conference** **OPEN** **Chicago, IL**
- **December 3-7, 2007** **Adv Hostage Res** **OPEN** **Garland, TX**

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- **April** **TBD**
- **June** **TBD**
- **July** **TBD**

- **August** **TBD**
- **November** **TBD**

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IN GENERAL:

Welcome back to CSAT and to 2007. I look forward to the New Year and training with you again. My schedule has rapidly filled and I look forward to a full year.

I thought I would take a few lines and expound on my registration process. When I put a course on the web site, I start an e-mail file and a hard file on my desk. The e-mail file contains e-mail commitments to the class along with your e-mail address so I can send class updates. The hard file on my desk has a form with a class roster. This is where I track students, deposits, payments, applications received, etc.

When I get potential students inquiring about classes, I will not put your name on the roster until you send me a simple e-mail saying you want a slot. Once you do, I pencil you in. As the class approaches, I request half down as a deposit to hold your slot. You are welcome to pay in full. This deposit ensures that you are serious about the class and your attendance.

I have some students who ask to hold several slots for friends. I will do this on a case by case basis and request your friends e-mail when time permits and that they also send me an application for my file.

I prefer to run smaller classes for quality control and ease of instruction and it is critical that you commit to the course with this confirmation e-mail. If you say I may attend, or I am thinking about it or I need to check with my boss, I don't put you on the roster. Also, unless you make specific arrangement with me about a deposit, I also use this as firm commitment and as a prerequisite to attending the class.

Once or twice I have had problems with students showing up thinking they were registered and I did not have a confirmation e-mail from them. Most folks this year are dialed in and have kept in touch and I greatly appreciate this. If you are not sure if you have a confirmed slot, feel free to e-mail me. I should get back to you within 48 hours.

Thanks for your help and understanding the process.

TRAINING:

COURSE UPDATE(S):

TTPOA, the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association has asked me to sponsor their annual SWAT Competition again this year. The dates will be 29 Sept-4 Oct, 2007. I look forward to working with the Nacogdoches Police Department again in developing and refining the events.

RANGE UPDATE:

I have put in a 16 x 28 building next to the 100 yard Rifle Range along with a 20' SeaLand container. The building has been wired and I will use it as short term classroom. Mostly we will do our admin stuff in there and review our shooting videos. It is wired for electricity for both lights and projection equipment.

The SeaLand container is where I will store some tools and equipment out of the weather. You can also use it during a class to store your ammo or personal effects if you so choose. As for my dozer work, it has been raining about every week and it looks like it will be a future project.

HUNTING UDATE:

I am starting to clean out the hogs, one at a time and part of my mission is to test different rounds and calibers on them. I have not been too impressed with the one shot stops of the 5.56 rounds. A 55 grain bonded has proved the best so far, the hog only moving about 10 yards before stopping. Here are some test subjects by the feeder.



EQUIPMENT:

After using the single point sling for about two years, I have decided to go back to the two-point. Having said this, don't throw your one-points away.

I have looked at the pros and cons for both and both work. The problem that I run into as an instructor is having to juggle all my equipment to include timers, clip board, PA system, etc. and a rifle. The two-point will be easier to clamp down in a rapid manner and keep all my extra gear straight.

As for the advantages of either system, here is what I have found. I can make my transition times with both slings so in short, both work. The single point during the transition to a pistol, hangs a bit more vertical and cleaner allowing a slightly easier access to your spare pistol magazines. This is the only advantage I see. Personally, all the pistol is there for is to solve an immediate problem and get the rifle back into action.

I will be using the Viking Tactics sling designed by Kyle Lamb in the future. See his contact info in the Recommended Equipment and Trainers Section.

I also purchased my one new gun for the year and it is a Glock 32C in .357 sig. It is the compensated model and the best way I can describe it is that it is a Glock 19 on steroids. It fits the same holster as the Glock 19 and will also take a light system.

I will shoot it during my next Tac Pistol Instructor class and see how I do on the standards. It shoots well and I can put 5 out of 5 on the steel IPSC at 100 yards (for what it is worth). My rationale is that even if your rifle goes down or all you have is a pistol, you can still stay in the fight at a distance.

IN CLOSING

Book

Thanks for your support reference my book.

As I stated before, thanks for your support and any comments are welcome.

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Take care and it is good to be back,

Paul R. Howe