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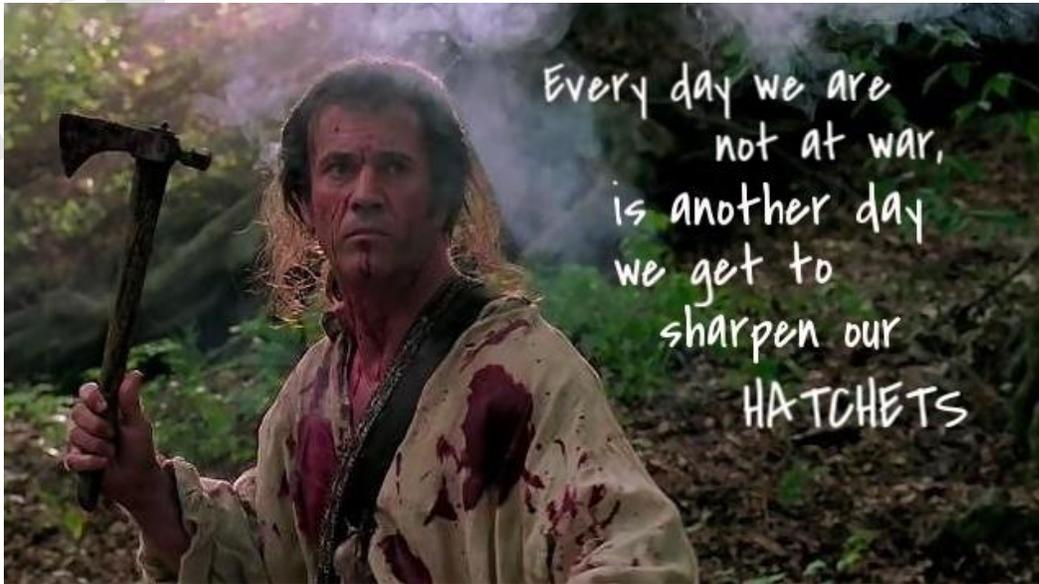


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**TRAINING UPDATES:**

**GENERAL:**



**Commentary:**

I am trying to keep my commentaries to a minimum, but it is difficult not to bring up some issues. Democrats are getting their butts kicked at every turn by good Americans standing their ground. DACA-Democrats Against Common Americans is another liberal scheme.

With that, liberal states are bucking the rule of law and the federal government. To make matters worse, the FBI is caught up in its own corruption upheaval. Regarded as the premier

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law enforcement agency in the United States, leaders in the bureau sold their souls to the Obama administration and its epidemic of corruption. We are now paying for it.

Heads need to roll and people need to be put in prison for violating their oaths of office. I believe in the good rank and file, but the corruption at the higher levels needs to be severed with immediate action.

Faith in the bureau can be reestablished when they see corrupt leadership charged and punished. If it is allowed to go its course and fade away, then the rule of law in our country will take a severe blow. Once we lose faith in law enforcement, there are no rules but anarchy.

I wish our president good luck in fixing Obama's leftover corruption and getting our DOJ back on track.

## **TRAINING:**

### **Advanced Hostage Rescue Live Fire and Shoot House Instructor**

We had a great class, both AHR students and Shoot House Instructor students. The week flowed perfectly and we performed max reps with everyone getting in sync with the training. Long story short, it was an exceptional class from my perspective.

Reference the Shoot House Instructor portion, if you are planning on building a Shoot House or letting other agencies use it, this course is a must. I have witnessed too many "accidents" in shoot houses over the years from lack of training for end users.

Unqualified trainers set up unrealistic scenarios and do not know how to safely structure training and as a result, someone is hurt. This is the fastest way to make your new shoot house a "sims" only house.

In the course, students get lots of reps and Instructors learn how to structure safe training and get lots of ideas on how to build their own house with all the common training angles/modules. I encourage both instructors and students to take pictures and not reinvent the wheel when it comes to building shoot houses.

**I will be adding a second Live Fire Advanced Hostage Rescue for LE in April. This will include 4 Shoot House Instructor slots.**

## **CLASSES**

I am working on the winter/spring schedule. If you have special class requests, feel free to contact me. I do save time slots for special classes. I am working on adding a CRAS class to schedule.

## STUDENT TRAINING NOTES



To be successful in shooting, we can use the above triangle to discuss issues I see. Three variables come to mind, the shooter, the weapon and the ammo they use.

As an instructor, my job is to take the shooter and focus on them and bring their skills up.

To sabotage their training in the class, students can muck up their learning curve by their weapon and ammo decisions.

As for the weapon, engineers spent a great deal of time developing guns and how they operate. Students think they know better and add numerous after-market parts that make their guns unreliable and sometimes unsafe.



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The gun pictured above choked in my last class. It was probably due to ammo, but it had issues none the less.

It locked up severely with a live round and had to be man handled with a hammer to get it back into battery and successfully shot into a clearing barrel.

Upon inspection, it had numerous Gucci parts to include a firing pin assembly that would scrape and drag as it was inserted into the firing pin channel.

What I find is that students add spiffy parts to make up for lack of practice with a weapon.

As for ammo, the ammo these two shooters were using caused this gun to lock up and an M & P. I gave them ammo to finish out the course.

Putting bad ammo in your gun is like pissing in the gas tank of your vehicle. It will not help it start or your fuel mileage.

Ammo is the cheapest I have seen in recent history. Feed your guns well.

Finally, do not experiment with Frankenstein guns in my classes. It is unsafe, time consuming and a pain in the ass for everyone. Don't be that guy. Experiment at your local range and make sure your gun will survive a training day.

If you cannot pull as standard Glock trigger, get in the gym. Then dry fire.

Otherwise you are "That Guy" in a training class. Sounds like the makings of a new patch....

## **INSTRUCTOR TRAINING NOTES**

A few notes for instructors as we must groom the next generation of trainers.

Guns:

Train with the gun you are going to demo with. Don't train with one gun and shoot another for demos. It will generally not go well.

Little/Compact guns are harder to shoot. Some folks shoot them so they shoot full size guns better as your mechanics on a little gun have to be perfect to make hits. It is an old training technique. I have no problem demoing with little guns, just practice with them. Don't shoot a big gun for training and bring a little gun for class/demos because it is "more comfortable."

Buy quality guns to shoot and demo with. While clones are out there, many are not "high mileage" guns and will shit the bed in under 1,000 rounds leaving you a fishing weight that cannot be easily fixed. If your clone craps out, you will revert to a good gun with a trigger and ergonomics that are different.

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Yes, it can be boring to shoot the same gun. Shooting well is consistency in both the weapon and your mechanics. If you are looking for excitement, go skydiving or bungee jumping.

**Ammo:**

Buy good ammo and have a “demo” ammo. I have some ammo I shoot only at 7 yards for practice and on big kill zones. When I shoot precise demos (pasties/25 yards), I load my good stuff that my gun is zeroed to.

I go to the lengths of shooting my guns the day before and having a cold/dirty barrel for students. I know oil can impact the first shot on a rifle, so I foul and confirm my pistol ammo prior to receiving students as well.

**Rehearsals:**

If you are running modules with time lines, rehearse it with another instructor and walk through it from start to finish. Think about where to station aid bags, load/unload points, target sequencing (shoots/no shoots), where to stage the next shooters, etc.

These are just a few points to help everyone have a great shooting and training experience.

**IN CLOSING**

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you on the range.

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