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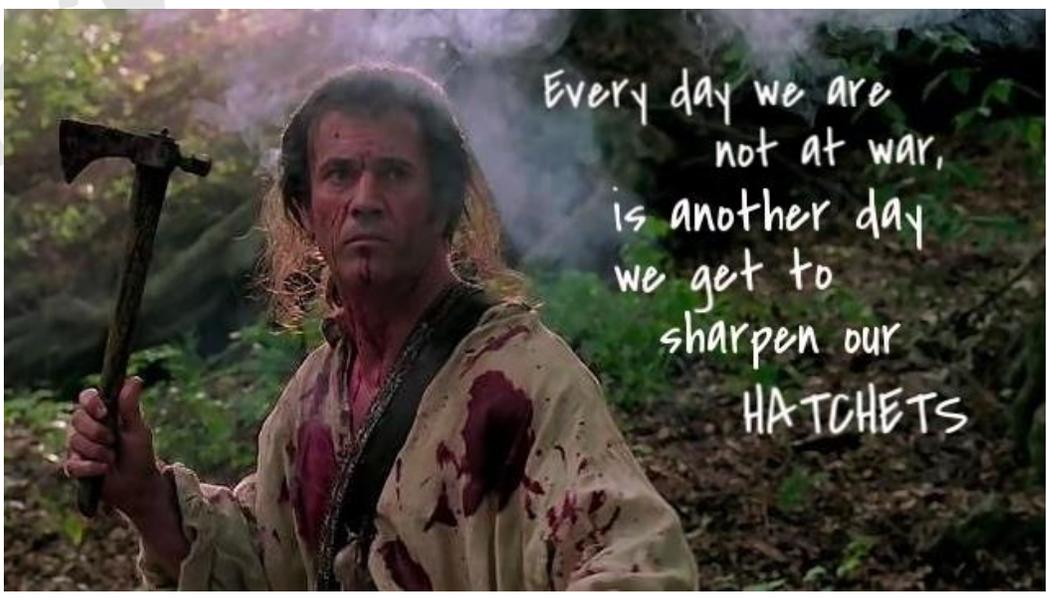


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TRAINING UPDATES:

GENERAL:



WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Removal of Troops from Overseas and a new Sec Def

Not having specific and articulated goals the American People can embrace and understand is a recipe for disaster and can result in the deaths of dedicated service personnel. We have made an attempt to help parties “evolve” and to protect themselves in many countries during their evolutionary process. If they cannot evolve, but simply wish to consolidate their own

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personal power and to line their own pockets with our money, let them fail and die. If Europe wants a stable and secure Middle East, let them send their troops and Euros.

Having been in combat a couple of times, I don't have a problem going in for the right reasons. If you do, I believe in a one-two knock out punch and then stabilize with an adequate force for a short time and then get out. If they wish to evolve from rock ape status, help them. If they wish to continue their goat humping existence and live in mud huts, let them. Do not send our sons and daughters into harms way for a people who do not wish to fight for their own country and wish to be saved.

Obama had the chance to end the wars. He screwed the pooch as with everything he touched. As for General Mattis retiring, no problem. We have other qualified people, some on active duty, some retired, some working parallel to the military machine. Some in the intelligence business. Our country is full of qualified candidates.

Finally, if your daughters wish to go hiking and camping in Morocco or any other rag head country, I would advise against it.

Guardian Classes

To date, we have trained six Independent School District (ISD) "Guardian" programs. The Guardian is an armed school security team that can act as a first responder in the event of an active shooter or other threat. The numbers depend on what size the schools are. Some campuses are stand alone, others are consolidated campuses. Some programs augment a single school resource officer.

We prefer to break down Guardian Training into two phases, marksmanship and tactics.

Tac Pistol

This two-day course gets the student familiar with their equipment, firearm and safe handling and prepares them to pass the Guardian Standards which are 7 pistol drills based on a CSAT Target.

Basic Guardian Tactical Class

This three-day course is built upon CRAS-Civilian Response to Active Shooter class tactics and students must qualify during this portion.

Several reasons for separating the two classes exist. First, the average student needs a break between the two-day firearms class, to dry fire and practice the standards. If they do not shoot well during the Tac Pistol Class, we have found they will not focus on the tactical portion until they do qualify.

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Next is the human factor and the heat. Running a five-day class in the summer takes its toll on the human body and an individual's attention span. Further, students must qualify shooting the standards during the three-day tactics class

Guardian 2

The Guardian 2 classes reviews the basic Guardian Class and adds movement and moving people with a handgun. This includes outside, hallways, doorways and rooms in order to make a safe and surgical shot. This class will be offered this summer.

My plan is to offer Tac Pistol classes for teachers in April/May and then the Guardian classes starting in June. Shoot me an e-mail with any questions you have.

CLASSES

The calendar is out and I do have holes for requested classes that always come up.

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Known vs. Unknown

This article is coming shortly. It has been picked up by a Tactical Officer Magazine and I must wait until they publish it before I can add it to the website. I have a recent case history that has been adjudicated that was a win and illustrates my point with a successful bad guy being terminated.

EQUIPMENT

Enhanced Glock 19/26

I worked with the folks at Wilson Combat for the past year to put together an off-the-shelf Glock package that you could simply take to the range and not need to work on to improve.

Without listing all the features, I will simply say the concept was similar to taking an old 1911 and having it "tuned up" before you would carry it. These guns are ready to carry.

Red Dot Sights

I am seeing more and more Red Dot Sights (RDS) on pistols during training classes.

Many students are using them as they get older as their eyesight starts to diminish. Others have heard rumors that special ops is using them. Some just want to try them. Whatever the case, here are a few points you should consider as a civilian and a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO).

High Ready

The High Ready Position for shooters transitioning to RDS will need to be modified a bit to find the proper presentation attitude (sweet spot) so that the dot will be found 100% of the time on presentation. Iron sights offer an easier acquisition of the front sight than the RDS. The RDS is in a “tube” if you will and you have to find the dot in the tube. Irons are prominently standing out there alone and have a 180-degree field of view.

Next, rifles provide a hinge point with your stock well and cheek position that bring your RDS to a repeatable spot. With a pistol, the RDS is at the end of your hands and is not close to your face like a rifle. You can develop speed with RDS, but it will take much more dry fire when using a pistol.

Holsters

Both civilian holsters and LEO duty holsters will need to be procured for the RDS pistols.

Civilian CCW holsters protect the pistol sights from dirt and debris.

The LEO sights will have to be exposed to the elements. This means rain, snow, muddy water or dirt (wrestling on the ground with a suspect). You will have to check your RDS more often to ensure they are dirt and debris free.

Co-witnessed Iron Sights

If co-witnessed iron sights are recommended for rifles, they should be required for pistols as well. RDS for pistols are mechanical and could fail.

With this, LEO's will have to do two qualifications for pistols, one iron and one optics. This will add to individual training time, ammo and student maintenance training with the handgun.

Covering a Suspect/Transition to Sims Training

This is usually not addressed when talking about RDS sights. How do we now teach a LEO to cover a suspect with the sights and still discriminate? Both eyes open? Dot on target as they cover a suspect? Can they discriminate and “rock the dot” on target as fast as iron when covering? I have used a technique where I place my front sight above my rear notch when covering a bad guy with a pistol or shooting movers. At close ranges I can shoot and make the hit as is or rock the gun up and notch the front sight. You can do this to probably 10 yards.

The problem is the RDS sight and all the visual interference while trying to acquire a dot under high stress and find your sweet spot/dot.

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In short, you have to take the RDS on a pistol to live role players and simunitions training to validate the technology.

Accuracy and Speed

I have seen RDS sights are generally more accurate than iron sights. However, they are also slower. Do you want to be slower at close range with a pistol? To be faster, you will have to practice with RDS. LEO question, are your officers going to practice with them or are most going to just “qualify” 1-2 times a year?

Cost and Equipment

Besides the new holster cost, the gun and sights will cost more. As an LEO, you will have to train on both irons and the RDS for training and qualifications. This means more ammo and training time. Are your people going to do it? Or will you water down the already weak qualifications courses you shoot?

Summary

Will I rush out and get them put on a pistol? Most likely not. I have a red dot sight on my rifle. I shoot through it with irons and do not turn the dot on during daylight hours. I do this because I grew up with irons and trust them and simply shoot them better. I use the red dot for low light conditions only.

Technology will always come and go in this world. Select it when helps you. Deselect it when it does not. I am not for or against RDS. Today I choose not to use them as they do not enhance my performance with a pistol. One day they might. Not today.

Ammo Problem

Guys, I had 2000 rounds of Freedom Munitions .556 ammo I was using for a class. One of the students was loading from the box using one of my rifles. The gun exploded. He was uninjured, but rifle is toast. My LMT completely destroyed. A co-worker had a rifle blow up a few months ago using the same ammo.

His was from an overcharged round

Mine was from a 300 blackout being mixed in the bulk box of .556. the box was unopened, and the students were leading directly from the box. The casing was an odd shape so for whatever reason the round chambered and fired.

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After further inspection I found 2 additional rounds that appear to be 300 blackout rounds in the other box of 1000. Do not use this ammo! Freedom has closed and filed for bankruptcy but if you have any laying around, I wouldn't shoot it. The student loading the rounds from the box didn't notice the bullet was different. I can't say I would have noticed either.

If I don't hear from you all have a Merry Christmas and here's to a great next year of training. As always holler if y'all need anything. God Bless

This note was from one of my instructors who runs his own training company. I have never liked Freedom Munitions from past incidents. It is not allowed at CSAT in the future. If you blow yourself, I am fine. I just don't want you to injure a shooter next to you on the firing line. Shoot your Freedom on your own time.

The problem could be quality control or industrial sabotage from a disgruntled employee. No matter, it is one less thing I have to worry about when shooting. If you are going to shoot it, have a med kit handy....

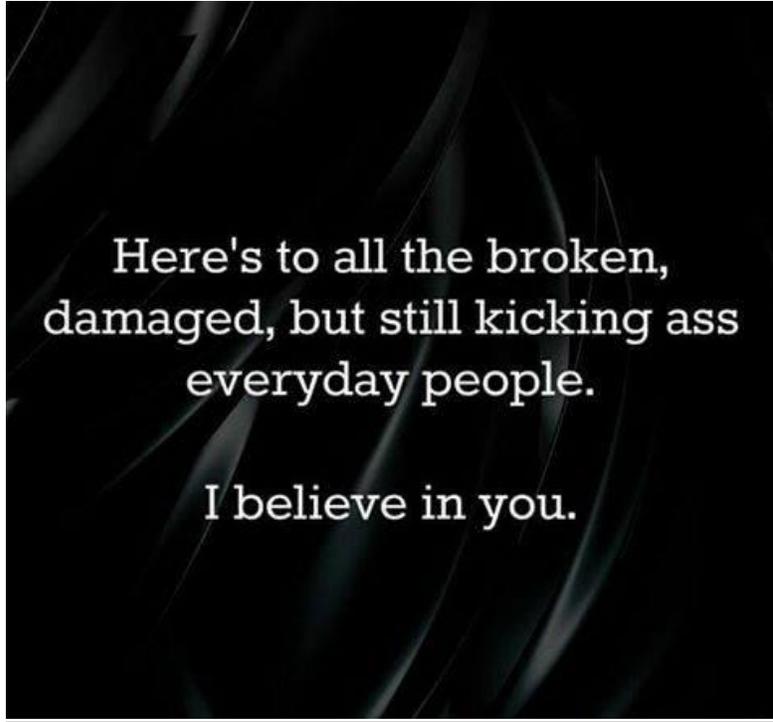
RANGES

In the "tune up" mode...

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

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