



# Tactical Talk

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## Lynn Givens

### Receives Recognition



Lynn leads the female instructors at Rangemaster who conduct our Ladies Only courses, as well as private tutoring for shooters who want to improve their skills. Lynn has worked with a large number of women who have stalkers or abusive ex-husbands/boyfriends, and helped them take back control over their own lives. In recognition of her efforts with those crime victims, the office of the Shelby County Attorney General recently awarded Lynn a certificate of appreciation.

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## Massad Ayoob, MAG 40, Armed Citizens' Rules of Engagement

Massad Ayoob is one of the best known writers and lecturers on self defense subjects in the United States, as well as one of the country's most respected expert witnesses. For 28 years he has offered this immersion level, 40 hour course in managing lethal threats and the legal ramifications of the use of force. This four-day, ten hour per day course includes both in-depth classroom training, and live fire training, with documented qualification firing on several law enforcement handgun courses.

The classroom training will include an emphasis on legal issues, tactical issues, and aftermath management. Topics will include interacting with suspects, witnesses, and responding officers...threat recognition and mindset... management of social and psychological aftermath after having had to use lethal force in defense of self or others...and preparing beforehand for legal repercussions and minimizing exposure to them. Situations in the home, at the place of business, or "on the street" will all be covered. Two full days are devoted to these critical issues in the classroom.

The live fire portion of the training will take place over two full days of training on the spacious ranges of the Memphis Police Department training academy. This is a 20 hour immersion level course in the use of the defensive handgun under extreme stress. Draw from concealment, two handed stances, shooting from cover, one-handed stances with either hand, speed reloading, and more are taught with an emphasis on fast, accurate shot placement. The course will culminate with a police-style qualification course. Estimated ammo count- 500 rounds.

All of this training will take place at the Memphis Police Academy Firearms Training Unit, one of the most modern, well equipped, and up to date training academies in the South. We will be using their modern classrooms, and a spacious outdoor range with modern target systems. Advance registration is required.

**DATES: 28-31 August 2010, Saturday through Tuesday, 8am-6pm each day.**

**TUITION:** \$789.00 A deposit of \$200 will hold a space, balance due no later than 13 August 2010. Deposits or tuition become **non-refundable** after 13 Aug 2010. If for some reason the class is cancelled, students receive a 100% deposit refund.

**REGISTRATION:** Call 901-370-5600 to register, or mail a check to Rangemaster, 2611 S. Mendenhall Rd, Memphis, TN, 38115. All registration will be handled through Rangemaster. For further information, contact

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# Travel Safety

We are entering the peak travel time of the year, with the kids out of school and vacations starting. Unfortunately, hotels and motels are hot spots for crime of all types, and a bit of preparation can keep your vacation from becoming a nightmare. Here are some general guidelines for making your hotel stay safer and more secure. For simplicity, hotels and motels will be called hotels in this article.

Let's start with the outside, as you arrive. Scan the parking lot. Note the type of vehicles present, as this can be a great indicator of the hotel's clientele. Look for broken window glass on the lot, indicating a lax attitude about car break-ins. These are a major problem at many hotels, and a good reason not to leave valuables in your car.

In the lobby, note the general appearance and look for persons loitering near the front desk. "Shoulder surfing" refers to hanging around the front desk to learn your room number, your vehicle description, number of persons in your party, and other useful information. Never say your room number aloud at check-in, and don't let the hotel staff say it. Your room number should simply be written inside the paper sleeve your electronic key cards are in when handed to you.

On the way to your room is one of the most vulnerable times you will encounter. Watch for anyone following you. Check ice machine/vending areas as you approach them. These are favorite hang-outs for thugs, who can watch hallways there and fall in behind you as you pass. When you reach your room, use the key to open the door, and prop the door open with your suitcase. With your hands thus freed up and the door propped open, check the room to be certain no one is waiting inside. Only then do you get your suitcase and go inside, closing the door behind you.

Once in the room, use all of the door's locking devices and place a rubber wedge tightly under the door. These rubber doorstops can be purchased at WalMart for a couple of bucks, and they can be worth their weight in gold. Assume that everyone has a key to your room. In fact, cleaning people, maintenance workers, and hotel security all DO have keys to your room, and they have been implicated in a number of rapes, robberies, and murders at hotels all over the country. If there is a knock at your door and someone claims to be hotel staff, do not open the door unless you called for them. If you did not call them, call the front desk and verify their business with you before opening the door.

A small roll of masking tape can be very useful in your travels. Put a small piece over your door's peephole, to prevent people in the hallway from checking your room. It can also be used to close gaps in drapes, again preventing visual intelligence gathering.

Selecting your room is an entire topic of discussion. Since you will be sleeping there (a most vulnerable time), you should select your room wisely. Here are some tips:

If you are on the ground floor, a room with an interior entrance is preferable to one that opens onto the parking lot. If not on the ground floor, the second floor is probably best. In case of a fire, you can still jump safely, and fire equipment will be able to reach you. Personally, I would not want a room above the fifth floor, as many fire ladders won't reach above that level.

Shy away from rooms directly adjacent to fire exits and stairwells. Statistically, those rooms are the most likely to be broken into. I also stay away from the vending areas, for reasons noted earlier.

In-room safes are a joke. I strongly recommend against leaving valuables in them. Any real valuables, and your firearm, should be on your person. Speaking of firearms, at night, don't put a pistol under the mattress or in the night-stand in your hotel room. It is too easy to rush out in the morning and leave it behind. Believe it or not, pistols are routinely found by hotel maids after check-out.



# Rangemaster Training Courses

## May 2010

### Shawnee, OK Police Range



**May 24-25, Mon.-Tues., Combative Pistol I;** 9 am-6 pm; 1,000 rounds; \$350.00

**May 26, Wed., Advanced Pistol Skills;** 9 am-6 pm; 600 rounds; \$200.00

**May 27, Thurs., Defensive Shotgun;** 9 am-6 pm; \$185.00  
125 rds birdshot, 50 rds buckshot, 15 slugs

Package deals: **CP1 + Adv Pistol Skills-** \$499.00 for three full days of training.  
**All three courses, pistol + shotgun-** \$599.00

This training will be conducted on a very nice police training range just outside Shawnee, OK. For details on the courses, see [www.rangemaster.com](http://www.rangemaster.com). The primary instructor will be Tom Givens, assisted by other Rangemaster staff. Call Lynn at 901-370-5600 to register.

## Ladies Only Introduction to Handguns Course

*Tuesday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at Rangemaster*

This is a truly introductory course for women who are interested in shooting, but are perhaps intimidated by the prospect of a co-ed handgun permit course. Entry is limited to females only, and all of the instructors for this class are ladies. Classroom instruction is followed by a bit of live fire on the range, closely aided by four or five of our certified lady instructors. We supply everything for this course, including the handgun, ammunition, and workbook, all for only \$49.00.



### “Don’t Go Places Where You Need a Gun”

Again this year there is some vigorous debate in the Tennessee state legislature about some proposed changes to our Handgun Carry Permit law. One of the Leftist Loonies actually asked, “Why would anyone go to any place where they felt like they needed to carry a gun?” This has to be one of the two or three stupidest utterances I have ever heard. Other than police and soldiers, a smart person would never go anywhere they thought they would need a gun. The problem is, how do you know in advance whether you will need one or not? What are you gambling every time you try to make that decision? You are gambling with your life and the lives of loved ones.

A few days ago I was at a local suburban mall, enjoying a cup of coffee outside a Starbucks. Did I believe I was going to need a gun there? No. Was I armed? Yes. Why? Well, for one thing, I had to get there and back, didn’t I? Does violence happen at malls all over America? Yes. If someone tried to kill/rob/assault/car-jack me, could I call “Time Out”, because we’re at a mall? No. In fact, in the past few years, we have had at least three students involved in self defense shootings on shopping mall parking lots. Good thing they were armed! Did they expect to need a gun that day? No. Did they need a gun that day? Yes.

As of this writing, we have had fifty-two Rangemaster students involved in defensive gunplay. All 52 won their fights, and only two were injured, neither seriously. To the best of my knowledge, to date two Rangemaster students have been murdered after taking training here. Both were murdered on the street, away from their homes, in street robberies. Essentially, they were executed for the contents of their pockets. In both cases, **the victims were un-armed**. They made the calculated guess that where they were going, they would not need a gun. They were wrong, and in both cases, they paid with their lives. If you simply wear the gun all of the time, no harm whatsoever is done on the days you don’t need it. On the other hand, if you try to only wear the gun “when you might need it”, you might be wrong, with tragic consequences.

## Continuing Education for Firearms Instructors

Firearms and tactics instruction is an evolving science. New gear becomes available, and new techniques are developed. In addition, the techniques and tactics used by criminals change over time. With this in mind, it is critically important for firearms instructors to continue to train and seek new information and skills. Over the past few months, a large number of Rangemaster instructors have done just that. Here are some examples.

In 2009, Tom Givens, Steve Palmer, and J.C. Faircloth attended a five day NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor School for handgun and shotgun. In 2010, John Parker, Steve Palmer, Dan Kohr, and Ronnie South attended a factory Glock Armorer's School. In 2009 or 2010, almost every instructor on our staff attended a two-day Advanced Firearms Instructor Course at Rangemaster. Earlier this month, Cecil Booker attended a three-day FBI Police Patrol Rifle Instructor School, in Alabama. In addition, several of our staff attended Southnarc's "Edged Weapons Overview" course (2 days) or Todd Louis Green's "Aim Fast, Hit Fast" two day course, both held here at Rangemaster. Every month, our staff gets a night of in-service training, with both classroom time and range firing. These are examples of our commitment to bringing our students up to date, current training.

**This Certificate is presented to**

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## *Congratulations, Chuck Chow!*

Chuck Chow is one of our staff instructors. He recently completed the six month long Shelby County Sheriff's Department training academy, and was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. Chuck was recognized as the top trainee in his academy class, with the highest combined scores for academics, firearms, and physical fitness. Great work, Chuck!

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