



Tactical Talk

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“Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.”

—Bill Vaughan

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Armed Movement in Structures: Southnarc



Southnarc is the training name of the recently retired commander of an inter-agency Gulf Coast narcotics unit and SWAT Team. More details can be seen at shivworks.com.

The ShivWorks Armed Movement in Structures (AMIS) course is a twenty hour block of instruction focusing on negotiating movement problems within structures with limited or no resources. Realizing that moving through a structure that contains armed hostiles, perhaps by one's self, is probably the most dangerous task one can undertake, the best options for winning a confrontation are presented with the qualification that there is no safe way to do this.

Day One (12 hours):

- Viewing the environment in terms of the unseen
- Vertical, Horizontal, and Diagonal planes of visual obscurement
- Distance variables and the visual apex
- Threshold evaluation
- Dynamic and Deliberate movement
- Room Entry factors (known versus unknown)
- Minimizing multiple exposure
- Modifying the fighting platform to conform to cover and concealment
- Re-setting/Disrupting the adversary's OODA loop
- Chalk board exercises
- Dry-runs
- FoF evolutions
- Low-light module

Day Two (8 hours)

- Practical Exercises for egress, search, and third-party rescue

April 28-29, 2012 Saturday-Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm both days

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**Class pic from Combative Pistol in Florence, South Carolina in 2011.
We'll be back there in March, 2012**



Two Negligent Shootings

There were two recent incidents around the country that bear examination, so we can learn from them.

In the first case, a man was carrying a Glock in his waistband, at what is commonly referred to as “appendix position” without a holster. He was seated in the driver’s seat of a minivan, with his wife and children aboard on a shopping trip. Upon parking, while trying to release his seat belt buckle, the gun discharged, sending a bullet through the femoral artery in his thigh. Although he was immediately taken to the hospital, he bled to death en route. NEVER just stuff a gun in your waistband or pocket, particularly a handgun with a relatively light short trigger action, such as a Glock, M&P, XD, 1911 and many others. Handguns should always be worn in a proper, serviceable holster that completely covers the trigger guard. This type of accident is completely preventable.

In the second case, a man and his teenage son were at an indoor range in another state. Getting ready to leave the range, the father put a loaded handgun in its case and closed the case, whereupon the pistol discharged, striking his son in the abdomen. The boy survived, luckily. Never put a loaded gun in a transport case. The chamber should be empty unless the gun is being worn on your person. As noted above, a proper holster covers the trigger guard of the handgun, preventing unwanted discharges. Also, a loaded gun in a carry case winds up being pointed all over the place, violating Rule Two. There is no reason for a gun being transported in a case to have a chambered round.



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AWNAA via Texas student, Paul Hacker

Americans With No Abilities Act (AWNAA)

Washington, DC - October 13, 2011 - The Obama Administration is urging Congress to pass sweeping legislation that will provide new benefits for many Americans: The Americans With No Abilities Act (AWNAA). President Obama said he will sign it as soon as it hits his desk.

The AWNAA is being hailed as a major legislative goal by advocates of the millions of Americans who lack any real skills or ambition.

"Roughly 50 percent of Americans do not possess the competence and drive necessary to carve out a meaningful role for themselves in society," said California Senator Barbara Boxer. "We can no longer stand by and allow People of Inability to be ridiculed and passed over. With this legislation, employers will no longer be able to grant special favors to a small group of workers, simply because they have some idea of what they are doing. We are legalizing another protected class of Americans."

In a Capitol Hill press conference, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D) and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D) pointed to the success of the U.S. Postal Service, which has a long-standing policy of providing opportunity without regard to performance. Approximately 74 percent of postal employees lack any job skills, making this agency the single largest U.S. Employer of Persons of Inability.

Private-sector industries with good records of non-discrimination against the Inept include retail sales (72%), the airline industry (68%), and home improvement 'warehouse' stores (65%). At the state government level, the Department of Motor Vehicles also has an excellent record of hiring Persons of Inability (a whopping 83%).

Under The Americans With No Abilities Act, more than 25 million 'middle man' positions will be created, with important-sounding titles but little real responsibility, thus providing an illusory sense of purpose and performance.

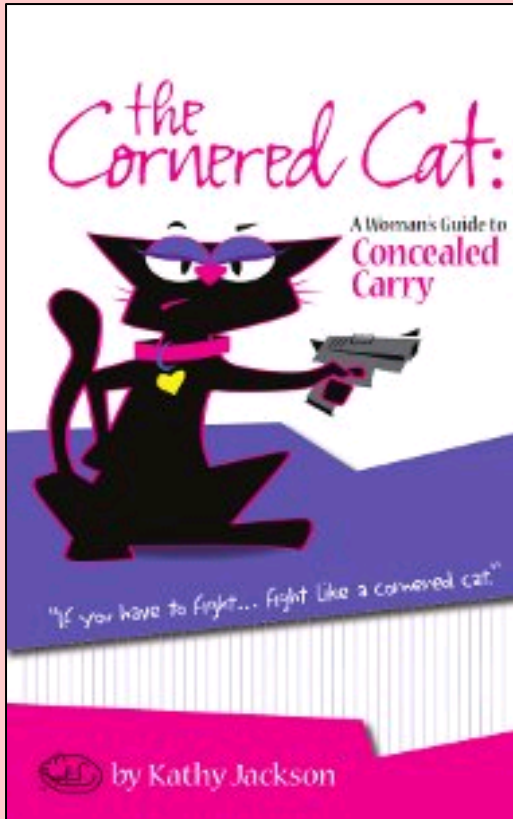
Mandatory non-performance-based raises and promotions will be given so as to guarantee upward mobility for even the most inept employees. The legislation provides substantial tax breaks to corporations that promote a significant number of Persons of Inability into middle-management positions, and gives a tax credit to small and medium-sized businesses that agree to hire one clueless worker for every two talented hires.

Finally, the AWNAA contains tough new measures to make it more difficult to discriminate against the Non-abled, banning, for example, discriminatory interview questions such as, 'Do you have any skills or experience that relate to this job?'

'As a Non-abled person, I can't be expected to keep up with people who have something going for them,' said Ken Cox, who lost his position as a lug-nut twister at the GM plant in Flint, Michigan, due to his inability to remember 'righty tighty, lefty loosey.' 'This new law should be real good for people like me,' Cox added. With the passage of this bill, Cox and millions of other un-talented citizens will finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.

Said Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL): "As a Senator with no abilities, I believe the same privileges that elected officials enjoy ought to be extended to every American with no abilities. It is our duty as lawmakers to provide each and every American citizen, regardless of his or her inadequacy, with some sort of space to take up in this great nation and a good salary for doing so."

The Cornered Cat, Ladies Only Handgun Course



On Feb. 18-19, 2012, Rangemaster will be pleased to host a Cornered Cat Ladies Only Course featuring Kathy Jackson.

Kathy is the editor of Concealed Carry Magazine, a staff instructor at the Firearms Academy of Seattle, and the author of *The Cornered Cat*, one of the best books on women's self defense issues. Kathy is a talented shooter and a very knowledgeable trainer. As a woman who carries daily and has for some time, Kathy is a wealth of information on specific carry modes, holster designs, clothing options and other issues women face in this arena. She will be assisted in this class by several of Rangemaster's lady instructors, including Lynn Givens.

This course is ladies only. Students need to be prior graduates of at least our basic handgun permit class.

Cost is \$400. Call 901-370-5600 to register.

Students will need:

- ◆ Handgun, at least .38 Special or 9mm caliber;

- ◆ At least one spare magazine or speedloader, although more is always better;
- ◆ A good belt holster, worn on a pants belt, on pants with belt loops;
- ◆ 500 rounds of jacketed ammunition.

Eye/ear protection is available here at no charge, or bring your own.

Our range and classroom are fully heated and comfortable. Dress for indoor comfort.

Class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days. There will be a lunch break each day.



Bloomberg's Money: What Does it Mean for Memphis? Part II

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By Craig Harper, Rangemaster Staff Instructor

Earlier this year, The City of Memphis received a \$4.8 million dollar grant from the private foundation of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. At the time of the announcement, Mayor A C Wharton said the money would be put to work to “spur economic development in the inner city and reduce handgun violence.” At the time of the announcement, no details were released as to how this would be accomplished. Now, we are starting to see movement in this program and, as expected, the focus appears to be misplaced.

To briefly reset the scene: Mayor Bloomberg is the billionaire founder of the Bloomberg media empire and the founder of Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG). Mayor Wharton belongs to this organization. Mayor Bloomberg is an anti-gun advocate and he will want a return on his investment. That will mean a portion of the funds will go to efforts to curb the 2nd Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. While it's difficult to argue with the stated goals of MAIG (what law-abiding citizen is in favor of illegal guns?), like all other groups of this type, they want to infringe on 2nd amendment rights; to be the sole arbiter as to what firearm should or should not be considered illegal and what person has the right to possess and use firearms. So it should come as no surprise that the very first comments publicly issued by Mayor Wharton concerning this effort were in an editorial appearing in the November 24, 2011 edition of *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* with the headline – “Help Keep the Peace by Halting Illegal Guns.” As expected, the focus is on the instrument and not on the behavior.

In the editorial, Mayor Wharton cites an example of two teens that were “playing around” with a pistol when one unintentionally shot himself before shooting his companion. The mayor was quick to point out that the boys were not gang members nor were they in the process of committing a crime. They are “children who had obtained a gun they should not have.” While the mayor is correct that the boys should not have had a gun, the focus is on the instrument – the gun – when the focus should really be on the behaviors and the associated situation. Here are my questions:

- ◆ Where were the parents?
- ◆ Did the parents not know one of these boys had obtained a gun?
- ◆ How did the boys obtain the gun? Was it unsecured in the household? If so, the responsibility for this shooting is with the parents.
- ◆ If the gun was obtained from a street seller, the seller committed a criminal offense; lock him or her up. If the gun was bought off the street, surely the boys know the seller; the police can find the guilty party.

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- ◆ Why did one or both of these kids obtain a gun; what was the intended use?
- ◆ What behaviors were the boys trying to emulate; was it something they had seen on TV that would cause them to think that playing around with guns was cool?

The gun did not cause this problem; the behaviors did.

Further on in his editorial, the mayor says, “There are a number of things we can do, within bounds of the law, to tackle the problem immediately.” The first thing the mayor cites is, “We can do a better job of tracking weapons so we know how they’re entering our city – and how to stop them.” This - and something later in the editorial – is what makes me suspicious of the intended purpose of this program. Keep in mind that this is a Michael Bloomberg funded program. Bloomberg is anti-gun. His organization has looked for ways to infringe on the 2nd Amendment. Tracking weapons – regardless of the reason why – IS an infringement.



Later in the editorial, the mayor says that the Bloomberg grant is to “tackle the entwined problems of handgun violence and blighted commercial property in our core city.” Handguns cause blight? How do they do that? Handguns are inanimate objects. Virtually every one of my neighbors own firearms and I don’t live in a blighted neighborhood. It’s behaviors that cause blight.

My purpose is not to parse the mayor’s words. I have no doubt that Mayor Wharton is sincere in his belief but focused in the wrong direction. Because of the influence of the Bloomberg money, the direction taken will be anti-2nd amendment and these actions could impact legal gun ownership and use.

What can we expect next? I suspect:

- ◆ News stories and a public service campaign about how handgun violence is a public health issue; something already mentioned by Mayor Wharton in his editorial. Studies from the University of Michigan and other sources will be cited, all of which have been debunked.
- ◆ Campaign donations to anti-gun candidates. Remember, this grant money is administered outside the city budget; therefore, accountability is only to the committee and the Bloomberg Foundation so they are free to make donations.
- ◆ Lobbying efforts in Nashville and Washington to restrict the sale and use of firearms.

No sane, law-abiding citizen can disagree with the intent of stopping violent crime. It’s not guns causing the crime. It’s behaviors that cause crime and that should be the focus.

http://magazine.mst.edu/2011/11/answering_the_call.html



One of our staff instructors, Gerald Foon, was recently written up for his thirty year career teaching emergency medical technicians. The link above will take you to the full article. Gerald assists here with Level 3-5 classes and presents an emergency

trauma care block during our Advanced Firearms Instructor Course.

Congratulations, Gerald!

Here students practice techniques used in shooting from inside a car, as in a car-jacking situation.





Women are welcome in all Rangemaster courses, and usually do exceptionally well.



2011 Training Re-cap

At the home range in Memphis in 2011 we taught a total of 161 classes, an average of 13.4 classes per month. The classes were broken down thus:

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| Level 1 | 101 |
| Level 2 | 38 |
| Level 3 | 5 |
| Level 4 | 4 |
| Level 5 | 2 |
| Special | 13 (this includes Combative Pistol, Defensive Shotgun, Firearms Instructor, etc) |



We taught over two thousand new students in 2011, plus a huge number of repeat students in classes after the permit course. Students fired 248,000 rounds during these classes, with zero injuries.

On the road, we taught courses in several cities in Texas and Oklahoma, plus in Louisiana, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Kansas, Virginia, East Tennessee, etc. 2012 promises to be even busier.

Combat Focus Shooting at Rangemaster in March

Rob Pincus of I.C.E. Training will be here to conduct a two-day Combat Focus Shooting handgun course on March 1-2, 2012. This is a fast paced course and Rob is an enthusiastic and talented instructor. See <http://www.combatfocusshooting.com/calendar/location/3/Tennessee> to register for this class

The Combat Focus® Shooting Program is an Intuitive shooting program designed to help the student be more Efficient with a defensive firearm in the context of a Dynamic Critical Incident. The Combat Focus® Shooting Course is not designed to make you the best shooter you can be on the range, rather its goal is to help you quickly develop fundamental skills that you can apply in a worst case scenario defensive shooting situation. \$400.00.



We'll be conducting road classes all over the US in 2012, from Virginia to Washington state.

Statistics Show Hunting Safer Than Golf and Most Other Sports . . .



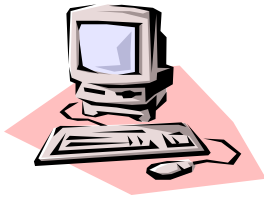
Hunting with firearms is safe; in fact, hunting with firearms is one of the safest recreational activities in America. With hunting season in full swing across the country, NSSF has compiled data that shows hunting ranks third in safety when compared to 28 other recreational pursuits, ranging from baseball to wrestling. Hunting with firearms has an injury rate of 0.05 percent, which equates to about 1 injury per 2,000 participants, a

safety level bettered only by camping (.01 percent) and billiards (.02 percent). For comparison, golf has an injury rate of 0.16 percent (1 injury per 622 participants), while tackle football topped the list of activities with an injury rate of 5.27 percent (1 injury per 19 participants).

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Happy New Year!

With the start of 2012, Rangemaster enters our 16th year of service to the shooting community. In Memphis alone we have trained over 35,000 students to safely, effectively and lawfully use handguns and shotguns in defense of themselves and their families. Since 2001, we have conducted training for a couple of thousand military personnel involved in the Global War on Terror, and we conduct about 12-14 civilian courses on the road each year, all over the US. We want to sincerely thank all of you who have made all of this possible. All of us at Rangemaster wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!



The Tactical Conference is back in Memphis in February 2012. Here is an example of the truly realistic targets used in low light scenarios in the tactical match.