



New Military & Police by Smith & Wesson

After several years of research and development, Smith & Wesson's new Military & Police Series is the next evolutionary step in polymer frame pistols. Engineered exclusively to meet law enforcement and military needs, the M&P combines the latest in technological advancements with the continuing innovation of Smith & Wesson firearms.

The M&P series is based on input from more than a dozen law enforcement agencies and military professionals. Designed to meet and surpass their needs of safety, performance and durability, the new pistol incorporates a number of unique features.

The most notable features on the

M&P are the innovation of three interchangeable grip straps that easily accommodate various hand sizes, a steel reinforced polymer frame and an unparallel ergonomic design. The combination of these features gives the M&P less felt recoil than other comparable polymer pistols. Other features include a thru-hardened stainless steel barrel and slide, magazine safety option, new-age trigger system, ambidextrous slide stop and reversible magazine catch.

Unlike many polymer pistols, the M&P does not require the user to press the trigger to field strip the firearm. The new trigger mechanism features a sear

release that can only be operated with the slide locked open. A lever, which is easily reached through the ejection port, when pressed releases the tension on the sear while directing the user's attention to the chamber to help insure that the firearm is unloaded and safe. Then, the user can turn the external takedown latch and the slide can be removed.



Initially available in .40 S&W, the full-size striker fired action (SFA) model will be chambered in 9mm and .357 SIG
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Tactical Emergency Medical Specialist

The Tactical Emergency Medical Specialist (TEMS) program is specifically designed to provide a higher level of instruction to persons operating within special operations team as the medic or within the high-risk response medical support areas. This program is three days in length and is comprised of both didactic and practical instruction sessions.

On day one the students will have lectures pertaining to the roll of the Tactical Medic, equipment selection and providing care in a variety of environments. On the second day of class students will have a Less Lethal Weapon demonstration followed



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by practicing rapid physical assessments, moving injured victims and room clearing drills. The latter part of the day will be spent on moving the victims using a variety of methods including ballistic

shields, ballistic blankets and vehicles. Depending on the availability some classes will utilize night vision equipment and practice tactical medicine for VIP's. Tactical Medics in this program will practice intubating with gas masks and in SCBA gear. Students will participate in numerous practical instructional exercises. The class participates in a large scenario on the final

day where the student will have the opportunity to apply all the new skills and procedures that they learned. The scenarios involve various situations that are based on

realism and require small team movement and tactics, victim rescue, tactical field care, care under fire, use of ballistic shields, and casualty evacuation. Eric Stratton, Instructor; Oct 17-19, 2005



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Our 2006 course dates for academy and armorers school training are on our webpage and a flyer will be mailed this fall.

Reminder

Recertification is required every 4 years for all active Smith & Wesson Armorers who attend a basic Revolver and/or Pistol Repair program.

To register for courses above or for information call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 or go online at www.smith-wesson.com (S&W Academy Training—Law Enforcement courses).

The Patrol Rifle

by Bill Porter

1980 seems like a long time ago, twenty-five years since the bank robbery in Norco, CA. I was a brand new Sergeant accepting many new responsibilities at this time. I asked "why weren't they equipped with rifles?" Rifles to fight rifles, firepower to at least match the threat they were facing. My agency had both rifles and shotguns available. Any patrol could take either or both to use anytime. My ability to understand "no rifles available" was really a total lack of understanding and concern as to why these officers were not properly equipped.

For the next year or two agencies all over the country were acquiring rifles then those priorities fell victim to complacency again. "Everyone knows we can't change our whole program over one incident", and fewer and fewer agencies were acquiring rifles for patrol use.

Jeff Cooper refers to the rifle as "the queen of weapons" as the queen is the most powerful piece on the chessboard. The rifle can do anything up close and at a distance. Typically it can be the answer to a great many problems. But if you have to fight a rifle without a rifle that's when you'll miss it the most.

The FBI found this out in their Dade County, Florida event. The cost of the win was tremendous against one man with a rifle.

Again agencies were moving to purchase rifles for patrol. Again I was taken back - how many times are we going to see this. But once more, after a year or so, the trend fell by the wayside.

It was in this time frame we saw the emergence of pistol caliber carbines, better known as "long barreled pistols". They had to be good because the magazines from the handgun fit the carbines. My thoughts on this was "is there really someone who thinks this is a rifle?" Yes there were and the trend went on for a little longer and died off again.

Then along came the North Hollywood,



Instructor Bill Porter demonstrates to the class

California incident. We watched on TV while two men with rifles, real rifles not long barreled pistols, made a nuisance of themselves to the point that LAPD had to go to a local gun shop to acquire weapons to equal the firepower of the persons they were fighting. Certainly there were some tough moments for many people before this event was over.

The government came to the assistance of law enforcement with the North Star program providing surplus rifles to many agencies and again offering rifles for law enforcement was a priority. This trend lasted a bit longer mainly as a result of the free surplus rifles.

Now, complacency is once again settling upon the law enforcement community. It would seem that today's threat of terrorists would be such that agencies would continue to gravitate toward the rifle and rifle training. They are not. Still many agencies lack a rifle in their arsenal.

Some Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and other administrative people fear the use of a rifle in an urban environment even after the questions have been asked and answered concerning such use. They don't believe or they don't trust their people to use them correctly. As with any equipment proper training in its use must take place.

Many misperceptions surround the rifle. The most common is that everyone has to have their own. Not so. At the range most likely used by law enforcement they only need a properly zeroed rifle. For too long our officers have suffered the indignity of being out gunned. I'm sure there are

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Langdon, Smith & Wesson Dominate the Carolina Cup

Ernest Langdon, Smith & Wesson's Director of Government Sales, was the overall winner of The Carolina Cup, a shooting competition held June 11-12, 2005 at The Range in Oxford, N.C. Langdon won 1st Master in the Custom Defensive Pistol division. Smith & Wesson products won in 13 of 15 competing classes.

Langdon was one of four division winners who typically use Smith & Wesson firearms. In this prestigious event, Langdon shot a production Smith & Wesson Model 1911. Other divisional shooters sporting Smith & Wesson firearms included: Daren Kirts, who was awarded 1st Master in the Stock Service Pistol division shooting a Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 5906; and Brent Stone, who was awarded first place in the Expert Enhanced Service Revolver Division with his Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 625. In addition, a father and son team, both shooting Smith & Wesson Performance Center pistols, took home awards. Jim Dalton II placed fourth in the Sharpshooter Stock Service Pistol Division shooting his Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 5906 while his 16-year-old son, Jim Dalton III placed first in the Sharpshooter Enhanced Service Pistol division shooting his Smith & Wesson Performance Center Model 1911 .38 Super.

"Firearms used in the revolver division competitions were almost exclusively Smith & Wesson firearms. This is important at an important event like The Carolina Cup, where



Carolina Cup winner Ernest Langdon

shooters look to the winners to find out what they are shooting," Langdon said. "What makes the Smith & Wesson so popular and so successful in competition shooting is the reliability factor, since malfunctions can cost time and, ultimately, the win. With Smith & Wesson, you've got that reliability, along with exceptional ergonomics and unmatched accuracy."

With the 1st Master Custom Defensive Pistol title, Langdon adds to his impressive collection of shooting awards. Langdon joined Smith & Wesson as Director of Government Sales in May 2005 following years of military service combined with firearms industry sales management and product development. Langdon's military career includes 11 years of active service in the United States Marine Corps. He held numerous leadership roles in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Quantico, Virginia; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He

earned a number of awards and medals including a combat action ribbon, a humanitarian service medal and several campaign medals for service in Panama, Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Cuba. In addition to his military and commercial experience, Langdon is a successful competitive shooter, holding eight national titles and two world titles in practical pistol competition.

Other Carolina Cup Smith & Wesson Winners:

2nd Master CDP: Tom Yost, Smith & Wesson P.C. 1911

6th Master CDP: Dave Harrington, Smith & Wesson P.C. 1911

7th Master CDP: David Lew, Smith & Wesson P.C. 1911

3rd Master Enhanced Service Pistol: Dean Brevit, Smith & Wesson P.C. 1911 .38 Super

4th Sharpshooter SSP: Jim Dalton II, Smith & Wesson P.C. 5906



Special Programs Available at the Smith & Wesson Academy

International Security & Defense Systems, Ltd. (ISDS) Courses

The Israeli Experience—VIP/Executive Protection

—This 5-day, 50-hour course is for Executive Protection/VIP Protection professionals or those seeking to enter field. Using the unique perspective of Israeli instructors from their real world experience, student learn subjects such as protection issues, driving techniques, rescue and escape procedures, as well as unarmed Krav Maga protection exercises. **Oct 31-Nov 4**

The Israeli Experience—Suicide Bombers, Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence & Defeating

—This course is available to Law Enforcement, Government, and Verified Security Personnel and will provide attendees with the history, motivation, preparation, equipment, and techniques used by suicide bombers. Students will learn how to identify and manage the threat. **Oct 26-28**

Handcuffing Instructor

—Although largely taken for granted, handcuffing techniques are the centerpoint for many assaults on officers and much litigation concerning the use of force. This 2-day course is designed to give the instructor the necessary background to conduct a comprehensive handcuffing program for his or her agency. **Jan 30-31, 2006**



Do You Have a Story?

Smith & Wesson Academy is looking for your story. Did a particular course provide you with new, important information? Did the training program provide you with the tools to make the right decisions on the job?

If you have a story about the S&W Academy to share please call or email.

S&W Academy Newsletter
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Armorers Field Schools and Firearms Training

—Call contact for an application
2005

Crozier, VA

VA Dept. of Corrections

Capt. Greer Fullerton, 804-784-6843

—Revolver Repair

Sep 13-15

Thornton, CO

Thornton Police Dept.

Jeff Patterson, 720-977-5316

—Pistol Repair

Sep 27-29

Fort Worth, TX

Fort Worth Police Dept.

Vange Pueblo, 817-871-6563

—Revolver Repair

Oct 19-21

—Pistol Repair

Oct 24-26

Orange, CA

Orange Co. Sheriff's Office

Lance Ishmael, 714-538-2612

—Revolver Repair

Nov 1-3

London, OH

Ohio Peace Office Training Academy

Registrar's Office, 740-852-4848

—Pistol Repair

Nov 29-Dec 1

2006

Lansing, MI

Michigan State Police

Sgt Dick Hale, 517-322-5603

—Revolver Repair

Jan 10-12

Las Vegas, NV

Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.

Vern Zuleger 702-229-4291

—Tactical Pistol

Jan 23-27

Pearl, MS

MS LE Officer Training Academy

Sgt. John Hillhouse 601-933-2139

—Pistol Repair

Jan 25-27

—Revolver Repair

Jan 30-Feb 1

Fairless Hills, PA

Falls Twp. Police Dept.

Det. Max McClintic 215-949-9115

—Firearms Instructor Update/

Recertification

Apr 24-28

Atlanta, GA

Atlanta Police Dept.

Off. Mark Merriman 404-243-5471

—Pistol Repair

May 9-11

Waunakee, WI

Dane Co. LE Training Center

Deputy James Hitt 608-849-2664

—Pistol Repair

Jul 11-13

OFFICER DOWN RESCUE

This single day, 8-10 hour class provides the law enforcement/EMS provider some of the basic skills in rescuing a downed officer or civilian. Emphasis is placed on the law enforcement agency and the EMS personnel working together to affect the safest and most rapid rescue of the downed officer or civilian. The program covers a variety of rescue methods from the Tactical Blanket, ballistic shield, and the use of a vehicle for rescue purposes. Participants will also receive instruction and practice in the areas of tactical field care and casualty evacuation.



Officers practice real life scenarios.

Unfortunately, first aid/first responder skills are the most over looked skills in the law enforcement training. Be that as it may it is still a skill that needs to be practiced and honed to stay sharp. The majority of police vehicles have a limited first aid kit in the truck to deal with

medical emergencies. A law enforcement officer these days need to be able to treat himself/herself if wounded in an encounter. First Aid/First Responder skills learned in a classroom during in-service take on a new meaning when you are placed in a hostile environment. This training shows the officer the best way to use the equipment and how to make improvised bandages in bad situations.

In an effort to make the training as realistic as possible class participants will have to extract and treat downed officers under hostile conditions in a variety of situations. To make it more interesting paintballs

or SIMS ammo is used to up the anxiety factor. These situations will be taken from real life events that have been law enforcement. Some include North Hollywood, Columbine, CSP and MSP.

Train Smart, Train Hard, Survive!
Eric Stratton, Instructor, 9/9/05, 3/6/06

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at a later date. A compact version will also be available at a later time.

A comprehensive marketing program will support the launch of the M&P pistol. A large amount of support material including a DVD-based sales/training program, banners, counter displays and a host of other material will be distributed to help promote user safety and product knowledge. Duty holsters for both military and police training will be available upon the M&P release date.

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many other times besides the three I mentioned. These are the events that made International news and we all know about.

Another issue I think is least thought of is that law enforcement is this country's first line of defense. We are already mobilized and in place in the event assaulting action takes place. It takes time to get the military mobilized. We need weapons that will allow us to respond in the most efficient manner.

This is something that is the responsibility of us all.

Stay Safe.
Bill Porter