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Fundamentals *The Foundation of all Training*

Generally speaking, most trainers think of fundamentals as basic. Too basic to speak of when talking to anyone other than people of basic skill. We all know that improvement of fundamentals will naturally result in improvement of shooting skill.

I've heard from several people, I don't want to give credit to the wrong one, that "there is no such thing as advanced shooting, there is only advanced applications of fundamentals." Very true, without good fundamentals, how advanced can a shooter be?

A lot of emphasis these days is upon "tactical." Paint it black with "tactical" printed on it and it will sell. You can have great tactics, but if you can't properly place the shot, how "tactical" are you?

Talking the process and applying the technique that works for you comes over a period of time, not overnight, or in

one session. Every time we hear fundamental explanations and apply the same, we learn to make ourselves better coaches. We always look to better our ability to hit, as shooting is about hitting, and we get another tool for our toolbox. Even if we don't care for the technique ourselves, someone may be able to benefit from it.

Pete Rose loved to talk hitting so much that a fellow teammate asked "hitting, is that all you can talk about?" Pete remarked, "maybe that's why I hit over .300 and you at .230!" The purpose of the story, if you can't talk it and see yourself doing it and doing it perfectly, you are more likely going to be able to do it. Simple visualization, something that is done by every world class athlete.

Think of this, how many of us got it right the first time? I know I didn't. We are the product of experience. We try new things and constantly work at improvement.



*Bill Porter
S&W Academy Training
Coordinator*

People who don't experiment are experts. Not many of us seek that nomenclature. We try things and either incorporate them or leave it in that big pile we leave behind. We try because we never know when we might find something that works better for us.

So the next time you get a chance to talk fundamentals, apply yourself, you never know what you might discover.

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Al Baker, Instructor

Ballistic Shields Instructor Course *by Al Baker, creator of the "Batshield"*

specific and intense instruction so as to optimize their primary purpose: that of helping to make high risk entry tactics safer.

The 3-day instructor shield school at S&W Academy accomplishes this mission in abundant methodology. Firearms skills, the primary focus of the training, covers the scope of confidence building including grip, presentation, accuracy, efficient reload and malfunction clearing to name just some.

Five Bunker mounting techniques are augmented by the ten shield needs - a menu of musts when one opts for the individual or team safety so vital to raid planning.

Team tactics culminate in various rescue patterns designed to effect swift victim rescue under live-fire drill competitions. The result is instructor confidence in bringing shield deployment skills back to their respective law enforcement elements.

The Ballistics Shield Instructor course will be held at the S&W Academy on January 11 - 13, 2005. For more information or to sign up for the course, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461

Ballistic Shields, whether standard "Bunker" units around since the early 1980's, or one of the smaller, transparent types, around since the early 1990's, or the most recent innovation, the Batshield, each require

Did you know?

In 1863, Boston, Massachusetts was the first city in America to issue pistols to their police officers.

Fingerprinting was first used by police in 1902.

September 11, 2001, was the deadliest day in law enforcement history with 72 officers killed responding to the terrorist attacks.



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Tactical Folding Knife Instructor Course



This two day course for law enforcement officers builds on the Basic Defensive Folding Knife course and provides officers with the tools to bring the Basic Defensive Folding Knife course back to their department. The tactics and techniques acquired during this 16 hour course will prepare students to train other officers in these unique techniques and concepts.

Concepts such as knife retention and defensive force will be discussed as well as a review of defensive knife options.

Topics will also include blood borne pathogens, how to protect yourself and what solutions are recommend. Targets will be explained as well as unconventional knife carry, drawing and gripping.

A series of knife drills will be taught from basic warm up drills to knife vs duty weapon disarming attacks, knife vs the edge weapon armed attacker, multiple attackers, firearm-armed attackers, and attacks from the front, side, and rear.

Counter knife drills will also be demonstrated for knife vs knife and empty hand vs knife.

The Tactical Folding Knife Instructor course is scheduled for Dec. 1-2, 2004; and April 12-13, 2005. For more information on the course or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461.

Do You Have A S&W Academy Story?

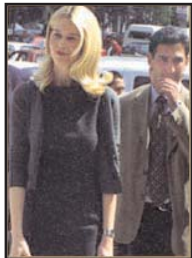
Smith & Wesson Academy is the oldest law enforcement training facility in the United States. Thousands of law enforcement officers have received cutting edge training in a variety of disciplines from firearms to self defense to empty hands training.

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

If you have a story about the S&W Academy you would like to share, please call or email. Your story may appear in the next issue of the S&W Academy Roll Call newsletter.

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ISDS Suicide Bomber and VIP Protection Courses Featuring the Israeli Perspective & Experience



ISDS Executive Protection course offers professionals or those seeking to enter the field, a comprehensive, full spectrum performance course for five full days.

The International Security & Defense Systems Ltd (ISDS) and the Smith & Wesson Academy are offering two of their highly respected courses featuring the Israeli Perspective and the Israeli Experience. ISDS was established in 1982 by Leo Gleser to provide state of the art counter terrorism training for law enforcement, security professionals, first responders, and the private sector.

Gleser brings to these courses his 30 years of experience in the Israeli Defense Forces as a member of the Special Elite Counter Terrorism Unit, an operative in the Israeli Security Agency, and a Sky Marshall with EL AL Airline. ISDS coordinated security at the recent 2004 Olympic games and other high visibility special events as well as providing VIP protection for celebrity clients, business, and political leaders.

The ISDS VIP/Executive Protection Course is a five 10-hour day course that will include a broad range of protection issues as well as fundamentals including advance and route planning, single unit and team protection on foot and with vehicles, driving techniques, and rescue and escape procedures. This full performance course will have students undertaking in armed and unarmed Krav Maga protection exercises as well as shooting 1000 rounds in simunitions.

The VIP/Executive Protection Course will be offered November 1-5, 2004; January 24-28, 2005; June 6-10, 2005; and Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2005.

The ISDS Course on Suicide Bombers - Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence & Defeating is a relevant advanced case study of current security threats. Students will gain insight on the history of suicide bombers as well as motivations, how they prepare, types of equipment, and the techniques they are using. This course also provides students with the critical information they will need to identify, assess, and manage any potentially threatening situations.

The ISDS Suicide Bombers course is a three 10-hour day course available to law enforcement and verified security professionals. Dates for the course include: Oct. 27-29, 2004; Jan 19-21, 2005; June 1-3, 2005, and Oct. 26-28, 2005.

For more information on the courses or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461.

Brent Purucker Accepts New Position at Smith & Wesson



Brent Purucker has accepted a new position within Smith & Wesson. He will be assuming the job of Law Enforcement Rep for the Western US. He'll be out canvassing the states of Colorado, Utah, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Hawaii and Nevada for Smith & Wesson.

Brent studied Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University and Kellogg Community College in Michigan before becoming a law enforcement officer with the Michigan State Police. Brent is a member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, and the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers. He is also an active member and participant in IDPA, USPSA, and ICORE.

Brent has been a part of the Academy staff since 1992. He and his wife Sally will be relocating to Arizona in the near future. Everyone at the Smith & Wesson Academy will miss him and wish him and his family the best of luck in his new position.



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To register for the below course, or for more information, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461, or register online at www.smith-wesson.com.

Law Enforcement Courses

Armorer's Courses

Double Action Only Pistol	Nov. 22 - 23, 2004
Model SW1911	Dec. 1 - 2, 2004
Revolver Repair	Dec. 8 - 10, 2004
Pistol Repair	Dec. 13 -15, 2004
SW99 Repair	Dec. 16, 2004
Double Action Only Pistol	Jan. 4 - 5, 2005
Revolver Recertification	Feb. 14 - 16, 2005
Pistol Recertification	Feb. 17 - 18, 2005
Revolver Repair	March 16 - 18, 2005
Pistol Repair	March 21 - 23, 2005
SW99 Repair	March 24, 2005



Tactical and Special Courses

Tactical Emergency Medical	Oct. 27 - 29, 2004
Officer Down Rescue	Nov. 3, 2004
Police Officer Flying Armed	Jan. 6, 2005
Reduced Light Practical Combat Tactics	Feb. 1 - 3, 2005
Officer Down Rescue	March 7, 2005
Tactical Pistol	March 28 - April 1, 2005

Instructor Courses

Dynamics of Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor	Nov. 8 - 10, 2004
Firearms Instructor	Nov. 8 - 19, 2004
Tactical Folding Knife Instructor	Dec. 1 - 2, 2004
Ballistic Shield Instructor	Jan. 11 -13, 2005
Firearms Instructor	Feb. 7 - 18, 2005
Weapons Retention & Disarming Instructor	Feb. 21 - 22, 2005
Defensive Tactics Instructor	March 7 - 11, 2005
Firearms Instructor Update	March 14 - 18, 2005
Chemical Munitions Instructor	March 21 - 23, 2005
Instinctive Point Shooting Instructor	March 22 -23, 2005

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

The Israeli Experience - VIP/Executive Protection	Nov. 1 - 5, 2004
	Jan. 24 - 28, 2005
The Israeli Experience - Suicide Bombers, Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence & Defeating	Oct. 27 - 29, 2004
	Jan. 19 - 21, 2005

Armorer's Field Schools - Call contact for application

SUNNYVALE, CA	Pistol Repair	Nov. 1 - 3, 2004
Off. John Credi, 408-730-7193	SW99 Repair	Nov. 4, 2004
DETROIT, MI	Revolver Repair	Jan. 25 - 27, 2005
Sgt. Semczak/Officer McNeill 313-596-5282		
LAS VEGAS, NV	Pistol Repair	Feb. 1 - 3, 2005
Vern Zuleger, 702-229-4291	SW99	Feb. 4, 2005
WELLSTON, MO	Revolver Repair	Feb. 23 - 25, 2005
Becky Murphy, 314-889-8600	Pistol Repair	Feb. 28 - March 2, 2005
	Pistol Repair	March 29 - 31, 2005
DRAPER, UT	Pistol Repair	June 21 - 23, 2005
Maj. Lindsay, 801-495-6606 or Lt. Terry, 801-495-6609		

REMINDER

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





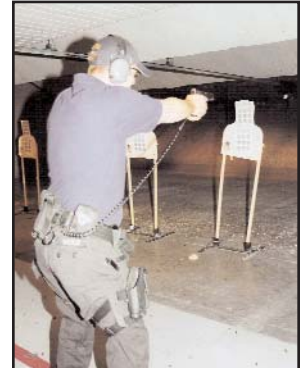
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NEW PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT THE SMITH & WESSON ACADEMY

C.A.P.S./Dynamic Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor

Nov. 8 -10, 2004

For both law enforcement and qualified civilians. Theory covers the legal necessity for live-fire judgement training and dispels the myth that laser-based video simulation training can replace live-fire training. Instructor: Dave Young



Ballistic Shield Instructor

Jan. 11 - 13, 2005

Program focus will be ballistic shield operator skills to include fundamentals of shield deployment and firearms skills with shields, tactical shield deployment, interior and open air options, team movement in hostage or victim rescue environment, firearms qualification in conjunction with ballistic shield operation, and ballistic materials performance testing. Instructor: Al Baker, Baker Batshield, Inc.

Reduced Light Practical Combat Tactics

Feb. 1 - 3, 2005

This S&W Academy course has been designed to meet the rising demand for more comprehensive training and specialization for armed professionals in the reduced light realm. Instructor: Bill Porter

Tactical Methods of Vehicle Stops Instructor

June 28 -30, 2005

This 3-day seminar starts off with basic officer safety and will advance into the various vehicles that officers will encounter on a vehicle stop and how to use low risk and high risk techniques on those vehicles. Instructor: Mike Rayburn



Tactical Folding Knife Instructor

Dec. 1 - 2, 2004
April 12 - 13, 2005

This course prepares the law enforcement officer to bring the Basic Defensive Folding Knife course back to their department. Instructors: Mike de Bethencourt, Eric Edgecomb

Weapons Retention & Disarming Instructor

Feb. 21 - 22, 2005
July 7 - 8, 2005

This course prepares the law enforcement defensive tactics instructor to bring Northeastern Tactical Schools' unique firearms retention and disarming techniques back to their department. This system of firearms retention uses a single method to accomplish every aspect of weapons retention and disarming. Instructors: Mike de Bethencourt, Eric Edgecomb



Got our new 2005 Smith & Wesson Academy Course Flyer? If not, call and receive information on new courses as well as our current curriculum.

For more information on any course or to sign up call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.