



# The Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call

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## The Next Terrorist Attack – Are You Prepared?

The Homeland Security Advisory System currently reads at "Elevated;" the level at which there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks on American citizens and American property. While federal, state, and local agencies are still struggling with issues regarding training protocol for their officers, Smith & Wesson Academy partnered with International Security & Defense Systems (ISDS) to provide the most advanced counter-terrorism training for military, law enforcement, and security professionals.

This past October, ISDS held the VIP Executive Protection and the Suicide Bombers – Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence and Defeating courses at the Academy. The VIP Executive Protection course is offered to all protection professionals while the Suicide Bombers course is limited to qualified law enforcement, government and verified security professionals only. Both

courses were filled to capacity and students learned valuable skills such as Krav Maga protection exercises taught by the ISDS experts.

*"The Suicide Bombers course focused on the terrorist tactic of the suicide bombers. Overall, the course was outstanding. I highly recommend any soldier who is responsible for Force Protection and likely to deploy to the Middle East to attend this course."*

*Toby P. Cormier  
SGM, CTARNG*

ISDS is a multinational security company created in 1982 by Leo Gleser, a 30-year veteran of the war against terrorism in Israel. Selected as the security coordinator for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, ISDS has provided security for executives and celebrities, and training in executive protection, detecting and preventing suicide bombings, urban warfare for SWAT and Special Forces, Flight Atten-



dant training, and survival training and defensive shooting for civilians.

ISDS will be offering courses at the Smith & Wesson Academy in January and February 2004. Space is limited. Call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 or register online at [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com).

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## S&W Academy Celebrating 35th Anniversary

In 1969, Smith & Wesson opened their renowned Training Academy under retired FBI agent Charles Smith. Lt Col. Robert E. Hunt, Massachusetts State Police, assumed the role in 1982 when Smith retired. After Hunt retired in 1998, Bert DuVernay held the reigns until current director, Paul Cunningham took over in 2001.

The Smith & Wesson Academy has continued to be a leader in

firearms training for law enforcement and civilians for 35 years. To honor the traditions of the past and continue the vision into the future, the Smith & Wesson Academy will host a week long event for law enforcement officers March 29—April 2, 2004.

Some of the participating instructors and companies include: Guy Blocker, Michael deBethencourt, Ed Gross, Mike Plaxco, Dave Young, John Pajak, ISDS, Mike



Rayburn, Ralph Mroz, John Simpson, Ken Frisbie, Armor Holdings, Securicor, Tom Patire, Troy Industries, Safariland, and Armorers Training.

Space is limited. Call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 to reserve your spot or register online at [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com).

### Did you know?

- Smith & Wesson Academy provides firearms for your use during courses.
- Ammunition is included in the cost of the course.
- Memberships to the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center are available.



Paul Cunningham  
Director of Law Enforcement and  
the Smith & Wesson Academy

## Roll Call with Paul Cunningham

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call newsletter.

The Academy staff and Smith & Wesson are proud that the Academy will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. The celebration of this milestone will be highlighted by a training seminar at the Academy in March. We have assembled a superb group of instructors that will address a variety of training and equipment issues of great importance in today's law enforcement and security environment. Check our website for details and enrollment information.

As the Holiday season approaches, we look forward to a time of celebration with our friends and family. We also have a heightened sense of awareness of the dangers in our world and our country today. The Smith & Wesson Academy continues to offer training dealing with effective counter-terrorism techniques for law enforcement, military and security personnel. This time and performance proven training instructed by ISDS of Israel is an essential element of planning for our Homeland Security.

Check with your state homeland security office for grant funding

possibilities or call Dave LaRocque at Smith & Wesson at 413-747-3627.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who goes to work everyday to make our country and the world a safer place. This is especially true of our troops who are in harm's way in such places as Afghanistan and Iraq. I challenge everyone to find a way to say thanks to them in some small way during the holiday season.

*Happy Holidays from all at  
Smith & Wesson*

*"I began the Smith & Wesson Academy course with little to no knowledge of high-power shooting - I finished with confidence in the knowledge that an excellent foundation was forged."  
PA Student*

## SW99 Series Handguns—Carry with Confidence

Without a doubt, S&W is back in business as the top cop gun manufacturer with the premier of the SW99 series of polymer-frame handguns in 2003.

Made in collaboration with European gun maker Karl Walther, the SW99 series is built tough in a variety of sizes to fit any officer. The full size SW99 is available in 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP. The compact version comes in your choice of 9mm or .40 S&W.

The SW99 series features cutting-edge firearms technology with an integral rail for accessory lights, adjustable grip sizes, interchangeable front sight blade and back straps, as well as three different trigger action modes. The magazine release is ambidextrous and located at the bottom rear of the trigger guard. A red tipped cocking indicator protrudes from the rear of the slide indicating when the striker is cocked and in the single-action mode. A loaded



chamber indicator is located on the extractor cut of the slide.

Lightweight, rugged, and reliable, the SW99 is the perfect duty partner.

## Tactical Vision—Keeping Officers Out of Harm's Way

You know the drill. The suspect flees into an abandoned house. You trace him to the attic where he is hiding in the dark, armed and waiting for you. Or, you're working the borders. How many times are you going to have to get down on your hands and knees to look under another suspicious car? Or, all it will take to crack this case is the missing weapon. And it's somewhere under 6-feet of dark, cold water.

Smith & Wesson developed Tactical Vision for law enforcement, security, and search-and-rescue teams to give them the advantage of identifying threats out of the officer's field of vision, and to reduce, even eliminate, the risk to officers' lives.

Tactical Vision is portable and compact. It packs up quickly and fits in the trunk of a car. There are no wires or belt-mounted attachments to get in the way during operation. A built-in LED

light provides an edge in those instances when light is low or non-existent. The infra-red version can see more than 30-feet in total darkness.

Tactical Vision sees where you want to see; under doors and cars, around corners, and over top of obstructions. Tactical Vision fits through debris and scans underwater. Tactical Vision is another life-saving tool from Smith & Wesson.



Tactical Vision quickly and safely identifies threats in hard to see areas .



To register for the below courses, applicants must comply with all rules and regulations determined by Smith & Wesson and the State of Massachusetts. For more information regarding the courses or to register, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 or register online at [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com). Register on-line and receive a \$10 Gift Certificate for the Smith & Wesson Pro Shop.

## Law Enforcement Courses

SW99/Walther P99 and QA99 Pistol Armors Course	Jan. 6, 2004
Double Action Only Pistol Armors Course	Jan. 7—8, 2004
Chemical Munitions Instructor	Jan. 12—14, 2004
Revolver Recertification	Jan. 26—28, 2004
Pistol Recertification	Jan. 29—30, 2004



## Field Schools

Contact Officer listed for application:

Pistol Repair	Jan. 13—15, 2004
Las Vegas Metro Police Department Vern Zuleger, (702) 229-4291	
Revolver Repair	Jan. 27—29, 2004
Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, OR Officer Jerry Cutler, (503) 378-2453	

*“Smith & Wesson Academy remains the number one school and continues to be dynamic with their approach to the global changes in security needs.”  
International Student*

## International Security & Defense Systems Courses

VIP Executive Protection	Jan. 12 – 16, 2004
Suicide Bombers	Jan. 21 – 23, 2004
Pistol Instinctive Shooting	Jan. 26 – 28, 2004
Flight Attendant Training	Jan. 29 – 30, 2004
Proactive Fighting in Urban Areas	Feb. 2– 4, 2004
Survival Training & Defensive Shooting for Civilians	Feb. 6—8, 2004
Urban Warfare (Interception) Fighting Techniques for SWAT and Special Forces	Feb. 16—20, 2004



## Civilian Courses

Basic Handgun Technique I—III	Jan. 5—6, 2004
Concealed Carry Protection	Jan. 8—9, 2004
Basic Handgun Technique I—III	Jan. 12—13, 2004
Advanced Concealed Carry Handgun	Jan. 19—21, 2004
Defensive Handgun Tactics and Techniques	Jan. 22—23, 2004

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Get \$10 Gift Certificate

Since 1969, the Smith & Wesson Academy has been training law enforcement officials and private citizens the principles of responsible gun ownership. At our state-of-the-art indoor shooting range in Western Massachusetts we teach firearms safety courses for new gun owners, precision shooting instruction, and advanced skills such as one-handed shooting and disarming techniques. Smith & Wesson Academy students receive the benefit of our experience as a law enforcement academy providing cutting-edge firearms training to public safety officials.

The Field School program allows us to bring Smith & Wesson Academy courses to your location saving time and expense. A complete listing of all our armorers and firearms field schools are located on the Academy webpage under "Field School Information/Schedule". We are proud to say that our shooting academy brings you the best in firearms training.

### Smith & Wesson Survival Stories

Tell us how Smith & Wesson saved the day, or your life. If your story is chosen, we'll print it in a future edition of the Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call and send you a gift certificate for \$100 to the Smith & Wesson Performance Center.

Send stories to:



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## Smith & Wesson Academy Shooting Sports Center

In 1996, Smith & Wesson opened the doors of a Shooting Sports Center for the public and a Pro Shop featuring firearms related merchandise.

The Shooting Sports Center boasts three large 25-yard ranges for private, group, and tactical training. The 20-lane range open to the public and Smith & Wesson students is visible from the Pro Shop. A selection of Smith & Wesson

firearms are available to rent for members and non-members alike. Membership to the Shooting Sports Center is available in three levels to suit any budget.

Within the store is a special exhibit area featuring classic and rarely before seen Smith & Wesson firearms.

The Pro Shop is a perfect place for that one-stop holiday shopping for that Smith & Wesson

fan in your family. The Shop carries a variety of S&W clothing as well as accessories for any firearms enthusiast.

For more information on membership call the Pro Shop at (413) 846-6404 or the Range counter at (413) 846-6400.

Interested in taking a civilian class? Call Bill Brown at (413) 846-6461.



Open to the public, the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center features a 20-lane indoor range.



Smith & Wesson introduces the UTD - Under The Door Surveillance System. This unit is fully compatible with the existing Tactical Vision Systems. Call Dave LaRocque at 413-747-3627 for more information



The probe will fit under most doors with it's .157" height and 2" width.

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