



# The Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call

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## S&W Academy 35th Anniversary Seminar Spectacular



Preparations are underway for the week long seminar from March 29 to April 2, 2004 celebrat-

ing the Smith & Wesson Academy 35th Anniversary. Each day a series of offerings will be presented and the attendee will be able to choose the classes he wishes to attend. This is strictly a first come, first serve basis. Some classes will be offered more than once (but not more than twice) in order to meet the demand.

Factory tours, class room instruction, live fire demonstrations and classes as well as special demonstrations from several of the industry's leading instructors and companies are all part of the comprehensive 35th anniversary seminar week.

Students are asked to bring firearms, holster, belt, flashlight,

baseball hat, ear protection, eye protection, writing tools and paper and any other special equipment necessary to the participant. The S&W Academy will also be providing ammunition in 9mm, 38 Special, .40 S&W and .45 ACP. Students wishing to bring a firearm other than the calibers provided will be required to bring their own ammunition, subject to inspection by the class instructor.

For students that may require some equipment, the S&W Academy is offering to loan equipment out, but items are limited. Items are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Some courses are for Law Enforcement Only which includes: law enforcement, military, security, and correctional officers and of these courses, the Armorer's Schools have a seating capacity of only 24 persons per session. Once the classes are filled a standby list will be created in the event of cancellations.



The entire week of instruction is jam packed with the most relevant courses and tactical techniques. Tuition is a great value at just \$400 for 10 courses!

Call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 for a Registration Form or print it off from the Academy webpage [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com) and fax to 413-736-0776.

## Week Long Event Brings Best-of-Best Together

During the weeklong Anniversary Seminar series, a variety of companies representing some of the best in training and training systems, as well as technologies and products, will be providing demonstrations as well as instructing special classes. Some courses are Law Enforcement Only and are noted in the descriptions below. All the courses have limited seating available so call early to reserve your space at this once in a lifetime event. Call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461 for a Registration Form or print it off from the Academy webpage [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com) and fax to 413-736-0776.

**Armorer's Courses** Choose from the S&W J-Frame Revolver Armorer School, SW99 Armorer's School, and/or the Model 1911 Armorer's School. For Law Enforcement Only—24 students each max.

**Advanced Firearms Training-Anytime and Anywhere with Affordable and Effective Technology** Sam Faulkner, principal instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and commissioned law enforcement officer, has been using technology-based firearms training at his Academy for six years and trained thousands of officers with this innovative approach. Sherman McGill is the National Law Enforcement Sales Director for BEAMHIT LLC and is a former special agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and has conducted firearms and use of force training for over 15 years. 20 students max

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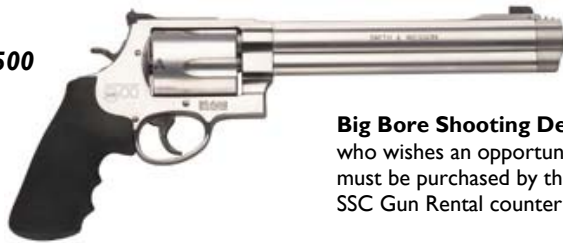
### Did you know?

- The first Smith & Wesson Academy training programs conducted in 1969 by Charlie Smith, Academy Director, were held in a local hotel.
- The Smith & Wesson Academy is the oldest private firearms training facility in the country and is licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dept. of Education.
- Bob Hunt, the Academy's second Director, was instrumental in building the Shooting Sports Center in 1997 providing new classrooms, a state-of-the-art range facility, as well as a Membership range and a Retail Store.

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**Advanced Combat Pistol** – Ron Avery, President and founder of The Practical Shooting Academy, Inc. is a full time professional fire-arms/defensive tactics training and world class shooter. Ron helped pioneer new techniques, teaching and training methodologies that have advanced the art of combat weapons craft. This program is part of the curriculum for Advance Handgun Skills including advanced mental and physical skills. This is an intensive course designed to raise the awareness of how to maximize combat shooting skills in the tactical environment.

**Armor Holding Demonstration** – Mark Bajko of Armor Holdings conducts a presentation on the full range of body armor solutions available for the protection of law enforcement officers. The class will utilize the rounds carried by the officers in the class first shot through a chronograph and then into a ballistic resistant vest. Presentation will include a full range of less lethal solutions for the protection of law enforcement personnel. Law Enforcement Only – 25 students max.

**SW500**

**Big Bore Shooting Demonstration** – Smith & Wesson staff. This segment is to provide anyone who wishes an opportunity to shoot a .44 magnum or the new S&W 500. Ammunition for this event must be purchased by the student. The 500 ammo will be sold on a “per round” basis. Check at the SSC Gun Rental counter for details.

**Care and Feeding of Police Snipers (A Survival Guide for Administrators)** – John Simpson, Assistant Director of Training for James River Training Site (JRST), is an S&W Academy adjunct instructor/trainer in police scope rifle techniques. The purpose of this seminar is to supply insights into: selection of sniper personnel, observation and flash recognition training; concealment skills training; marksmanship and ballistics and equipment issues. While not intended to be a substitute for operational experience, this combination of discussion, demonstration and hands on should prove useful to snipers and non-snipers alike. Law Enforcement Only – 30 students max.

**CAPS Demonstration** – Dave Young, President of CAPS (Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting, Inc.), author and inventor of products to enhance the marksmanship skills of the armed professional will be instructing, providing demonstrations, as well as hands-on experience in the dynamics of individual protection. You will face a real situation, in real time, life-size and you will have to make decisions. You will be asked to articulate what you saw and why you responded in the manner that you did. Shot placement will be identified to properly assess the student's response.

**Concealed Carry** – Michael deBethencourt explores tactical techniques and the theory of utilizing the snub-nose revolver in a tactical environment. Weapon carry issues, deployment, alternative deployment and methods of self-protection will be featured topics.

**Defensive Folding Knife** – Mike deBethencourt instructs the defensive issue and use of the folding knife. This course is designed for anyone who intends to carry a knife as a defensive tool as well as the person who thinks they may have to defend against its use.

**Defensive Tactics Techniques** – Elliot Freeman has more than 30 years experience teaching Aikido and other martial studies. Defensive Tactics Technologies (DTT) is a Missouri based P.O.S.T. certified 40 hour course for law enforcement, corrections, military, security and civil servants concerned with the first line of confrontation and the ability to neutralize any situation immediately with no injuries on either side. In today's overly litigious society DTT's unique brand of immobilization and deflections are at the core of a program that is “designed to be caught on video tape”. DTT provides dynamic and realistic training from one-on-one all the way through multiple attacker scenarios.

**Dynamics of the Single Action Pistol** – Mike Plaxco, Smith & Wesson law enforcement representative, will be instructing this program featuring the 1911 S&W. This is a two-day, 16 hour class, during which the majority of time is spend on the range. This class will provide valuable substance for those who work in a tactical environment as well as those competitors seeking an edge.

**Extreme Close Quarters Shooting** – Ralph Mroz, police officer, trainer, writer/author, consultant and a person referred to as one of the great thinkers of police training. This program is designed for the police, military, security and concealed carry persons who feel it important to know the technique for dealing with someone too close.

**How to Avoid Criminal Attack & Use of Chemical Aerosols** - Ken Frisbie is a retired police detective and a member of the S&W Academy/Shooting Sports Center staff. He will examine issues concerning the use of aerosol subject control restraints. This training is useful to anyone who carries or is thinking of carrying a chemical weapon. Ken will discuss the pitfalls, use, types of chemicals, how and why they work, how to avoid attackers and how the law will view its use. 20 students max.

**IES Demonstration** – IES Interactive Training, Inc. manufactures interactive digital training solutions for military and law enforcement professionals around the globe. Demonstrations will be on the following: **Range 3000 XP4** is a fully interactive judgmental use-of-force training simulator that is economical and can be utilized in almost any classroom or indoor range. **A2Z Interactive Classroom Training System** – Students interact with all types of digital media via hand-held wireless keypads answering yes/no, true/false and multiple choice questions. Training can be conducted on any subject matter from use-of-force policy and procedures, etc. The instructor receives real-time feedback on how the students are answering as individuals or collectively. **Range Firearms Diagnostic Unit** – allows the trainer to diagnose and evaluate the four most common shooting problems: sight alignment/sight picture analysis and target re-acquisition; proper shooter posture and stance assessment; trigger pressure analysis; and fall of shot feedback.

**Israeli Counterterrorism Tactics and Techniques** - ISDS (International Security & Defense Systems) are truly The Israeli counterterrorism experts. Members of the organization will be providing information with regard to SWAT tactics in a terrorist environment. This training is provided for police, military and security operators or administrators only. This program is designed to offer information as the “how” to deal with terrorist issues as well as open the floor to discussion with regard to such matters. Law Enforcement Only – 30 students max.



**Low-Light Survival** – Heath Gunns is a law enforcement/military sales manager and trainer for Crimson Trace Corp. Learn how this technology can give you an edge in the field and on the street. Classroom will include tactics, training and real-world deployment. Live fire exercises follow. Lasergrips offer you an immediate, decisive advantage that no other handgun accessory can equal.

**Navigating Massachusetts Firearms Laws and Use of Deadly Force** – Ken Frisbie will discuss Massachusetts State Law concerning concealed carry issues, self-defense and use-of-force.

**Protecting Your Most Valuable Assets – Your Children and the Community in Which They Reside** – Thomas A. Rambo, Chief of Police for the University of Pennsylvania Police Department, is the liaison for the Division of Public Safety to the city, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and directs the department's ongoing accreditation process as well as the development and direct training programs for all members of the Penn. Police Department. Joseph A. Hasara is the Tactical Supervisor for the University of Pennsylvania Police Department and coordinates and supervises all aspects of tactical firearms training and Pennsylvania State mandated firearms relating training.

**Rapid Shotgun Deployment** – Mike Rayburn. This course is designed for the armed professional who carries a shotgun in a tactical mobile environment. Mike's technique is not limited to the shotgun. The rifle can be deployed given such technique as well. This informative course provides hands-on training as well as technical demonstrations. Law Enforcement Only - 15 students max.

**Realistic Supervision for Police SWAT Snipers** – Ed Gross of Crosshairs, Inc., a long time leader in the area of sniper development and deployment will be dealing with the hard questions of realistic supervision, policy making, proper use and training of police SWAT snipers. His program is designed to target police and security administrative persons but not exclude others who work in this field of endeavor. Law Enforcement Only – 30 students max.

**Reduced Light/Night Vision Devices Electro Optical System** – Guy Blocker, Vice President of OMAI (Omar McCall and Associates, Inc.) and Director of Training for the James River Training Site (JRTS) is a government service support contractor in the field of sensor technology. This course provides basic instruction in the selection and use of various electro-optical and sensor devices used in low to no light operations. This is an operator based course designed to provide the user with basic understanding and necessary skills required to employ Electro Optical devices including Night Vision Devices and hand held Thermal detectors. This is a 2-part class (4 hours each) – Monday is mandatory for attendance at the Tuesday class. Law Enforcement Only – 20 students max.

**Reduced Light Courses**—Guy Blocker will be offering three different courses for law enforcement personnel. Courses offered included:  
**Reduced Light/L.E. Pistol** -This program is designed for law enforcement personnel providing the necessary skills to enable the officer to effectively deploy the pistol while utilizing NVEOS, **Reduced Light/L.E. Submachine Gun**—Tailored for the special weapons team member, this course will explore the various methods of deploying NVEOS with SMG's in a tactical environment and prepares the operator with the mind set to "WIN", **Reduced Light/L.E. Rifle**—Thought to be exclusively for SWAT, the rifle is universally deployed in patrol, custody and with many investigative units. Integrating NVEOS technology produces greater "superior tactical advantage". Topics include fundamentals of marksmanship, presentation process, reloading, shooting on the move, assessing threats, moving threats and supplemental illumination use in night firing. Law Enforcement Only – 20 students max

**Safariland** – Tom Campbell from Safariland will conduct a class that explores the options for carrying your gun on duty or in a tactical situation. Tom is a world class competitive shooter and has been involved in firearms and police equipment for 35 years. His expertise in firearms use allows the student to understand the design concepts that are available today in police gear. The student will be able to try out various holster types in a hands-on display. There will also be a live fire demonstration that will cover proper shooting techniques and instruction methods.

**Soft Hand and SWAT Entry Techniques** – Tom Patire of CDT will be providing two parts to his 4 hour program. Soft hand technique is an application of controlled force to better assist one in handling a person who is unarmed and unwilling to submit. SWAT entry technique would include a response with hostages present. Law Enforcement Only – 20 students

**Tactical Necessity of Point Shooting** – Mike Rayburn, full time police officer and acclaimed author of police tactics will be conducting this program. Approximately 1 to 1.5 hours in the classroom and then this class will move to Range #1. This class will focus on the advantages of point shooting over other methods traditionally instructed.

**Tactical Rifle** – Troy, Inc. staff will be showing the latest technology in accessorizing the tactical rifle. This includes rails, lights, suppressors and other equipment. Students will be allowed hands-on time with said equipment.

**Tactical Rifle During High Risk Raids** – Gary Cunningham has more than thirty years of experience dealing with high risk and security operation throughout the world. Gary will provide a class for the officer/operator who uses or is thinking of using the tactical rifle during high-risk raids, warrant service, hostage rescues or similar assignments. Law Enforcement Only – 20 students max.

**Technology of Search Management** – Lt John Pajak of the Massachusetts Environmental Police presents a program designed to assist the police officer as well as the administrator with knowledge and information about locating the remains of victims at crime scenes that have gone undetected for a prolonged period of time. New technology will be discussed as well as the technique of use. A description of how these methods have been used as well as how they can serve in the future is the focus of this training.

**Tactical Vision** – Brent Purucker, Academy Staff explores the uses of Tactical Vision. Students will be able to identify the potential benefits of such technology through the hands on presentation provided. Search techniques, infrared as well as the features of this product will be provided.

# **S&W Academy 35th Anniversary Seminar**

## **March 29—April 2, 2004**

### **Participating Companies**

Smith & Wesson Academy  
Omar McCall and Associates, Inc.  
Crimson Trace Corp.  
Armor Holdings  
James River Training Site (JRST)  
Defensive Tactics Technologies (DTT)

Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center  
International Security & Defense Systems (ISDS)  
The Practical Shooting Academy, Inc.  
Canadian Academy of Practical Shooting, Inc. (CAPS)  
University of Pennsylvania Police Department  
BEAMHIT LLC

IES Interactive Training, Inc.  
Safariland  
Crosshairs, Inc.  
Massachusetts Environmental Police  
CDT  
Troy, Inc

### **Instructors**

Brent Purucker, S&W Academy  
Tom Campbell, Safariland  
Ed Gross, Crosshairs  
Gary Cunningham  
Tom Patire, CDT  
Sam Faulkner, BEAMHIT

Ralph Mroz  
Guy Blocker, Omar McCall  
Mike Plaxco, S&W LE  
Dave Young, CAPS  
Elliot Freeman, DTT  
Sherman McGill, BEAMHIT

Michael deBethencourt  
Heath Gunns, CTC  
Mark Bajko, Armor Holding  
John Simpson, JRST  
Mike Rayburn  
Thomas Rambo, Chief of Police, Univ. of PA PD

Mike Kolozvary, S&W LE Rep.  
Ken Frisbie, S&W Academy/Shooting Sports Center  
Ron Avery, The Practical Shooting Academy  
Wayne Goodwin, S&W Chief Armorer Instructor  
Lt. John Pajak, Massachusetts Environmental Police  
Joseph Hasara, Univ. of PA PD

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