



# The Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call

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## Advanced Tactical Scoped Rifle Course For the Designated Marksman or Special Team Members



Attendees should have received entry level training in precision rifle since they will be expected to have precision capability on day one. This course will instruct students on the urban application of the tactical scoped rifle including the very important use of cover; locating and the different types of urban hides and how they can be used effectively to your advantage. Various shooting positions will be taught for both urban and rural environments.

Other advanced topics will include stealth and tactical movement in urban and rural environments as well as known distance grouping from 25 to 300 yards, as well as unknown distance precision. Students will also be required to shoot moving targets from a variety of distances and as well as understand engagement technique, count-downs, commands, communications, and coordinated fire technique and barrier engagement.

Law Enforcement designated marksmen or members of special teams require training that best portrays the conditions of real-life scenarios. This fall, the Smith & Wesson Academy is offering a course on Advanced Tactical Scoped Rifle that takes LEO's off the bench and puts them in the environments they are most likely be required to respond to when in action.

All training will be held outdoors with the exception of the reduced light



**Bill Porter**  
S&W Academy  
Training Coordinator

portions of the class. Planning and operating in low-light environments will be taught at the Academy's 100-yard indoor facility.

The Advanced Tactical Scoped Rifle Course will be held October 3 - 7, 2005. This 5-day, 32-hour course is taught by Bill Porter. Tuition is \$950.

For more information on this course or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at the Smith & Wesson Academy at 413-846-6461.

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## Range Master Course

### S&W Academy Announces New Program for Law Enforcement Professional



is as the Chief Safety Officer responsible for running a safe facility. As the Lead Firearms Instructor, students learn how to develop courses and teach according to lesson plans. As the Administration Advisor of the agency, the Range Master is responsible for the agency's weapons, ammo, and gear choices as well as use-of-force doctrine. As the Facility Manager, the students will learn what it takes to run a facility on a day-to-day basis and how to ascertain requirements for upgrades including bullet traps, targets and target systems. Finally, as the Training Records Administrator, students will learn the importance of record keeping for the facility as well as for individual officers.

Instructor Michael Carter joined the San Antonio Police Department in 1994 and has been a police instructor at the San Antonio Police Academy for the past four years. He is a member of the International Association for Counterterrorism & Security Professionals, the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, and the National Rifle Association.

The Range Master Course is a 5-day, 40-hour course offered during August 29 - September 2, 2005. The tuition is \$950.

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

Law Enforcement officers responsible for their department's firearms training program, agency selection of ammunition and firearms, or developing and operating their firearms range facilities will find this new course offering at the S&W Academy to be filled with timely and critical information.

This educational course covers the five key functions of an agency's Range Master. The first and foremost

### Did you know?

*That less than 1% of all face-to-face confrontations with police result in use-of-force? Of that 1% of confrontations, police used weaponless tactics to subdue the individual. In approximately half these cases, the force used was grabbing by the police.*

*In all arrests made by police only 2.1% involved the use of firearms.*

*NIJ, Use of Force by Police*

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/176330-1.pdf>



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### S&W Academy Firearms Instructor Course *Internationally Recognized*



During the November 2004 Firearms Instructor class, not every student being certified hailed from the United States. Colin Davidson (kneeling, second from right), an instructor with the British Army working with the Territorial Army, flew across the pond for the course taught by Bill Porter. The Territorial Army is similar to the National Guard here in the States. Other students who made the big trip across the ocean include Terry Woods from Ireland (first on left kneeling) and Mike Martino who made it across several oceans to attend (third from right standing in back row).

Colin is from Northern Ireland in the UK and teaches small arms training, grenades, and light anti-tank weapons systems to members of the Territorial Army. In his spare time, Colin belongs to a civilian gun club where you will find him passing on his love of the sport of shooting to newcomers.

In regards to his experience at the Smith & Wesson Academy, Colin said, "Being able to train with a foreign Law Enforcement training Academy allows you to see how other countries tackle similar problems and provides you with a new outlook on training."

### 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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### DTT Defensive Tactics Instructor Course *Your First Line of Defense*

This course is for all Law Enforcement professionals seeking to increase their effectiveness in conflict resolution by providing them the tools to best evaluate potentially violent situations. Defensive Tactics Technologies (DTT) teaches students the first line in defense; evaluation of the situation from both a psychological and physical viewpoint. By assessing the environment in which the conflict is taking place, officers can evaluate how to situate themselves and what tactics must be employed to resolve the conflict with

maximum efficiency using minimum effort!

Elliot Freeman, Chief Instructor of DTT, will demonstrate both deflection and immobilization techniques that can be applicable to both single and multiple attack scenarios. These skills do not require great strength either, all skills require the strength level of a 5-year old child.

The course features 8-hours of Law Enforcement theory and 32-hours of physical training using realistic attack scenarios. The deflection and

immobilization techniques used will allow officers to easily stay within department use-of-force guidelines effectively and safely while neutralizing the assailant(s) without injury.

The DTT Defensive Tactics Instructor Course will provide students with all of the skills and techniques to train other officers in their agencies how to resolve conflicts without panic or injury.

For more information on this 5-day, 40-hour course to be held April 4 - 8, 2005 and October 3 - 7, 2005, please call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461. Tuition is \$550.



### Smith & Wesson Academy Hosts Cops4Kids Charity Match

In May 2003, eleven-month old Isabella de Bethencourt succumbed to cancer at Children's Hospital in Boston MA after living most of her short life there. In appreciation of the selfless, Herculean efforts that the hospital staff made to save her life, Isabella's parents, Heather and Michael, created an event to raise money for the hospital to help other children like Isabella.

Since Michael de Bethencourt is a well-known police trainer, a pistol match seemed like a natural way to combine some fun with fund raising for a

worthy cause. With S&W Academy as the host, the Police Officers Safety Association is presenting the First Annual Isabella de Bethencourt Memorial Cops For Kids Match against Cancer at the S&W Academy on March 19, 2005. All proceeds will benefit the Jimmy Fund Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Sponsors for this event include MD Labs, Harris Publications, BlackHawk Products Group, SWAT Magazine, Sentry Solutions, Thomas J. O'Toole Designs, Surefire, Bram Frank, CRK&T, LaRocca, Crosman, Leupold, Gerber, Crimson Trace, Spyderco, Waller, Wiley-X, Trijicon, Aearo/Peltor, Langdon Tactical, and MLE Sports. Smith & Wesson will be donating their products for the highest level of awards.

This match is open to all members of the Law Enforcement community; active duty, retired and former officers, and Law Enforcement professionals such as investigators, trainers, etc. Teams are encouraged to shoot this event. Teams will consist of five members and team scores are the sum of the individual team member scores.

The shoot itself is similar to an IPSC or IDPA match but with less restrictions on equipment and a more realistic slant and significant training value. Each stage will present a valuable tactical lesson.

Sign-up and more information are available at [www.posacops4kids.com](http://www.posacops4kids.com). The sign up form link is [www.posacops4kids.com/registration.php](http://www.posacops4kids.com/registration.php). The \$30 shooting fee is tax deductible.



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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](http://www.smith-wesson.com).

## Law Enforcement Courses

### Armorer's Courses

Revolver Recertification	Feb. 14 - 16, 2005
	May 23 - 25, 2005
Pistol Recertification	Feb. 17 - 18, 2005
	May 26 - 27, 2005
Revolver Repair	March 16 - 18, 2005
	June 8 - 10, 2005
Pistol Repair	March 21 - 23, 2005
	June 13 - 15, 2005
SW99 Repair	March 24, 2005
SW1911 Repair	May 3 - 4, 2005
Double Action Only Repair	June 28 - 29, 2005



### Tactical and Special Courses

Officer Down Rescue	March 7, 2005
	May 23, 2005
Tactical Pistol	March 28 - April 1, 2005
Controlled F.O.R.C.E.	April 18 - 22, 2005
Tactical Emergency Medical Specialist	May 2 - 4, 2005
Tactical Scoped Rifle	May 9 - 13, 2005
Dynamics of Live Fire Judgement	May 9 - 11, 2005

### Instructor Courses

Firearms Instructor	Feb. 7 - 18, 2005
	June 13 - 24, 2005
Weapons Retention & Disarming Instructor	Feb. 21 - 22, 2005
PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor	March 7 - 11, 2005
Firearms Instructor Update	March 14 - 18, 2005
Instinctive Point Shooting Instructor	March 22 - 23, 2005
	June 1 - 2, 2005
DTT Defensive Tactics Instructor	April 4 - 8, 2005
Advanced Handgun Defense	April 9 - 10, 2005
Pistol Instructor	April 11 - 15, 2005
Tactical Folding Knife Instructor	April 12 - 13, 2005
Aerosol Subject Restraint Instructor	April 25 - 26, 2005
Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle Instructor	May 23 - 27, 2005
Handcuffing Instructor	June 27 - 28, 2005
Tactical Methods of Vehicle Stops Instructor	June 28 - 30, 2005

**REMINDER**

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

### Armorer's Field Schools and Firearms Training - Call contact for application

WELLSTON, MO	Revolver Repair	Feb. 23 - 25, 2005
St. Louis Co. Municipal Police	Pistol Repair	Feb. 28 - March 2, 2005
Becky Murphy, 314-889-8600	Pistol Repair	March 29 - 31, 2005
Firearms Training -	Shotgun Instructor	June 27 - July 1, 2005

SHIPPINGPORT, PA	Firearms Training - Reduced Light	
Beaver Valley Power Station	Training Instructor	March 21 - 23, 2005
Nuclear Security Training		
Susan Hess, 724-682-7821		

DRAPER, UT	Pistol Repair	June 21 - 23, 2005
UT Dept. of Corrections		
Maj. Lindsay, 801-495-6606 or Lt. Terry, 801-495-6609		

CEDAR GROVE, NJ	Pistol Repair	July 12 - 14, 2005
Essex Co. College Police Academy		
Det. Peter Corbo, 973-857-1339, ext. 227		



CARSON CITY, NV	Traditional Single Action/Double Action Repair	
NV Dept. of Public Safety		July 12 - 13, 2005
Off. Michael Mangiaracina, 775-687-4594	SW99 Repair	July 14, 2005

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PITTSBURG, CA Contra Costa Co. Sheriff's Dept. Jeff Straus, 925-933-9484	Pistol Repair	August 2 - 4, 2005
MONTEZUMA, IA Brownell's Jeannine Kosman, 641-623-5401	Pistol Repair	August 23 - 25, 2005
CROZIER, VA VA Dept. of Corrections Capt. Greer Fullerton, 804-784-6843	Revolver Repair	Sept. 13 - 15, 2005
THORNTON, CO Thornton Police Dept. Jeff Patterson, 720-977-5316	Revolver Repair	Sept. 27 - 29, 2005
FORT WORTH, TX Fort Worth Police Dept. Vange Pueblo, 817-871-6563	Revolver Repair Pistol Repair	Oct. 19 - 21, 2005 Oct. 24 - 26, 2005
ORANGE, CA Orange Co. Sheriff's Office Lance Ishmael, 714-538-2612	Revolver Repair	Nov. 1 - 3, 2005



## SPECIAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT THE SMITH & WESSON ACADEMY

### International Security & Defense Systems, Ltd. (ISDS) Courses June 6 - 10, 2005

#### ***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, students learn subjects such as protection issues driving techniques, rescue and escape procedures, as well as unarmed Krav Maga protection exercises.*

#### ***The Israeli Experience - Suicide Bombers, Knowing the Enemy, Detection, Deterrence & Defeating***

**June 1 - 3, 2005**

*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.*

### Tactical Folding Knife Instructor

**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](http://www.smith-wesson.com).**