



# The Smith & Wesson Academy Roll Call

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## When Deterrence is Less-than-Lethal

### What Law Enforcement Officers Need to Know About Chemical Munitions

Officers training with less-than-lethal chemical products are often reluctant to be the target of chemical sprays. Most often, what I will hear is, "I don't have to get shot to know it hurts, why do I have to get sprayed?"

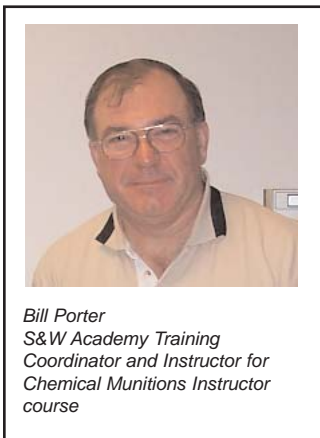
The reality is that when an officer uses a chemical on a suspect, the officer is exposed to the same chemical. That is no time to discover allergic reactions or in some cases, go into panic mode.

The exposure, if done properly, will instill an attitude in the officer that they can deal with the effects at least long enough to deal with their own self-defense. Studies show that officers who were exposed on the very first time failed to retain their weapons in 90% of the circumstances. But, on the second exposure, officers had 70% retention. This shows that when knowing what to expect, officers perform better.

Training with chemical munitions gives officers a first hand account of the different chemicals, how they are used, and what effect the chemicals have on their suspect and themselves. The officers learn how to work through the situation and maintain control. Officers learn the difference between normal and unusual symptoms as well as when to secure medical attention.

Another attribute to training with chemical munitions is evident in the court room. Officers who have been exposed to these products have a great deal more credibility when testifying about the effects of the product in the court room.

The Smith & Wesson Academy course on Chemical Munitions for the Instructor offers a complete overview of traditional chemical agent munitions and the newer aerosol devices. Officers are educated in the likenesses and differences of each agent. First aid

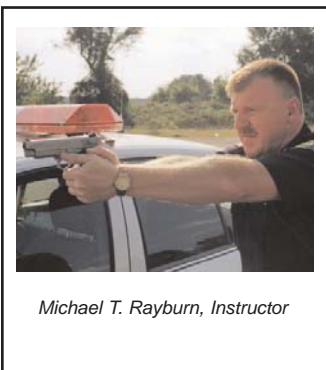


Bill Porter  
S&W Academy Training  
Coordinator and Instructor for  
Chemical Munitions Instructor  
course

and methods of decontamination are also taught along with aerosol subject restraint training.

This course is a must for any officer dealing with the new less-than-lethal, low aggression form of physical restraint.

For more information on the Chemical Munitions Instructor course or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461.



Michael T. Rayburn, Instructor

## The Armed Encounter Advanced Handgun Defense

In self defense against an assailant, an individual must have the skill set to survive, and to remain in control.

Advanced Handgun Defense is a Smith & Wesson Academy course designed to take basic marksmanship to the next level. This intensive course includes a lecture on the anatomy of an armed encounter, and hands-on shooting where students will learn to shoot instinctively, shoot while moving to and from cover, one-handed shooting, shooting at moving targets, as well as shooting in low light circumstances.

Michael Rayburn, with over 26 years of experience in the law enforcement field,

brings to the classroom and shooting range his philosophy on instinctive point shooting and the mental preparation required to survive an encounter.

Whether it is one, or multiple assailants, this course will provide the student with the survival mindset and an advanced understanding of self defense tactics.

The Advanced Handgun Defense course is offered on September 11-12, 2004 and covers two days, with a \$400 tuition.

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

No one expects to ever face an armed encounter with another person. What you do in the first few seconds of such an encounter can mean the difference between life and death.

### Did you know?

Most armed encounters occur within 5 feet of the participants.

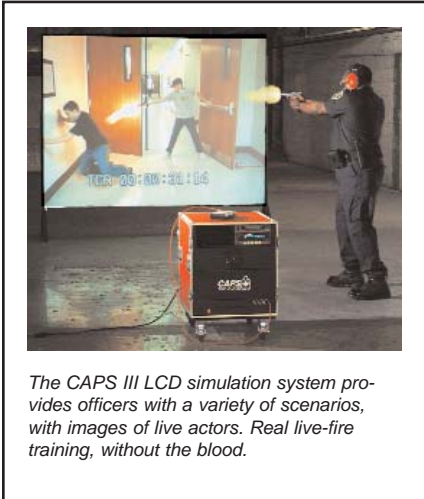
The average armed encounter lasts only 4 seconds.

The average rounds spent in an armed encounter is 3.

FBI Statistics



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*The CAPS III LCD simulation system provides officers with a variety of scenarios, with images of live actors, with images of live actors. Real live-fire training, without the blood.*

Defensive shooting skills are acquired with frequent training and analyzing your skill set and responses during a confrontation. There are many systems and approaches to training law enforcement officers of how to deal with shoot-don't shoot situations, but the CAPS simulation system provides officers with real live fire training in scenarios that reflect what officers face on a daily basis in today's environment.

## Realistic Firearms Training Without the Blood *Dynamic Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor*

Training with your own gun, ammo, and holster, hones not only judgement skills but your reaction to live fire under a stressful situation. The scenarios are varied. The Smith & Wesson Academy course, "Dynamic Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor," features newly recorded concealed carry situations.

The three-day course provides individuals responsible for firearms training with the necessary skills to implement a live-fire judgement-training program within the agency. The reaction time of the officer in training is measured by way of a time-code which is recorded onto all scenario types. The time-code gives each frame of the video tape a specific number and allows after the scenario analysis of the reaction time to within 1/30 of a second.

After each scenario has played out, instructors will ask officers in training for a justification of their reaction and, whether use of force was instrumental in resolving the situation.

Each scenario is a different threat situation that the officers must assess and make a judgement decision.

The CAPS III LCD simulation system is a Canadian made system using digital video tapes and employs a library of over 300 scenarios. The Smith & Wesson Academy Dynamic Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor course builds confidence in making crucial judgement calls, as well handling the officer's own equipment under extreme stress.

The course is taught by Dave Young, President, CEO, and Director of Training for CAPS. The three day course is offered November 8-10, 2004 and the tuition is \$625.

For more information on the Dynamic Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor course, or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461.

## Fighting Crime in the Shadows *Reduced Light Practical Combat Tactics*

Law Enforcement officers use a variety of tools in their jobs. Besides firearms, handcuffs, radios, and batons, officers carry and use illumination tools. Crime occurs after dark and often in poorly illuminated buildings or structures. The officer's ability to use an illumination tool and maintain control of the situation increases dramatically with proper training.

When an individual steps into a darkened area, the eyes must adjust or become dark adapted. This process takes about 20 minutes to become acclimated to the lack of light. Twenty minutes is time the officer doesn't have. Because of the gravity of the situation the officer must quickly assess the threat situation and make decisions based on his evaluation. The proper use of illumination tools compresses the time needed to evaluate the situation and make that decision. The officer must quickly identify, and evaluate, the suspect in what could be a life and death situation.

There are several different types of illumination tools available to law enforcement today. The traditional flashlight is still preference of many officers. Currently there are many weapons light tools on the market that reside under the front of the frame and in front of the trigger guard by means of a rail system. Many officers will employ both light tools; the stand alone flashlight and the weapon light system.

The tactics used in low light combat must incorporate the use of a light in one hand and the firearm in another, as well as moving through the environment and identifying the suspect. One of the most important tactics is learning to locate your threat while staying out of the threat's vision.

By learning how to move through use of cover and discharging short durations of light, the officer can evaluate the threat in distance and location without giving himself away. By employing distance, time, and combat tactics the officer take full control of the situation even under extreme low light levels.

In training for reduced light situations, officers must learn how to sight their firearm and their illumination tool. There are a variety of methodologies for carrying a light tool and several should be mastered to prepare for any scenario.

The Smith & Wesson Academy "Reduced Light Practical Combat Tactics" course is a three day course that will provide practical methods for dealing in reduced light combat circumstances for law enforcement and security officers. The pros and cons of light use and when not to use white light will be discussed.



*Law Enforcement is a 24/7 job. Crime doesn't always happen in broad daylight. Training in low light conditions provides officers with an extra edge.*

Students will come away with an understanding of all tactical light options, including night sights and laser devices.

This three day course is offered February 1-3, 2005, and the tuition is \$600.

For more information on the Reduced Light Practical Combat Tactics course or to sign up, call Barbara Grissom at 413-846-6461.



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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 Repair           | Sept. 22 - 24, 2004 |
| Pistol Repair             | Sept. 27 - 29, 2004 |
| SW99 Repair               | Sept. 30, 2004      |
| Revolver Recertification  | Oct. 25 - 27, 2004  |
| Pistol Recertification    | Oct. 28 - 29, 2004  |
| 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       |

### Tactical and Special Courses

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tactical Pistol                          | Sept. 13 - 17, 2004 |
| Officer Down Rescue                      | Sept. 21, 2004      |
| Tactical Scope Rifle                     | Oct. 4 - 8, 2004    |
| Police Precision Rifle                   | Oct. 11 - 15, 2004  |
| Don't Get Grabbed, Struck, or Taken Down | Oct. 11 - 15, 2004  |
| Tactical Emergency Medical               | Oct. 27 - 29, 2004  |
| Officer Down Rescue                      | Nov. 3, 2004        |

### Instructor Courses

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Law Enforcement Patrol Rifle Instructor             | Sept. 13 -17, 2004 |
| Firearms Instructor Update/Recertification          | Oct. 18 - 22, 2004 |
| Dynamics of Live-Fire Judgement Training Instructor | Nov. 8 - 10, 2004  |
| Firearms Instructor                                 | Nov. 8 - 19, 2004  |
| Pistol Instructor                                   | Dec. 6 - 10, 2004  |

### 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,<br>Knowing the Enemy, Detection,<br>Deterrence & Defeating | Oct. 27 - 29, 2004 |
|                                                                                                      | Jan. 19 - 21, 2005 |

### Armorer's Field Schools - Call contact for application

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LONDON, OH<br>John Foy, 740-852-4848                        | Pistol Repair                                     | Sept. 28 - 30, 2004                                                  |
| GREENFIELD, WI<br>Barbara, 414-761-5357                     | Pistol Repair                                     | Oct. 11 - 13, 2004                                                   |
| SUNNYVALE, CA<br>Off. John Credi, 408-730-7193              | Pistol Repair<br>SW99 Repair                      | Nov. 1 - 3, 2004<br>Nov. 4, 2004                                     |
| DETROIT, MI<br>Sgt. Semczak/Officer McNeill<br>313-596-5282 | Revolver Repair                                   | Jan. 25 - 27, 2005                                                   |
| LAS VEGAS, NV<br>Vern Zuleger, 702-229-4291                 | Pistol Repair<br>SW99                             | Feb. 1 - 3, 2004<br>Feb. 4, 2004                                     |
| WELLSTON, MO<br>Becky Murphy, 314-889-8600                  | Revolver Repair<br>Pistol Repair<br>Pistol Repair | Feb. 23 - 25, 2005<br>Feb. 28 - March 2, 2005<br>March 29 - 31, 2005 |

### Upcoming Academy Field Schools

|                                                                       |                                               |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Town & Country PD, MO<br>Capt. Gary Hoelser<br>314-567-4900, ext. 131 | Firearms Instructor<br>Update/Recertification | Oct. 11 - 15, 2004                           |
| Valestro Academy<br>Baldwin, NY<br>Guy Valestro, 917-215-4569         | Pistol Instructor<br>Reduced Light Instructor | Oct. 25 - 29, 2004<br>Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2004 |



## REMINDER

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





## NEW PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT THE SMITH & WESSON ACADEMY

### Don't Get Grabbed, Struck or Taken Down

Oct. 11 - 15, 2004

*This course is taught as a first line of defense, teaching officers how to best evaluate potentially violent situations, both psychologically and physically. Taught by Elliot Freeman, Defensive Tactics Technologies (DTT)*



### 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*



**Look for our new 2005 Smith & Wesson Academy Course Flyer to be mailed out this summer. It will include these 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).**