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## INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

### EQUIPMENT ISSUES:

#### A few points on handgun selection:

- **Pick a handgun that fits your hand.**

Most manufacturers make several different models ranging from compact, to standard to full size. Selecting a handgun that fits your hand will help your shooting by ensuring you have a natural grip and don't fight the gun during your firing sequence.

- **Pick a handgun that has one trigger pull.**

Learning two trigger pulls is time consuming. I suggest that you learn one and get used to it. I witness many shooters taking too long to fire the first shot or throwing it when using long double-action triggers.

- **Pick the largest caliber that you can accurately shoot.**

Handguns are generally back-up weapons for tactical work, but may be your primary depending on your job. You should be able to put two shots into the kill ("A") zone of an IPSC target from 7 yards from a ready position in 1.5 seconds or 5 in the chest and 1 in the head in 3 or less seconds or less, while seeing a sight picture with each shot. If the recoil is too much, consider a smaller caliber that will insure accurate hits and efficient recoil management.

### EQUIPMENT/SOURCES:

**The Pelican M6 Tactical Flashlight** has been added to my personal gear. I found them at [www.botachtactical.com](http://www.botachtactical.com) and decided to give one a try. You can get a light, a spare bulb and a pressure switch to mount it to your long gun for under \$70. This is also a great deal. Surefire currently charges \$70 for the pressure switch as a stand-alone product. It is a quality piece of gear and for those on a budget, it will make a nice gun light for your shoulder weapon.

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**IN CLOSING**

Again, I just want to say thank you to all the officers and men I have had the pleasure to work with this year. My learning curve is still on the rise in this business, which helps me to polish one or two points with the passing of every course.

Respectfully,

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