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**INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:**

**Calendar Changes/Updates:**

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| • 5-6 Feb 05      | Nacogdoches, TX | Tac Pistol             |
| • 9-13 May 05     | N. Chicago, IL. | Shoot House Instructor |
| • 27 Jun-1 Jul 05 | San Marcos, TX  | Adv Hostage Rescue     |
| • 2-4 Nov 05      | Midland, TX     | TBD                    |
| • 7-11 Nov 05     | Midland, TX     | Advanced Skill         |

**IN GENERAL:**

I am on the final trip of the year in the Chicago area. It has been a great year, busier than I expected and next year is already shaping up to be much the same.

As for next year, my goal is to throttle back and spend more time in Nacogdoches with the family and local courses. I plan on doing one law enforcement course a month on the road and spend the rest of the time at home, divided between law enforcement and civilian courses. We shall how it works out.....

**Overseas Work:**

Routinely I get announcements for overseas employment involving both static and protection missions as well as general security work. I have helped a few friends go across the pond gain employment with several different companies. Two of the most rapidly responding companies are Dynacorp and Cochise.

As for job requests from companies, I do get them time to time and try and save them to pass on to interested individuals.

**Manufacturing Equipment:**

I am looking for interested individuals to manufacturer/produce some of the products that I have had built over the years. If you know of any reputable folks interested in a joint venture, send them my way.

### **“Primitive Range” and a few other thoughts....**

My friend Kit Cessna was able to stop by and visit my range on his way back from a Midland Sniper course he instructed. He liked what he saw when we went over the facility and commented that there is much to be appreciated about a “primitive” range. Meaning that that simplicity coupled with proper training techniques is the key. I agreed with him.

I constructed the ranges with all weather parking so you can take a few steps from your vehicle and be under overhead cover. Other than that, they are simple and basic. The key is how you train to use what you have. You don't need fancy polished ranges, but rather a range that compliments your system. What you need is a place you can train hard and get dirty under best and worse case conditions.

Potential students ask me what is important. I reply that having a simple, efficient and proven that is easy to train with, is important. As is important is that you understand how to train and that you maximize your training time and effort.

My goal as an instructor is to seek out students who want realistic shooting and tactical training. I made a decision long ago not to become a prostitute and sell a former career or incident to make money, but rather to build and improve on a solid foundation of tactical shooting, while keeping an open mind to new techniques and developments.

Currently my law enforcement classes are my mainstay, but I will slowly start moving into the civilian market. I will not go with the high-profile route but would rather stick with the word of mouth approach. It has worked for me in the LE arena and I have been able to keep busy with this system. I feel that as long as I can stay humble and put out a superior product, the right individuals will see out the training.

My goal in this time of my life is to help develop safe and effective shooters in both the law enforcement and civilian community. I try to push as much knowledge as the individual can safely handle and then let them go out on their own to train and develop their skills. When they are ready for the next step, they can come back for more. For new shooters, I will provide a safe and structured program that you can go far with and build upon. As does any quality instructor, I try to cut the “fluff” out and let you know what I think is important and works and what is a gimmick.

### **COURSE UPDATE(S):**

#### **Assault Breaching Course:**

The Assault Breaching Course in the Chicago area was another great trip. I had a great class for both the Shotgun Breaching and the Assault Breaching class. We had an old three-story building that was built way back when. It had great old doors, window glass and glass block to work on. Everyone came away with something, to include all their fingers and toes.

**RANGE UPDATE:**

I have posted some new photos under the range bullet. The ranges have held up well through several Texas down pours. When I return from this trip, I plan on doing some camping on the property and get some shooting and decompressing in.

Below is a photo of some critters that keep coming back to the 200 yard line. Their time is coming....



**IN CLOSING**

Again, to the Law Enforcement officers, I just want to say thanks to all the men and women I have had the pleasure to work with these past years. Also, thank you to the civilians who take the time to hone and polish their skills.

Respectfully and have a great and safe holidays,

Paul R. Howe