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INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Recently, two different officers that have attended my training have surgically neutralized criminals menacing the cities in which they serve. Both engaged their active threats in a high stress environment without missing their targets or losing any rounds. One engagement distance was measured at 50 yards using the M-4 Carbine with open sights. One round was fired off hand, killing the thug. These officers are setting a new standard for the Law Enforcement community. Exceptional work gentlemen, my thanks for a job well done.

INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION:

I am against ticket-punching instructor courses where you attain an instructor certificate without ever instructing an actual student. At the end of my instructor courses, you will be required to rehearse and deliver a block of instruction to an actual class in the area you are seeking instructor status. You will also demonstrate any required mechanics and continually monitor safety throughout the course.

SHOTGUN BREACHING INSTRUCTOR:

My Shotgun Breaching course in San Antonio went well and I am doing a second class to catch the overflow. I will be conducting a Shotgun Breaching Instructor class in Garland, Texas in the late May time frame. Students will attend the standard shotgun breaching class and then on day two, prepare to instruct new students on day 3.

TACTICAL CHARGE EMPLACEMENT CLASS:

The Garland SWAT Team will also be hosting a Tactical Charge Emplacement class in late May. Garland has been working extensively with explosive breaching in Texas has become the explosive breaching proponent in the state of Texas. Working with their breachers, we are going to develop a standard set of SOP's for safe tactical breaching which they can deliver to other agencies in the state.

MID-SOUTH COMBAT RIFLE COURSE:

I returned this past week from a 3 day Combat Rifle Course at Mid-South in Mississippi. The leader instructor and Range Master Ross did a great job. As for

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the range, Ross had done an exceptional job building the range systems at the complex. The reactive steel is fun and challenging.

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Rapid Access Technology Systems is a Law Enforcement Explosive Breaching Training Program. Instructors consist of Lt. C.T. Payne and Officer Kirk Pryor of the Garland Tactical Team. These folks are on the edge of safe LE explosive breaching. Check out their site at the above location.

FUTURE CLASSES:

TACTICAL/PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

- Using the Patrol Rifle course as a base, I would add two-days and make a six-day Patrol Rifle Instructor Course. As for the title of the course, it makes little difference to me what you wish it called. Tactical rifle seems the most appropriate, as it is all encompassing. In the end, your certificate can be termed Patrol Rifle, Combat Rifle or Tactical Rifle Instructor. The information provided will apply to all weapon systems.

IN CLOSING

Again, I just want to say thanks to all the officers and men I have had the pleasure to work with these past years. Thank you for your dedication and service to our great nation.

Respectfully,

Paul R. Howe