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INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates:

- 23-28 Jan 05 Nacogdoches, TX Tac Rifle Ins ****
- 14-16 Mar 05 Nacogdoches, TX Tac Team Leader Added
- 3-7 Apr 05 San Antonio, TX TTPOA-SBI Added
- 16-20 May 05 Kentucky Live Fire CQB Added

***Open to Civilians

IN GENERAL:

I am going to be on the run for the next couple of months. My goal for next year is to throttle back and spend more time in Nacogdoches with the family.

With that, there will be an article on my Tactical Rifle Class coming out in an upcoming issue of SWAT Magazine. I hope this will generate a bit more interest in my local range and classes.

COURSES:

Advanced Tactical Pistol/Rifle:

I just finished up an Adv Tactical Pistol/Rifle course in Midland, TX. Midland PD has an incredible shooting facility and steadily improved it each year. We covered the basics the first day of rifle/pistol and then focused on moving and shooting drills and techniques. The next day we reviewed video of individual shooters and moved on to shooting movers. We then progressed to the tactical rifle and conducted a night fire. The next day we practiced corner drills and vehicle bailouts as both individuals and partners. We finished up with single runs in their shoot house. It was a great class and they shot well. They were exceptional in their adherence to the safety rules and weapon manipulation.

Assault Breaching Course:

Shortly I will be running an Assault Breaching Course in the Chicago area. Originally it was two days of manual techniques, but in the future I am going to include a third day of shotgun breaching. Due to the amount of material involved, it might be expanded further.

RANGE UPDATE:

Rain is good thing when it comes to my ranges. Recently, the bulldozer crews could not work on other contracts in the area because of the rain and mud. My land has a great deal of sand and they get their best work done when it is wet.

We were able to put in two more ranges, a Law Enforcement range for the local agencies and a vehicle range where you can do bail outs from the front, left, right and rear.

Along with the ranges, we were able to put in several more culverts and reestablish the perimeter road around the property so you can run/drive it. We also reset a foot bridge across the major creek and continued with the general polishing up. A Track Hoe worked great for plucking out those big stumps on the Rifle/Sniper range which is starting to look like a golf course.

Looking at the ranges and layout, I will probably put in a shoot house next year with a center hallway and berms to the right and left. This way you can use regular ammo instead of frangible. Also, you can use regular targets instead of heavy bullet traps when setting up.

Targets

I got a chance to use the new targets for my class in Midland. They worked well and I am pleased. Besides being simple, they are cheaper and cost less to ship than the traditional IPSC cardboard targets. Plus, hauling them around is a breeze. Cheap masking tape works best when pasting. They are available for purchase at their website: www.letargets.com Type in CSAT in the search block and it will take you to the page.

I use the black 1" squares to zero pistol, tactical and sniper rifle. The heavy outside line allows you to see the target out to 200 yards. The scoring boxes are simple, body and head. Anything outside is a miss. I am not one for having "sympathy" scoring rings to make you feel better after a run or training session.

I will be working with Jeff at LE Targets on future designs.



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,

Paul R. Howe