

APRIL 05

INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:

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| • 21-26 Aug 05 | Dallas, TX | Tac Pistol Ins | Added |
| • 25-26 Aug 05 | Dallas, TX | Tac Pistol | Added |
| • 19-23 Sept 05 | San Antonio, TX | Adv HR | Added |
| • 2-4 Nov 05 | Midland, TX | Adv Tac P/R | Update |

Calendar Changes/Updates Civilian/Open:

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| • 28 May 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | Tac Rifle Tune Up | Added |
| • 3-4 Sept 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | Tac Rifle I | Added |
| • 9-11 Sept 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | Tac Pistol/Rifle I | Added |
| • 1-2 Oct 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | TBD | Added |
| • 8-9 Oct 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | TBD | Added |
| • 15-16 Oct 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | TBD | Added |
| • 22-23 Oct 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | TBD | Added |
| • 29-30 Oct 05 | Nacogdoches, TX | TBD | Added |

IN GENERAL:

I have reevaluated my pricing policy for courses and have decided to make a change. For some time, I was offering a discount to Military and LE folks who come to my range to train. I have decided to change this policy and this is why.

I remember back when I was a private in the Army stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Being an extremely wet environment, we were accustomed to buying civilian gear to help us survive in the field. I had a 1SG who suggested that every private invest 25% of their pay into equipment that would do just that. We bought gortex, boots, socks, sleeping bags, etc., that were lightweight and that would keep you warm when wet. It made life in the field more bearable.

Along the same lines, some of the best students I have found are the ones that pay out of pocket for training. They take the most notes and pay the most attention in class. I guess that is my target audience, students who are serious about training. I am not looking for the student who looking for a “good deal,” but rather a student . . .

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who has looked at my resume and background and who are interested in what I have to offer.

Looking over the training field, I see what other instructors are charging and my prices are more than reasonable for my experience, skills and training program. Having said that, I have been to a great deal of schools, but will continue to take at least one course a year and refine my program. Also, this does not include the tactical conferences I attend on a yearly basis.

While I appreciate what the LE and Military community does for our country, the skills I offer are critical life support tasks that I do not take lightly. On a side note, I must also continue to upgrade my range and pay for dozer work, road gravel, steel, insurance, etc. If you have not noticed, since our military involvement overseas, the price of just about everything has gone up. Finally, as much as I would like to do this for the right reasons at little or no cost, I am running a business.

Annual/Semi-Annual Classes

I have decided to run several of my classes on a semi-annual basis at my range facility. These being:

- Tactical Rifle Instructor
- Tactical Pistol Instructor
- Tactical Rifle
- Tactical Team Leader
- Tactical Pistol Instructor

New Hot Mail Address

I no longer use the paulcsat@cox-internet.com e-mail address and will be using the paulkoko@hotmail.com exclusively in an effort to simplify and expedite communications.

COURSE UPDATE(S):

Tactical Rifle Tune Up (one day):

I am going to offer a one day Tactical Rifle "Tune Up" course on a limited basis starting on 28 May 05. Course content will include, Safety, Zero, 100 prone, 75-50 kneeling and 25 standing. I will also conduct speed work at 7 yards consisting of several core drills. The course will give you a solid foundation and a training plan to work from in the future. The course will be self-paced and will accommodate the new shooter wanting to establish a solid training base or the old shooter wanting a refresher or to test their skills without taking a two day module. Cost will be \$150 for the day. Ammo requirement will be 500 rounds.

If there is interest in the one-day modules, I will begin offering them in the future for both pistol and rifle.

RANGE UPDATE:

With the help of the Texas Forest Service, I have about 24,000 pine trees that are in the ground and growing. We are fortunate to have rain once a week this time of the year to help them out. Folks in the know tell me they grown 2 ½ feet a year.

I have put three rifle grade steel targets on both the 100 yard and pistol range for static, speed and barricade work. On the vehicle range, I am experimenting with a steel target overhead cover that will help contain the “whizzers” and jackets that spray off the steel. I will be testing it with both rifle and pistol rounds and report next month with photos.

I have plans to push out my Long gun/Sniper range as soon as it dries a bit. I am going to push the 250 berm back to 300 and cut a channel down the current 300 to 400 and 500 yards, putting in small berms and steel. If the ground is dry enough, we will shoot for 600 yards. I plan on using steel only at 4, 5, 600 yards, but you can put up a portable paper target if you wish.

Finally, I am working on cutting a 2-3 mile run/obstacle course in and around the property. It should be a challenge jog through varying terrain and obstacles.....

TRAINING:

After watching students in my last Shoot House Instructor class, I have decided to add a step to my pistol range fire procedure to safely enhance tactical training.

During my last Tactical Pistol Class, I showed students the “SUL” position and encouraged them to use it when relaxed on the firing line. On the command of “Stand By,” students came to a high ready position. I believe this will set the stage for officers back in the stack maintain their weapon in a safe attitude. No problems were encountered during this training.

EQUIPMENT:

HAMMERHEAD STEEL

I purchased 5 more steel chest plates for use on my vehicle range. Also, I finally broke down and purchased a compact ram for my breaching kit. The rams are some of the most compact I have seen on the market.

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CHIP MCCORMICK TRIGGERS

I have been dry firing and shooting one of Chip McCormick's drop in triggers. It is a 4.5 pound, two stage, curved model. I have been running it for about two months now and it is a pleasure to use. It provides a smooth take up slack and clean roll over break.

MILCOM PRODUCTS

At the end of my rifle classes, I teach a weapon maintenance class. Folks ask me what kind of lubricants I use and Mil-Comm products are my answer. I use the TW-25 grease along with the TW2500 spray which is similar to Break Free. I have been using Mil-Comm products for over ten years and they are a class act. I like the heavy paste and oils for both inside and out of my weapons. Besides being a superior product, they are non-carcinogenic. Greg at Mil-Comm had been great about sending me samples for distribution in class.

IN CLOSING

Take care and be safe.

Paul R. Howe