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INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:

- 13-14 Sept Active Shooter Cleburne, TX Open Added
- 19-23 Sept Adv HR San Antonio, TX Cancelled

Calendar Changes/Updates Civilian/Open:

- None Noted

IN GENERAL:

I have been running and gunning the past month and a half. I thought the hot weather would see training slack off a bit, but folks are continuing to hit it hard. It is good to see and it is keeping me busy.

COURSE UPDATE(S):

Tactical Shotgun Instructor Course/Tactical Shotgun

Per the request of a local law enforcement officer and friend, I am putting together a three day Tactical Shotgun Instructor and one day Tactical Shotgun course. I should have it outlined shortly. I have put together a set of standards taking the shotgun out to 100 yards, mirroring the rifle standards, but adding a couple of drills to complement the versatility of the shotgun and the home storage loading status. I will also be putting in a jungle lane down in the bottom for when I run the shotgun course at my range.

RANGE UPDATE:

I was able to get the dozer to push out a corridor through the “jungle” to 400 yards. Looking at the terrain, I will probably go out to 500 before the end of summer, while it is still dry. I bush hogged much of the range and roads last week and put up paper racks at 300 yards. It is looking good and we will break the 300 and 400 yards berms in next week during the rifle instructor course.

TRAINING:

Most everyone I know carries a “pocket gun” of some sorts. When you come to one of my courses, bring it and put a few rounds through it to ensure it works and that you maintain your proficiency with it. You can shoot it at lunch or after the class, or even as a transition drill. This will give your back up gun a needed function check, while maintaining your familiarity with it. Also, it will give you piece of mind that should you need it, it will be ready.

EQUIPMENT:

I just got in my new Glock 30's with light rails and have been breaking them in. One thing I did find is that the Glock 30 with the M-3 light will not fit into the Safariland 6004 holster. The good news is the Surefire X200 will. People ask how to prevent the loose fit of the gun in this holster and I simply put a piece of ethafoam/foam in the bottom of the holster to take up the slack. As for lights, I have gone exclusively to the Surefire X200 because of durability, design and function. I have broken several M-3's during training and even filled one with “shoe-goo” to use as a dummy light for holster work because I got tired of breaking them. I have one more M-3 that sits on the shelf and that is on it last legs.

The Tru-Glo fiber optic tritium sight is still shooting about 4” high at 25 yards. The woman I ordered them from at the company was very nice, but is an archery shooter and has to rely on the tech guys in the back to keep her informed of how they relate to shooting. Having said that, I send them a picture of my test target and not received a response as to if they can get my zero to point of aim, point of impact at 25 yards. I am still not set on recommending these sights.

I just received two Meprolight 6.5 mm rear sights and was able to go to the range this morning and zero them. They fixed the problem and now the guns shoot well and I no longer have to hold off at 25 yards.

IN CLOSING

As a final note, I have been a writing a book on leadership and training for the past few years. I have finally sent it off to be edited and I plan on self-publishing in the fall. Once I work out the details with the publishing company I will list it in my newsletter and on my website.

Take care and be safe.

Paul R. Howe