

**SEPTEMBER 05**

**INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:**

**Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:**

- **20-22 Sep Tac Pistol/Rifle Mcalaster, OK Added**
- **21-23 Oct Tac Shotgun Ins Nacogdoches, TX Added**
- **23 Oct Tac Shotgun Nacogdoches, TX Added**
- **23-27 Jan Shoot House Ins TBD Added**
- **22-24 Feb Shot Show Las Vegas, NV Added**

**Calendar Changes/Updates Civilian/Open:**

- **1-2 Oct TBD Cancelled**
- **29-30 Oct Tac Pistol I Cancelled**

**IN GENERAL:**

The running and gunning has continued. I thought September would be a slow month with the end of the fiscal year approaching for most agencies. Instead, some hard chargers persuaded their leadership to fund training. This is outstanding.

**COURSE UPDATE(S):**

**Tactical Rifle II**

With the construction and purchase of a mover system and vehicles, I will shortly be offering a Tactical Rifle II and Tactical Pistol II.

Concealed carry courses can be rolled into Tac Rifle I/II by simply carrying the weapon concealed.

**RANGE UPDATE:**

I have coordinated through a local dealer for vehicles for my “vehicle bailout” range and they should be inbound in the next 30 days or so. I plan on putting a mover on the range from MGM targets that will allow me to put 4 shooters on the line at one time, using a vehicle for cover while engaging their respective target.

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While not necessarily a range issue, I am planning to scrape the other half of the property in preparation to plant pine trees in the Dec-Mar 2006 time frame. With that, I found a natural depression that will support a pond that will be spring fed. I will probably have the pond formed and dam built when I prepare the ground for planting. I hope folks will be able to go fishing one day at the conclusion of their shooting session.

### **TRAINING:**

The physical condition of some students has come to my attention in these summer months. I strongly suggest that as a tactical shooter, you not forget the physical side of the equation. Being unable to get to a better shooting position or retreat to cover in a quick and efficient manner can cause you to become an easy target.

As for attending training classes when not in shape, you may tend to focus on the pain your body is in versus the class material. Also, as an instructor, I must gear the training to that of the slowest student.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

#### Viking Tactical Sling Systems

I have put a new two-point sling on two of my rifles. Viking Tactical is the company and they make quality products. I have been running a single point for several months. It requires constant manipulation of the weapon or a bungee cord to retain it while working with your hands.



Viking Tactical standard sling.



### Viking Tactical Heavy Sling

The Viking Tactical sling has a quick release strap that allow instant tightening and loosening of the sling. I intend to use it this week during a tactical rifle course and see how the weapons lies during transition work.

### Viking Tactical Light Mount

This is a simple, efficient and inexpensive way to put a light system on your rifle that keeps your firing grip very close to its original shooting posture. It tightens down with allen heads and looks to be a slick, low cost set up.



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### Kimber Failures

I don't want to knock the Kimber 1911, but I have observed multiple guns to have double feeds and jams during recent courses. One Kimber with the new extractor had four within two days of what I consider to be light range fire. Another officer locally has had to send his off for repair and it came back with problems. I don't see a great deal of 1911's in my LE classes, maybe 10%. These are too many malfunctions for the ratio of guns in the class.

I have found in the past that 1911's can be finicky and it may take some tuning to get them right. So before you slap it on you hip as a lawman or civilian with a CCW permit, shoot at least 500 rounds through it to ensure it will save your life when you need it.

### IN CLOSING

Take care and be safe.

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