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**INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:**

**Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:**

- See TC web site for details

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

- TBD

**IN GENERAL:**

**TRAINING:**

**Active Shooter Instructor:**

I ran an Active Shooter Instructor course for Midland PD in March. We trained the trainers for 3 days and then ran a two-day active shooter class for other department personnel. The class went exceptionally well and since their schools were on break, we were able to use one as a training site.

**100 Yard Zero and Calibrating for Combat**

We ran out of time during the Rifle Instructor course and did not have a chance to do my 100 yard and 50 yard zero comparison. With that, I have run several unscientific tests over the past few months and I still lean toward using the 100 yard zero when the range is available. Why? Here are my main reasons.

- I feel the 100 yard zero requires the shooter to be more precise when applying their fundamentals of marksmanship.
- I believe you get a better first round hit at any distance.

Everyone who has come to my range with a 50 yard zero has had to make significant site adjustments when zeroing at 100 yards. Others who I have “spot checked” and had fire a 100 yard course of fire, did not know their zero or how to hold when engaging multiple targets at varied distances. Most shot high.

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Shooting high in combat signals to your opponent that they have been spotted and that they are under your gun. They will normally move and take cover after the first shot and that window of opportunity to drop them when they present a full silhouette is now gone. Now you are trying to hit a much smaller target that is using cover. Plus you still don't know where your rounds are hitting and must start "fishing" for a solid hit.

Those running my scrambler found that they can hit a human size target on demand out to 300 yards with one sight picture and not much thought. I have found in combat that targets present themselves at varied distances and you must know your hold and make your shot when this happens. You either hit it or you do not. In short, the 100 yard zero works best for me and gives me a solid hit with little thought or adjustment on demand. I am going to stick with it.

### **COURSE UPDATE(S):**

#### **Combat Mindset:**

I conducted my first Combat Mindset Seminar in Monroe, Louisiana in March. The eight hour class went well and we had over 70 officers in attendance. More information on how to schedule a seminar can be found on my website.

### **RANGE UPDATE:**

I should be doing my final dozer work for the year within the next couple of weeks. This includes a 270 degree range next to the sniper range in the bottom along with a short multi- purpose bay on the other side of the same range.

I have put in a "Scrambler" course on my long range. It has about 10 positions and covers about 500 yards with rifle shots to 300 and pistol to about 80. It will test improvised positions, equipment, physical condition and your zero.

The shoot house is working out well. We have put seven rooms together on either side of a center fed hallway. We have conducted sims, flash bang drills, shotgun breaching and have live fired in it with no problems.

I have left the front of the house open for now. It allows me to work certain exterior movement drills. Also, I can require cover persons to make hits on the steel when providing security from the doors. The widows are modular and can be replaced in less than a minute. They can be shot through with sniper weapons, ported, etc.



**Front view of shoot house.**

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**EQUIPMENT:**

I acquired a single point sling at the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association Conference from Northeast Tactical, Inc. [www.northeasttactical.com](http://www.northeasttactical.com) I used it during my two-day point person CQB course and it held up well. It is a rugged easily adjustable sling.



## **IN CLOSING**

### Book

“Leadership and Training for the Fight” is in its final polishing process. I consider this first version a “Beta” version of sorts. Hopefully within the next week, it will be to the publisher for its final edit. There will be few, if any content changes, but rather more of a grammatical clean up. I have kept a log of all e-mails about the book and no one has commented negatively about content.

Also, I have asked Author House to take the e-version off the market. It seemed some folks were passing it around and it came to a few close friends who told the senders to knock it off.

[www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com)

Take care and be safe.

Paul R. Howe