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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:

Future Civilian and Civilian Classes:

We have begun to look at 2007 to include the scheduling of classes for both internal training, civilian and Law Enforcement at my range in Nacogdoches, Texas. Our initial plan is simple. I intend to run quarterly Tactical Rifle and Pistol Instructor classes at my facility and to certify many of Triple Canopy's instructor staff. There will be openings in these classes that can be filled by Military, LE or civilian students.

One of the instructor requirements will be to run a two day tactical pistol/rifle course as part of the graduation requirements. I will also open this up to Military, LE and civilian students. This should provide a schedule far enough out for planning purposes. It is my intention to teach these personally, but occasionally they may be taught by another qualified instructor. I will post any changes on the flyer should I become unavailable.

The two-day classes are great for all levels of shooters as we usually have a 1 to 1 or 1 to 2 instructor to student ratio.

I will still teach on the road the months that I am not teaching on my range.

Texas Tactical Police Officers Association (TTPOA) Annual SWAT Competition:

Getting closer and looking good.....

Tactical Rifle Standards:

I have made three changes to my rifle standards and I will give you my reasoning below.

One shot drill

I have changed the one shot at seven yards to one second (1) or less. After running multiple validation drills, students found that you can still see your front sight and make a hit using the mechanical safety from the low ready position.

Two shot drill

We went back and forth on this one. We wanted to ensure that students were seeing their front sight on the second shot (controlled pairs/two sight pictures) and not just executing a "double tap" (one sight picture). If we pushed the students too fast, we were just promoting bad habits.

Transition drill

The final drill we modified was the transition from rifle to pistol. Simply put, folks were cheating and not getting a good dry fire in. Some would throw the rifle up and click wherever the sights would end up.

To execute the drill now, you need to put one round in your rifle and have an empty magazine in the well. On the beep, fire one round center mass and then transition to your pistol and fire one round center mass. Both are scored. Time standard is 3.25 seconds.

COURSE UPDATE(S):

I have been requested to put together a Two-Person Patrol Tactics course and will have it outlined shortly. I plan on doing both range fire, movement, vehicle work and maybe even some CQB. I feel it is critical for our uniformed patrol responders to bring the training gaps that departments are faced with.

RANGE UPDATE:

I fertilized the ranges not too long ago and it is paying off. The grass is filling in nicely.

I have secured a few more cars for my vehicle/maneuver range. I will use this range for movers and also how to use cover and move with a weapon in a safe manner around other students.

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The obstacle course is up and I am making a couple of minor changes, adding one more obstacle to the course. I hope to have a tractor in next week to help finish it out.

EQUIPMENT:

Glock Malfunctions

We ran some aggressive drills recently on the obstacle course with individuals wearing the Safariland 6004 holsters and we had two instances of Glocks not firing. The best we could tell, dirt built up behind and in the trigger while in the holster. When attempting to fire, the trigger would move only one-quarter to one-half way back and stop. We took the guns back and flushed them with carburetor cleaner and they were up and running again.

MISC:

I am still working on an article on Active Shooter Response Equipment. I will submit it to several tactical magazines. My goal is to expose officers to equipment from the low end of the spectrum to the high dollar gear.

IN CLOSING

Book

My final version "Leadership and Training for the Fight" is out and I can breathe a little easier...

As I stated before, thanks for your support and any comments are welcome.

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Take care and be safe.

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