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CSAT

DECEMBER 2007

INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement 2007:

- December 3-7, 2007 Adv Hostage Res OPEN Garland, TX
- December 12-14, 2007 Tac Team Leader OPEN Garland, TX

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement 2008:

- January 6-11, 2008 Basic Swat OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- Jan 29-8 Feb, 2008 Shot Show OPEN Las Vegas, NV
- February 18-22, 2008 Shoot House Inst OPEN Jacksonville, FL
- March 4-9, 2008 Tac Pistol Inst OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- March 8-9, 2008 Tac Pistol I OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- March 17-21, 2008 Patrol Tactics Inst OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- **March 31-4 April, 2008 Special Skills CLOSED Nacogdoches, TX**
- April 7-11, 2008 Shoot House Inst OPEN Ft. Dix, NJ
- April 14, 2008 Seminar OPEN Pittsburgh, PA
- April 21-25, 2008 Urban Marksman OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- May 6-11, 2008 Tac Rifle Inst OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- May 10-11, 2008 Tac Rifle I OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- June 15-20, 2008 Tac Pistol Inst OPEN Elgin, IL
- June 19-20, 2008 Tac Pistol I OPEN Elgin, IL
- July 21-25, 2008 Special Skills CLOSED Midland, TX
- August 11-15, 2008 Adv Hostage Res OPEN Lexington, KY
- September 8-12, 2008 Advanced HR OPEN Lake County, IL
- September 22-26, 2008 Patrol Tactics Ins OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- October 6-10, 2008 Urban Marksman OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- October 21-26, 2008 Tac Rifle Inst OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- October 25-26, 2008 Tac Rifle I OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- November 18-23, 2008 Tac Pistol Inst OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- November 22-23, 2008 Tac Pistol I OPEN Nacogdoches, TX
- December OPEN

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Civilian/Open 2008:

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| • March 4-9, 2008 | Tac Pistol Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • March 8-9, 2008 | Tac Pistol I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • May 6-11, 2008 | Tac Rifle Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • May 10-11, 2008 | Tac Rifle I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • October 21-26, 2008 | Tac Rifle Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • October 25-26, 2008 | Tac Rifle I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • November 18-23, 2008 | Tac Pistol Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • November 22-23, 2008 | Tac Pistol I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |

****Yellow Indicates Change**

****Grey Indicates Completed**

IN GENERAL:

My classroom project is on schedule and we will be doing some remodeling this month along with framing out the classroom, getting bunks built, etc. The Basic Swat course for January is full and we are going full steam with the renovations.

This past weekend we framed the classroom and shower area. We will be putting the plumbing/showers this week along with an area for a washer/dryer. They will come in next week and frame in the drop down ceiling. All that will be left to do is minor duct work and building the bunk bed frames. I have built the first one and it is holding up. We have 24 mattresses and box springs on sight. I will also be putting a computer and wireless internet system in the building along with cable and a TV for down time.

Also, on 27 November, at about 0200 the back of my truck was burglarized while parked in the hotel parking lot in Kenosha, Wisconsin. I had just finished a six-day Tac Rifle Instructor school and was to get up early and head south to miss the Chicago traffic. I left my wake-up call for 0300 and they hit at 0200. They took a bunch of my assault gear, cleaning kit, etc. I have recovered 95% of the gear due to the hard work of the detective assigned to the case.

They have nailed several individuals who are part of a ring that has been hitting construction vehicles in along the highway. One of the scumbag thieves was picked up in northern Illinois and started to squeal on his fellow turds. This was all it took and the lead detective started to make things happen. I cannot talk more about the case, but the bushes are being shaken...

TRAINING:

COURSE UPDATE(S):

None noted.

COURSE AAR'S

This month I ran a Shoot House Instructor in San Marcos, Texas and also delivered a seminar to the Texas Rangers. I also had the pleasure of speaking at the Illinois Tactical Officers Association 20th Anniversary conference. As always the conference was a class act.

RANGE UPDATE:

I have spent little time on the range this month. The local ROTC detachment conducted a field training exercise and that is about the extent of it.

EQUIPMENT:

Broughton Custom Rifles:

I just purchased a precision rifle and scope for my Sniper/Urban Marksman classes. I am working on putting together realistic standards that replicate shots that snipers have had to make in real life and not just laying behind the gun on a mat at 100 yards, punching paper.



The specs on the rifle are as follows:

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H-S Precision Stock, Broughton 5C canted land 1:11" twist barrel with a #7 Contour, Rem 700 action with a Badger Ordnance Tactical Bolt knob installed. The trigger is a Rem factory trigger that Bruce slicked up and adjusted to about 3.5 lbs. The rings and bases are Leupold. The scope is a Leupold 4.5 x 14 x 500 M1 Illuminated Mil Dot Matte Scope. I was trained using mil dots, so that is what I am going to stick with for now.

I was told that they will have three rifles built in the next few months with the McMillian A-5 that will be for sale.

The rifle was put together by Bruce Broughton from Coahoma, TX. His contact info is:

Bruce's contact info is as follows:
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Armed Forces Merchandise Outlet, Inc.:

Kirk at AFMO was a great sponsor at the TTPOA Swat Competition. I first met Kirk several years ago when I once bought a Marmot Mountain Works jacket from him. It is one of the finest purchases of gear to this date. It is light, compact, waterproof, warm and works great under Kevlar and stays in my truck year round. Kirk has exceptional products that are state of the art and tough.

From Kirk:

Please call us as your footwear, uniforms, duty gear or body armor requirements develop. We have established "CSAT" as the Combat Shooting and Tactics' discount code. Mr. Howe, please issue "CSAT" to your officers and they will receive discounts of up to 20% off of our list pricing when making individual purchases at (www.afmo.com). It was nice meeting you and I hope Armed Forces Merchandise Outlet, Inc. (www.afmo.com) can become one of your valuable supply sources.

HUNTING UPDATE:

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I have yet to sit in one of my deer stands this season. I hope to spend a few days in the woods during the last part of this month.

READING/INFORMATION

None this month....

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS

I can now process credit cards....

IN CLOSING

Take care and it is good to be back,

Paul R. Howe