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CSAT

FEBRUARY 2007

INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

Calendar Changes/Updates Law Enforcement:

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| • January 11-22, 2007 | Special Skills | Closed | |
| • February 5-11, 2007 | Tac Rifle Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • February 10-11, 2007 | Tac Rifle I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • February 19-25, 2007 | Tac Pisol Inst | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • February 24-24, 2007 | Tac Pistol I | OPEN | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • March 12-16, 2007 | Patrol Tactics Inst | OPEN | Dallas, TX |
| • March 26-30, 2007 | Shoot House Inst | OPEN | Lexington, KY |
| • March 23-27, 2007 | Tac Pistol/Rifle | Closed | Nacogdoches, TX |
| • April 16-20, 2007 | Adv Hostage Res | OPEN | Seguin, TX |
| • May 8-19, 2007 | Special Skills | Closed | |
| • June 4-8, 2007 | Adv. Hostage Res | OPEN | Chicago area, IL |
| • June 11-13, 2007 | Tac Team Leader | OPEN | Chicago Area |
| • July 19-29, 2007 | Special Skills | Closed | |
| • August 13-17, 2007 | Adv HR | Open | Washington, IO |
| • September 3-7, 2007 | Adv HR | OPEN | New Jersey |
| • September 10-12, 2007 | Tac Team Leader | OPEN | New Jersey |
| • Sept 29-4 Oct, 2007 | TTPOA Swat Com | Closed | Nacogdoches |
| • October 21-26, 2007 | Tac Rifle Inst | OPEN | N. Chicago, IL |
| • October 25-26, 2007 | Tac Rifle I | OPEN | N. Chicago, IL |
| • November 7, 2007 | Seminar | Closed | Austin, TX |
| • November 12, 2007 | Seminar | OPEN | Indiana |
| • November 14-16, 2007 | Tac Team Leader | OPEN | Indiana |
| • November 17-20, 2007 | ITOA Conference | OPEN | Chicago, IL |
| • December 3-7, 2007 | Adv Hostage Res | OPEN | Garland, TX |

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| • June | TBD | | |

- **July** **TBD**
- **November** **TBD**

****Yellow Indicates Change**

IN GENERAL:

January is coming to a close and I have hit the ground running. I am preparing for four-major classes at my range in February, a Tac Pistol and Rifle Instructor class along with a Pistol and Rifle Operator classes. Hopefully the weather will hold, but it may not. I trained the last few weeks through cold, freezing and warm rain. Training did not stop and I want to put in a few points about dress and equipment to make your future training enjoyable.

The nastiest training weather I have endured has been cold and rain, near freezing. To dress for this, I will cover a few points that you probably already know...

Boots. It does not generally get that cold here in E.Texas, so insulated is your call, but I will always wear a waterproof boot to train in. I always wear a poly-p or poly-wool sock to wick moisture. If your feet sweat a great deal, bring two pair and rotate at lunch or spray your feet with underarm spray to cut down on the sweating.

I layer the bottom half of my body with thin poly-p if I am going to be moving a great deal or medium to heavy if I am going to be static. I find that if I can keep my core big muscles warm, the rest of me stay's warm.

I put a layer of thin poly-p or hot gear as my first layer on top. I will then alternate layers, next starting with a thin fleece and then maybe a cotton long sleeve T-shirt if I am going to get down and dirty. I also have a thin, waterproof jacket from Marmot Mountain Works and it becomes my outer shell if the temp really drops and also keeps the wind out.

With any jacket, I always keep a pair of gloves and hat in the pockets. I either put a thin fleece glove in or get some SUGS gloves at Wal-Mart. Along with SUGS, there are mechanic gloves in the \$10 range that work well for shooting and will pay for themselves the first time the temp drops. Think about keeping two pair on hand incase one gets wet in the am, you can put on dry ones after lunch and then dry them in your hotel room at night.

Regarding head gear, I like the lightweight fleece skull caps or even an insulated baseball cap when the temp drops. It has been said that you lose 20% of your body heat through the top of your head. In addition, I carry a fleece neck warmer that also keeps the heat in.

TRAINING:

COURSE UPDATE(S):

I will continue to run instructor classes at my range and want to pass on a few notes and how I structure them. My goal for an instructor upon completion of my instructor course is to be able to put on a comprehensive two-course by themselves.

During six-day instructor course, day 1-4 is the instructor module, day 5-6 instructors assist in putting on a two day course. The instructor goes through the same two-day course and sees it once, day 1-2 of their module. They are also assigned a block of instruction and their presentation will be evaluated on day 5-6. Day 3-4 of their course, they are busy doing rehearsals, shooting the standards, and preparing for the final phase of the course. All students are required to pass the shooting standards, a written test and a pass/fail on their block of instruction.

My reasoning is simple. I believe that instructors should put hands on students before graduating. With this six day approach, they see the material once as they go through it, they study it and then see it again with new students.

RANGE UPDATE:

It has been quiet on the ranges and too wet to get much done. This will change in the next few months....

HUNTING UPDATE:

This is the third coyote I have taken this year. I was easing down the path to the far creek that borders my property to check the water level. I was getting ready to walk past my feeder when I saw him moving toward the feeder paralleling me about 35-40 yards into the brush off to my left. We saw each other about the same time and when he turned, all I had was a back end shot. I was carrying my work M-4 style carbine .223 with .55 grain bonded rounds. The first round hit him through and through the back and as he was flopping I clipped his right front leg and then got on top of him and finished it. He was another healthy animal, almost fat. I figure they are working the pigs or deer coming to the feeder.



EQUIPMENT:

Ammo prices, especially .223/5.56 have gone through the roof. I would like to be able to provide it for folks, coming to classes, but I cannot at this time. I will accept any ammo shipped and store at the range for when you arrive.

I will be adding a link to **Strider Knives** to my web site. I like quality guns and quality steel in this life and I have found that Strider puts out incredible products. I have only met Mick and Duane this past year and they are top notch folks. Their websites is: www.striderknives.com

IN CLOSING

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Take care and it is good to be back,

Paul R. Howe