

# CSAT

APRIL 2008

## INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:

### Law Enforcement calendar updates and revisions for 2008:

DATE	COURSE	OPEN / CLOSED COURSE	LOCATION	PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR
Mar 31 - April 4, 2008	Special Skills	Closed	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
April 7 - 11, 2008	Shoot House Instructor	Open	Ft. Dix, NJ	P. Howe
April 10 - 13, 2008	Combatives for Tact Teams - TTPOA Conf.	Open	Austin, TX	D. Halligan
April 10 - 13, 2008	Tactical Team Leader - TTPOA Conference	Open	Austin, TX	S. Claggett
April 14 - May 04, 2008	Special Skills	Closed	Singapore	J. Holschen
April 21 - 25, 2008	Urban Marksman	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
April 28 - May 2, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Closed	Chicago, IL	S. Claggett
May 6 - 11, 2008	Tactical Rifle Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 7 - 8, 2008	Dynamic Tactics - NY Tac. Officer Conf.	Open	Poughkeepsie, NY	S. Claggett
May 10 - 11, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 18 - 23, 2008	Advanced SWAT	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 24 - 25, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
May 26 - 30, 2008	Urban Marksman	Open	Midland, TX	P. Howe
June 2 - 6, 2008	Advanced Tactics	Open	Dallas, TX	S. Claggett
June 3 - 6, 2008	Special Skills	Closed	Denton, TX	D. Colasanto
June 9 - 13, 2008	Shoot House Instructor	Open	Chicago, IL	P. Howe
June 15 - 20, 2008	Tactical Pistol Instructor	Open	Lake County, IL	P. Howe
June 19 - 20, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Lake County, IL	P. Howe
June 23 - 27, 2008	High Risk Warrant Services	Open	Bartlett, IL	S. Claggett
June 28 - 29, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
July 7 - 11, 2008	Active Shooter Instructor	Open	Franklin, NJ	S. Claggett
July 10 - 11, 2008	Active Shooter	Open	Franklin, NJ	S. Claggett
July 17 - 18, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
July 20 - 25, 2008	Advanced SWAT	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	S. Claggett
July 21 - 25, 2008	Special Skills	Closed	Midland, TX	P. Howe
July 28 - August 1, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Open	Montezuma, IA	S. Claggett
August 4 - 8, 2008	Basic SWAT School	Open	Rensselaer, IN	S. Claggett

August 8, 2008	Leadership Seminar	Open	St. Peters, MO	P. Howe
August 11 - 15, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Open	Lexington, KY	P. Howe
August 18 - 22, 2008	Patrol Tactics Instructor	Closed	Houston, TX	S. Claggett
August 26 - 28, 2008	TREXPO East	Open	Chantilly, VA	S. Claggett
August 28 - 29, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Sept 8 - 12, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Open	Lake County, IL	P. Howe
Sept 13 - 14, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Sept 15 - 17, 2008	Tactical Team Leader	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	S. Claggett
Sept 22 - 26, 2008	Patrol Tactics Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	S. Claggett
Sept 24 - 26	Tactical Team Leader	Open	Montezuma, IA	S. Claggett
Sept 29 - Oct 03, 2008	Indiana SWAT Challenge	Open	Muncie, IN	S. Claggett
October 6 - 10, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Closed	Mason City	P. Howe
October 12 - 17, 2008	Advanced SWAT	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	S. Claggett
October 13 - 17, 2008	Urban Marksman	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	M. Huffman
October 21 - 26, 2008	Tactical Rifle Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
October 25 - 26, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov 10 - 14, 2008	Night Vision Goggle Instructor	Open	Garland, TX	P. Howe
Nov 17 - 21, 2008	Patrol Tactics Instructor	Open	San Marcos, TX	S. Claggett
Nov 18 - 23, 2008	Tactical Pistol Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov 22 - 23, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov 22 - 23, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Dec 1 - 5, 2008	Advanced SWAT	Closed	Lafayette, LA	S. Claggett
Dec 8 - 12, 2008	Advanced Hostage Rescue	Open	Abilene, TX	P. Howe
Dec 18 - 19, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley

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**Civilian/Open calendar updates and revisions for 2008:**

DATE	COURSE	OPEN / CLOSED COURSE	LOCATION	PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR
March 4 - 9, 2008	Tactical Pistol Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
March 8 - 9, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 6 - 11, 2008	Tactical Rifle Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 10 - 11, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
May 24 - 25, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
June 28 - 29, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
July 17 - 18, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
August 28 - 29, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Sept 13 - 14, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Sept 27 - 28, 2008	TX State Concealed Handgun License	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
October 18 - 19, 2008	TX State Concealed Handgun License	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
October 21 - 26, 2008	Tactical Rifle Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
October 25 - 26, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov. 01 - 02, 2008	TX State Concealed Handgun License	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley

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Nov 18 - 23, 2008	Tactical Pistol Instructor	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov 22 - 23, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	P. Howe
Nov 22 - 23, 2008	Tactical Rifle	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Dec 13 - 14, 2008	TX State Concealed Handgun License	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley
Dec 18 - 19, 2008	Tactical Pistol	Open	Nacogdoches, TX	E. Corley

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### **IN GENERAL:**

We will be adding monthly rifle and pistol courses on the weekends to provide more flexible training days for shooters to attend. I will not be teaching all of them, but may stop in and shoot as a student, something I rarely have a chance to do. The reason I do not schedule more weekend courses is because I am generally traveling on those weekends to or back home from a class.

We have also started work on updating the web page. From any of the CSAT web pages you can now click the large “Home” button on the top left of each page to return to the home page. We have also added a “bullet” on the home page which will take you to a listing of all of our current offerings. At this link the courses are specifically described and their length and price are also listed. From this page you can also see and print a copy of each course’s “Host Agency Requirements” detailing what a host needs to be able to provide in order to host any of our courses. As has been CSAT’s policy, anytime an organization host a course they instantly get two free slots. Go here to see the page described above:

<http://www.combatshootingandtactics.com/courses.htm>

Within a week you will also be able to enter your e-mail address on the home page. Voluntarily providing your e-mail address will allow us to notify you of any and all CSAT updates. This will help ensure you get the latest information as soon as it is released.

### **CSAT STRATEGIC ALLIANCE, NEW EMPLOYEES, AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

The strategic alliance continues to take shape and is in the hands of the legal experts. I will keep you posted on its progress.

Last week we completed improvements to the shoot house which included adding “T” and “L” intersection capabilities and interior walls to replicate structures in our environment. This adds to the complexity of the shoot house which ultimately provides more challenging and realistic training.

## **TRAINING:**

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

We are adding a “Texas State Concealed Handgun License” course to our continuing rotation of classes happening here at the facility in Nacogdoches. These courses can be found on the “Civilian Course” calendar listed above and on the web page at <http://www.combatshootingandtactics.com/training.htm>.

We have also added a very effective and efficient combatives program for LE to our offerings. The skill sets taught in these courses are very effective and can be learned in a very short time and they have been tested and validated “on the street”. The description of this course is listed here under “Tactical Combatives Course”:  
[http://www.combatshootingandtactics.com/schedules/CSAT\\_Course\\_Descriptions.pdf](http://www.combatshootingandtactics.com/schedules/CSAT_Course_Descriptions.pdf)

Recently we squeezed in an Advanced Protective Security Detail Course (Dignitary Protection) which was a compressed pilot course that we knew would be the basis for a week long course for LE Tactical Teams and Operators. This course is becoming reality and during the next month we will be posting the dates for the first run of CSAT’s seven-day “Protective Security Details for LE Tactical Teams” on the calendar. This course has been designed and developed by quiet professionals who have recent real-world experience in working and running Protective Security Details in high-threat countries across the globe. The architect of this new CSAT course will also be the lead instructor. Check the web page during the next couple of weeks for the course description and dates.

Also in the future we are going to start “dovetailing” certain courses in order to maximize training for real world scenarios. For instance, we will run an Advanced SWAT and Urban Marksman course at the same time allowing each group of students to come together during strategic blocks for culmination exercises that will include sniper initiated assaults and other realistic life-saving skill sets. The first example of this type of scheduling will occur with the two courses running consecutively during the week of October 12, 2008.

### **COURSE AAR’S**

During the month of March, we ran a Tactical Pistol Instructor/Operator class and a Patrol Tactics Instructor (PTI) course. The PTI focused on small cell combat tactics ranging from exterior movements, entry principles and weapon skills to hand combat. An un-solicited review of the PTI course by a student who attended can be found here: <http://forums.officer.com/forums/showthread.php?t=86692>.

Both classes went exceptionally smooth and were comprised of great students.

### **RANGE UPDATE:**

The next project on our agenda is to build a sniper head façade where we can give 2 second exposures to snipers and rifle shooters, what we referred to as a “snap” in the old days. We will be placing this on the 100 yard line on the sniper hill.

We have also “chopped up” several rooms in the shoot house to get some additional angles, room scenarios and “T” intersections for students to deal with.

### **CLASSROOM/ LODGE:**

Eric is continuing to improve the lodge with minor remodeling. The display/pro shop case in the back of the shop for hats, shirts and books is growing and I intend to start stocking it monthly with hats, shirts and books.

The addition of an old fashioned peg climbing board near the rings for an upper body workout has arrived and has been mounted. Also, there is a pull up bar on the poles in the new picnic area.

I am going to put a tractor tire out back to beat on with sledge hammers as part of a physical fitness course. I will also be mounting a tire to the side of a tree so you can practice with a ram for door breaching. I have the mother of all rams if you care for a death workout...

Again, if you are law enforcement or have company T shirt, feel free to put it on the wall. I am putting patches on the wall behind the breakfast bar and lounge area.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

The CSAT Combat Rifle Sight will be produced by XS Sights out of Ft. Worth and should be ready for sale any day now.

<http://www.xssights.com>

The Shotgun Breaching round recommended by CSAT is the “TKO” round manufactured by Defense Technology. It provided reliable functioning in pump shotguns along with semi-automatic shotguns.

### **Surefire E2 D Defender Flashlight**

Occasionally students ask me what equipment I use. One of items that I keep close at hand is the Surefire E2D Defender flashlight. It is small, compact, produces 60 lumens in a tight beam and has an aggressive strike head/bezel. I can be used a man/woman or son/daughter and is probably one of my favorite flashlights.



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**HUNTING UPDATE:**

I think I might have “Cat” or two running around the bottom area. I have not seen the hog traffic I am used to and have seen some tracks that I am told belong to a cat. It seems that baby pigs are one of their favorite meals. Here are a couple of deer checking out one of the cameras I put in the bottom...



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### **READING/INFORMATION**

None this month...been trying to do some writing on the new book.

### **CLASS PAYMENTS**

In the future I may request payment in full by either check or Credit Card for classes as I am doing double accounting when I take deposits. It will save time and effort by going to this system and will find out who is serious and who is not.

### **IN CLOSING**

It is going to be a very busy year with the new business alliance and full-time employees. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Paul R. Howe