



# CSAT, LLC

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## **INFORMATION LETTER/UPDATE:**

### **MAJOR CALENDAR CHANGES:**

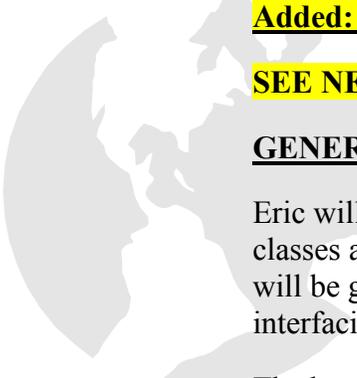
**Added: Law Enforcement**

**SEE NEW CALENDAR**

**Added: Civilian**

**SEE NEW CALENDAR**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**



Eric will be leaving CSAT, but will continue working part time conducting CHL classes and private lessons. I will also use him on a part time basis as needed. He will be going to work for one of the club members supervising loggers and interfacing with land owners. I wish him the best.

The heat wave has finally broken and we have enjoyed several mornings in the 40's. It is a nice change. We even received an inch or so of rain last week. 2011 will be a summer to remember and it will take years to reverse the drought effects. My pines did very well as a whole. I am not so sure if the hardwoods did as well. I will know when spring comes and we can see what blooms and what does not.

### **LE CORNER:**

#### **Basic and Advanced SWAT Classes**

Working six-day classes leaves me little room to do PT and shoot and keep up my technical skills. Also, the 14 hour plus days cut into my administrative time. Finally, they do not allow me to conduct civilian classes.

I am gearing up a cadre to take over the Basic and Advanced SWAT classes so I can still participate but, will not be required to attend the full day. I plan on attending at least half a training day each day and to shoot/PT with all the teams and monitor the quality control from the inside of the class. If there are any specialty blocks that need to be taught, I will be there to teach them. The cadre I have selected are more . . .

than qualified to teach these courses and will allow me more time to get hands on with students and also give me more time for administrative duties that require my attention. I will also be able to lower the course costs as I know training budgets are tight.

We will teach the first Basic SWAT with this model in February. The Advanced SWAT will be taught in February and I will be training the cadre for this at the same time. As a final note, I will also be able to train a cadre to carry on top quality instruction into the future.

### **Work Ethic and Life Ethic**

In my view, they should be one in the same and mirror or complement each other. I try to keep my mouth shut and still listen and watch students as much as possible. I always believe that you can learn something with this technique.

I hear officers talking about how much overtime or comp time they will be making in one of my schools. I understand getting paid for your time. I also understand that going to a school is a special event. I remember 58 days of Ranger school where we routinely worked 18 hour days in garrison and 22-23 in the field. Did we get comp or overtime? Hardly. A military person will never get repaid for all overtime, holidays and comp time they work. It is part of the job.

It seems that many take their work as a law enforcement officer as a job. Many don't work out, shoot or dry fire, etc. The attitude is that if the city or county is not paying me for it, I am not going to do it. The ironic thing is that when these officers are hurt or killed in the line of duty, everyone rushes to call them a hero or to pour sympathy out. In fact, they should be counseled for being lazy. The same goes for our military. If you get killed doing something stupid, you are not a hero, you were a dumb ass.

In the end, how you live and train is up to you. There will never be enough time in the day to work out, dry fire, practice hand combat, etc., unless you make it. You will have to do it on your own time. If you are a leader, you do it and then make your people do it. If your leadership does not do it, you do it and continue to do it when you become a leader.

In the end, if the bad guys win because they trained harder and kicked your butt, you will find no sympathy here. You chose mediocrity in life versus wanting to be a cut above. Mediocrity will get you killed. The choice is yours.

**MONTHLY PERSPECTIVE:**



**CORPORATE GREED**

ALLOWS YOU TO TWEET YOUR  
REVOLUTION, DUMBSHIT

**Yep, Democrats want to align themselves with these types. White trash whose parents did not instill any type of ethic in them. Democrats tend to jump on any bandwagon that is un-American. They have no honor or credibility.**

**MONTHLY INSPIRATION:**



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## Terror Link Downplayed in Courthouse Break-In

'Pictures of courthouses, water systems' from around the US found in the van used by five men believed to be Moroccan Muslims.

Jim Forsyth

Five men in their twenties, described as French-Moroccan Muslims, are being questioned by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and by officials of the Department of Homeland Security after they were arrested inside the 120 year old Bexar County Courthouse in downtown San Antonio shortly before 2 this morning, 1200 WOAI news reports.

Officials say three of the men crawled through a window to get into the 120 year old Courthouse, which is a landmark in downtown San Antonio, and the other two were found in a van parked in front of the building.

Inside the van, officials say they found "photographs of infrastructure" including photos of shopping malls, water systems, courthouses and other public buildings which they say were taken in cities nationwide.

"They got travel documents, parking passes, they have been all over the country," one law enforcement officials who asked not to be identified told 1200 WOAI's Michael Board on the scene. "A lot of photographic equipment, a lot of documentation equipment inside their vehicle."

Officials say the five men entered the country legally on visas from Heathrow Airport in London. They didn't immediately know how long the men have been in the U.S., or what places they may have visited.

[CLICK HERE for Photo Gallery from the Scene](#)

Officials immediately blocked off a two square block area of downtown San Antonio around the Courthouse, and bomb sniffing dogs fanned out throughout the building. About two hours later, the streets were reopened, indicating nothing dangerous was found in the building.

"They are going to be held for interrogation by the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the joint terrorism task force," the law enforcement source said.

The men are described as in their early twenties. One law enforcement official said the men told him they climbed to the fourth floor of the courthouse at 2AM "to get a better view of the city."

There is a military intelligence convention underway at the city's Convention Center several blocks away, with top intelligence officials including White House officials set to speak, but investigators didn't say whether there was any connection.

Investigators were tight lipped about the incident this morning.

"All that, coupled with the fact why they can't explain why they are in the building at 1:22 in the morning raises questions," the law enforcement officer said.

**If you need inspiration to start training, look no further. It seems the media has down played this. It seems the least our government should do is to inform the citizens of this country as to what they have found.**

**I believe that educating the citizens is critically important in these types of situations. The common man or women can be more vigilant in their day to day life and report suspicious incidents such as the one above.**

**Next, Chiefs and Sheriffs should make Active Shooter Response Training a yearly occurrence instead of once every 5-6 years to check the block. Most agencies spend more time with affirmative action and cultural sensitivity classes than preparing their officers and deputies to be tactically and technically proficient.**

**Finally, it appears these individuals have slipped through our State Department, TSA and the rental agency who rented them the RV. Our southern border is an open flood gate for these types. Our President is crippling our country from within, allowing "cells" like this to recon their future targets. Thank God these were some bungling morons. They probably only took pictures of our water reservoirs so they could figure out where to jet ski in the future. I wonder how many Americans go abroad and break into foreign court houses and do the same. I have never heard of it....**

### **TRAINING:**

#### **Tactical Pistol Instructor Course Review**

We just completed a six-day Tactical Pistol Instructor course and I wanted to capture my AAR comments before I moved on to other projects.

The course is geared to move an experienced shooter to instructor levels with the following course flow:

**Review CSAT Pistol Standards**

**Qualify**

**Run Line of 1-24 Students and Instructor Students**

-Score Sheets

-Timers

-PA System

**Shooter Development**

**Teach a block of instruction to new students to include live fire demos**

**Rehearse all of the above**

I have never believed in a 3 day “shake and bake” instructor course as I believe they are a quick way for some trainers to make a buck and an even easier way for someone to punch a ticket and claim to be an instructor with no skill set. I want students to learn a new system, prove they can shoot it and then effectively teach it.

The six-day course is long and grueling on both instructor students. Figure on days starting around 0700 and getting finished around 2100.

**Problems and solutions:**

If you are coming to the instructor course, I strongly suggest you buy my Tac Pistol video and start practicing, probably 3-6 months out. You need to dry fire 2-5 times a week if not every day and live fire once every two-weeks or so. If you fail to prepare, shooting the standards will probably kick your butt and cause undue stress and ammo consumption. Don't just go to the range the week before and think you will get by, like you do with marginal department standards. It will not work at CSAT

Students who do not qualify, get a certificate of attendance and have a year to meet and pass the standards. The main problem I run into is trying to get students to pass the standards and this eats into my instruction time. I still have to teach multiple shooting drills and modules that the instructors will see again when they teach new students.

Instead of focusing on their assigned blocks of instruction and doing quality rehearsals, many are having to run to Wal-Mart or Academy to get more ammo and then spent time after class at night practicing and attempting to qualify. Passing the standards is just one hurdle in the class.

Students must also learn to run a line of 1-24 students, use timers, score sheets and the correct verbiage on the public address system. Learning to say more with less is crucial and takes practice. Building confidence can only be achieved by practice.

Next, instructors need to look at a shooter in 1-2 shots, evaluate them and make positive corrections in the student's shooting technique. Fix one issue at a time and clean up the student's fundamentals.

Handgun caliber is one big issue I see. Many agencies shoot the .45 ACP, but do not shoot a great deal and have marginal department standards. The .45 ACP requires perfect mechanics to master and execute multiple round drills. Many a shooter finds it too much for them to handle while learning/relearning the fundamentals. It compares to learning the basics of sword fighting with a big and heavy sword that is whipping your butt with every stroke. A lighter sword will allow you to learn all your body mechanics much more easily without all the added pressure of a heavy one distracting you from learning the fundamentals.

Bring a smaller and more manageable caliber for your skill set along with holsters and mag pouches. In fact, bring a second gun if you can and ammo for it if it is a different caliber. I have been nice in the past and helped out students with ammo to get by, but my ammo is not getting replaced. In the future, I will kindly let you know that Academy Sporting Goods and Wal Mart are open for business....

If you bring a 1911, bring two or three. Generally I have 90% of my problems with 1911's. One instructor student brought three, broke two and went to a Glock to qualify. If you want to shoot the 1911, go take Larry Vickers class first to learn how to operate and maintain the weapon. Otherwise there is a good chance they will choke on you in the class, especially if they are a Kimber. Kimber quality is hit and miss. The trigger job on one of the instructors Kimber 1911's went out at 2,000 rounds and it happened to be during the course.

### **My Internal Equipment Observations**

I have been shooting the G32 as my primary work gun for some time. I changed ranges for this class and we started on the LE range which has 24 points and is where we train the two-day class. Due to the drought, there is much sand on my grass ranges. After starting my demos, I had several failures to feed and magazines jamming with the .357 sig caliber. I cleaned my gun and stripped all the mags, cleaning them and replacing any springs that looked short. The next day I did more shooting and had the same problems to include a few demos during the student class.

What I found is that the .357 magazines are incredibly sensitive to sand. The bottle neck shape of the cartridge in the magazine will lock the magazine up with sometimes one trip to the ground. I immediately brought out my backup G19's as they fit all my holsters and mag pouches. I test the 9mm mags by dropping them into sand/talc type dirt and then covering them up with sand. I picked them up, shook the dirt off and depressed the top round a couple of times to anything out and then shot them without a hitch.

My best guess is that a “straight” case such as 9mm, .40, .45 will feed more reliably dirty than the .357 will. Knowing this, I will use my .357’s now for training and dry fire on “clean” ranges and then use my G19’s for demos/training with students. Knowing this, I would not take a .357 round into a sandy environment as you would have to constantly do maintenance on the mags to keep the gun running.

### **Conclusion**

The instructor class finished the course with 8 students completing and 3 receiving certificates of attendance. We had some great instructor students that did an outstanding job. They worked long hours helping their fellow students pass the standards. One instructor who works for a federal agency, took the time to put a dry fire power point together that can be used in a classroom environment with actual times and target sizes to help students dry practice at night.

The two-day student class went well with 24 students participating. While the students did not see any problems with the instructor class, there were a few bumps behind the scenes that were ironed out. The instructors did not get as much hands on time with the microphone or doing demos as I would have liked as I will jump in and do it if I see a glitch or see a problem with a demo. I stress that instructors need to do demos mechanically perfect and this takes rehearsal and prep. My goal is for the new students to have the best class of their life. My job is to see that it happens.

In the end, I want a top notch class over money or profit. In short, you will get more out of the instructor class if you start preparing now. The Tac Pistol Instructor is the most grueling and stressful class I teach. If you prepare, it will be the best learning experience and most rewarding you can put on your training resume.

### **RANGE UPDATE:**

I have sold a majority of my Sporting Clay machines to Cole Vardeman who is taking it over and running it as “Shooters Sporting Clays.” He is expanding the Shotgun club and will be opening it up to the public as certain times.

### **CLASSROOM/ LODGE:**

**NONE AT THIS TIME.....**

### **EQUIPMENT:**

**NONE AT THIS TIME....**

**HUNTING UPDATE:**









**Finally, No Respect....**

### **DVD's, Leadership and Training For the Fight/The Tactical Trainer**

The book out and available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) It also contains the “**The Tactical Trainer**.” I just received several copies and will look it over this weekend.

The original “**Leadership and Training for the Fight**” will be available exclusively through [www.authorshouse.com](http://www.authorshouse.com) for those wishing to purchase it.



The Rifle DVD is now out. If you are coming to either my Tactical Rifle or Pistol Instructor course, I would recommend buying the DVD, review it and start to shoot the drills and standards. The learning curve for the class will not be so steep.

We will be shooting 3 more DVD's in November. Advanced Tactical Pistol/Rifle, Exterior Movement and Weapon Safety.

**Finally, Skyhorse notified me that they have downloaded “Leadership and Training for the Fight” to the e-book format.**

### **READING/MISC. INFORMATION**

More books stacking up...

### **CLASS PAYMENTS**

**You will have a slot in the course when I receive payment for the class. In the case of an agency, when they officially request an invoice. I have had too many individuals not show up lately and I intend to put a stop to it.**

I would prefer you send a check as the credit card costs for processing are substantial.

### **IN CLOSING**

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Paul R. Howe