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2009 Tactical Conference and Videos from Tactical Response



Grabbing the “baby” and fighting his way to cover, Jeff Tinsley nails the hostile poppers.



Jeff Tinsley hammers away at multiple targets, dominant hand only, during the Standards stage.



With his “baby” safely stored in the trick cab (a novel approach!), Rob Pincus pounds the remaining hostile steel.



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Rangemaster’s April 2009 Tactical Conference was at the impressive United States Shooting Academy complex in Tulsa Oklahoma. Always a humbling and educational experience! Before beginning, I want to emphasize something that jumped out at me—shooting aftermath, are we prepared?

From Mas Ayoob’s excellent lecture “Shooting Incidents; Aftermath Management”: “Trainers who deemphasize dealing with the legal aftermath of a “justified” shooting are doing their students a disservice.” (“We teach you to survive, that’s all that counts.”) Lack of preparation/training can lead to justified shooters making inappropriate statements to arriving LE personnel, or becoming the shootee when unprepared to

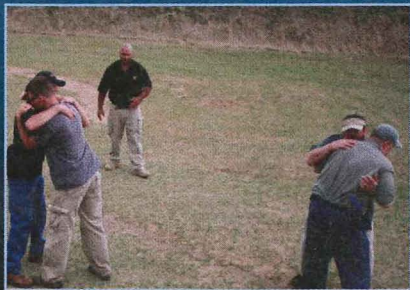
interact safely with the arriving officers. In that same vein, Marty Hayes discussed the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network, LLC, in which he, Mas Ayoob, and other notable luminaries are involved. ACLDN benefits include education, legal support, lawyer and expert referrals and assistance with legal fees.

Paul Gomez noted in “Immediate Treatment of Trauma,” generally, the “Platinum 10 Minutes” for someone injured in a violent encounter is long gone before the guys in the funny costumes with band-aids arrive. Arterial bleed-out can occur in less than five minutes, requiring Traumatic Injury training and a willingness to react.

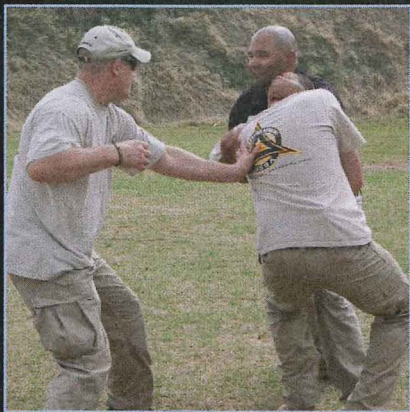
Everyone who attends the Conference looks forward to the challenging shooting scenarios, but using two-hour blocks the eighteen lecturers,

including Marty, Mas, and Paul, make this conference the not-to-be-missed event. Proof was the tongue in cheek request to reduce the number of lecturers to make choosing classes easier! (A number of attendees actually chose not to shoot the competition for more lecture time.)

That said, here is a quick overview of the primer poppin’ activities. Three outside stages included standards, with shots on multiple targets from 5 to 20 yards, a quick and dirty Dozier Drill on steel, and concluded with carrying a 30-pound baby to cover, engaging hostiles during and after the rescue.



USSA's Mike Brown watches as students work "In the Clinch" using the three Ps: Pace, Pressure, Position.

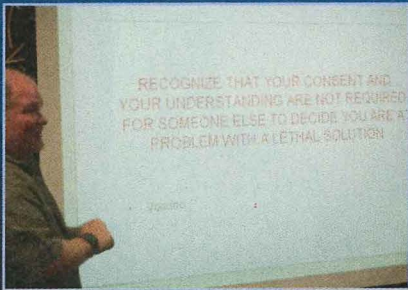


USSA's Mike Brown demonstrates one method to controlling multiple attackers using the three Ps: Pace, Pressure, Position.

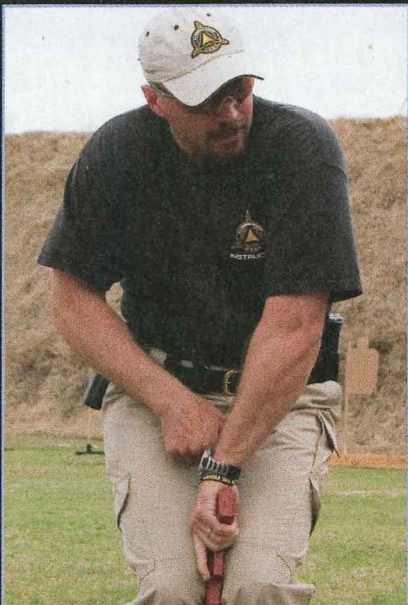
The scenario-based shoot house stage placed the participant in a Mumbai-style situation, with impending execution. All targets for this were John Hearne's excellent, reactive Hard Head Ted, clothed and identified by carrying AK-47s. (Non-threats were the same, without guns.) Exhilarating and exhausting—as well as humbling! (There was also a backup gun side match, with distances out to 15-yards, which I could not squeeze in).

Lecture subjects varied from primer poppin' to stretching the mind and those stretching muscles. In the first, were Steve Moses "AK-47 Battlefield Pickup," USSA's Mike Seeklander "Wounded Shooter Drills," T. J. Pilling "Tactical Shotgun," Will Andrews "Moving and Shooting Handguns," and Rob Pincus and Paul White "Combat Focus Shooting."

In the second, lectures were presented by John Farnam "Urban

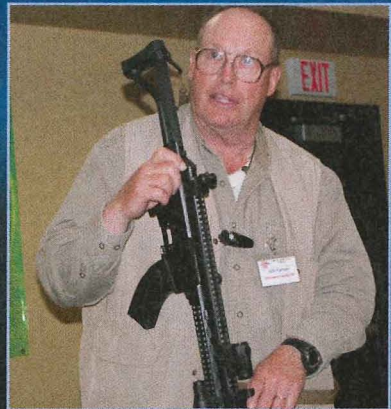


From William Aprill we learned good guys may not have anything to do with the instigation of a violent attack.

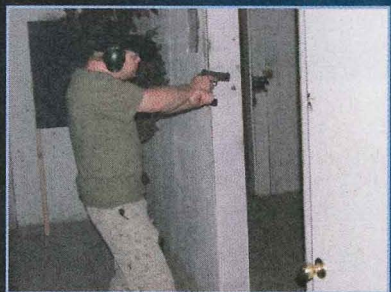


Mike Seeklander, COO of USSA, taught a challenging class on one-handed manipulation of the handgun.

Rifle: The AR and Alternatives," Glenn Meyer, Ph. D., "Modern Psychology and Firearms Usage," Rangemaster Instructors John Hearne "Newhall Massacre and Its Training Implications" and William Aprill "Violent Actors, Violent Acts: An Overview," Marty Hayes "Reducing Firearms Instructor Liability." Skip Gochenour "Criminal Psychology," and Hany Mahmoud "Islamist Terrorist Groups: An Overview," In the muscle stretching, Southnarc "Managing Unknown Contacts" and USSA's Mike Brown's "The Clinch," were actually part one and two of the same subject. The first is how to avoid someone getting too close, with the latter dealing with someone who got too close!



According to John Farnam, one alternative to the AR-15 for an urban rifle is the Robinson Arms XCR.



During a Mumbai-style situation in the 360-degree shoot house, with impending execution, William O'Bryant had to negotiate in low light to escape.

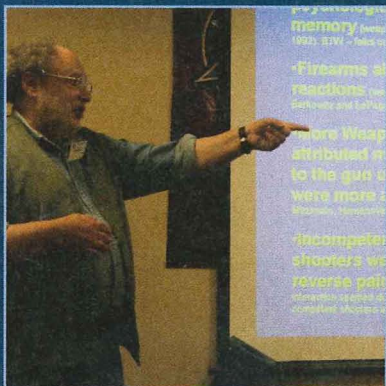


Director I.C.E Training, Rob Pincus demonstrates "Combat Focus Shooting" to a large and enthusiastic group of students.

Karl Rehn ran his always-popular Airsoft force on force training. Thinking, shooting, and interacting—doesn't get any better than that!

I could write thousands words on the lecture highlights! A few, though: **Aprill:** Gang members are easily "dissed" and unpredictable in their reaction. Reaction will usually be violent,

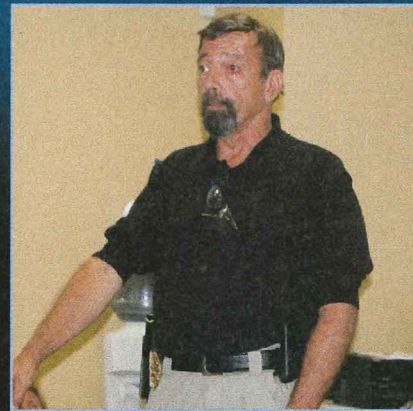
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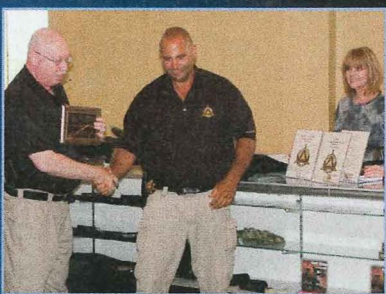
The effects of the type of firearms, their duration in front of the jury, and the competence of the shooter were discussed by Glenn Meyer.



Hany Mahmoud detailed the modern history of Islamic terrorists beginning with Hasan Al-Bana and the Muslim Brotherhood and with Osama Bin Ladin and Al-Qaida today.



Renowned instructor Mas Ayoob spoke about the obligation to train people to survive the aftermath of a shooting as well as the shooting.



Mike Brown received the award for the top shooter at the Conference.

sudden and non-stop. The "Check Look" many teach can be interpreted as a challenge, dealt with forcibly and immediately.

Meyer: Potential for the firearm type used to affect a jury's opinion is great and dependent on how long it is in front of the jury. Competent women and incompetent men are viewed harshest by juries!

Farnam: Leave the Aimpoint H-1



One of the secrets to Managing Unknown Contacts is constant movement and having the hands up as demonstrated by William O'Bryant.

on constantly, changing batteries annually. Rifle magazines should have one-half inch space when top round depressed.

Mahmoud: The overwhelming majority of Muslims do not believe in violence and terrorism, nor do they hate America. Terrorists, however, bastardize the religion, and reinterpret the Koran to match their own views to justify their violent acts and thus absolve themselves of their crimes. (I could do an article on this lecture alone!)

Do not miss the 2010 Tactical Conference at the USSA range!

Tactical Response Videos

In a previous column I reviewed a book by Tactical Response founder, James Yeager. Tactical Response (www.tacticalresponse.com) also produces quality instructional DVDs. Two, "Fighting Rifle" and "Fighting Pistol," bear the name of two famous

WHERE TO FIND THEM

Will Andrews
www.hgunrange.com

**Armed Citizens
Legal Defense Network, LLC**
www.armedcitizensnetwork.org

Massad Ayoob
www.ayoob.com

Paul Gomez
www.tacproshootingcenter.com

John Farnam
www.defensetraining.com

Skip Gochenour
www.teddytactical.com

"Hard Head Ted"
(targets)
www.dvctargets.com

Marty Hayes
www.firearmsacademy.com

Hany Mahmoud
www.northtexasactical.com

Steve Moses
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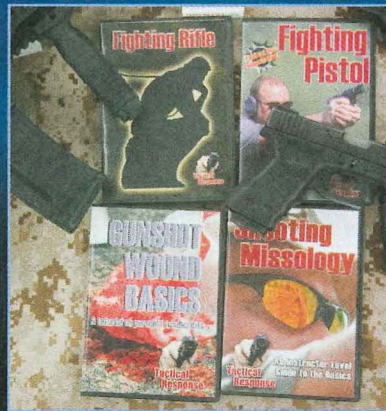
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In addition to discussing Instructor Liability, Marty Hayes also presented info on the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network.



Entertainment at the end of the Tactical Conference was provided by Andy Stanford of SureFire.



Videos from Tactical Response are very well produced, contain a bounty of information and are easy to watch.

courses offered by TR, and not surprisingly, cover some of the material from the courses. (Disclaimer: No video can TEACH everything a course can. Seek competent instruction.)

The courses are intense, and these videos impart that feeling, as

well as some of the humor James is known for. I believe the videos are good preparation for those who have mastered the basics of shooting and are contemplating the TR courses or want to move toward the next level of handgun or rifle use.

“Shooting Missology” is another

excellent video for a first or refresher exposure to the basics of shooting. The final video, “Gun Shot Wound Basics” is a good intro to immediate traumatic injury care. James does a great job on all the videos. These are worth the price of admission! **GW**