



EDC Pistol Training News

Every Day Carry training to safely and effectively save lives

Quote of the Month

"If we could just bring ourselves to think of human beings as individuals rather than as members of groups, a good portion of the world's sorrow could be averted." - Jeff Cooper

"Fear ought to be classified as stealing, for fear alone will steal from you all things in life that you were supposed to have." - Scot Spooner

Course Updates

Tim Herron returns March 2022. Check out our website for details and to enroll.

July 17, 2021 | EDC Practice Event @ HTC | 08:00 to 12:00

We continue to offer private 1:1 and small group courses, tailored to your needs.

EDC Pistol Competition

Congratulations to Mike G., winner of May's \$250 cash prize for finishing first place.

Involving three very challenging 50 round courses of fire, it took the entire morning to work through. Using steel, 3" circle paper targets, and the Rangemaster Qualification paper target, we adapted evaluations from Mid-South and Rangemaster, topping it off with our own EDC performance test. Gun handling proved as important as marksmanship as we put the shooters through the paces with specialized inert and T3 trainer ammunition mixed in with live.

Feedback was so positive, that we will be offering a non-competition SUSTAINMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE ONLY version every month, cycling through different time proven drills, evaluations, and qualifications.

Our next event is July 17th from 08:00 to 12:00 at Homestead Training Center. Enroll on-line.

Home Defense

I've lost track of how many times I've been asked "what gun do you recommend for home defense? You know, in case a group of armed bad guys breaks in at 2am in a home invasion and I have to engage in a gun fight to protect my family."

Knowing that the person asking me this won't listen to me until I first answer this immediate question, I let them know my first choice is a suppressed short barreled AR-15 (that's two NFA stamps folks) with a powerful weapon mounted light and

frangible ammunition such as Hornady Urban TAP. I then get into the WHY, and remind them about some very basic tactics including managing their “area of denial.”

I usually field questions about shotguns and various loads (another great option), and where the handgun fits into the equation. From there, the conversation moves to the challenges of securing their children with their single family home’s split floor plan pitting the master and kids’ rooms on opposite sides of the house.

When we are done I see furled eyebrows and the person deep in thought trying to figure out all the moving parts involved as they begin to realize for the first time just how incredibly dangerous it is for everyone involved to engage in a gunfight inside your home with your family present.

It’s at this point, that I feel I’ve earned the right to tell them the correct answer to their question: instead of focusing on what gun to buy, I redirect their energy on PREVENTING the problem to begin with by hardening their home’s perimeter to stop a breach long enough for them to get into position of advantage and to summon help.

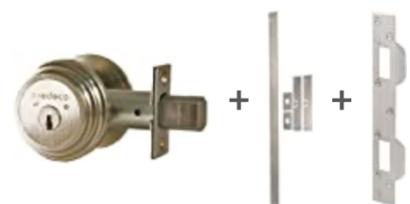
By far the best option is to invest in hurricane impact doors, windows, and commercial grade dead bolt locks. **Doing so will buy you at least 45 minutes of time before a breach.**

The benefits of impact windows and doors are many:

- ◆ Secures your home’s perimeter from a man made breach.
- ◆ Secures your home’s perimeter from a weather made breach.
- ◆ Reduces your electric bill.
- ◆ Reduces outside noise/sound.
- ◆ Lowers windstorm insurance premium.
- ◆ Increases the resale value and marketability of your home.
- ◆ Peace of mind when asleep, away, or when the kids or wife are home alone.

Impact windows and doors alone, however, are not enough. We need to couple these with commercial grade locks with extra deep dead bolts and reinforced plates. Personally, I’m a fan of the 6 pin **Medeco** locks.

The fact is the only way someone is breaching this setup in less than 45 minutes is if they are using explosive breaching, specialized ballistic breaching, or a K-12 saw used by Fire Rescue . . . and if someone is breaking in using these devices you probably have bigger problems!





Not everyone can spend \$20,000 to \$30,000 on impact windows, doors, and commercial grade locks. Moreover, not everyone resides in a single family home where they can do what they want. While we totally understand those constraints, there are alternate solutions.

First, instead of impact windows you can have a professional apply 3M Security Film. This is a fraction of the cost of impact windows, typically - \$3,000 for the whole house with installation. Moreover, this 3M film offers all of the same benefits of impact windows, except the sound reduction and the insurance discount as insurers don't recognize film even though properly installed film does the same job at protecting against natural breaches.

Regrettably, the doors (which include the door frames by the way) still need to be impact and the locks still need to be commercial, so plan on another \$1,500 to \$1,750 per door with locks. Still, this alternative gets you a secure perimeter at a fraction of the "best" option.

Whatever you decide, preventing a deadly situation is always better than having to respond to it under the worst of circumstances.