



EDC Pistol Training News

Every Day Carry training to safely and effectively save lives

Quote of the Month

Q: "Why do you carry a gun?"

A: "Because I may need to shoot someone."

- Tom Givens

Course Updates

EDC Skills Weekend is here!

Open enrollment Care Under Fire (May 1) and/or Force on Force (May 2) at ForceCenter Training Complex. **We supply the ammunition and gear, so there's no excuses!**

8 student limit per course, so enroll now.

<https://www.edcpistoltraining.com/edc-skills-weekend>

Also, check out our AAR on the Tim Herron Practical Pistol Performance class we hosted last month. **Tim returns March 2022** to deliver a 2 day Practical Pistol Performance course.

Vehicle Kit

In 2017 I had the opportunity to help save a life on I-95 in Broward County. Out of that event, I learned what worked and what didn't work in terms of critical equipment I kept in my vehicle. This month I'm going to share how I roll today.



Believe it or not the most overlooked yet important item in my kit is a tire pressure gauge. If there's anything we learned from the 2000 Ford Explorer - Firestone debacle, it's that too many drivers don't check tire pressure often enough. Proper tire pressure maximizes grip for handling and braking, optimizes fuel economy, reduces road noise, provides a comfortable ride, and extends tire life. Once a month when the tires are COLD, I take just a few minutes to make sure my tire pressure is set to the manufacturer specs located in the door jam.

The next item is a glass hammer. Like many folks, I purchased this with the intent of extricating myself from a submerged vehicle event, but I ended up using one of these when helping to save

that life on I-95. The lone driver was completely passed out, doors locked, engine still running and in gear. Had she taken her foot off the brake she would have driven right into 80 MPH traffic. Using this device I broke a window, unlocked the door, entered the vehicle, put the car in Park, and turned it off . . . all while she had the other foot on the gas and had the tires smoking ready to take off!



Next up is an HT radio programmed for, among many other things, SARNET. For those of you not into amateur radio yet, SARNET is a network of 37 hardened microwave analog repeaters in Florida with power backups. This system is a collaboration between private repeater owners, FDOT, and our state Emergency Operations Center. SARNET enables statewide real time communication when the mainstream infrastructure is down. You can do everything from summon help, give status reports, or pass along messages. I have my radio programmed for all 37 repeaters so no matter where I am in Florida I have communication.

Next up is a Boo Boo kit for every day minor cuts, burns, stings, and headaches, followed by my IFAK. In the IFAK is a staged CAT Gen7 tourniquet, shears, sharpie, chest seals, multiple rolls of gauze, an Israeli bandage, gelatin packets, space blanket, and a decompression needle. One important reminder: none of this medical gear is useful if we are not trained how to use it under pressure.

Now I know some readers have been waiting to find out what the pin and spoon lever smoke grenade is for. Why would we want this? Truthfully, we would never want to find ourselves in a scenario where we had to use this: an unexpected encounter with a violent flash mob that slashed our tires, and after driving as far away as we could until our vehicle became disabled, we now need to move on foot. This is a worst case scenario situation where having a distraction and some concealment might be helpful.



Finally, I replaced my old school jumper cables with a new school NOCO device that is a self contained battery jumper as well as an electronic device charger. Not only does it do more than jumper cables, but it's very compact and easy to store.



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