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Our new year has started with getting all our equipment up :

We reconditioned the equipment and connex box damaged by the last series of fire. This was not much of a party, trust me. Our son's Jeremiah, Jordan and Spencer worked shoulder to shoulder to get the job done. Bill Lander and his two sons and Ray Komoorian have started the bases and anchors of the new mover. It will be greatly improved and more efficient than the last mover that they built, which by the way, ran for over eight years in sterling fashion and was used to train tens of thousands of shooters from all over the world. We are looking forward to it and the differing evolutions we will be able to run that heretofore, we could not! I will tell you that once an airless paint sprayer is up and running it is very effective however; it takes forever to set up properly and more than forever to shut down and clean and properly recondition for the next time. Brett thought I was nuts for doing this and I'll have to agree once it was all said and done. This may be the end of my airless paint spraying career - **Scott**

Tactical Shotgun/Handgun *The Shotgun is one of the most effective weapons for home defense. This course, which will be offered only once this year, is perfect for those who want to master the shotgun and learn how to effectively transition between shotgun and handgun. Some of what we cover: Loading/ downloading Sighting in of shotgun at 25 yard, Groupings of Slugs, Patterning of buckshot, Speed reloads to tactical with birdshot, Metro 'Rolling Thunder' drill to alternate dry stage to sidearm. Discussion of weapons - dedicated versus non dedicated light systems for the shotgun, Discussion of historical shootings involving the use of the shotgun in low level light scenarios, Varied positional shooting techniques from standing to prone to modifications, Night time shooting with emphasis on unique problems of low level light engagements. Distance shooting to one hundred yards, Hostage resolution, One hand manipulation of shotgun, drills incorporating malfunctions, Select slug drills to offset holding for critical targeted areas, Shooting on the move, Barricade shooting, Multiple targets drills, Discriminatory target selection and a Shotgun/pistol qualification course. Don't wait to sign up at
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Courses Coming up Soon:

January 30-Feb 1	Tactical Shotgun/ Handgun
February 7-8	Defensive Handgun I
February 27-March 1	Active Shooter Course
March 7-8	2 Day Defensive Handgun III

August 2009 Course Schedule



Defensive Handgun II January 2009- Night Shoot



Advanced Handgun 2008



Some of the newly painted equipment

January 30-Feb 1	Tactical Shotgun/ Handgun
February 7	Private Instruction
February 7-8	Defensive Handgun I
February 27-March 1	Active Shooter – NEW
March 7-8	Defensive Handgun III – 2 day – NEW
March 21-22	*Vehicles Assaults/Stops
March 27-29	Tactical Carbine/Handgun
April 17-19	Advanced Handgun
April 18-19	Defensive Handgun I
April 24-28	Ultimate Integrated Force on Force
May 1	Private Instruction
May 2-3	Defensive Handgun II
May 2-3	Dynamic Entries
May 29-31	Sniper/Counter Sniper Course
June 5-7	Defensive Handgun III
June 6-7	Defensive Handgun I
June 13-14	Couple's class
July 10-12	Advanced Handgun
July 24-26	Tactical Shotgun
August 1	Krav Maga Summer Camp
August 2	Private Instruction
August 7-9	Active Shooter
August 8-9	Defensive Handgun II

Defense in the Aftermath by Scott Reitz

I cannot discuss active court cases that we are presently working on but I can discuss those that we've worked on in the past in a very general sort of discussion. While it may not be glamorous to talk about the aftermath of a shooting and all that is entailed therein, it is of utmost importance that any person who employs deadly force is fully aware of the consequences. The courts and the legal system allow for an individual to employ deadly force in direct protection of self and others. The ability to accurately articulate the facts of the case and the observations made by an individual so employing such force is of paramount importance. There will be an article on the art of articulation in my upcoming SWAT column Frontline Debriefs so watch for it. An otherwise effective and proper application of deadly force can all but be negated by the improper explanation of one's actions. I am continually dismayed at some purported 'Trainers' who advocate a shoot first and worry later approach to this subject. First...none of these and I mean none of these types, have ever set foot in a courtroom let alone ever testified on anything let alone testified as a deadly force expert. (There are very, very few of these that are out there that are truly legitimate. In fact I can count the number that I respect on one hand.) Each and everything that you have done in the field will be subjected to intense scrutiny over a protracted period of time and the amount of detail and the seemingly minute details that will be explored and discussed and probed is nothing short of eye watering. The crux of all this is of course, that opposing forces will attempt to show your actions in a most unfavorable light and can easily manipulate [through words] your actions to skew into their own personal agenda or viewpoint. The result of this of course is that you, the shooter, can suddenly find that your life has been turned upside down for actions that you may have felt were reasonable at the time that you applied them. This is why those representing you should be honest, effective and have legitimate use of force experts to defend you if so needed. It is always best to have representation in any of these cases if for no other reason than to effectively explain your actions in a manner that will stand up to the scrutiny of the law within a judicial setting. The laws and nuances of these laws are very, very complex which is why it takes years to work its way through the system and requires hundreds if not thousands of hours and pages of paperwork to explain out the actions of seconds in the field. The only cases we work on are those that we believe in and we are very selective in these cases. The results have always been positive and we in turn teach to avoid the mistakes made by others and at the same time, reinforce those positive actions which others have taken. This is not glamorous and certainly not the more enthralling of subjects but it is critically essential that shooters grasp the enormity of the application of deadly force. If you or anyone you know, have any questions or need of our assistance you can always contact us.

Looking Back on the LAPD- 'World's Largest Dope Seizure'

I'm going to jump a bit here and take this next story out of chronological order. In cleaning out the connex box I came upon a stack of newspapers from September 30 1989. There, on the front of the LA Times is none other than yours truly standing in the middle of 10 million in cash and 20 tons [yes tons, not pounds or kilos] of pure, uncut cocaine worth at the time...6 billion dollars. It is still the world's largest dope seizure ever. The story was also covered front page in every major newspaper across the country such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal etc. My partner Ken Thatcher and I and a couple of others from SWAT, received the call in the early morning hours and rushed over to secure the DEA's find in the San Fernando Valley. They had reason to believe that there would be an attempt by the cartels to retake what was rightfully theirs. The cocaine had originated in Columbia and then, wound its way up through South America and then into Mexico and ultimately found its way into Los Angeles, the snow capitol of the world. They use freight trucks with false fronts to smuggle the stuff. It was in an industrial warehouse site in Sylmar with no guards, only a simple lock on the front glass door and nothing more. It was the old adage of 'hide in plain sight.' I remember arriving at the location and going through the front door where there was a nondescript wooden desk, and inoperable phone (a prop) a picture of a nude Natasha Kinsky with an anaconda snake entwined around her and nothing more. We made one turn and there it was...tons and tons of cocaine stacked as high as we were tall and labeled with the names of US Presidents for distribution to various parts of the country. There were bags upon bags of cash in stacks of 20's and 100 dollar bills and it was everywhere. I remember calling a friend and saying:

"Hey ...you're never going to believe this."

"What."

"We've got a dope seizure of some cocaine."

"Is it a lot?"

"Well...yeah, you could say that."

We found out later that they used small people stripped down to nothing to stack the cocaine inside the false fronts all the way to the ceiling. They had been doing this for some time so this represented only a portion of the dope that had been coming in. There was so much cash that it flattened the leaf springs on the van that took it to the bank to count [which took two days by the way.] There were some other things that resulted from this seizure such as numerous homicides etc. and other details that may not be prudent for me to print but it was after all...one heck of a dope seizure.

How much is twenty tons of pure cocaine?

Equal to four circus elephants or...15 Toyota Celicas or...2 fully loaded LA Sanitation trucks. If stacked in one kilogram packages it would rise more than 7,500 feet in the air, almost 1.5 miles high which is half the height of Mount Whitney or 9 times the height of the First Interstate building or 16 times as high as LA City Hall! In short, it might, just might, supply LA for one, solid night of partying! As LAPD Chief Gates stated regarding the seizure, "This is going to bring tears to some peoples eyes."

I'm going to frame one of the copies and have it mounted inside the connex box for anyone with a curious bent towards just what 20 tons of cocaine looks like. So the next time someone tells me how they got a kilo of dope or even ten kilo's of dope etc. I'm just going to smile and say, "Well...let me tell you about..." and leave it at that. I'm pretty sure this is still the world's largest dope seizure ever and yours truly...was there to witness it. See L.A. Times article below!



Can you find Scott in the picture? Check out the smug-looking cop on the right with his hands on his hips!!!