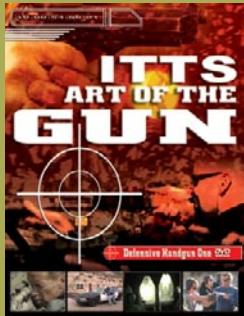


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### A Big Savings – Starting with the April Force on Force School

Dear Friends,

Due to economic conditions we realize that everyone is experiencing economic frustration on one level or another. To ease the situation for our students, ITTS, for an unspecified period of time, will be offering a 15% discount on all classes providing you sign up 30 days or more prior to the class. This allows us to better plan not only the class, but scheduling for additional instructors if necessary. Since you will not be able to pay online for these classes to receive the discount, you must email or call us at 310-471-2029 to sign up with a credit card or you can fax the credit card information to us at 310-476-4158. If you have questions or comments, email me at [itts@gte.net](mailto:itts@gte.net)

### Don't miss the Tactical Carbine/Handgun Class on March 27-29

We will have lots of great transition drills, Metro qualification course with pistol and rifle, new donga course, new mover with barricade and lots more! [http://www.internationaltactical.com/class\\_detail.asp?CSID=335](http://www.internationaltactical.com/class_detail.asp?CSID=335) to sign up. We like to hear from you so send us your suggestions and we will try to accommodate you. Email us at [itts@gte.net](mailto:itts@gte.net)

### April Force on Force 5 Day School – comes once a year and this year will be on April 24-28.

This unbelievably dynamic class covers the dual rail knife attack system, the new high speed mover, the new night time Donga trail, our brand new shoot house, an Obstacle course with multiple shooting positions, gun take-a-ways and weapon retention with Krav Maga, the re-creation and deconstruction of shootings with the students as the shooters and the witnesses, hostage rescue with emergency medical procedures, dynamic entries and room clearance with the head tactics instructor at the L.A.P.D. academy and much more. This class is the best we have to offer and you will come away from it with a skill level far beyond what you can imagine!!! If you reserve by March 24<sup>th</sup>, you will receive the 15% discount. [http://www.internationaltactical.com/class\\_detail.asp?CSID=346](http://www.internationaltactical.com/class_detail.asp?CSID=346) It comes only once a year!!! Don't wait to sign up and get the discount.

### Courses Coming up Soon:

March 21-22	<b>Night time Vehicles &amp; Problem Solving</b>
March 27-29	<b>Tactical Carbine/Handgun</b>
April 17-19	<b>Advanced Handgun Series</b>
April 24-28	<b>Ultimate Force on Force School 5 Day Class</b>

# August 2009 Course Schedule



Setting Poles for Shoot House



Our version of a 5/16<sup>th</sup> inch drill bit!

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
June 26-28	Active Shooter - <b>NEW</b>
July 10-12	Advanced Handgun
July 24-26	Tactical Shotgun
August 1	Krav Maga Summer Camp
August 2	Private Instruction
August 8-9	Defensive Handgun II

\*Law Enforcement only class

## The New Shoot House

We have sunk the poles for the new shoot house. It will be a simmunitions / airsoft engaging house only with a breaching door. (See photos to the left of the process!!) The new moving target system is better than it ever was and has points of engagement from 3 yards out to 160 yards. ITTS is constantly improving the equipment to ensure that you will receive the most benefit from your training with us. We have new shooting mats and while it may not seem like a big deal, this seemingly insignificant item allows us to run more comprehensive drills where such mats are utilized, without getting bruised from the rocky ground.

## L.A.P.D. Training Division by Scott Reitz

Brett and I recently went to the L.A.P.D.'s Training Division at the Davis Center to work with their firearms instructors. It was an instructor enhancement/development session of sorts where we shared our thoughts and techniques on the training and the methodologies thereof that Brett and I have honed throughout the years. Much of what Brett and I have accomplished in our training techniques has been from winnowing out the fluff and nonsense and getting to the point quickly and without any fanfare which in turn, makes for a better shooter in a much shorter period of time. We shared some of the more salient points of overcoming problems with certain shooters and techniques for 'connecting' with them on a more streamlined basis. Any student of ours has experienced these very same techniques although you may not have been aware of it at the time. You simply realized and could apply skill sets right from the 'get-go' so to speak, faster than anywhere else. So these were some of the instructional skills which we have polished throughout the years which we imparted to the Academy's staff. These are very good and solid men and women on the Academy staff who have the unenviable task of taking 60 plus recruits and getting them up to speed in firearms and tactics in just seven months before they are set loose on the streets of Los Angeles. This is a much harder proposition than it was back in my day when the average recruit class numbered between thirty and forty aspiring police officers. Basically - they have their work cut out for them.

When you teach a serious subject matter such as firearms and tactics and it is to a group of individuals who are going to place their lives on the line utilizing these very techniques then the commensurate responsibility that you, as an instructor shoulder is immeasurable. What you teach them must stand up not only on the streets but in court as well. Perhaps we will work with them again in the future as they are all very dedicated to improving the LAPD and turning out the best recruits they can. Both Brett and I wish them well and are very proud of them and we thank them for the opportunity to have worked with them. **Below are photos from the Academy!**



## Looking Back on the LAPD- Back in my Day

If you want to talk big game hunting then think Metro for crime suppression details. This undoubtedly was big game hunting at its finest. The rules are simple. The good guys try to catch the bad guys. You, the good guys, are fitted out (kitted out if you're from England or Australia) in a uniformed detail in an unmarked Ford, Crown Victoria model Police ride otherwise referred to as a 'plain wrap.' (An honest law abiding citizen might not recognize it as a police car but the plain paint scheme did nothing to fool the bad guys...absolutely nothing.) The bad guys - the dope dealers were known as 'juicers' in the case of P.C.P. or 'Rock Doctors' in the case of rock cocaine sellers and they were the quarry of choice. They know who you are and you know who they are. You stood out like a pimp in a convent while they on the other hand, had the uncanny knack of blending in with their surroundings. You have very little given to you relative to the ability to sneak up on them. They (the suspect's) whistle from blocks away when they first observe you and they possess an ocular acuity that the Hubble telescope could only dream of. Their hearing is nothing short of eye watering as apparently they can detect the slightest whistle from miles away despite the continuous din of the city's clamor and they can detect this whistle under any, and all conditions. Their speed (during foot pursuits) is just this side of a Cheetah and their ability to turn and jinx is about on par with that of a Gazelle. They know all the nooks and alleys and escape routes by rote memory. They are unencumbered with all the gear and body armor and wool uniform that you are and their footwear somehow, someway, gave them an advantage reminiscent of an Olympic track contender no matter what the condition or appearance of such footwear apparel might be. In other words - they hold full court advantage and somehow you have to make up the deficit by guile and cunning all the while staying within the strict guidelines of departmental policy and of course, the law. Your job is to catch these guys 'red handed' so to speak and with the evidence and attendant observations that will hold up in a court of law. Their mission is to simply elude you at all costs. This then, sets the playing field.

This is not by any stretch of the imagination an easy proposition. You cannot gun the engine as they will hear it and they're gone. Turn the corner too soon and they're gone. If you don't use parked, blocking cars for cover they spot you and they're gone. Back then we'd sometimes split up with one partner dropped off from the Metro ride while it was still moving to position yourself around the corner where you had a reasonable belief that the suspect would come running through when your partner jammed him with the Metro ride at some other point down the street. (They no longer do this by the way.) Sometimes we'd use two cars as we always ride two deep and one set of partners would position themselves on foot at various points while the other Metro ride did the jamming. It was a constant battle of wits, tactics and speed as to who eluded us and who did not. These suspects were not very nice people by the way. They terrorized neighborhoods, threatened the residents with death or injury to any and all that opposed them or cooperated with the police in any manner, and in general they made residing in these areas a living nightmare. They took over homes at will, ruled the streets with a vicious mentality and ruthless efficiency and we were the only ones that opposed them on their own ground. It was not just a simple felony arrest when you caught these guys - it was moral victory as well. We sought out felony arrests and only felonies arrests by the way. (A misdemeanor collar was downright embarrassing.) You wanted the case to stick, you wanted these guys put away and you really wanted the decent people who lived in the area to be able to live as they were supposed to be able to live. From time to time we'd get ovations from residents during SWAT warrants and sometimes we would receive ovations on these particular crime suppression arrests, when we'd catch the bad guys, who moments ago had been threatening not only them, but their family members as well. It was also very dangerous as you never knew just what the suspect's true and ultimate intent was at any given moment. Until you had them hooked up and in the back seat, anything could happen. Some were

armed and some were not but you never knew this until the proverbial moment of truth. We were all in shape, we were hard and fast and we worked out every day and yet even this - did not completely ensure that something could, and sometimes did go - terribly wrong. It was anything but a game. When you came around the corner, your heart rate shot up, you could feel yourself tense up as you opened the door and you started breathing hard in anticipation of whatever it was that was about to happen. All your senses were working on overload and it was no joke. Years later I look back on it and I now realize that anyone of these thousands of "jams" that we conducted in those days, could have been our last. They, the suspects, had nothing to lose – absolutely nothing - and that is what made them truly dangerous. When you're young I suppose you think you're infallible and somewhat bulletproof and perhaps it was this rather simple factor that gave us an edge on the street back then. You could not be timid nor could you be indecisive in any way, shape, or form in your actions. It was an all or nothing proposition from the moment you hit the streets. All of us back then were hard chargers and we'd try to outdo each other in the number of felony arrests for the watch. It also took about fifteen minutes for the word to get out on the street in whatever the particular division was that we were assigned to, that 'Metro was rolling.' This sometimes shut down the entire division and sometimes it did not as they just went deeper underground and were then harder to catch. Right after roll call everyone went directly to Code-7 which was lunch/dinner as you never knew just how insane the watch would get so it was always better to eat right at the outset. For a period of time in 'B; Platoon we were referred to as 'Swoop Dogs' presumably due to the fact that we 'swooped in' on them. We had nicknames such as 'Sherm Alley' (derived from the fact that Sherman cigarettes were used to dip into the PCP mixture) or McArthur (for Mac Arthur Park in Rampart or as we called it 'Rampage Division) etc. that denoted particular areas where the narcotics activity was at its highest and the most dangerous. I don't know if these days will ever be repeated but those of us that worked and lived through it together seem to always talk about it anytime we get together.

It was a different era, with different rules of engagement, and it all transpired in a much different historical time on the LAPD. It was big game hunting for only the very bad and very violent criminals and it was unlike anything that is ever likely to exist again.