

22nd Annual TCHA Conference

Class Descriptions and Instructor Bios

Low Light Defensive Tactics**, Friday, March 29th – Instructors Bob Rich and Austin Davis will cover in this course why low light training is so important; how the human eye and brain reacts in low light situations; common light measurement terms; the needed equipment; techniques for flashlight use; the five most common shooting flashlight techniques; and the principles of low light.

VR Training: Beyond the Target**, Friday, March 29th - In the split-second that a life-threatening incident occurs, will you be able to remain calm and react under pressure?

Join self-defense instructor and former police officer Austin Davis as he takes you through several scenarios designed to test your reactions in stressful situations. You will also learn about the 3 kinds of 9-1-1 calls and 5 things to tell law enforcement after a shooting.

The legal perspective of each scenario will be explained by Attorney Larry Bloomquist, an experienced Independent Program Attorney with [US Law Shield](#). This will help you navigate the legal aftermath of an incident.

Evaluating, Choosing, and Mastering Defensive Shooting Techniques**, Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th (both afternoon sessions) – There are a limitless number of different shooting styles and techniques out there. These days, it's easier than ever to gain exposure to a wide range of methods and philosophies. And it seems like everyone is telling you that their way is best. But how do you know which technique really is the best choice? Should you keep doing it the way you've been doing it, or is there a better way? Does this guy on YouTube really know what he's talking about, or is he peddling nonsense?

During this lesson, you'll learn how to critically evaluate various shooting and weapon handling techniques through the lens of effective self-defense. Using a simple set of criteria and evaluative measures, you'll be able to quickly determine which methods are worth learning, and which are rubbish. You'll also gain understanding of how to evaluate your overall skill set, and identify and fix your shortfalls. Among the topics you'll explore are:

- The proper way to think about a technique being “right” or “wrong”
- Four simple criteria that determine the quality of a method

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- The four types of defensive shooting techniques – and which is the most important
- The components of a complete defensive firearm skill set
- Using the Skill Development Cycle to improve your performance
- Measuring your own proficiency – and whether you are “good enough”

***Range Day**, Friday, March 29th (PM Shoot) or Saturday, March 30th (PM Shoot) – During the three-hour range session, you will focus on developing and improving an essential set of defensive techniques that ensure you can prevail in a self-defense shooting. Through a series of demonstrations, dry practice, and shooting exercises, you will deepen your understanding and abilities on the following topics:

- The two keys of defensive marksmanship that ensure you hit your target every time
- Improving your trigger control
- Balancing speed and accuracy under defensive conditions
- The five steps to a consistent presentation from the holster
- Primary and alternate defensive shot-placement strategies
- Simultaneously bringing the weapon onto target while moving

The session will conclude with two fun and challenging exercises that will test your speed, accuracy, and consistency.

****Note: Students may attend both sessions; however, each session will be \$20.00. Participation in each session will be limited to the first 15 paid attendees.***

Equipment required for range day activities:

- Reliable, modern semi-automatic pistol or revolver chambered in 9mm or larger. Semi-autos must have a barrel at least 3” in length. If you have questions about a particular pistol, please contact Guncraft at info@guncrafttraining.com.
- Minimum of 150 rounds of ammunition (per session). Factory ammunition is preferred but high quality reloaded ammunition is acceptable if you loaded it. Do not bring reloaded ammunition loaded by someone else as there is no way to assure safety and quality. Revolver shooters will need at least two speed loaders and semi-auto shooters will need three magazines.
- A good quality, strong side belt holster on a sturdy belt is required. The holster must remain open and not flatten when the gun is withdrawn. The gun's trigger guard must be completely covered when in the holster. A

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Kydex or reinforced leather holster is recommended. No Serpa, cross-draw, shoulder holsters, or appendix carry holsters.

- Speed loader or magazine pouches are recommended to hold spare ammunition.
- Suitable outdoor clothing and comfortable shoes as well as a brimmed cap.
- Hearing protection. Electronic hearing muffs or plugs are highly recommended.
- Eye protection with side protection.
- Water will be available, but bring your Gatorade or other drink if you like.

➤ ***Parts of the road at the range are rough and could pose a problem for low clearance vehicles. Please plan accordingly.*** ⚡

Lessons Learned From Watching 15,000 Gunfights**, Saturday, March 30th – John Correia has watched and analyzed over 15,000 real-life defensive encounters caught on surveillance video as part of his work at Active Self Protection. In this presentation he gives the 22 most significant lessons he's learned in that endeavor!

Stop the Bleed: Save a Life**, Saturday, March 30th – Injury results from a wide variety of causes, including accidents or intentional harm, and in a wide variety of locations, such as your home or workplace. It is important that as many people as possible survive their injuries if they sustain trauma. Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. The greater the number of people who know how to control bleeding in an injured patient, the greater the chances of surviving that injury. You can help save a life by knowing how to stop bleeding if someone, including yourself, is injured. Major Jeffrey Mott, USA, Retired will be teaching you the various ways to control bleeding, whether you only have your two hands to use or whether you have a full trauma first aid kit available to you.

Pros & Cons Of The Various Defense Guns**, Saturday, March 30th – Every type of popular defensive handgun has its good points and its bad points. Sheriff Jim Wilson will discuss with the class the good and the bad with the idea of helping you select the defensive handgun that most fits your needs.

Understanding the Threat**, Sunday, March 31st – John Guandolo will detail the Islamic and Marxist threats to the U.S. and specifically in Texas and what is to be done about it at the local/state level.

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About the Instructors:

Bob Rich is a Manufacturer's Rep in the shooting sports industry, and he has represented such well-known brands as Surefire, Springfield Armory, Mossberg, Weatherby, H&K, Sig Arms, Trijicon, Zeiss, Leica, and Swarovski. He is an NRA Certified Instructor in several disciplines, an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, and a Texas License to Carry Instructor. Bob is a graduate of multiple classes at Thunder Ranch, Gunsight, Oregon Firearms Academy, Combative Weapon Solutions, and Arrowhead Firearms Training, and he has trained with notable instructors such as John Farnam and Travis Haley. In 2009, recognizing the need for defensive firearms instruction beyond the level prescribed by the state, Bob founded [Delta Red Training Group](#). Classes such as Defensive Handgun, Defensive Carbine, Tactical Shotgun, Low Light Tactics, and Long Range Precision Rifle are offered by the staff of Delta Red Training Group at his range near San Saba, Texas.

Austin Davis is a former Police Officer with over 20 years as a law enforcement trainer, as well as a former professional comedian. As owner and CEO of [DavisSeminars.com](#), [Kangaroo Carry, LLC](#), and [Virtual Tactical Academy](#), he has instructed more than 2500 crime prevention seminars and observed over 2000 students in 10's of thousands of virtual reality use of force scenarios. Mr. Davis is currently licensed as a Texas LTC instructor and NRA instructor. He is a past director of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association. Mr. Davis is also certified as a Virtual Reality Use of Force Master Operator/Instructor through TI and Laser Shot and a Low Light Instructor, Levels I & II, through the SureFire Institute.

Larry Bloomquist is a Board Certified Criminal Defense attorney, who has over ten years of experience. Mr. Bloomquist is a former Assistant District Attorney and prosecutor. He was nationally recognized by the National Association of Prosecuting Coordinators for work involving intoxicated drivers. He has tried over one hundred jury trials, including many high-profile murders, sex crimes, and gang related crimes.

Born in Denver, Colorado he grew up in Wyoming. Mr. Bloomquist obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army. After leaving the Army, he attended the University Of Wyoming College Of Law, in Laramie Wyoming. After passing the Texas bar examination and becoming a licensed attorney, Mr. Bloomquist went to work at the Law Offices of Gary Green in Austin, Texas representing Texans in civil matters. He then became a prosecutor. Mr. Bloomquist has served as an Assistant District Attorney for Caldwell County in Lockhart, Texas, an Assistant County Attorney for Guadalupe County in Seguin, Texas, as an Assistant District Attorney for Hays County in San Marcos, Texas as well as the 1st Assistant District Attorney for Guadalupe, Gonzales and Lavaca Counties. In 2011 The Law Office of Larry Dean Bloomquist was founded in San Antonio, Texas with the goal of providing the best defense to ordinary people charged with serious crimes.

Aaron Marshall has two combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and is currently a captain in the US Army Reserve. Aaron has trained with multiple weapons systems, from handguns to grenade launchers and heavy machine guns. He has been a firearms instructor, in both military and civilian contexts, for over 12 years. Aaron is the Executive Administrator for [Guncraft Training Academy](#).

Jamie LaBarbera is a former police officer for the Fremont and Oakland police departments. He was also a senior training specialist for the California Motorcycle Training Program, and is a

licensed private investigator. He is a POST-certified and NRA Law Enforcement certified firearms instructor. He is the Training Coordinator for [Guncraft Training Academy](#).

John Correia is the founder and owner of [Active Self Protection](#). If you know John, it's probably from his teaching of defensive principles through the Active Self Protection YouTube channel. The channel currently has over 1.2 million subscribers and garners 20-30 million views a month, making it regularly the most viewed firearms or self-defense related channel in the world. His ability to educate people in all walks of life in keeping their family safe from criminal violence comes from his decades of experience and dedication to learning and teaching.

He has been married to his wonderful wife Laura for 23+ years and has 4 children, 2 of them grown and married.

John is an honorably discharged veteran, having served for just under 8 years in the US Navy. He served with distinction as an Electronics Technician (Nuclear qualified) and left the service as a Petty Officer First Class (E-6). His time in the military, while very valuable, did not teach him anything meaningful about self-defense.

John started being very interested in self-defense in 2006 when he was working in retail while going to graduate school. He ran a video game store and when the XBOX360 and PS3 came out, managers of stores were getting hurt for consoles. He decided at that time that he wasn't going to be one of them and got his CCW in Arizona so that he could carry a firearm as well as training in empty-handed skills.

As a conscientious citizen, John set out to train to be proficient with both to the very best of his abilities. That has involved group classes and private instruction with some incredible people who are too numerous to name. He has trained in both armed and unarmed self-defense continuously since 2006. He is certified by the NRA, Rangemaster, Shooting-performance.com, and the Sig Sauer Academy, as well as the state of Arizona in several pistol disciplines, and currently holds a 12-year earned black belt in a derivative of Kenpo known as UMAS and teaches martial arts nationally and internationally.

Teaching is the core of John's competence, which began in his time in the Navy when he trained personnel in all manner of naval operations. He has a master's degree in a communication field (MDiv in Biblical Communication, Phoenix Seminary, 2006) and has taught at the undergraduate and graduate level for 9 years at accredited institutions as well as teaching multiple times a week as an ordained pastor since 2003. His specialties as a professor included curriculum design, classroom management, assessment of learning outcomes, and maximizing learning modalities. As a full time vocational pastor for over a decade John's passion was to help others learn the craft of teaching and mentorship. John left full time vocational ministry in 2018 to focus on Active Self Protection full time.

John is a perpetual student and seeks to be a learner, rather than the teacher, and is in class a minimum of 200 hours a year between empty-handed and firearms-related classes.

Major Jeffrey Mott, USA, Retired enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1983. In the fall of 1986 he transitioned to active duty as a private first class where he attended his combat medic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, starting a long career in military medicine. He went on to become a Special Forces Medic (18D) where he was assigned to 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Devens, MA. In 1994, he was accepted into the Army Physician Assistant (PA) program,

graduating in 1996, followed by a four year tour as an infantry battalion PA in the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI.

In June 2000, Maj. Mott, USA (Ret.) was transferred back to the Special Forces Command as a physician assistant and assigned to 3rd BN, 5th Special Forces Group, the lead element during the initial invasion of Afghanistan after Sep. 11, 2001. His unit's accomplishments were recently recognized in the Hollywood movie "12 Strong". He went on to specialize in orthopedics after completing a one year fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA. In 2005, he returned to Special Forces Command and was once again assigned to 10th Special Forces Group at Fort Carson, CO. During this final assignment, he participated in two combat tours in Iraq to include one as the chief medical advisor to the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Forces and the Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF) Commandos.

In June 2008, Maj. Mott, USA (Ret.) retired after 25 years of military service, but continued to serve as an instructor in Tactical Combat Casualty Care for the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston, TX. In early 2014, after earning his doctoral degree, he transitioned to civilian academia as an assistant professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center Physician Assistant Program in Fort Worth, TX.

Sheriff Jim Wilson is a native Texan who was born in Austin and raised in San Antonio. For nearly 30 years, he served as a Texas Peace Officer in Denton and Crockett Counties. In 1988, he was elected Sheriff of Crockett County (Ozona), Texas, and served in that capacity until his retirement from law enforcement in 1996.

Wilson began writing for gun magazines while he was still Sheriff of Crockett County. In short order, Wilson was selling articles and columns to Guns & Ammo and Handloader magazine (Wolfe Publishing Co.). About 1995, Jim began an exclusive association with Shooting Times magazine and its parent company, Intermedia. He was handgun editor for the magazine and wrote Gun Smoke, the popular backpage column.

In 2008, Wilson severed his relationship with Shooting Times and Intermedia. Almost immediately, he was contracted to work for NRA Publications. He currently writes the "Straight Talk" column for Shooting Illustrated, and does features stories for Shooting Illustrated, American Rifleman, and American Hunter magazines. His work is also featured in Handloader magazine and other publications by Wolfe Publishing Co. In 2008, Wilson also began doing a regular segment on the NRA's "American Guardian" TV show and is often featured on the other NRA TV shows that air on the Outdoor Channel.

Additionally, Sheriff Wilson began playing folk and country music while he attended Texas Christian University, in the 1960s. In May of 2002, he released his first album, *Border Bravo*. In November 2003, *Border Bravo*, received the award for "Best Traditional Album" from the Western Music Association.

John Guandolo is the Founder of UnderstandingtheThreat.com, an organization dedicated to providing strategic and operational threat-focused consultation, education, and training for federal, state and local leadership and agencies, and designing strategies at all levels of the community in order to defeat the jihadi threat.

Mr. Guandolo is a 1989 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who took a commission as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. He served with 2d Battalion 2d Marines as an Infantry Platoon Commander in combat Operations Desert Shield/Storm. From 1991-1996, he served in

2d Force Reconnaissance Company as a Platoon Commander, Assistant Operations Officer, and the unit's Airborne and Diving Officer. During this time, he also deployed to the Adriatic/Bosnia. He served for one year as the Unit Leader for the CINC's In-Extremis Force, directly reporting to a Combatant Commander in a classified mission profile. Mr. Guandolo was a combat diver, military free-fall parachutist, and a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.

In 1996, Mr. Guandolo resigned his commission in the Marine Corps and joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), serving at the Washington Field Office. From 1996-2000, he primarily conducted narcotics investigations domestically and overseas. In 2001, he served for one year as the FBI Liaison to the U.S. Capitol Police investigating threats on high-level government officials. Shortly after 9/11, Mr. Guandolo began an assignment to the Counterterrorism Division of the FBI's Washington Field Office developing an expertise in the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic Doctrine, the global Islamic Movement, and terrorist organizations including Hamas, Al Qaeda, and others.

In 2006, Mr. Guandolo was designated a "Subject Matter Expert" by FBI Headquarters and created and implemented the FBI's first Counterterrorism Training Program focused on the Muslim Brotherhood, Islamic Doctrine, and the global Islamic Movement. This course was hailed as "groundbreaking" by the FBI's Executive Assistant Director in a brief to the Vice President's National Security Staff. For his efforts, in 2007 Mr. Guandolo was presented the "Defender of the Homeland" Award by U.S. Senators Jon Kyl and Joseph Lieberman on behalf of the Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Guandolo served on the Washington Field Office SWAT team for over nine years and as its Team Leader for three of those years. He was a certified Undercover Agent, a Nationally Registered Paramedic, a First Aid Instructor, and served as an FBI "Advanced Capability Medic." His career included significant overseas travel to include many areas of Africa, Southwest Asia, Europe and elsewhere.

After his FBI career, Mr. Guandolo conducted Strategic Analysis on the Global Islamic Movement for the Department of Defense. Currently, Mr. Guandolo advises governments - U.S. and others - on matters related to National Security, specifically the threat from the Global Islamic Movement. He actively briefs and teaches members of Congress, senior military officials, law enforcement, the intelligence community, key community leaders, and others. Mr. Guandolo served as an adjunct instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College and instructed at the U.S. Army War College.

Mr. Guandolo is currently a Special Deputy Sheriff in Culpeper County, Virginia. He frequently appears on television and radio, and regularly publishes articles related to these matters in a number of media outlets.

Mr. Guandolo is the co-author of *Shariah – The Threat to America*, the first comprehensive book on the enemy threat doctrine, and the author of *Raising a Jihadi Generation* (September 2013) which details the Muslim Brotherhood's jihadi support network inside the United States. His website is www.understandingthethreat.com.