



## Legislative Update: Florida Responds To High School Shooting

It's been a tough two months for pro Second Amendment advocates. The horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL was just the crisis that gun control advocates needed to ramp up their calls for more restrictive legislation.

Indeed, we have reached a fever pitch where many who oppose the Second Amendment are now publicly calling for its repeal.

Florida passed its new firearms law in a flurry of emotion, responding to the impassioned call to "do *something*." The resulting hasty legislation changed the age eligible to purchase long guns (rifles or shotguns) from 18 to 21. (Mind you, 18-year-olds still have to register for selective service and can still join the military and fight for their country. They are also still eligible to vote.) It also upgraded the three-day waiting period from handguns *only* to *all* firearms.

The bill, signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott, allows for the voluntary arming of certain school employees after adequate training, and the hiring of retired law enforcement officials for protection of school grounds. Armed employees must first undergo 12 hours of diversity training.

It further allows law enforcement to seize an individual's firearms if he/she makes a "credible threat" against another person (no word as to who will determine said credibility.)

It expands mental health services to students and allows

law enforcement to confiscate firearms from anyone "subject to involuntary psychiatric evaluation" and it prohibits gun sales to Floridians who were committed to a mental institution or deemed mentally incompetent by a judge.

The law also requires that records of firearms sales be available for inspection by any law enforcement agency during normal business hours (this was previously in effect, but only for handguns). It also bans the sale, manufacture, possession or gifting of "bump stocks."

The legislation further creates *The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission*, which will consist of five state Senators, five state Representatives and five individuals appointed by the Governor. The commission will investigate systemic failures that led to the Feb. 14 shooting spree and will study school violence in general and make specific recommendations on use of school resource officers, internal communications and coordination, and other areas, submitting a final report to the Governor, Senate and House no later than Jan. 1, 2019. *Now's the time to lobby the Governor to select commission members who understand firearms, respect the 2nd Amendment and will be voices of logic and reason.* He must select his five representatives by April 30.

The entirety of Senate Bill 7026 can be viewed [here](#).

You can contact the Governor's office [here](#)

## Pro Shop Profile: Handy Maglula Magazine Loaders

If you have arthritic thumbs or you just get frustrated trying to load your mags the old fashioned way, the Uplula is an answer to your prayers and a savior to your thumbs!

The Pro Shop at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum in Titusville, carries several variations of the universal pistol mag loader made by Maglula Ltd. With a manufacturers' suggested retail price of \$39.99, the Pro Shop offers all three variations for only \$34.95 each. Available are: the standard Uplula which can be used on 9 mm pistol mags up to 45 ACP; the Baby Uplula, which is for single stack .22 LR (without the side button) and .380 ACP; and the 22Uplula for double stack .22s.

The Israeli manufacturer prides itself on producing military grade products that reduce time and prevent the pain associated with loading and unloading magazines. The Uplulas also prevent damage to the magazine lips, therefore reducing weapon jams.

"They are by far the easiest and quickest aids to loading pistol magazines on the market today," says

Brent Shepherd, CFO of The Shooting Center, "even for people with physical limitations; and for female shooters with manicured fingernails, they're a dream!"



# Marksmanship Versus Point Index: Which is Best for Beginning Shooters?

By Paul Pawela

The debate rages between gun aficionados on how best to train beginners on the fine points of shooting a handgun.

Some trainers start out with the fundamentals of marksmanship, which include: 1). Steady hold; 2). Proper breathing; 3). Focus on front sight; 4). Practice rear sight alignment; 5). Gently squeeze (don't pull or jerk) the trigger.

Others favor starting with "point index" shooting training: 1). Crush grip on the gun; 2). Center line the gun into the middle of the body (low ready hold) and be looking over the sights as you bring the gun to eye level; 3). Shoulder and pelvis leaning forward in a good fighting stance with arms extended and locked; 4). When shooting begins never regrip the gun or lower it to see where your hits are...shoot 3-4 groups at whatever distance before verifying the target.

So...who is right?

Actually, they both are; but the marksmanship advocates often fail to inform new shooters that their methodology takes thousands of repetitions to create the muscle memory necessary to perfect the technique.

Point index shooting, on the other hand, takes 3-5 minutes to become proficient for personal defense purposes.

Marksmanship focuses on target shooting, while point index emphasizes shooting for self defense, which differs vastly from poking hole in paper on the range.

## Tactical and Target Shooting Very Different

I teach this method to new shooters because the handgun was designed for up-close self defense situations. Time and again, we find that what works well for target shooting bears little resemblance to a tactical personal defense situation.

One of my first shooting instructors/mentor was retired Command Sergeant Major Eric Haney, one of the original members of Delta Force and author of "Inside Delta Force," the book that inspired the television show "The Unit."

CSM Haney says that "pistols are a trade-off, trading range and accuracy for portability and concealability... Most shooting is based on methods used in target shooting -- staring at the front sight. Close range gun fighting is a world away from target shooting."

Consider that, in the majority of citizen-involved self defense shootings, most armed conflicts are at arm's length, versus 15 to 25 yards.

In a "fight or flight" situation, the body will instinctively react to a spontaneous crouch, while the next instinctive reaction is to subconsciously push away from the danger by creating distance. If armed, you will automatically crouch and extend your arms, placing the gun at eye level.

So why not practice this method even before you begin the basic marksmanship techniques? It will create confidence, which will lead into practical experience.



First-time shooter Mary Berghammer shows off her skill and timing, centering all her rounds well within body mass.

Historically, the fundamentals of marksmanship originated with rifle shooting. The theory was that, if armed with a rifle, one would have some distance, thus creating time to focus on proper breathing, front sight/rear sight alignment, and trigger pull. This is exactly the discipline needed for a competitive shooting match, where the goal is to become a distinguished marksman.

Unfortunately, this training is commonplace for handguns, as well., and it takes a significant amount of practice to fully master. In the process, new shooters often develop "target fixation" and are frustrated by the inability to consistently hit that little red dot.

## Method Works with One Hand or Two

The point-shoot method I prefer is the same whether you are shooting one-handed dominant, one-handed non-dominant or two-handed. In fact, I am so confident of this method that I often tell new shooters they will become self-defense proficient in five minutes or I will buy them a steak dinner. In over 6 years and 4,000+ students, I've yet to lose the bet!

I emphasize the one-handed shooting in case a student is faced with holding on to a loved one or dealing with an injured hand during a gun fight (a precious skill that law enforcement needs to practice more often.) By teaching students this instinctive shooting with one- and two-handed holds, they get good hits and begin to understand that bullseye means less than body mass.

And finally, we emphasize rapid fire because the point of a gun fight is to *stop the threat*, however many rounds are needed. When a new shooter can put every round inside the number 10 target ring, that leads to greater confidence. Marksmanship skills can come later.

Gunfighting is a world away from target shooting. If you own a gun for personal defense, why not train for the worst case scenario first?

To watch Paul demonstrate the techniques he has outlined in this article, click [HERE](#).

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# UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE SHOOTING CENTER - STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING

**April 14:** Florida Concealed Carry Class - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$40 - contact range@aphf.org

**April 15:** Introduction to Handguns - 1-6 p.m. \$50 three hours class time and two range. Great for beginners and those reconnecting with firearms. Can also qualify for Concealed Carry License. Two female instructors including Author of "The Handgun Guide for Women." To sign up, please contact assaultcountertactics@yahoo.com

**April 28:** CCW2 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$100 - featuring Royce Bartlett, host of *The Shooting Straight Radio Show* on WMMB. To sign up, please contact class@RTBA.us

**April 22:** 12:30-4:30 - Special Event for school teachers, administrators, volunteers, and staff: The School Defense Symposium is **FREE** and will cover: Dealing with emotionally charged people; Guns and shooters - what they are, what they aren't; training options; and active shooter scenarios - please contact assaultcountertactics@yahoo.com

**May 5:** Florida Concealed Carry Class - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$40 - contact range@aphf.org

**May 19:** Realistic Self Defense and scenario with specialized

force on force training - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$125 - To sign up, please contact assaultcountertactics@yahoo.com

To list your class here: email Tarae@aphf.org.

Check us out on [www.Shooting-Center.org](http://www.Shooting-Center.org)



## Gun Review: Putting the Sig Saur P365 Through Its Paces...

**Editor's Note:** Last month we featured a spotlight on the much-lauded P365 and this month a reader offered to give us her first hand opinion on whether this little gun lives up to its press.

By Gretchen Laiuppa

I ordered the P365 several months ago based on the reviews I read. It's a design that Sig came up with specifically to compete with the S&W Shield and the Glock 43. Sig says they took a 10 round magazine and designed the gun around it, but the style is suspiciously close to a miniature P320. It took Sig slightly more than two months to get the gun to our local dealer. You can expect to pay close to \$500.

The gun comes in a Sig box packed securely in foam. Two 10 round magazines are included. One is low profile and the other has a slightly extended grip at the bottom. If you have "man hands" you will be more comfortable with the slightly extended grip.

### Sig Holster

I purchased a Sig-manufactured holster at the same time, as well as two 12 round magazines. The holster arrived with the gun, but the two extra magazines remain on back order. The holster is an inside-the-waist band, appendix style, and is comfortable, and holds the gun securely. One notable feature is the tang on the rear edge of the holster with a really aggressive grip. The reason, I was told, is that it prevents the holster from canting forward or backward while drawing. As advertised the gun comes out perfectly straight and smooth. While at the range a friend with a Glock 43 hol-

ster tried it and it seemed to fit and draw equally well.

### Checking out the Gun

Getting home, I immediately took the gun out and cleaned it (after much urging from my husband and the Pros at B&H Police Supply.) Out of the box, the slide was a bit stiff, but seemed much smoother after removing the factory grease and re-lubing with Breakthrough.

The break-down is easy and similar to other Sigs. Getting it back together took a bit of a trick. The take-down lever doesn't always stay at 6 o'clock. If it rotates back to level, you will need to push the slide release up to get the take-down lever back down. It needs to be fully down in order to get the slide back on.



Next stop was the Shooting Center at the Police Hall of Fame for some range time. The feel of the P365 in your hand is solid and comfortable, despite its small size. The handle has ample texturing to provide good traction/grip. The slide also has grips fore and aft, for easy racking. Sight alignment is quick with a large green tritium night sight on front and two white dots on the rear. The trigger gives a

nice crisp break at a very reasonable pull (it felt like 3-4 lb). It also has a short trigger reset. The magazine release is in the perfect place for your thumb and it is low profile, just like the slide release. Out of the box, the slide release was set perfectly to release with minimal effort from your thumb.

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## Final Thoughts

Shooting the gun is exactly what you would expect from a 9mm Sig. Smooth slide operation, little recoil, and very accurate right out of the box. Shooting at 20 feet it easily groups within an inch and a half. A more experienced shooter picked the gun up and shot 4 shots rapid fire, at 25 feet, and all the holes were touching each other. My husband (a mediocre shooter) shot 1 inch shot groups, as well.

The sound is a little different probably because of the short barrel. More of a pop than a bang. I shot 100 rounds with no malfunctions, fail-to-feeds, or fail-to-

extracts.

All in all, I highly recommend the P365. A perfect carry conceal for the ladies (with no printing) and the guys, as well.

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**If you would like to write a gun review for a future issue of Home On The Range, please email [Tarae@aphf.org](mailto:Tarae@aphf.org). We welcome your inputs!**

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**Another Review:** To see a brief video review and demonstration of Glock's new Gen 5 Glock 19, click [here](#).

## Shooter Profile: Terry Benjamin...Warrior

*"If you always put limits on everything you do, physical or anything else, it will spread into your work and into your life."  
"There are only plateaus. You must not stay there, you must go beyond them." -- Bruce Lee*

By Paul Pawela

The word "warrior" means many things to many people. I have been privileged to know a great number of men and women who have earned the title; people who were tested to their very limits under fire.

Through my work at The American Police Hall of Fame and my own training company (Assault Counter Tactics), I meet many an inspirational and heroic person. But, every so often, I meet that rare individual who is so special, they motivate others through their inner strength, their positive nature, and their refusal to allow negativity to creep into their lives.

Terry Benjamin is just such a person. Terry, a resident of Rockledge, is no stranger to the American Police Hall of Fame or the Shooting Center located there, as he is both a member and a seasonal league shooter.

"A friend and I stopped by the range for some practice. Paul was working that day and I think he saw that we were having trouble with our technique," Terry recalls. "He gave us some pointers and invited us to try one of his classes at no charge. How could we turn that down? I enjoyed it so much that I was hooked and I've been at it ever since."

Prior to attending my class, Terry asked whether I thought his wheel chair would hinder him. "You already shoot pretty good, " I told him. "I guess the question is 'do YOU think it will?'" He gave me that infectious grin and said with confidence, "no, it won't!"

In the class, my staff and I threw everything we had at Terry - who has been wheelchair bound since 1995 - treating him the same as everyone else. He drew from concealment and shot on the move, wheeling himself forward, backward, and side-to-side, fazed by nothing. He went through these same drills with a semi-automatic pistol, a .556 AR and a 12-gauge shot gun.

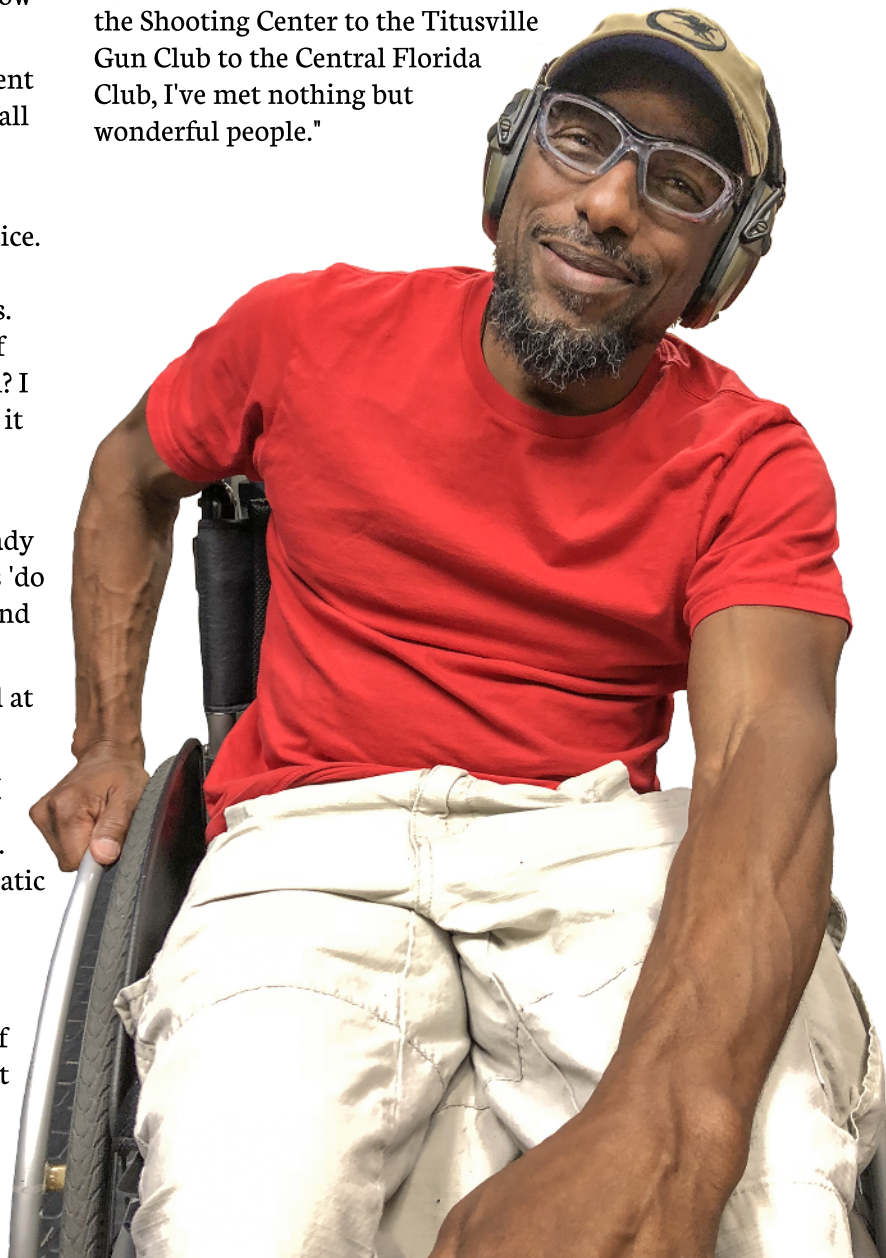
One of the requirements for advanced training, is that students must shoot from a prone position and roll back and forth, hitting their targets in a variety of positions. With no complaint, Terry lifted himself out of the chair, went prone, and started to shoot, hitting his target with professional accuracy. In one of the

hand-to-hand portions of his training, Terry had to fight his way out of a crowd of people who were pushing, pulling and punching him.

One very special guest instructor who witnessed Terry's impressive training turned to me and said, "That guy is a bad ass." High praise coming from the author of the best-selling book *American Bad Ass*, Former DELTA Force/ CIA Operator Dale Comstock.

Terry Benjamin stands tall as an inspiration to everyone and his passion and proficiency for shooting make him a true warrior in every sense of the word.

"Shooting is just something that gives me a sense of freedom...something I can do on my own," Terry says thoughtfully. "And the shooting community is so tight-knit and supportive. Everywhere I have gone, from the Shooting Center to the Titusville Gun Club to the Central Florida Club, I've met nothing but wonderful people."



# Voice of Reason...

## Radio Host Royce Bartlett Uses History, Humor & 'Toxic Masculinity' in fight for the Constitution, Second Amendment

**(Editor's Note:** This is Part One of a Two Part article spotlighting Royce Bartlett's radio show, his training company and his upcoming book about *The Second Amendment*. Part Two will run in the May Edition of 'Home On The Range'.)

By Tara Dixon Engel

If you happen to scroll your radio dial to WMMB AM some lazy Saturday afternoon, you may be startled to attention by the booming, yet oddly soothing, Georgia drawl of Royce Bartlett, host of the "Shooting Straight" radio show.

Bartlett's unabashed patriotism and in-your-face support for the constitution, especially the Second Amendment, makes for engaging and often provocative radio. The host pulls no punches when railing against unscrupulous politicians, lazy voters and dishonest media. He invites his listeners to call in and add their "muzzle blast" to the conversation, before cautioning, tongue-in-cheek, that they are about to be steeped in heaping helpings of "toxic masculinity."

Bartlett is fierce in his support for liberty and is downright brazen in his refusal to give an inch on gun rights. But, unlike many on both sides of the gun debate, he doesn't simply quote Facebook memes, he does his homework, reaching back into history, and delivering powerful, fact-based punches to the gun control lobby. And, toxic masculinity aside, *Shooting Straight* is truly a gender neutral experience, frequently featuring female guests and focusing on topics of interest to women shooters. Indeed, few things raise Bartlett's ire more than men who use women as punching bags. It's one of the reasons he encourages the explosion of female shooters.

"I am ecstatic that so many women are arming themselves! This empowers them to defend against large men who think they have a right to prey on them," He explains. "Women and the elderly are the primary victim groups, because they are perceived as weak...at least until the bad guy sees a pistol pointed his way. Nothing empowers a woman like a concealed pistol, unless it's an AR-15."

### Didn't Shoot His Eye Out

The Atlanta native has been a shooter since age nine (he was born in 1962; you do the math) and has fond memories of many hours spent with his Daisy Red Rider.

"I became so proficient that I'd place a scoop of peanut butter on an old log in the side yard and shoot flies off of it. After a while, I got to where I could shoot slow moving bumblebees out of the air," he laughs, recalling that his next gun was a .22 LR Winchester pump action that once belonged to his father. "When he was 12, my dad earned the money to buy it by working at a peach processing plant my grandfather built in Byron, GA. It was one of the most precious gifts I've ever received from him. I still have that rifle today...and it still shoots true as ever."

Although Bartlett hails from Georgia, his family moved to Brevard County, FL when he was just a year old and he's been here ever since.



## How To Listen...

**In Brevard County** on WMMB, 1240 AM (South Brevard) or 1350 AM (North Brevard). Saturdays, 2-4 p.m.

**Worldwide on WMMB** on the iHeartRADIO app. Type *Shooting Straight* or *Royce Bartlett* into the search bar. That will take you to the podcast page also.

**At [wmmbam.com](http://wmmbam.com)**, click on "Listen Live".

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### A Star Is Born

The talk master's unlikely journey from pint-sized marksman to radio host began when he sought to buy advertising for his local FFL on the Bill Mick show (Bill Mick Live, 6-9 a.m. weekdays, WMMB).

Bill saw potential in the earnest gun advocate and pulled the salesman aside, suggesting that WMMB might benefit from Bartlett's voice as much as his ad revenue.

"In a matter of weeks, Bill gave me a spot on Saturdays from 2-3 p.m. and it took off like a shot! Bill opened the door for me and I loved doing it," Bartlett says. "So here we are today, almost five years later with a two-hour time slot and the show is going strong."

And so is Bartlett's company, *RTBA Training Group* which stands for, not surprisingly, "Right To Bear Arms."

"Originally, it was the name of the firearms company I co-founded with my business partner Norm Weaver, then a clothing brand and now a firearms training company," Bartlett explains, adding that RTBA holds all its classes at *The Shooting Center* at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum in Titusville.

"*The Shooting Center* is one of the few ranges in Florida that not only encourages advanced firearms training, but also facilitates it. The classes there, especially those taught by Paul Pawela -- one of the few people on this planet who I'd take a bullet for without hesitation -- are vital to training ordinary citizens how to defend themselves. I know of no other range in Brevard that promotes and presents such classes on a regular basis," Bartlett says emphatically.

He adds that he is a huge advocate of the Friday "Tactical/Practical" event, "which has been extremely instrumental in improving my prowess as both a tactical shooter and as an instructor."

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# LEO Q&A: Home Defense Tips From Officer Brian Smith

**Imagine this situation:** You are in your bedroom late at night and you hear noises that you believe may be an intruder entering your home. You quietly dial 911 hoping the local police will respond quickly, even as you wonder if you are over-reacting by calling the police.

Then think about what strategy or tactic you *should* follow to defend your home and your family: Is it better to retrieve your home defense weapon and do a search of the house *before* the police arrive? Or should you retrieve your weapon, and wait at a position of concealment and observation for the intruder to step within the sights of your weapon? I am particularly in favor of the latter.

Although you, as the resident, should be more accustomed to your home and its floor plan than an intruder, you may accidentally create noise or some indication that you are moving about. Remember, all wood floors squeak. This may cause the intruder to take a position of concealment and observation in order to ambush you as you move about your own home.

Therefore, my recommendation is to quietly and covertly take a position of advantage that would protect your children or other loved ones within the residence. Do so with the understanding that drywall in a home is not what we consider "cover." Cover is defined as *an object or construction not permeable by bullets or other projectiles*.

Unfortunately, many of us are limited on useful cover in our homes. Therefore, hiding behind a wall will likely not protect you from flying bullets. The walls in your home are only considered "concealment", which is defined as an object or construction that can hide your presence from view only. Taking up a position of concealment may be your only option, depending on the design of your home, so plan a strategy and rehearse it with your family.

## Important points to remember.

- If you dial 911 from a land-line telephone, the police operator can access your name, address and telephone number.
- Even if you cannot speak, the police dispatcher will have the information needed to locate you.
- But, if you dial 911 from a cell phone it will indicate at the nearest cellular tower, which may be a neighboring town. The police department where the cell tower is posted will receive your call.
- Your cell phone number may be the only information they receive. If they can gather information from the caller, your call will be transferred to the police department where you reside.
- The police are required to respond to all 911 calls. Therefore, if you dial the phone following any of the listed actions the police will and are mandated to respond to your address, even if you say nothing and keep the line open. If you dial and hang up, the police operator is required to make contact which means they will call the number back. A call-back could draw unwanted attention to your location.
- The operator may ask you to stay on the line until police arrive.
- Calling from a corded land line telephone may restrict your movement, while a cordless land line or cell will give you freedom to move and hide. It is important to talk with the police operator to relay your personal information and updates.
- If police cannot find a point of entry where the intruder has entered your dwelling, they may just ring

the doorbell in hope of making contact with you. This could lead to a hostage situation if the intruder grabs you before you answer the door.

- If you must whisper into the phone to prevent the intruder from finding you, speak slowly.
- Inform the police operator if you are armed, so the on-scene police officers are aware of your status within the home.
- Give the police operator a brief physical description of yourself. This information will be relayed to the on-scene officer.
- If police enter your home and approach you, place your firearm on the floor or table in front of you and follow the police officer's verbal instructions.
- Be sure to immediately tell officers your name, so they can identify you as the resident.
- If you can see the intruder, inform the police operator of his/her description and if that intruder is in possession of a weapon of any kind, such as a knife, firearm, stick, etc.

Brian Smith is a police officer in Chicago Heights, IL and sits on the board of the American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens.

## Serving Those Who Serve Us Our Organizations Support and Honor Families of Fallen or Disabled Officers

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## Royce Bartlett...Continued

RTBA will be offering a level 2 CCW class, featuring moving and shooting and many other real-world tactical drills, on April 28 at The Shooting Center. For more information, check page 3 of this publication -- Upcoming Classes.

**Next issue:** Royce discusses the firearms tradition in America, current threats to the Second Amendment and how to combat them, and even offers a sneak peek into his upcoming book, "A Right So Wronged." Stay Tuned!