Boomstick-Fu

Physical Security at its Most Basic and Brutal Level

DefCon 15

Deviant Ollam | Noid | Thorn | Jur1st
Show Of Hands

- Gun Owners
- Regular Shooters
- Used a Firearm Defensively
- Considering a Purchase
What This Talk Is About
(and what it’s NOT about)

• Defensive Firearm Ownership

• Hardware Within the Law
  (sorry full auto modders)

• People Within the Law
  (permits and licenses, i.e. CCW)
Four Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Always treat a weapon as loaded
2. Never point in a direction you wouldn't fire
3. Be aware of your target and what is beyond
4. Finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
What's wrong with this picture?
Why Choose To Own Guns?

- It’s not about “Bad Neighborhoods”
- Hope for the Best & Prepare for the Worst
- The “worst” can get pretty bad on some very rare occasions, no matter where you live (Natural Disasters, Civil Unrest, Mass Hysteria, etc.)
- The most restrictive regions (or nations) can have some of the worst violent crime rates.
We Will Discuss...

- Weapon Selection
- Ammo Selection
- Training and Practice
- Psychological Considerations
- Legal Notes
Weapon Selection

- Rifles vs. Shotgun vs. Handgun
- Rifles are almost completely off the list
Weapon Selection

- Rifles vs. Shotgun vs. Handgun
- Rifles are almost completely off the list
- Shotguns
  - Actions, Pros & Cons, Versatility, Reliability
- Handguns
  - Actions, Pros & Cons, Versatility, Reliability
Shotguns

- Pump vs. Autoloading vs. Old Style

hard to top a good pump action

(Remington 870 or Mossberg 500/590)
Shotguns

• Pump vs. Autoloading vs. Old Style
• Capacity, Versatility, Ease of Use, Handling
• Storing Safely & Storing Ready
• Accessories (slings, lights, sidesaddles)
Handguns

- Revolver vs. Autoloading Pistol
Handguns

• **Revolver vs. Autoloading Pistol**
  – Revolver
    • Reliable & Simple
    • Storing Ready
  – Pistol
    • More Rounds
    • Faster Reloads
Maintenance

- No matter what you choose, it will only perform properly if you take care of it
- Cleaning after every use
- Smithing by professionals
- Proper storage
Ammunition

- Caliber (not too big, not too small)
  - 9mm .38 .40 .45 range for handguns
  - 12 gauge for shotguns
- Preventing over-penetration
  - Hollow points, frangible rounds, shotshells
  - Less than lethal ammo? (graduated loading)
Less Than Lethal Solutions

- **Pepper Spray** *(often legal)*
- **Brass Knuckles / Billy Clubs** *(not as legal)*
- **Less than Lethal Ammunition**
  - **Shotshells** *(decent and potentially useful)*
  - **Pistol Ammo** *(tricky and potentially problematic)*
- **Check the law... many subtle nuances**
  - **CCW changes a lot of things** *(even knives)*
Training and Practice

• Don’t just leave your weapon in a closet (or worse, on your person if you’re a CCW holder)
• Find a good range near you
• Shoot often (how often?)
• Repetition and Muscle Memory
• Predictability
  – Handling, Patterning, etc
• Does your range allow more?
  – Drawing, Rapid Fire, Tactical Reloading
• Defensive Shooting Courses
Psychological Considerations

- Mentality of Shooting
- Could you take a life?
- CCW increases the stakes
- Aftermath
Legal Notes

• Ownership laws are important to follow
• Carry laws are important to follow
• Risks of breaking the law
  • Prosecution / Incarceration
  • Losing whole collection
  • Prevention of future ownership
• When you can use deadly force
• Obligations during and after a shooting
Rules of Firearm Safety Again

1. Always treat a weapon as loaded
2. Never point in a direction you wouldn't fire
3. Be aware of your target and what is beyond
4. Finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
Q & A

You talkin’ to me?
Then speak clearly & into a microphone.
Q & A
Thank You

still have more questions? buy us drinks later

Deviant Ollam | Noid | Thorn | Jur1st