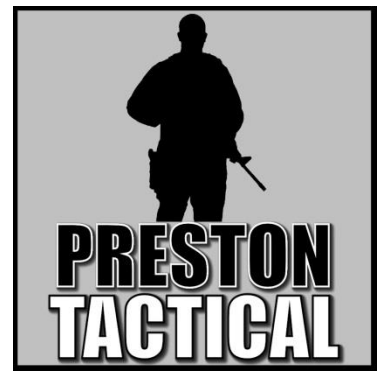


Preston Tactical Newsletter

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General Updates:

The increasing attacks on law enforcement and the events in Dallas and Baton Rouge have shown us what is at the heart of the law enforcement profession. Watching as these events unfolded I saw police officers selflessly move toward the sound of gunfire; shielding and protecting from danger those individuals who were protesting them. It was overwhelming to watch, and I pray for those who lost their lives and their families. It was with great pride and a heavy heart that I watched officers take on this threat. Sadly, it has been the trend for some to act with hate and cowardice after an emotionally charged event involving the police instead of waiting for the facts to be known. I would caution everyone to wait and get all the facts before passing judgement on the actions taken by law enforcement officers. As we saw in Dallas, those officers that you attempt to vilify were the first ones that stepped forward to help save lives, and at great risk to their own. As officers we must continue to train ourselves to be the best that we can be. We must strive to meet the challenges ahead and continue to earn the respect of those we are sworn to protect. Despite what you may see in the media, many Americans support us and have our backs. I ask you to remain vigilant during these difficult times, and continue to train your mind and body for the challenges ahead.

I pray for the first responders and their families to be safe as they answer this increasingly difficult calling that we refer to as our job. If that is not possible... then be decisive, efficient, and accurate. What you do matters!

Training Updates:

Recent events have emphasized the need for us to stay prepared and keep training to the highest standards. Due to the increased threat to law enforcement I have decided to revive the monthly law enforcement training program. This will give LEO's an opportunity to keep developing their skills on a regular basis and provide forum for them to exchange ideas and tactics with others in the community. I am working with a team of range officers to help make this program run smoothly and successfully. This cost effective program will help to develop your ability to move, shoot, and communicate effectively under stress. It will also provide an opportunity for you to check your equipment beyond the standard square range conditions. So leave your ego at the house, grab your armor and your duty rig, and come out for a good day of training.

I have also been working with the format for the classes to run most of the courses as two day classes. I will still have the option for a one day class, but they will run concurrently with the two day class. This will cut down on scheduling problems and provide a better presentation in the long run. If you have a class that you are interested in, but don't see it on the schedule contact me to book a date. I am also looking at hosting several events at the range that would help officers to expand their skill sets. I will post classes as they come available.

If an outside instructor or club is interested in using our training facility contact me to discuss the details and availability.

Range Updates:

Even with all of the rain we have managed to build a new pistol bay and get the obstacle course up and running. I have added a new stairwell obstacle. This will allow students to work on clearing stairwells and can be used for PT/stress drills. The obstacle course will help members and students that want to keep working on their physical standards and stress drills. I will continue to modify and add new obstacles as needed.

We have added a new fire-pit with several benches near the classroom so that students will have an overflow area to relax on the breaks and after class. The classroom updates that we have been working on are almost completed. We have added more fixed and portable barricades, and some new steel targets on the main 100 yard bay. I have also added storage on the main bays and we are working to provide more shade coverage.

Final Thoughts:

Keep training. You don't get to pick the day that you will be tested. Make your will to prepare as strong as your will to live.

Thanks for your support, keep training, and stay safe.

James Preston