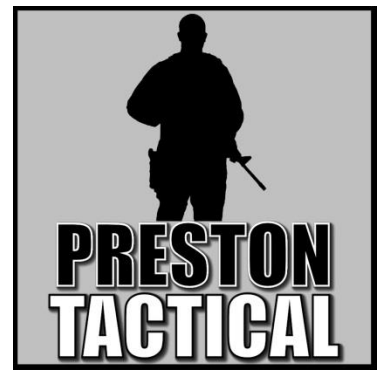


Preston Tactical Newsletter

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General Updates:

Cooler weather may finally be upon us. It has been a very busy summer at the range and we have been working hard to complete all the mowing, range maintenance, and improvements. I wanted to take this opportunity to answer a few questions that I have been getting regarding the range.

Is the range open to the public?

- The range is not open to the general public. We don't let just anyone walk in off the street to shoot. You either need to be a range member, attending a training course, or be a participant in an authorized event to use the facility. If you are interested in joining the range as a member, feel free to contact me for details. Please read below before sending the e-mail.

Can anyone join the range?

- My philosophy about range memberships is simple: I look for quality over quantity. That doesn't mean that you have to be an expert shooter to join. Range memberships are open to beginner shooters and experienced shooters alike. However, I look for individuals that have an honest desire to improve their shooting skills and that are safe and responsible. Individuals who are working to develop a proper mindset, solid fundamentals, and are able to keep their ego's and attitudes in check while working towards their personal goals. I have seen ranges that have low standards for who they allow on the range in order to generate more revenue. I understand the business aspect of more members, but many of these ranges are plagued by these sub-par customers destroying range property and creating an unsafe environment. In my opinion these individuals should be identified and removed immediately. Those of you who know me or have trained with me know that I have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to safety violations and aggravated stupidity on the range. I have no issues releasing students from a course for failing to adhere to the safety rules or not meeting the standards; range memberships are no different. We allow you the freedom and opportunity to train how you need to for the realities of the fight, but that freedom also requires you conduct yourself safely, responsibly, and to act like an adult. If you are

looking for a place that you can break the square range restrictions and if you meet the above criteria you are welcome to contact me about joining the range. Just FYI.....Background checks or CHL's are required.

Can we rent the range for an event or to conduct training?

Yes you can rent the facility to host your event. We have hosted several events for law enforcement agencies, private companies/individuals, and shooters clubs alike. If you are interested in renting the facility for your event or training please contact Lori for pricing or to view the facility. If you belong to the local law enforcement and need a place to conduct training or qualifications feel free to contact me. I am happy to help support your endeavor to keep your troops adequately trained.

Training Updates:

I have started posting the 2015 schedule on the website. If you have a course that you would like to see added to the schedule send me an email. I will try to accommodate the requests for training if I am able. I have been busy teaching active shooter response and patrol rifle courses to local law enforcement and that has been consuming a good part of my schedule. I am going to start teaching more 2 day rifle and handgun courses mixed in with the specialty courses. I recently instructed a firearms instructor course for LE students from various local police departments. They were a great group and everyone did an exceptional job. I am a firm believer in setting good standards and each student rose to the challenge and got the job done. As a wise instructor of mine once said "If you can't do what I do, you can't go where I go." I am confident that this group of new instructors will go forth, share their knowledge, and continue to improve as instructors. Thanks for all your hard work.

While I am talking about standards, if you are a LEO/MIL student attending a class I would highly recommend that you bring the gear that you plan to fight in to class. I recently had several LE students show up "slick" for classes because they wanted to "perform better during training" or "be more comfortable." This can be counterproductive to your job description. If your assignment requires you to be able to perform these skills while wearing armor and carrying 25 extra pounds of gear, then your training standards should reflect that. Training is a great opportunity to work out any gear issues prior to a live operation and you will gain an insight as to whether your physical training standards are adequate. Being prepared for class is the same as being prepared for work. If you don't bring it to the fight, it won't be there when you need it.

Range Updates:

We have been pushing hard all summer to get range projects completed in between teaching classes. We are still finishing up the renovations to the classroom. We reduced the number of target backers on the main 100 yard bay from 25 positions to 16 positions. With the additional space we added some more steel targets on the left side of the bay and new shooting benches on the right. I am in the process of adding fixed barricades at the 80 yard line for working corner clears and different shooting positions with the steel targets. I have added more steel targets and target backers on the rifle deck at various distances from 0-400 yards. After completing the current projects we have plans to add a covered area to the 100 yard line similar to what is on the rifle deck. We have almost completed another 100 yard bay, and will begin working on some smaller handgun bays afterwards. The work never ends.

Final Thoughts:

With my current schedule it has been a while since I have been able to sit down and write a newsletter. I am going to try to endeavor to keep everyone up to date on what has been going on around the range. We are working on several projects for the future and I will keep you posted as things progress.

Thanks for your support, stay safe, and we hope to see you on the range.

James Preston