

AFTER ACTION REPORT

**U.S.N.S.T.A. Close Quarters Subject Control w/ Controlled F.O.R.C.E.
U.S.N.S.T.A. Tactical Handgun Instructor Course
U.S.N.S.T.A. Law Enforcement OC Aerosol Projector Instructor**

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From: Paul Parks [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 6:04 PM
To: jim@apgtraining.com
Subject: Recent Training at Ft. Huachuca

Jim,

I want to extend to you my appreciation for the recent training conducted at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. As a Shift Supervisor and Range Master/OIC for Chenega Security here at Ft. Huachuca, I'm impressed and excited to begin implementing these new training techniques into the training curriculum.

As a former police patrol officer, and a current US Army Reserve weapons instructor and NRA Certified instructor, I was most impressed with the USNSTA's approach to extremely tactical and practical firearms training. As a USAR weapons instructor, with experience training deploying troops for combat, our instructional focus is obviously oriented toward safety and tactical proficiency for combat with the Army's entire small arms inventory. However, with the training you recently conducted with us, I loved the similar perspective of training to come home alive at the end of each and every day, and all the techniques and tactics to aid the officer in accomplishing that goal daily. My experience with the NRA instructor course, especially Basic Pistol training, was so steeped in safety and liability concerns, and "static training" that I feel the practical value of the training suffers. (I mean, what's the purpose of training new shooters to shoot from the Bench rest position?) And while I found the Personal Protection Inside and Outside the Home courses to be adequate, the USNSTA approved course you just conducted was outstanding. Thank you sincerely. I'm certain I'll take several of the principles and techniques learned this past week on to applications with my own personal instruction, as well as incorporating them into my USAR unit instruction.

The defensive tactics training with Mechanical Advantage Control Holds really astounded me. I wish like hell I had known of this training back when I was a police patrol officer! With no trained strikes or kicks, I was initially a bit skeptical of the effectiveness of this method of training. However, that all changed in a quick fast hurry as we began learning these new moves and techniques. I am amazed at the control, ease of training – once you 'get it' – and the ability to subdue a suspect or non-compliant individual with little to no risk of serious injury to either the officer or the suspect. I love the training methodology that incorporates a "building block" approach, so the same moves and techniques are taught and applied at various levels of training – from firearms training through the MACH training at the multiple stages. (I won't think of deep-knee bends the same way again.) I also am amazed that the same techniques are effectively utilized with or without the baton, for suspects armed with a knife, or multiple assailants. Very impressive training all the way around.

I'm extremely appreciative to have received this excellent training, and I'm equally excited to begin training others with these techniques. Thanks again, and I hope to participate in Level 2 training soon, just as I hope to see you at the USNSTA convention in December.

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