



# The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

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## Be Prepared!

With the hurricane season bearing down on us, it is timely to take a look at being prepared for events, however unlikely, that may affect us living here in central Florida.

First, the term “Prepper” is defined as: An individual that makes preparations in advance of any potential change in normal circumstances in order to minimize the effects of that change on their current lifestyle and personal security without significant reliance on others, including the government.

It is clear that everyone is a “Prepper” to some extent. It is just a matter of degree and duration of the preparations. Anyone with home, auto, carry insurance, for example, has prepared for the financial impact of an adverse event. We need to also consider the potential impact of adverse conditions that may affect our lifestyle and security.

While the TV series “Prepper” from National Geographic focused on extreme situations of long duration, our interest is on the short term, more likely, scenarios of 3-7 days or up to 3 months. The assumed duration of the potential crisis is a key planning factor and has a major impact on your decisions and requirements.



Our level of comfort and security is extremely dependent on the power grid. One of the biggest enemies affecting the availability of power is wind and water, both amply provided by a typical hurricane. You saw where the storm Sandy, in the northeast, caused some neighborhoods to be without power for several weeks.

Most grocery stores have a 3 day supply of food and water, at best. With a run on the stores, in anticipation of a hurricane or other crisis, the stores can literally be cleaned out in a matter of hours. Being totally dependent of computers and frequent replenishment, a power interruption would preclude any timely restocking. It would therefore not be wise to depend on buying what you need when a crisis is imminent.

The first thing to focus on is the “Critical Triad”, namely (1) water, (2) food, (3) shelter, in that order. The rule of 3 simply states you can live without air for 3 minutes, without water for 3 days, and without food for 3 weeks.

## WATER

With a crisis of less than a couple of weeks duration, you can likely depend on public water supplies and bottled water even if an evacuation to a safer location becomes necessary.



However, should the duration of the crisis last beyond two weeks and involve interruptions in power or the transportation system, water utilities may fail to be replenished with the chemicals needed to purify the water. The ability of the public water utilities to provide clean water could be impacted severely.

The presentation (available on the website [HERE](#)) mentioned several techniques for providing water for drinking, cooking, and sanitation on an ongoing basis at a reasonable cost.

## FOOD

When planning to stock a supply of food for some duration, you must consider the nutritional value and the duration of time the food can be stored and still retain its freshness and nutritional value. Of course, cost is also a consideration.

There are four potential alternatives for stored food:

1. Rotating supply of non-perishable canned food
2. Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)
3. Pre-packaged Meals (Freeze dried or Dehydrated)
4. Bulk packaged food supplies (usually dehydrated)

The cost per meal declines as you go down the above list. If you can hunker down, in place, during the crisis, option one is feasible. However, if you must relocate or are forced to evacuate, options 2 and 3 are good choices. Should the duration of the crisis extend beyond 3-4 weeks, option 4 is the most cost effective solution.

While it is beyond the scope of this article, there are numerous other planning factors to consider in a crisis such as:

- > Power & energy
- > Lighting
- > Communications
- > Transportation
- > Medical
- > Personal Defense

Also discussed, was the creation of a 72 Hour Emergency Kit. Some detail was in the presentation and several informative links are provided at the end.

More detail is provided in the presentation material and the references linked in the last page of the presentation.



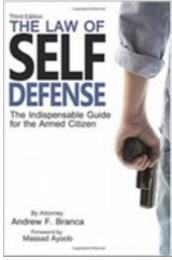


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## Villages Straight Shooters

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### The Laws of Self Defense



The April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 seminar was devoted to an updated presentation on the law of self-defense. Although there were numerous sources cited for the presentation material, the primary source was “The Law of Self Defense” authored by Andrew Branca. Branca’s book should be considered required reading for anyone who carries or even considers doing so in the future. You can purchase the latest 3<sup>rd</sup> edition [HERE](#).

The key ways to understand the law, other than reading Branca’s book, is to read the State Statutes on Use of Force (Chapter 776), read the Jury Instructions, and study case law which shows the way in which the courts actually interpret the law and utilize the jury instructions. NOT an easy task!

Keeping out of the Criminal Justice “Machine” is critical. The intent of the “system” is to dispense justice, NOT find the actual truth in a case.

If you should become involved in a situation requiring you to defend your life, or the life of another, or to stop a forcible felony, with any use of force, it is imperative that you preserve your right to claim self-defense should you be taken to court by the state prosecuting attorney.

Your ability to claim self-defense is dependent on meeting five criteria:

- Non-aggressor
- Immediacy
- Parity of Force
- Avoidance
- Reasonableness

If you should end up in court over a self-defense use of force, you must be able to show that you have met each of the five pre-conditions. In fact, if you are in court, it is likely that the prosecutor believes he or she can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that you have failed to meet at least one of the 5 conditions.

To claim self defense, you cannot have been the aggressor in the incident. Specifically, you cannot have started the confrontation that escalated to a use-of-force situation. It is important that you have a witness, if at all possible, that can verify your innocence.

The threat to your life or exposure to great bodily harm must have been imminent at the time you used the (deadly) force. The timing is critical. You cannot act in anticipation of the threat nor after the actual threat has passed. Furthermore, you must immediately stop the use of force when the threat has been neutralized or ended. One more round, just to be sure, will put you in jail for life!

Parity-of-Force simply stated is: you cannot use force, especially deadly force, due to verbal threats or threats that are not life threatening in nature nor likely to produce great bodily harm. For example, if someone tries to hit you with a baseball bat, you’re justified, if it’s a tennis racket, not so much!

Since 80% of personal attacks, attempted robberies, etc., involve non-life threatening force, if you carry, you should also be prepared with non-deadly defensive options like Pepper Gel, Stun Gun, etc. “If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail!!”

In Florida, the criteria of *Duty to Retreat* or *Avoidance* required in other states is essentially negated by our strong *Stand-Your-Ground* laws. You may use appropriate self-defense force in any place you have a legal right to be without being required to retreat.

Finally, your actions must be deemed “Reasonable” by another individual facing the same situation.

To learn more, the full presentation and an accompanying brochure is on the website.

Branca’s book is the best way to really understand this complex issue. He uses numerous actual examples to illustrate what a sound self-defense case looks like in court and how the prosecutor is likely to attack your claim of self-defense.



### New Products

#### Hoppe’s

Hoppe’s Gun Medic products have been developed to clean dirty firearms to prevent them from malfunctioning due to the build-up of gun powder, lubricant and grime. Gun Medic products will clean and lubricate your firearm quickly and effortlessly. It’s like a first aid kit for every firearm so it should always be in your range bag.



#### A Victory for Smith & Wesson

We raffled off two of the new S&W SW22 Victory target pistols at our last meetings. These new target pistols from S&W are the first real competition for the legendary Ruger Mark III pistols and deserve a little more attention.

Do you want a .22 stainless-steel target pistol that is fun to shoot, packed with features, customizable—and also easy to take down for cleaning and reassemble? Then take a look at the new Smith & Wesson SW22 Victory.



Some of this gun's features include a removable interchangeable match barrel, Picatinny-style rail, fiber-optic front sight and adjustable fiber-optic rear sight, two 10-round magazines, and textured grip panels with finger cuts for easy magazine removal.

Those that have shot this new target pistol claim it to be very accurate and reliable. If you want even more accuracy, try the new match grade barrels offered by Volquartsen.

Smith & Wesson offers the Victory with three 5.5” barrel options. These Volquartsen barrels are 6” for the I-Fluted barrel, shown to the left, without the compensator and 6.75” for the Carbon Fiber threaded barrel. Bring money! These match grade barrels go for \$289.



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### Taser Pulse

TASER International has announced a new self-defense called the Taser Pulse. This new unit is a compact design that is intended for concealed carry and non-law enforcement self-defense.



The new Pulse has the shape and general functioning of a compact handgun. There is a grip, trigger and mechanical sights like one would expect in a Glock or Smith & Wesson. However, instead of a deadly force projectile, the Pulse uses a pair of barbs as projectiles.

Like with other Taser models, the barbs are propelled by compressed gas and are connected to the unit by thin wires. When two barbs connect with the body of an assailant, an electrical current pulses through the completed circuit. The electricity is designed to override the brain's commands in the attacker's muscles, causing them to seize up and stop the attack.

Pulse has a 15' maximum range and will deliver a 30 second stun when deployed. A person would deploy the Pulse, drop the unit so it will continue to deliver the stunning pulse and then have 30 seconds to run. Price \$400.

### Winchester Achievements



Attained **Expert** this Month:  
Paul Shrader, Mike Plocharczyk, Peter Davio, James Dollins, John McConnell, Bryce Buuck and Kathy Aiello

Attained **Distinguished Expert** this Month: David Harrell, Bob Lile and John McConnell



A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

### OSA Champions of the Month

Shooters of the Month for the March shoot at the Ocala Sportsman Assoc. Good Shooting!



Section I –  
Donald Hoos  
Congrats to Donald!



Section II -Jerry Veydt  
Congrats to Jerry!

### The Raffle Winners!

At the Eisenhower and Savanna Club meetings on Monday, April, 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the Club raffled off two S&W SW22 Victory pistols with a Red Dots at each meeting to:

Eisenhower:  
Shirley Jean Baggerley



Savanna:  
Victor Platta

Congratulations to Shirley and Victor!

*An unarmed man can only flee from evil, and evil is not overcome by fleeing from it.*  
Lt.Col. Jeff Cooper

### Upcoming Club Activities

#### Excursions

- > Shooters World – Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup>
- > Shooters World – Wed. June 8<sup>th</sup>
- > Gander Mountain Virtual Shoot – Wed. Aug 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Shooting Events

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & June 7<sup>th</sup> Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. Two sessions on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9-10am & 10-11am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues one session only 9-10am. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Ocala Sportsmans Assoc. Cost \$10. Handgun and rifle session are available, Shooter of the Month determined in shoot off.

Remember eye & ear protection. Adhere to the Club safety rules. If you need a Club safety card, ask an RSO or the Shoot Manager.

### Club Membership and Reservations Required for all shooting events

#### Next Member Meetings

Seminar - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be "Gun Trusts."

There will be no 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting in May at Eisenhower.

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting – 6:45pm – 8:15pm at Savannah. Doors open at 5:45pm. Topic will be: "Carrying and Using Firearms in the Villages."



Gun Raffle for June 1st meeting will be a Springfield XD9 9 mm carry pistol given away.