



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Everglades Rec Center –Tuesday, June 6th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Eisenhower Rec

Center – Monday, June 26nd - 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Member Appreciation Award:
Ruger Max 9



June Topic: Florida Gun Law
Armed & Educated, Presented by: James D. Phillips, Esquire



Please note the change in location to Everglades Rec Center for the first meeting of the month.



Non-Traditional Law Enforcement

VSS May meeting topic: What can the Sumter County Sheriff's Department do for you today?
By Captain Bob Siemer of the Sumter County Sheriff's Department



Pat Breeden



Bob Siemer

There are many non-traditional programs that we have in Sumter County

and Lake and Marion counties have similar programs.

“Vial of Life” is a program that provides a small “vial” to store your medical and family info for first responders. The vial is filled and stored in your refrigerator and a bright green sticker is provided for your front door. The vial should be in the refrigerator door, so it does not get pushed to the back of the refrigerator.



There are many calls in The Villages on lost Alzheimer and Dementia people and there are a few programs focusing on this issue. One method of finding a citizen is using a blood hound K-9. A county supplied scent kit which includes instructions, a scent pad, and a special sealed bottle to store the scent pad are available at no cost. If the person is lost the blood hound can quickly find the person using the scent pad.

The second is a new program using a GPS tracker supplied via a federal grant. A “watch” or another small GPS unit is attached to the person’s body or clothing and the care giver can find the person using a cell phone app.

SCAMMED: We do have scammers in Sumter Country and there are many methods these scammers will try to get your money. Never send anyone money for a “prize” or inheritance that you have won.

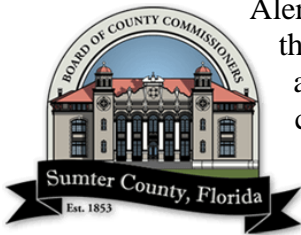
There is a new scam that the thief uses Uber or Lift to pick up a check or money card at your home to help a family member in legal or health “trouble”. Uber and Lyft is not party to the scam, but does add validity to the scam. Always check with your

family member before giving or sending anyone money. This method is also used for fake IRS calls that say you owe money on taxes. Never call a phone number given in these scam phone calls, text or emails.

Also, there are reports of scammers collecting names and mailing addresses from postal station trash cans to be used for scam efforts. You throw away a post card or letters, then get a phone call from the scammer using that business or charity.

Don't be afraid to say NO and report scammers to Law Enforcement.

Another interesting program is for people living alone. People using this program call into the Sheriff's dept daily to say they are ok. If they do not call in a Deputy is sent over to check. There are currently about 100 people using this service in the county.



Alert Sumter: This is a program that will send you a cell phone alert for weather, missing children, wildfires, and criminal activities. Sign up at [Sumter Alert](#) or call (352)689-4400.

Home Security: The Sumter Sheriffs have certified people that will inspect your home for proper locks and other areas to make your home safe from thieves. One item mentioned is a peep hole to your inside garage door so you can check out your garage without opening the door. The front door deadbolt hardware must be strong to prevent someone from kicking it in to enter.

Sumter County is one of the safest counties in Florida, always in the top 6 of the 67 counties. Most crimes are "crimes of opportunity" like stealing items on a golf cart or from an unlocked car. It's very rare that a locked car is broken into in Sumter County, so **LOCK YOUR CAR.**

Mobile App: A new program that has a wealth of info on crimes in Sumter County. Its available today free in the App Store and on Goggle. The app

includes a map of crimes in the county, but do not be concerned with Bushnell since that is where the county jail is, and it shows up as a big red dot on the map.

A goody bag of interesting items and flyers were handed out to anyone that wanted one. We all need a Sheriff's refrigerator magnet and a jar opener.



Florida's Concealed Carry Law: By Sumter County Undersheriff Patrick "Pat" Breeden

As we have reported previously Florida now has a new Concealed Carry Law and Undersheriff Breeden gave a short presentation with Q & A. Of course, this new law goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

It will be legal to carry concealed in Florida without a CCW, but the Undersheriff is concerned about the use of guns because of this law. Everyone should be trained on the handling of firearms and the legal aspect of that usage. As an example, you can't fire a gun on a thief stealing your property, only use it to defend yourself and family. Shooting a thief in the back as they are leaving with your property is not legal.

It is not legal to show your concealed weapon unless you are defending yourself from a threat. In other words, do not show your gun if you are walking past suspicious looking people that have not threatened you or if you are in a non-physical threatening argument.

Carrying gun in a liquor bar is illegal, but if they serve food, it's legal. How many bars are there in Florida that do not serve food? Also carrying at our town squares is legal. It's also legal (on July 1st) for non-residents to carry if they meet the Florida requirements. It may not be legal for Florida

residents to carry in other states without a CCW permit, so there is still a good reason to have a Florida CCW permit to retain gun carrying reciprocity with the approved states. Plus, you can purchase a gun and carry it home the same day, without the 3-day waiting period.

You can open carry in your home.



Sumter County Police handguns:

We noticed that Captain Siemer and Undersheriff Breeden were carrying a Glock service pistol and the Undersheriff told us that the department also issues the Glock 43 (the May Member Appreciation Award) as a backup/off duty pistol to their deputies. At one point they did issue the .40 cal service pistols but are back with the 9 mm since it is easier to shoot, especially for the female deputies, plus they have 2 extra rounds in the magazine.

Our deputies are trained to first use their handgun and then when necessary use the rifles/shotgun stored in their cruisers for the increased fire power.

Making Today's Colt M1911

Many of our members carried the .45 cal 1911 during



military service and that style of gun is still manufactured by Colt in the USA. If you want a high quality 1911, Colt is at the top of anyone's list.

Here is a story with a video on the making of the newest versions of the Colt M1911: [Colt M1911](#)

Colt Python Revolver History

One of the most famous revolvers of all time is the powerful .357 Magnum Colt Python, the most famous of the premium Colt "Snake Guns".



The original Python came out in 1955 and was built until the early 2000's when the cost got too high for it

to be marketable. Building this gun was a labor-intensive task.

In 2020 Colt redesigned the Python, simplified the design, and used modern CNC (Computerized Numerical Control) machines to manufacture the guns. This effort produced a high-quality gun at a reasonable price.

Check out the story: [Colt Python Revolver History](#)

New Rimfire Guns for 2023

Many of us use rimfire handguns and rifles since ammo is so inexpensive compared to centerfire cartridges. Here is a list of the newest rimfire options for us to purchase:

[Rimfire 2023](#)



Roundup: Glocks in 9 mm

Love them or hate them, Glocks are very popular, reliable, and well supported for accessories and upgrades. Here is a summary of what is available in 9 mm. Note: There are a few models not listed, but you will get a good idea of what is available.

[9mm Glocks](#)



5 New Guns at The 2023 NRA Annual Meeting

There are a couple of big events each year where gun manufactures announce new products, The SHOT Show and the NRA annual meeting.

The EAA Girsan MC 14T is especially interesting since it has the tip up barrel that does not require a slide to be racked. Instead, you tip the barrel, insert a new 380 round push the barrel back down and cock the hammer. This is not a new concept; the Beretta 86 has a similar feature. There is also a slot at the bottom of the magazine to store the one round for inserting into the barrel. See the link in the article below.

Here is an article on five new products from the 2023 NRA meeting: [Five New Products](#)





Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel



(These articles are the opinions of the writer only and in no way reflect official positions of the Villages Straight Shooters - or anyone with good sense

for that matter - SM)

“LISTEN UP!”

Since it's such an important subject, I thought I'd revisit a subject I haven't covered in almost three years: our hearing. My own misadventures in the aural world have been the cause of any number of domestic clashes. Oh, I've heard my ever-suffering wife on the phone with her sister, complaining that she needs more help from me around the house. But that when she calls me, my hearing seems to have broken and words like "Swiffer" or "Vacuum" don't register. Never mind that I got Tinnitus while in the Army and that my docs have told me I might have trouble hearing female voices coming from other rooms. (No, really, they told me that!) Now, I'll grant you, I may have gotten some extra mileage from that tidbit over the years, but that's not the point. What is the point and what does all this useless banter have to do with shooting? Read on.



My hearing problems are never going to get any better, especially with my proclivity to make loud noises with firearms and to be around people who do the same. Since many of you are in the same boat, there are several things we can do to protect our old ears and extend our precious hearing. Although, regrettably, hearing your spouse yell at you to do something or other will, I fear, deteriorate more quickly than any of your other senses!



Start doubling up! When I take a rifle to the range for a workout, I tend to knock the right side of my earmuffs out of place. Even if I'm only firing a .22 LR, the others on the line might be shooting something much bigger and louder. Be ready for this scenario with a set of foam – or better still – a custom set of earbuds under the earmuffs. Even with handguns, it's a good habit to get into.



Your instructors are always encouraging you to wear electronic earmuffs as your main set of protection. That way, we can carry on a normal conversation with you on the line. Don't EVER reach up and pull your earphones away from your ears to hear better. We'll talk louder, I promise. Be sure that your batteries are fresh (or bring a spare set in your range bag) and that the muffs fit properly and are comfortable at the end of the day. Both the Howard Leight and Walker's models sold at Shooters World and online are good places to start.



If you want to be able to properly listen to the pearls of wisdom coming from your brilliant instructors at our Club shoots, you'll need to keep protecting those aging ears. And for Pete's sake – and since Marilyn is standing behind me right now, watching what I'm writing – try and be more helpful around the house!

“Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every country in Europe.” – Noah Webster

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