



# TIGER VALLEY

TACTICAL INSTITUTE FOR GUN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

## **Elm Fork Wednesday Night Classes**

### *Undercover Deployment*

Tiger Valley is offering an "Undercover Deployment" class on Wednesday, May 13 at Elm Fork. Starting at 6:30 PM, this class will be an intensive training session on effectively deploying your daily carry handgun. Bring your pistol, one hundred rounds of ammunition, holster, magazine carrier, and safety gear. The cost is \$65 and pre-registration is not required.

### *Covert and Dynamic Entry*

It's 3:00am and you hear someone downstairs where your children are sleeping. You grab your pistol and head in the direction to investigate the noise. As you are moving you ask yourself if you have the skill set for this action, even though you know you must act. Tiger Valley will host an evening class on Covert and Dynamic entry techniques. Why both techniques? It is because an entry is only covert until the first chair is knocked over or shot fired, then you are dynamic. The class will cover both single and multiple person entry. Please bring your weapon (pistol, carbine or both), holster/sling and flashlight. You will not need any ammunition for this class. Cost is \$65, pre-registration is not required, and the class will run on May 27th.



## **Negligent Discharges**

*by T.J. Pilling*

Tiger Valley just finished a hard month of events. The month started out with a Class III shoot with over 100 people on site. The following week we did the NRA, Law

Enforcement regional 3-gun match. The month was capped with the Larue National 3-gun match.

Those who saw me on site could attest to the fact that I didn't see too much of any of the three events. I was the guy running around like an idiot trying to make sure everything was flowing as necessary. When I did slow down, I saw some things that caused me some concern. The biggest issue I had concerns with was moving with fingers on the triggers and not re-engaging safeties. The RO's were doing a great job keeping shooters safe, but they can't see everything from every angle. If they had seen these mistakes they would have remedied the situation as they were observed.

There seems to be this illusion that you need to have your finger on the trigger to be fast. Along with this problem there seem so be the idea that not having your finger on the trigger negates the need to use the safety. It doesn't help that movies like Black Hawk Down reinforce unsafe practices with Holly Wood glitz. "Soldier, your weapons off safe", with trigger finger waving in the air, "Sir this is my safety", only helps contribute to the environment of pushing the envelope.

Those who have been around me for any length of time have heard my stories about negligent discharges, both recent and past. If you are one of those you can skip past this part, but they are sound reasons to follow basic safety tenants. The first negligent discharge that I observed was when I was a rookie officer. I was so new to the department that they didn't trust me driving the squad car. We were dispatched to assist a local agency serving a drug warrant. When my field training officer and I arrived at the location we observed a drunk, belligerent suspect with beer in one hand and cigarette in the other standing in his front yard. One of our Officers went up to the suspect and spun him to the back of a



station wagon parked in the driveway. A .44 magnum was forced into his ribs as he was told not to move. Being a sociopath, as well as a drunk, with more arrest and contacts with Law Enforcement than you could count, he quipped, “you can’t shoot me, it’s a misdemeanor warrant”, at which time he pushed off the vehicle. When he pushed off he stepped on the Officers toes. The officer started to fall backwards and clenched his hand that was on the suspect shoulder. What one hand does under stress the other hand will do involuntarily. The .44 discharged striking the suspect in the short ribs and exited his clavicle, blowing ribs and lung all over the roof. That incident was 30 years ago and I remember it like it was yesterday.



The next incident happened at the Tiger Valley facility in Waco. John Tillman was teaching a carbine class and as was at the point of working on Transition drills. The shooter in question was “all tactical”; he had every piece of equipment that money could buy. The shooter fired his first shot and mover to sling the weapon and draw his pistol. With weapon on sling and hands off and moving to the pistol draw, his weapon started bump firing off his high-speed gear. Luckily, he had a single point sling and the weapon was discharging between his feet. Tillman later related that it looked like he was doing the Irish jig, trying to dance as the rounds impacted in the mud between his feet.

Bottom line, the trigger doesn’t care what engages it. If it is 6 pounds, or whatever weights the trigger requires to fire, be it finger, branch, knife the weapon will go bang. Having poor weapon handling practice of having your finger on the trigger only compounds the issues for safe weapon handling. You won’t be faster, but what you might be is trying to explain how you shot yourself or someone else on the range. Please practice sound training and if you see someone else with poor habits, bring it to their

attention.

### **CQB Carbine Class**

On May 16th and 17th Tiger Valley is offering a "CQB Carbine" class at our Waco facility. The class will be conducted entirely with .22LR variants of the AR-15, either conversion kits or dedicated upper receivers. We have a number of units available as loaners on a first reserved basis at no charge. Bring 1,000 rounds of .22 LR.

The emphasis of the class will be utilization of the AR-15 in CQB environments, with an emphasis on drills that are not possible at normal shooting ranges. Firing on the move and clearing the live-fire shoothouse are just a few of the exciting training opportunities during this class. The bunkhouse is open for those interested in staying on site for twenty dollars per night. Call or email if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you at the range!



### **Tactical Team Match Update & Deadline**

Tiger Valley's 4-man Tactical Team match is running on June 27 and 28. Payment must be received for all team members by June 13th so we can staff and equip the event properly.

Payment can be provided either via our [online store](#) or mailing a check to our office address.

The team match will take place across nine stages in a scenario of the aftermath of a terrorist nuclear attack and the corresponding chaos. Further details of the match, including stage descriptions can be found [here](#).



### **Previous Newsletters Available Online!**

Check out our previous newsletters for fantastic training videos, equipment reviews, and special articles. Find them [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### May

- 5-6 US National SWAT Championship Range Prep
- 9 CHL (Elm Fork)
- 9-10 [Level 1 Pistol \(Elm Fork\)](#)
- 13 Undercover Deployment (Elm Fork)
- 16-16 [CQB Carbine \(Waco\)](#)
- 22-24 [Precision Rifle 1 \(Waco\)](#)
- 27 Covert and Dynamic Entry (Elm Fork)



### June

- 1-5 [LE Advanced Precision Rifle \(Waco\)](#)
- 6 [Long Range Tune-Up \(Waco\)](#)
- 13-19 US National SWAT Championship
- 27-28 [Tactical Team Match](#)

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