



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



**Everglades
Recreation Center:
Tuesday May 7th,
Doors Open 5:30
Meeting 6:30.**

**Eisenhower Recreation Center: Monday May 27th,
Doors Open 5:30 Meeting 6:30.**

**Member Appreciation Award:
Springfield Hellcat® OSP™ 3
extra magazines for a total
of 5 magazines and a range bag.**



**Meeting Topic: Countering The Mass Shooter
Threat in Church, Supermarket, and Other
Public Places. By Jerry Hostomsky USCCA
Training Counselor**

VSS Member Shooting Profile

Under the ever-watchful eye of RSO Gary Blaser, Jim Veitch takes aim at the next threat at our outdoor event at Emerald. Ordinarily, this would be of only moderate interest to our club members save for the fact that Jim just turned 93!



Happy Birthday Jim and keep moving!



Non-Traditional Law Enforcement

Sumter County Sheriff's Department gave a presentation at the April VSS meetings and handed out a bag full of useful information. They have been at our meetings before, but this time there was new and updated information.

An important program is the *Sumter County Sheriff's iPhone Application*. It's available on Google: [Goggle Sumter County Sheriff's APP](#)

Or go to the Apple App Store on your iPhone and search for: *Sumter County Sheriff's Office*.

Here are a couple of QR code links for the Sherriff's Dept. Safe Program Packet and Safe Program Application for your phone. We should all fill out the application, it is very helpful for our Sheriff's Dept. and provides a way to sign up for the program.

Scan the QR codes below for more information on our Safe Program or to download an application



**Safe Program
Packet**



**Safe Program
Application**

Information packets and applications may be picked up at any Sheriff's Office location or call 352-569-1600 for more information.

Sumter County Sheriffs are working on a Safety Gun Course for Sumter County citizens. It will concentrate on gun laws and safety. Stay tuned for details.

The non-traditional LE is called “Safe Sumter”, which is designed to help citizens and to reduce the response time in various situations and it also includes the following programming:

See something say something. Citizens are the eyes and ears in the County, so if you see something suspicious, call 911.

Project Eagle Eye is a voluntary security camera registration program. The program is designed to create a partnership between the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and both citizens and businesses to help deter crime. [Project Eagle Eye](#)

Vial Of Life includes a vial and form to be filled out and placed in your refrigerator door. Important information on the occupant's health issues, family phone numbers and other documents that a first responder needs on a call. If you are transported in an ambulance, that vial goes with you between your legs. There is a new vinyl decal for your front door included in the bag.



Peace of Mind program – If you live alone and sign up for this program, you call into the Sheriffs Dept. every day, so they know you are ok. This program saves about three people per year in Sumter County.

Home Security Inspection – Sumter County offers a free one-hour home security inspection M-F 8am to 4pm.

Human Scent Kit – This was covered in the January VSS meeting with the K-9 blood hound. This kit is available for memory issue citizens so the K-9 can find a lost person with this stored scent.

GPS watches for memory issue citizens – These watches are secured to the citizen by locking it onto them, the watch can then be tracked on a cell phone app. This allows a quick way to find a lost senior before calling 911, which takes time.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing program - which provides a visor card for deaf drivers if there is an emergency issue in communicating with LE or anyone else.

Sumter is one of the top 10 safest counties in Florida and various scams are the biggest crime in Sumter County. The *Safe Sumter APP* can keep citizens informed on the latest scams and collect information on scams.

Do not pitch your junk mail at the postal stations, scammers collect that discarded mail and use that information on scams.

Included in the bag is this detailed information on Scamming:

THE SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS YOU TO BE SCAM SMART

- DO NOT GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF UNSOLICITED COMMUNICATIONS.
- DO NOT PURCHASE GIFT CARDS, PRE-PAID CREDIT CARDS, OR CRYPTOCURRENCY BECAUSE THE CALLER TELLS YOU TO.
- VERIFY WHOM YOU ARE COMMUNICATING WITH AND THE WEBSITES YOU ARE LOGGING INTO.
- DO NOT OPEN UNKNOWN OR SUSPICIOUS E-MAILS AND DON'T DOWNLOAD ANY UNVERIFIED MESSAGE ATTACHMENTS.
- DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY NO.
- GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WILL NEVER ASK FOR MONEY VIA TELEPHONE.
- IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS

Another serious new scam uses *AI to simulate a person's voice* using a short clip of their voice. That could be used in a phone call from an AI generated voice of a loved one in a scamming effort.

We do have *human trafficking* issues in Sumter because I-75 and the FL Turnpike goes through Sumter County and both highways are used to transport humans.

Thanks to the Sumter County Sheriff's for their time.

Ruger SR22® Recall



Ruger has issued a safety recall on its SR22® in the form of a *Product Safety Bulletin*. This is a very popular pistol for VSS members, especially the ladies. Here is a link: [Ruger SR22 Safety Recall](#)

Beretta's New 92XI Squalo

Many of us have owned or fired a M9 or Beretta 92 FS and found that the grip is a little bulky, so Beretta redesigned the 92 to the new 92X series with a slimmer grip. This redesign was also submitted to the DOD for the new military handgun but lost out to the Sig P320 series.



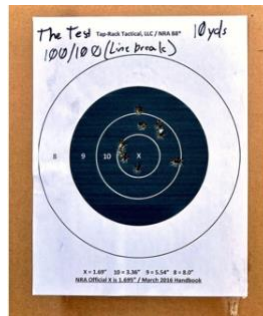
Here is a review of one of the new versions of the 92X series: [Beretta's New 92xi Squalo](#)

Drills for the B-8 Target

The B-8 target has been used for bullseye shooting, but is also a good target for timed defensive training.

Here is an article on a useful training routine using this target:

[Drills for the B-8 Target](#)



When In Danger, MOVE!

This is an article written for women but is also very useful for the guys, too.

There have been several presentations at VSS meetings on active shooters and the strategy of Run, Flight or Hide. This article talks about specific strategies on when and how to run. Running to good cover can also be useful in a self-defense situation, if a threat is following you, it puts you in an advantageous legal position for self-defense.



[When In Danger](#)



ATF's Upcoming Private Sale Rule

Our Club FFL holder, Jeff Greenwood has informed us that the ATF sent him a 126-page document dated April 19, 2024, calling for background checks on private gun sales that make a profit, hence becoming a “Firearms Dealer”. The document is too large to post or even read, typical of the Federal Government Bureaucracy. A ton of reading but what it boils down to is if you make more than one or two sales at a profit on a regular basis (within a year)...then you are a dealer. So, if you bought a Winchester 94 from Western Auto in the 1970's for \$75 and sell it for \$500, there is a profit, and you need to get a background check on the purchaser before the gun is formally transferred for the second or third sale of that year.

The DOJ approved this document on April 19, 2024, and the new ruling is scheduled to take effect on May 20, 2024. This documentary expands the definition of an engaged “in the business” of a gun dealer based on the “*Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*” passed in 2022. So, a private sale for profit requires a background check since that sale is “in the business” of a gun dealer.

This ruling is getting challenged by 26 states in court and we will keep you posted on any rulings that we must follow.



Instructor's Corner



By Steve Mosel



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“A DIMINISHING SKILL”

Of the hundreds of excellent reasons to work at your shooting skills, one of the most important is often overlooked. This is especially true of those of you who have decided to rejoin the ranks of shooters after several



years of neglecting the activity altogether. Whether it's because you were once a cop and wanted to give it a rest or in the service and haven't shot a rifle since basic training, the reasons aren't important. But the reality is that shooting is a diminishing skill without regular practice! Whether it's your stance – grip – trigger finger – breathing – sight picture – using modern optics and firearms – knowledge of current laws in your state – ability to concentrate at a more advanced age (ain't that diplomatic?!) – knowing how to handle age-related physical issues – or simply having become more fearful of all the sound, fury and recoil of firearms, something has most likely changed since last you took up this pursuit of ours.

A good analogy might be golf. If you haven't played for a long time, you may be still able to go to the range and hit a few long shots relatively straight. But get onto the course with some of your buddies and you may just find your short game has gone to hell. The expiration date on your judgement of how far that chip is going to go has expired and the results are not pretty. I won't even get into the arena of putting. (Just too painful!) It's the same with shooting skills.

There may not be as many moving parts as in golf, but, if you want to do it right, it can be just as hard to get those skills back.

So what's the point of all this lecturing? Get onto the Villages Straight Shooters website and sign up for one of the many shooting activities offered. As always, we'll have very competent instructors in attendance, willing to help and lend an understanding ear to your tales of woe.

We've most probably heard them before and have some answers for you that should help your shooting. You may think you can correct the problems yourself, but I guarantee that having a different set of knowledgeable eyes watching you shoot is the best way to go.

Unfortunately, we can't do a damn thing for your golf game! See you at the range!

CMP Sale Update

There was an email notice sent out about on May 3rd by the Civilian Marksmanship Program about the current items for sale on their website. VSS is affiliated with CMP along with any veteran, so take a look at what is offered.



Here is a link: <https://shop.thecmp.org>

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. – Ronald Reagan

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