24th Annual Texas Handgun Association's Conference

Class Descriptions & Instructor Bios

[Track A] Friday, May 13th, 12:00-1:30 pm — @ Agenda

A1 - *Certified Instructors* with Instructor Ken Lewis - This is a special session and invitation for all Instructors in the Texas Handgun Association to discuss available training opportunities and programs, and others in development. Instructors are at the core of the Association and an important component to our success.

A-2 - *Active Threat/Killer* with Instructor Dan Graeber - We have all had the Run-Hide-Fight training in an active threat / killer situation, now it's time to take that training to the next level.

[Track A] *Medical Everyday Carry* with Instructors Jeremy Burgett, Westen Graham & Chandler Stockstill, *Friday, May 13th*, 1:45-3:45 pm – Stop the Bleed (Texas Version) is for anyone who wants to be prepared to intervene during a traumatic injury. Learn to stop massive bleeding, seal chest/torso wounds, treat severe lacerations and abrasions, and manage hypothermia.

MEDC/MODC is designed to teach the student, either civilian or law enforcement, how and why to carry medical kits or components on their person during their daily walks of life.

[Track A] *Modern Day Human Trafficking* with Instructor Cynthia Aulds & Dr. Helen Mire, *Friday, May 13th, 4:00-5:30 pm* – The Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking - Texas, partners with other organizations and individuals to fight for human dignity along the US-Mexico border and all across the state of Texas. We work passionately to bring awareness, education, training, and victim services to help combat both labor and sex trafficking.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. It involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor services or commercial sex acts against a person's will.

This informative session will educate and give you the knowledge needed to not only recognize, but to correctly respond and report human trafficking. Learn Facts for Myths and hear about how specially trained truck drivers are effective eyewitnesses for law enforcement. This same training can be used by anyone to help in the efforts to stop human trafficking. This special session will help you to look at the people around you differently; and assist you in being the eyes and ears for spotting young victims.

[Track B] The Four Pillars of Firearms Training with Instructor Aaron Marshall, Friday, May 13th, 12:30-1:20 pm — Do you want to become a better instructor? Or perhaps you want to know how to evaluate the quality of the training you receive? Mastery of The Four Pillars of firearms training is what separates a professional firearms instructor from a mediocre amateur. During this seminar, we'll dig into each of the Four Pillars: shooting, lecturing, evaluation and coaching, and range management. We'll explore the purpose and scope of each pillar, and how they support student success. You'll receive ample tips and techniques for improving your skill in each of these four areas, whether to improve your own program or assess another. You'll also learn about the intangible training resources necessary in every class, and how to manage them efficiently. Finally, we'll look at the capstone that rests on top of the Four Pillars, the "why" that is at the heart of every great training program.

[Track B] Range Fun Shoot*, Friday, May 13th, 2:00-5:30 pm – Test your mettle against your fellow TxHGA members! During this time on the range, you'll test your skills through a series of five challenging shooting events. Every stage will require your very best in speed, accuracy, and consistency of shooting, as well as a little creative thinking. For each event, you'll receive a score that indicates your overall performance. At the end of the day, the highest score will earn the title of 2022 Conference Top Shot. Aaron Marshall and Jamie LaBarbera of Guncraft Training Academy will be your range masters.

*<u>Note</u>: Participation in the Range Fun Shoot is limited to the first 20 paid attendees.

Equipment required for range day activities:

- ♦ Reliable, modern semi-automatic pistol or revolver chambered in 9mm or larger. Semi-autos must have a barrel at least 3" in length. If you have questions about a particular pistol, please contact Guncraft at info@guncrafttraining.com.
- ♦ Minimum of 100 rounds of ammunition. Factory ammunition is preferred but highquality reloaded ammunition is acceptable if you loaded it. Do not bring reloaded ammunition loaded by someone else as there is no way to assure safety and quality. Revolver shooters will need at least two speed loaders and semi-auto shooters will need three magazines.
- ♦ A good quality, strong side belt holster on a sturdy belt is required. The holster must remain open and not flatten when the gun is withdrawn. The gun's trigger guard must be completely covered when in the holster. A Kydex or reinforced leather holster is recommended. No Serpa, cross-draw, shoulder holsters, or appendix carry holsters.
- Speed loader or magazine pouches are recommended to hold spare ammunition.
- Suitable outdoor clothing and comfortable shoes as well as a brimmed cap.
- Hearing protection. Electronic hearing muffs or plugs are highly recommended.

- ♦ Eye protection with side protection.
- Water will be available, but bring your Gatorade or other drink if you like.
 - ♦ Parts of the road at the range are rough and could pose a problem for low clearance vehicles. Please plan accordingly.

[General Session] *Observational and Reasoned Inference: The Art of Situational Awareness* with Instructor Stephen C. Craig, DO, PH.D, MTM&H, FRCP (EDIN.), *Saturday, May 14th*, 8:00-10:00 am – Situational awareness is extremely important for personal and family safety. It is a skill that can be learned and taught. And it must be practiced routinely as it is a perishable skill. Observation and reasoned inference are fundamental to situational awareness. This presentation will provide basic principles and methods to learn, teach, and practice observational skills using the visual arts.

[Track A] The Business of Firearms Training with Instructor Brian Holmes, Saturday, May 14^{th} , 1:45-3:45 pm — Most firearms instructors teach because they have a passion to see others become safe, proficient, and well-prepared firearms operators.

Some instructors teach only in the context of a club or non-profit organization, while others do so as an actual business.

We have found that many instructors that teach outside of a range or organization are not well versed in the business of firearms training, or business, period.

While not a comprehensive training on the business of firearms training, this session will provide you with a foundation for forming, building, marketing, and growing your training business.

Five Building Blocks for A Successful Training Business

- 1. Develop a Lifestyle of Learning
- 2. Run Your Business Like a Business
- Cover Your Assets
- 4. Marketing (Inside and Outside the Box)
- 5. Your Financial Systems

Final Thoughts:

Firearms training is a worthy and noble profession. A firearms instructor is a professional in every way. Treating your business like a business sets you apart in his industry and will serve you well as you grow your following and expand your impact.

[Track A] Holy Cow! If You Shoot Someone, Your Life is Never Going to be the Same with Instructor Larry Bloomquist, Saturday, May 14th, 4:00-5:00 pm – Regardless of the situation, using a gun in self-defense will forever change your life. Besides the emotional and psychological trauma and drama, your friends, family and associates could ostracize you and potentially judge you for years to come. Above all however, you need to be very aware of your legal rights regarding the civil and criminal issues you will face. Having this knowledge now, will help you stay on the correct side of the legal system as a law-abiding gun owner.

[Track A] *The State vs Realistic Training Standards* with Instructor Karl Rhen, *Saturday, May 14th*, 5:15-6:00 pm – There is a difference between the minimum standards required for the Texas carry permit and realistic, practical standards used by most national trainers and major shooting schools. In my presentation I will discuss essential skills and a realistic minimum acceptable standard appropriate for anyone carrying a handgun in public.

[Track B] Filling Your Self-Defense Toolbox: Evaluating, Selecting, and Mastering Effective Defensive Techniques with Instructor Aaron Marshall, Saturday, May 14th, 1:45-2:45 pm — There are many ways to do anything with a gun, some better than others. But which way is best? Is there even such a thing as "best"? During this lesson, you'll learn to look at gun handling and shooting techniques with a critical eye. Armed with this knowledge, you'll have the ability to make informed decisions about which defensive techniques you wish to build into your shooting repertoire. You'll gain valuable insight into the following self-defense related topics:

- The most efficient way to build an indestructible skill set
- The four types of skills in effective defensive shooting, and how they relate to each other
- Evaluating defensive techniques using a simple 3-question test
- How to compare two techniques and decide which you want to use
- One common mistake that slows you down
- The straightforward learning plan that will make you better than 95% of shooters

[Track B] Range Training Session*, Saturday, May 14th, 3:00-6:00 pm – During the three-hour range training session, you will focus on developing and improving an essential set of defensive techniques that are vital to prevailing against a deadly attacker. You'll gain a deeper understanding of these essential skills, whether you're a brand-new shooter or have been shooting for years. Through a series of demonstrations, dry practice, and shooting exercises, you will deepen your understanding and abilities on:

- ♦ The Two Key Elements that will enable you to hit your target, every time
- Using proper trigger control for improved accuracy and speed
- Finding the optimal balance between speed and accuracy

- ♦ Consistently presenting your handgun from the holster
- Primary and alternate shot-placement strategies and when to use them
- The one "step" that cuts your chances of getting shot by your adversary in half

The session will conclude with two fun and challenging exercises that will test your speed, accuracy, and consistency. The individual who comes out on top in both of the exercises will be recognized at the banquet. **Aaron Marshall and Jamie LaBarbera** of Guncraft Training Academy will be your range masters.

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[General Session] *The Evolution of Firearms Training* with Instructor Karl Rhen, *Sunday, May* 15th, 8:00-9:30 am – In this presentation I will provide an overview of handgun training, 1920-2020, identifying influential figures and the ideas they shared that resulted in significant changes in training methods and techniques. This is a short version of a longer course that Tom Givens and I will co-teach at my range on June 7th. During the full course students get 1/2 day of lecture and 1/2 day on the range shooting drills from each decade, using the techniques and targets of those eras.

[General Session] *Promoting Your Firearm Business in a Multi-Media World* with Instructors Alison Adams and Kari Grayson, *Sunday, May 15th*, 9:45-11:30 am – Are you promoting your firearms business to gain and attract new clients, especially to women as they are the fastest growing segment of new gun owners? The social media platform has exploded in the last five years making it almost a necessity to business owners. We will show you some basic tools and steps you can implement to grow professional recognition in the firearms industry. You don't want to miss our special "interactive" segment on how to talk to and address women's concerns.

About the Instructors:

Ken Lewis is the President and Director of Training at the National Protective Services Institute, and the Vice-President of the Texas Handgun Association. He is a Range Master, Firearms Instructor, NRA Training Counselor, NRA Practical Pistol Coach Development Staff, NRA/USA Shooting Shotgun Coach, Training and Shooting Range Consultant, a college professor with active security, military, and law enforcement experience, and formerly a National Shooting Sports Foundation Range Action Specialist. Recognized as an expert witness and subject matter expert he is often called to review and testify regarding training and use of force. His experience includes emergency management and disaster response, working with numerous employers and enterprise-level corporate customers to manage and minimize risk through the application of periodic assessments, intelligence, and threat management techniques. After retiring from 24 years in the US Air Force, he was the Range Program Manager at UXB International Inc. and Concept Planner with AMEC Earth and Environmental. Mr. Lewis is the principle operational adviser in development of RATPACTM. He has held leadership and management doctrine positions and worked a broad range of specialties throughout his career, e.g. communication systems, facility maintenance, law enforcement/security, Emergency Service Teams (SWAT), small arms training and repair, and instructing/teaching intellectual and mechanical skills. Mr. Lewis has extensive experience in project and program management. Noted speaker, writer and an Eagle Scout, he is (or was) a member of the NRA-Life, TxHA-Life, TSRA, IALEFI, ILEETA, a ILET-Founding Member, and NSSF. He holds an A.A. in Security Administration from the Community College of the Air Force, an A.A. in Business Management from Wayland Baptist University, a B.S. in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University, and a Master of Business Administration from Our Lady of the Lake University.

Dan Graeber is the President of The Trainers Group and a Adjunct Instructor with NPSI Training as well as a seasoned Firearms Instructor, NRA Training Counselor, First Aid Instructor, Ropes Course facilitator, and an Applications Engineer in the A/V world primarily working with Operations Centers. Dan has been training for over 26 years. Before going full time into business for himself and joining the National Protective team, Dan was the Worldwide Training Manager for Clarity Visual Systems. He has had the opportunity to travel the world, extensively in Europe, training mechanical skills, trouble shooting, problem solving, and engineering. Dan is a very successful team leader and "crisis manager" on an as needed basis domestically and overseas. The successes of his international training experiences give Dan some very unique understandings of how people accrue data and hence "learn". Dan has worked with various executive protection/operational groups. He has developed shooting curriculum for advanced and intermediate shooters. Dan continues to work with Boy Scouts, Venture's, and other youth groups as often as he can; developing tomorrow's leaders. Dan is an Eagle Scout, Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, NRA life member, and TSRA active member.

Jeremy Burgett is the Owner and Senior Instructor for <u>T3R Medical Group</u> and a United States Army (Retired) Combat Medic of 22 years. He has served overseas in 4 combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. He also served 13 months on a remote assignment in Israel as a US Medical Liaison/Instructor for US and Israeli forces. Jeremy currently still works as a Tactical Medic and EMS Instructor within the state of Texas.

Westen Graham is an Instructor and Writer for <u>T3R Medical Group</u>. He is also a former United States Navy (Green Side) Corpsman of 8 plus years. In his Navy career, he was embedded in a United States Marine Corps platoon as their "medic", and he was and still is very good at his job. Westen now works as a trauma instructor, tactical medic, and private ranch security.

Chandler Stockstill is an Instructor and Writer for T3R Medical Group. He is also a former United States Army Combat Medic of 5 plus years. Chandler's experience is quite unique in how it differs from that of Jeremy and Westen's. Chandler served as the Lead Medic in the US military's Level 1 Trauma Center at Fort Sam Houston, TX. He brings an unprecedented knowledge of civilian trauma experience to the table that easily matches the combat trauma experience of Jeremy and Westen.

Cynthia Aulds is the Director of the <u>Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking for Texas</u>. Prior to her current role, Cynthia spent 21 years in the Healthcare field as a Registered Respiratory Therapist, a Clinical Specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and as Director of Cardiopulmonary Services at Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg, Texas. Cynthia transitioned into the position of Missions Minister at Sugar Land Baptist Church (outside Houston) in 2009, taking on the role Full-time in 2013. While in her ministerial role, she was a part of the initial core group who started the Coalition.

In Cynthia's Words: My work as Missions Minister involved anti-human trafficking efforts in Houston. I grew up in Houston, have lived the majority of my life there, and had no idea human trafficking existed, much less to the extent that it does. The more I learned, and the more I saw how prevalent trafficking is throughout Texas, from the smallest of towns to the largest metropolitan areas, the more I felt my passion changing to focusing my efforts on bringing awareness and education to others to help combat this horrific industry.

Dr. Helen Mireles, Ph.D., LMSW, (Retired) is a Retired Victim Assistance Specialist with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), SAC (Special Agent in Charge) San Antonio. Dr. Mireles supports the SAC's areas of responsibility which includes offices in Del Rio, Eagle Pass,

Laredo, Falcon Dam, McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, Austin, and San Antonio. She provides victim assistance services to victims of human trafficking and to victims of other crimes, including but not limited to, crisis intervention, short term counseling, referral and coordination of social services nationally and internationally, facilitating U and T-visa law enforcement certification requests and continued presence parole. Her responsibilities also extend to community outreach, internal and external victim education training and victim assistance training instructor for HSI's International Law Enforcement Academy. Dr. Mireles works closely with Special Agent Victim Collaterals from each office to identify, rescue, and restore victims of crime. She was previously assigned to HSI's Human Smuggling and Trafficking Unit for five years and the Child Exploitation Unit.

Dr. Mireles is a long-standing member of the Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking in San Antonio, the Central Texas Human Trafficking Task Force in Austin, and the Rio Grande Valley Human Trafficking Coalition, in Pharr, TX. Prior to her HSI position, Dr. Mireles was a Supervisory Asylum Officer for over fourteen years and an Asylum Officer for three years with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Houston Asylum Office, Houston, TX. As a supervisor, she was responsible for determining that fair and sound Immigration Asylum decisions were rendered to refugees fleeing human rights abuses and persecution in their native countries. As an Asylum Officer, she interviewed refugees from all over the world to determine if they qualified for Immigration Asylum relief. Dr. Mireles has also worked for the State of Texas as a Child Protective Services Specialist, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, and Caseworker for disabled children. She holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and Ph.D. in Leadership/Management studies.

Aaron Marshall is a two-time combat veteran, having deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, and is currently a major in the US Army Reserve. He has been a shooter for almost twenty years and a firearms instructor for over fifteen years, in both military and civilian settings. He holds instructor certifications from Glock, Sig Sauer, and the NRA Law Enforcement division, and is a US Army primary marksmanship instructor for both pistol and rifle. Aaron worked for three years as a range master at Front Sight, the largest private firearms school in the county, and has personally trained over 6000 students. He sits on the board of directors for the Texas Handgun Association. Aaron is a Master Trainer for <u>Guncraft Training Academy</u> in New Braunfels, Texas, where he manages and instructs in training programs on defensive handgun, rifle, and shotgun.

Jamie LaBarbera is a former police officer for the Fremont and Oakland police departments. He was also a senior training specialist for the California Motorcycle Training Program and is a licensed private investigator. Jamie is a POST-certified and NRA Law Enforcement certified firearms instructor. He is the Training Coordinator for Guncraft Training Academy.

Dr. Stephen C. Craig, DO, PH.D, MTM&H, FRCP (EDIN.) is a retired US Army Medical Officer. During his 26.5-year military career he served as a flight surgeon and diving medical officer with deployed conventional and special operations forces, as Chief of Preventive Medicine at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC and the USMA, West Point, as an epidemiologist at US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and as Deputy Chief of Staff for Clinical Operations, 30th Medical Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany.

He also served as Associate Professor, Military and Emergency Medicine and Assistant Professor, Medical History, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD from 2004-2015. Dr. Craig is now fully retired and lives in San Antonio.

Brian Holmes is the Founder and President of <u>Strategic Influencers</u>, <u>LLC</u>, a company dedicated to Transforming Minds and Developing Leaders. For over 25 years, he has been involved in the Personal and Leadership Development space. His experience and expertise in building people has been utilized in numerous areas, including corporate training, executive coaching, leadership development trainer, personal development program facilitation, and church leadership.

He has authored numerous books and curriculums, including the internationally acclaimed, *The Ties That Bind, a Study on Identifying and Breaking Unhealthy Connections and Limitations*. In addition to his books, he is an author and presenter of numerous video and audio programs which are specifically designed to provide both personal and leadership development to individuals who desire to take their lives and their leadership to new and exciting levels.

He is a board-certified counselor; a certified facilitator for The Pacific Institute; an author and lecturer; a Certified Life, Business, and Leadership Coach; a Master Coach Trainer; and mentor to people in all fields.

As a keynote speaker and trainer, he has traveled extensively each year speaking in conferences and leadership forums around the world. He helps entrepreneurs and emerging leaders fine-tune their focus, maximize their impact, and expand their influence.

Brian is also a Texas Handgun Association member.

Learn to Reach your potential as a person, trainer, instructor, employee, or business owner through Brian Holmes' amazing message.

Larry Dean Bloomquist is a Board-Certified Criminal Defense attorney. As a Prosecutor for eight years, he fought in the courtrooms and argued to juries, that those that chose to hurt others be prevented from doing so. In case after case, he sought justice. Over time Larry realized the criminal justice system sometimes caught innocent people and tried to put them in prison for crimes they did not commit or tried to punish the guilty beyond all reason and without

compassion. Those people needed protection and help, more so because they faced the overall power of the state. So now he defends people charged with crimes. Larry defends gun owners and protects their rights to own and carry firearms. He travels the state to protect those that act in self-defense and educate gun owners on their rights and responsibilities. For more information on Larry, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=gh2moN8PRZU.

Karl Rehn has been a firearms trainer since 1991, attending more than 3000 hours of formal training from more than 80 different trainers to develop his skill and knowledge of defensive handgun skills and related topics. He is a full-time instructor, range owner, shooting competitor and author. His credentials include Grand Master ratings from USPSA in 5 divisions, Rangemaster Master Instructor, Massad Ayoob Group Deadly Force Instructor, Force Science Analyst, NRA Training Counselor, DPS certified LTC and School Safety instructor, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement instructor, and Simunition Certified Force on Force instructor. Most of his courses are taught at his A-Zone Range facility near Lincoln, Texas, supported by a team of 10 male and female assistant instructors. He has also taught classes on the road in more than a dozen states, been featured in three episodes of the Outdoor Channel's "Shooting Gallery" show, been a guest on dozens of podcasts and writes a blog (blog.krtraining.com) focused on handgun training. Visit www.krtraining.com and blog.krtraining.com for more information about classes.

Alison Adams is the owner of 4 Range Training and is an NRA and USCCA Instructor, Range Master Certified, MAG 40 Graduate, and Chief Range Safety Officer. Facilitator of A Girl and A Gun San Antonio Chapter, Member of The Well-Armed Women of America, Assistant Texas State Director of The DC Project, Board Secretary of Texas Handgun Association, Life Member of the Texas Handgun Association, the NRA, and Texas Rifle Association. Alison is a teacher by nature and recognizes opportunities to turn experiences in to teachable moments. Much of her students training, these days, is with the Smokeless Range and it has proven to be the best dry fire practice for her students, whose dry fire training has been effective in improving efficiency in marksmanship and accuracy in self-defense situations.

Kari Grayson is the founder and creator of <u>License2Kari</u> and CO-owner of <u>Buck and Does</u> <u>Mercantile</u>. Her journey into firearms instruction came about in 2018 when Kari and her husband became part owners of Buck & Doe's Mercantile Gun Range and Boutique. When they first acquired the business, she was only interested in the boutique side and had no desire to even visit the gun range. She had no shooting experience and had been a music instructor for the previous 20 years with a Master's of Music Education degree. She finally took a shooting lesson and discovered how much fun it was and that she wasn't too bad either! With a passion for teaching, she decided to fully embark on the path to becoming a firearms instructor. Kari quickly became an NRA Pistol Instructor and USCCA instructor followed up by acquiring her License to Carry instructor certification. She started teaching classes at Buck & Doe's and have continued to

