



Principles for Success

Firearm/Shooting Quick Reference Guide

- 1) If you are **safe** AND **effective** with the task, there is NOT a “wrong” way
- 2) Shot placement trumps caliber size – any tool is better than no tool at all
- 3) Recommended Defensive Pistol: Polymer frame, striker-fired, 9mm, full-size grip (all fingers on frame), no external safety, 15+1 round capacity, \$500+
- 4) The Primary Shooting Skill is the ability to press the trigger without moving the gun
- 5) Concealed Carry... means no one can see your firearm
- 6) **DEADLY FORCE** (bullet leaves the gun) ONLY when all three (3) elements are present:
 - a) Imminent Threat
 - b) Threat of Serious Bodily Injury (SBI) or Death
 - c) Firearm is the *only reasonable option* to stop the threat

If it's not worth dying for, or going to prison for, it's not worth killing for...
- 7) Post defensive shooting incident: Comply with Police, while you **Doctor Up, Lawyer Up, Shut Up**
- 8) DO NOT: go stupid places – with stupid people – and do stupid things
- 9) Ideal Skill Standard for Defensive Pistol / Concealed Carry:
2 rounds center mass, from concealed, 7 yards, 2 seconds (multiple hand positions)
- 10) The **surest way to win any altercation** is to avoid it in the first place (don't be there)
- 11) A proper holster = protects the trigger from any unintended activation AND retains the firearm during movement; BOTH are required
- 12) **Breathe – Move – Assess – Shoot**
- 13) Don't OVER coach someone – limit your feedback to one correction per 10 minutes
- 14) **Can you do it** on demand? From an unconventional position? Without your other hand?
- 15) **Seeing** is more important than **looking** – **Knowing** is more important than **guessing**
- 16) Where are the exits (plural)? - Where is your tourniquet? – Where is the closet ER?

