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THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT REVOLVER

by mark faull

Ammunition; To be utilized only in life threatening encounters. Copper jacketed hollow points designed to expand and rupture the target; To incapacitate from attack.

Also involved is the velocity of the bullet. The faster it travels the greater the force upon collision. The greater the "knock down" power on the assailant.

Recently our department has made the decision to arm their peace officers with greater knock down power. They have purchased ammunition known as "plus-P-plus."

For several years the department has issued "plus-P" ammunition to the field ranger. A standard velocity .38 special cartridge is loaded to a maximum average pressure of 17,000 copper units of pressure (C.U.P.). Our department purchased "plus-P" ammunition because its high velocity can attain up to 20,000 c.u.p. and result in greater knock down force. Now the department has decided to increase the velocity further. A plus-P-plus cartridge, also known as a "law enforcement" (LE) load, is available only to law enforcement agencies and personnel, and may generate up to 23,000 c.u.p.

Along with the greater velocity may arise potential problems. The greater the velocity, the greater the kick of the firing revolver. The increased reaction may make the revolver harder to control, decreasing sequence accuracy. Accuracy, of course, is of premier importance. Also, the plus-P-plus cartridges were not designed with .38 special revolvers in mind.

In an article in the December 1980 issue of "American Rifleman" magazine the author stated, "Shooters must also be aware of the existence of special law enforcement loads identified by an "LE" or +P+ headstamp. These cartridges may generate pressures as much as 15% above industry +P standard and should not be used in any .38 special revolver. They are intended for use in .357 mag. guns only."

Before purchasing the plus-P-plus ammunition, former director Dangermond was required to sign a release form relieving the manufacturer of liability "for personal injury or property damage resulting from the use of .38 special 110 grain +P+ Q4070 cartridges...which are used in firearms assigned to or owned by employees or agents of..." the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The release form also contained the following warning. "The average maximum pressure attained by these cartridges is 23,500 P.S.I. Individual cartridges may achieve an even higher pressure which may approach or exceed the proof load pressure a particular firearm may have been subjected to in factory proofing. This cartridge...may cause damage to modern alloy steel firearms because of the higher pressures. Check the condition of the firearm often."

I, like many other departmental employees, have been issued a Smith and Wesson K-frame Model 15 revolver for duty. In response to two inquiries about plus-P-plus use in their .38 caliber K-frame revolvers Smith and Wesson replied"... +P+ may be used in any "K" medium frame revolver which has a model number stamped inside the yoke cut of the frame, however, not as a steady diet."

'We have not made any extensive tests with +P+ ammunition, with any of the medium frame revolvers, however, we do find that +P+ is almost equivalent to factory proof loads.'

'It is not inconceivable that a mechanical error could be made with factory ammunition therefore, we will not assume any responsibility for any damages caused by faulty ammunition.'

'The ammunition in question may be used for qualifying and also on duty. Again we state not as a steady diet.'

Essentially, Smith and Wesson will not accept any damage responsibility caused to the revolver while using plus-P-plus ammunition because the force of the ammunition is very near the stress limits of the revolver. There exists little or no room for the normal variations that occur during the manufacturing of ammunition.

Smith and Wesson also stated, "It is important to remember that .38 special revolvers with fixed sights are designed and tested by our factory to fire "point of aim/point of impact" with the standard 158 grain .38 special ammunition. Any... +P+ cartridge will have a lower point of impact because of its higher velocity."

Should our revolver sights be adjusted to reflect this lower point of impact?

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Recent Developments

— by Frank Balthis

COMPOSITION

A crucial part of the creative art of photography involves deciding what to include in your viewfinder and, ultimately, the final photograph. This may take a fraction of a second, minutes, or even hours, and always necessitates "thought". Learning a few rules or guidelines can help us achieve good composition.

1) "Less is more." Some people feel that the more you include in a photograph the better. Does a cluttered image communicate effectively? Is it pleasing to the eye? A photograph should work as a whole and not a random collection of parts. Words like simplify, unify and harmonize are important.

2) Watch your borders. Does everything belong in the photograph? Avoid items that are half in and half out.

3).Moving people, animals or objects should be headed into the frame, not out of it. This lets us see where they are going or looking.

4)."Rule of thirds". Avoid always centering your main subject of interest. For example, place the horizon either one-third of the way down from the top (if you have an interesting foreground) or one-third of the way up from the bottom (if you have an interesting sky).

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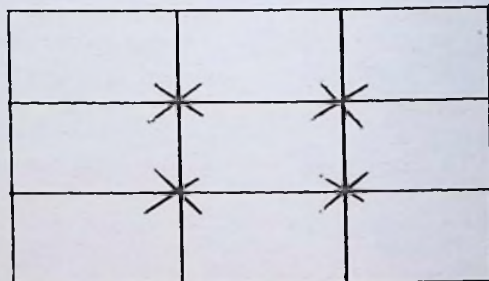
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Diagram: Rule of Thirds



These rules are intended to provide general guidance. Above all-- be creative and experiment.

Retired Members Info

Instructions: Please return completed sheet to Mr. McCall at least 4 weeks prior to retirement date to insure prompt arrival of CSPRA Retirement Plaque.

Mail to:

Retired Members Committee
Mr. Joe McCall, Chairman
9028 Talisman Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916)-363-7566

I. Retirees Background

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Location, title, date when hired by DPR as a permanent employee: _____

Date first hired as a DPR Seasonal (if, applicable): _____

Total years with DPR: _____

Ending date, location and position with DPR: _____

Outstanding or notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co/workers for being: _____

First name of husband/wife: _____

II. Retirement Party Information

Time, date and location: _____

CSPRA member who could present plaque: _____

Coordinator's name and phone#: _____

III. Retirement Plaque Information

Mr. McCall, please have plaque inscription refer to retiree as a "Ranger", "Manager", "Employee" or _____

IV. Comments:



Legislative Committee Underway

by Mike Whitehead

A newly formed Legislative Action Committee (LAC) within CPRSA has become a reality. After an inspiring presentation by Dr. Shanks on "Watt Watching" at the CSPRA/PRAC Conference in Reno, interested members met to formulate a LAC and to set goals. It was agreed that CPRSA should take a more active role in the legislative process since a variety of bills are considered each year that impact our Department, the park and recreation field and the environment in general.

Several important steps have thus far been taken. First of all, a working relationship has been established with California Park and Recreation Society's (CPRS) Legislative Committee through a special affiliation agreement. This will provide us with a knowledge of the bills CPRS is following and the recommendations of their advocacy firm. Several members of our legislative committee will soon be meeting with this advocacy firm to determine whether there are services they can provide CSPRA, since the legislative process is complex and requires constant monitoring. Also, procedures for reviewing legislation, for determining appropriate positions our association should take, and for deciding on appropriate action are currently being established.

If you would like to become involved with legislative matters for CSPRA, either on a local or statewide basis, contact Dave Vincent at 1515 47th St., Sacramento, CA 95819. Dave will act as

chairperson for the Legislative Committee since he is located in Sacramento. Please contact him regarding any important bills you feel CSPRA should take a position on, or legislative information you would like to bring to the association's attention.

The main reason for this monthly column will be to update the membership on the legislation CSPRA is following and on the position the association decides to take on various bills. Since CSPRA has a broadbased membership, we would like to see as much representation as possible on all issues. If you would like CSPRA to address a legislative issue, contact me, Mike Whitehead, at P.O. Box 8, Bodega Bay, CA 94923 or call (707) 875-2255.

CURRENT LEGISLATION:

AB 2099-Farr. Park Bond Issue, amended from \$400 million to \$340 million. Status: on Assembly floor. CSPRA position: support.

AB 712-Rogers. Subsurface oil and gas lease covering the Tule Elk State Reserve by means of slant or directional drilling. Status: passed by Assembly, onto Senate. CSPRA position: opposed unless amended.

SB 398-Greene. Exempt certain private timber operation from California Environmental Quality Act. Status: on inactive file. CSPRA position: watch.

Copies of any bills can be obtained free by contacting your local representative or by writing:
Legislative Bill Room
State Capital Room B-32
Sacramento, CA 95814-4997

ED.--LAC deals with issues directed in relevance to the SPS, whether administrative, environmental, etc. EIC(p.1) deals with statewide or global environmental issues.

In Defense of Tactics

by Russ Guiney

In February I attended a 40 hour course in "Defensive Tactics for Instructors" at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) at San Luis Obispo. The course was taught by Jordan Roth(LAPD,retired) and Bob Downy(Sgt.,San Luis Obispo PD).

As a DPR Defensive Tactics Instructor I wanted to attend this course to compare it with our own training. My DPR training request was turned down, but I was able to attend because of a generous scholarship from CPRSA which covered my tuition and equipment costs.

This was the first DT Instructor course given by CSTI, so there were some rough edges that I'm sure will be improved with time. Most participants were municipal police or sheriffs deputies. The program was slanted to their needs and philosophies. Basic concepts of defensive tactics, however, were similar to ours and with an emphasis on officer safety, protection of danger zones and demonstration of techniques that were of a socially acceptable nature.

The actual arrest and control techniques taught differed somewhat from ours. The CSTI instructors naturally took the position that their techniques were superior and were happy to demonstrate how they could defeat our techniques at every turn. The merits of both could be argued for hours and our program teaches, as common sense dictates, that no technique is absolutely foolproof. Their techniques have weak points, but certainly deserve a close look by DPR personnel. I highly recommend that DPR Instructors attend the CSTI course, if for no other reason than to see how their instructors deal with our techniques. It will help you tighten up areas where you have been lax in teaching or in application of techniques yourself.

Both the straight and side handle (PR-24) baton were taught. Again techniques differed from ours. I was surprised with their simple foot movements. By contrast this area always seems a problem in our DPR teaching. I was impressed with the PR-24 and feel we should at least look at this as an option. -

The CSTI course had an excellent section on vicarious liability. They gave a thorough historical background and listed numerous court cases showing the development of this concept.

I feel the weakest portion of the course dealt with developing instructor abilities. My training at Asilomar was far superior and more comprehensive when it came to putting together a teachable package and then showing you how to deliver it. CSTI offered very little in the way of showing you how to become a good instructor and even less on how to deal with problems that arise as you are teaching. Hopefully, this will improve as the course matures.

Again, I would urge any interested DPR personnel and especially DT Instructors to attend this course. The CSPRA Scholarship Fund is one of the benefits of membership. I had not taken advantage of it in the past and was surprised how easy it was to obtain funding. My compliments and thanks to Steve Horvitz of the Education and Training Committee.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Name _____ Address _____

Area _____ Phone, H _____ W _____

Description of training _____

How will it be of value to you? _____

To the profession? _____

Tuition \$ _____ Materials \$ _____ Travel \$ _____ Misc. \$ _____

Total amount requested \$ _____ How much will the Department pay \$ _____

When did you send your DPR 392 in? _____ CSPRA member? yes ___ no ___

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement if possible. Return this form to Steve Horvitz, Chairman, Education and Training Committee, 110 Mara Ave., Ventura. CA 93004.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE:

OFFSHORE OIL. A public hearing was held in San Francisco on July 2nd and hundreds of supporters from environmental and fishing organizations presented testimony in favor of Rep. Panetta's bill HR2059.

In a separate action, the House voted to ban offshore oil leases in vast areas off the U.S. coast including Morro Bay to the Oregon border, areas offshore of San Diego, Orange county, the Channel Islands and Santa Barbara. The ban was attached to an \$8 billion Interior Department appropriations bill for fiscal year ending in October 1984 and would be in effect only for that time period. The bill was sent on to the Senate.

Rep. Markey (Mass) introduced a bill into the House that would completely scrap the remainder of Watt's 5-year plan for offshore oil leasing because "Watt has abused his stewardship role" in overseeing the sales.

MONO LAKE. Los Angeles officials have reached a compromise with environmentalists over Rep. Lehman's bill. Instead of having National Monument status the area would be called Mono Lake National Forest Scenic Area. The city of Los Angeles was ensured that their water rights would not be affected. Lehman's bill now goes to the full House Interior Committee.

Wanted: Honorary Member Nominations

Who? "An Honorary Member may be any person who, for distinguished service devoted to the objectives of the Association, is nominated by a member of any membership class and approved by a two thirds vote of the Board." Section 6, Article 4 of the CPRSA Constitution.

How? By placing in nomination a person whose distinguished services meet the following criteria:

1. The individual shall have contributed in an outstanding or extra-ordinary manner, or to an unusual degree, to the advancement of the State Park concept, the profession of State Park Ranger, public service within the State Parks, or in the field of ecology as it affects the park system or the public use of parks.

2. This service or action is to be beyond that in which the individual would normally have accomplished as part of his/her job or responsibility.

3. The service may not necessarily be of state or national importance, but is to be judged on its own merit and degree of contribution.

4. Normally, the recommendation would be made during the person's lifetime.

What? Compose a letter, including the name, address and telephone number of the person, the date and place of his/her birth, the educational and/or service background and listing the specific accomplishments which you believe qualifies him or her for the Honorary Lifetime Membership.

When? Now, complete and sign, along with other participating members, the letter or letters, of nomination and mail to Honorary Member Committee, 2975 Graham Hill Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

MARINE SANCTUARY. Marine Sanctuary status has been proposed for the Cordell Bank area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Cordell Bank is a 22 square mile underwater mountain 20 miles offshore from Marin County. Humpback and blue whales inhabit the area during part of the year.

ENDANGERED SPECIES FUND. Assemblyman Campbell introduced AB384 which would allow Californians to check off donations to buy parcels of endangered species habitats from their state income tax forms.

GILLNETTING BAN. AB153 (Farr/Monterey) passed the Assembly in June with an overwhelming majority. The bill would extend existing laws protecting sea birds and marine mammals southward to include Monterey County south of Carmel, all of San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County north of Point Conception. The bill now goes to the Governor. A public hearing held June 1st in San Francisco failed to impress the Director of Fish & Game to impose restrictions on gillnetting from Bodega Bay south to San Mateo County.

I attended my Basic Peace Officer Training at the College of the Redwoods. In that academy's contacts with Smith and Wesson they have learned the following. "Concerning the above models manufactured after 1958 [Model K revolvers with the model number stamped inside the yoke-cut of the frame] Smith and Wesson claims that sustained use of this ammunition [plus-P-plus] will stretch frame dimensions, and cause battering and breakage of small parts, and loosening of cylinder alignment."

Plus-P-plus ammunition may provide the law enforcement ranger with greater bullet velocity and "knock down" power, but if individual cartridges possibly damage the revolver in use, is the trade off acceptable? If in the time of need the first shot damages the weapon and goes astray, the officer's weapon may be incapacitated from further defense. This may not be a common scenario, but the possibility exists.

Unanswered remain other questions. Should the greater bullet velocity suggest that the bullet may have an increased likelihood of exiting the target suspect after collision, accelerating the possible injury of by-standers? Will the department reimburse individuals whose personal weapons may be damaged by the change in ammunition?

Finally, if the department persists with the change to plus-P-plus , perhaps the department should make a commitment to a more suitable revolver.

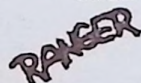
Bond Act Progress

AB 2099, the State Park Bond Act passed the Assembly unanimously and is now in the Senate. The bill, if passed, would then go to a voter referendum. President Mott met with Assemblyman Farr's legislative assistant to express CSPRA's concern over suggested amendments to the bill. Several amendments have been discussed such as the addition of \$25 million for the Wildlife Conservation Board, \$50 million for the Coastal Conservancy or a combination DPR/Department of Fish & Game Bond. CSPRA feels that the additions of these well intentioned amendments will diminish the chance of the Bond Act passing a voter referendum.

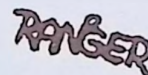
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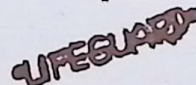
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