



## HOW 2 SHOOT 2 KILL MORE EFFECTIVELY

I recently sent an article to a variety of magazines and online sources for publication. And when I did, I used the title: How 2 Shoot 2 Kill More Effectively, as I felt that would gain attention and because it deals with the truth of the matter.

Well, I received negative feedback about the title from the Editor of a Police Publication, and also from a noted Police trainer. So, I changed the title to improve its reception to: How To Shoot More Effectively In CQB.

As others also may have a concern about the original title, here is the Editor's comment and my thoughts on the matter. A link to the article as well as two others that are related to it, are below.

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John,

I regretfully decline to use this article in the IALEFI magazine. The title, "How 2 Shoot 2 Kill More Effectively" is not consistent with the message we as professional law enforcement trainers try to convey to our students. Police officers shoot to incapacitate an immediate hostile threat to themselves, another officer or civilian. We do not train officers to kill. Conveying such a concept to our officers would be disastrous from both a community relations as well as civil liability aspect. Thank you for taking the time to submit the article.

Assistant Chief \_\_\_\_\_, IALEFI Editorial Board

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Now, I was puzzled by his response.

To me, guns are lethal weapons. And a lethal weapon by definition is made to cause death. That is, guns are made for killing. Sad but true.

I also believe that there should be rules of engagement such as force continuums used by Police, which govern the application of force levels. But that is not the issue here.

The issue at hand is: **WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO USE DEADLY FORCE, THEN WHICH METHOD OF ITS APPLICATION IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND SAFEST FOR THE**

## **OFFICER AND ANY BYSTANDERS.**

Also, the variables of CQB situations and our human responses to them, do not allow for choosing or controlling with precision, its application or outcome. That is reality according to the scientific study of CQB situations.

So, along with the application of lethal force, goes the very real possibility that it may result in the death of a receiver. That is a fact which can not be ignored, dismissed, or wished away.

What can be done to help the good overcome the bad, is to know which is/are the most effective means of applying deadly force, and in turn, to teach that.

To not do that, is to unnecessarily if not recklessly, endanger Officers and members of the public alike.

So, we are not talking about teaching Officers to kill, but **how to defend themselves in CQB situations ( to stay alive - to shoot to live )**.

Sadly, training programs have not been doing that job, and with the result over the years, of injury and/or death to thousands of Police and law abiding folks.

**Most Police are trained in traditional Sight Reliant Shooting, and the resultant miss rate in close quarters gunfight is more than 80%. That means that less than one out of five bullets fired, hits the target. That's reality.**

And if fault is to be found for the dismal failure to shoot effectively in close quarters life threat situation, look to the politicians, mayors, chiefs, sheriffs, the FBI, military and civilian trainers, and gun makers. Don't look to the trainees. They are not in charge.

[Click here for: Unsafe At Any Distance - The Failure Of Police Handgun Training. It is based on a recent RAND Corp. study of the NYPD.](#)

On a positive note, there are effective CQB shooting methods, which can be taught, learned, and retained at significantly less cost in terms of training time and money than Sight Reliant Shooting. And they can reduce Police casualty rates.

But nothing much has been done in the training area, to investigate and determine which is/are most effective in close quarters life threat situations, and to make sure all Officers are schooled in it/them. That is critical, because it is in close quarters encounters where there is the greatest chance of Officers being shot and/or killed.

[Here is the link to the article: How To Shoot More Effectively In CQB.](#)

[Here is a link to another related article: Has Your Handgun Training Set You Up To Be Killed?](#)

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