

Every person owes some of his time to the up building of the profession to which he belongs.

Pres. Theodore Roosevelt

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2006 Instructor Development Conference Successful

The 2006 Firearms Instructor Development Conference was held at the Devens Common at the former Fort Devens facility in Ayer from October 10th through the 12th. Range operations were once again held at outstanding facilities of the Harvard Sportsman's Club.

Over fifty instructors registered for the three day seminar and training event. Numerous vendors attended the product expo on the first day providing attendees with a first hand look at what's new in the industry in weapons and equipment as well as an opportunity shoot in the Mobile Firearms Range provided by Blue Line Corp.

Classroom sessions on Day One included Selection & Care of Body Armor, Full Auto Weapons in Law Enforcement, Ground Fighting Techniques and Terrorism, the Fourth Generation Warrior and Law Enforcement.

A number of notable trainers provided excellent training on the following two range days. Matt Temkin, Mike Sisino, Pat Poirier, Ralph Mroz, Mike Boyle, Rich Verdi, Mike Conti and Paul Wosny provided some fantastic training in point shooting, patrol rifle, core instructional skills and the officer as a moving target were offered. Sgt. Ulf Peterssen & Peter Fredriksson from Sweden came over just to teach with us. Chief Ed Fleury and his gang put on a

great full auto program which included getting qualified on the MP5 and M-16 subguns. Bruce Spiewakoski ran an interesting room clearing program that filled up early on. Rance Deware from Sigarms Academy ran a tactical pistol program for multiple targets.

MLEFIAA would like to thank the Harvard Sportsman's Club for allowing us to use their facility. Their support for the past few years has been invaluable.



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Jim Ring Retires - Bill Leanos Takes the Reins

Jim Ring, probably the longest actively serving firearms instructor in the country has retired. As many of you know, Jim was hospitalized earlier this year for some serious medical issues. Unfortunately, this has forced Jim to hang up his hat with the MPTC.

The new MPTC Firearms Training Coordinator is Sgt. Bill

Leanos of Gloucester P.D. Bill was on hand for the conference and the Executive Board was able to discuss our continuing relationship with the Committee. We welcome Bill on board and look forward to working closely with him in the future.

In recognition of Jim Ring's service to the association and its firearms instructors, we hosted a

small retirement dinner Tuesday evening. In attendance was the E-Board, Jim's wife Marty and several distinguished guests. Jim was presented with proclamations from the Mass. House of Representatives, Senate and the U. S. Congress proclaiming his dedicated service to law enforcement training here in Massachusetts as well as being (continued on Page 2)

By-laws Change Paves the Way For Our First Paid Employee

At the September membership meeting held at the Harvard Sportsman's Club, a proposed by laws change outlining the proposed stipend for the Association Secretary was ratified unanimously by the membership.

Last spring, long time member Mike MacDonald (Westminster P.D.) made a motion that the Association Secretary be compensated for the long hours he devotes to MLEFIAA. The by laws already provided for the Secretary to receive compensation but was silent on how it

was to be handled.

After lengthy discussion, the Executive Board put together a by law amendment that was in line with the membership's wishes and provided fiscal responsibility by setting parameters for this change. The section on Salaries in Article IV was deleted in its entirety. It was replaced by wording which provides for a monthly stipend of \$150 effective October 1, 2006. This stipend will be paid provided the Association maintains a total cash asset of \$2500 or more. If our assets fall be-

low that amount, the stipend is suspended immediately. The Executive Board may vote to reinstate the stipend if the total cash assets rise to \$3000 or more. No retroactive payments are allowed. The E-Board may vote to discontinue the stipend at any time.

The Board felt this maintained the intent of the motion while providing necessary security for the Association's assets. Because of the income generated by the Manual CD sales, we are financially comfortable at this time.

New Storage Facility Delivered to MLEFIAA

On October 9th, MLEFIAA took delivery of a new 40 foot storage container at the Harvard Sportsman's Club. Two years ago we began renting a 20 foot unit from Eagle Leasing. With the acquisition of more than a dozen steel targets and other equipment, this was deemed the best way to keep all our equipment safe, dry and in one location.

In this short time, we filled the 20 foot unit and it became clear

we needed a larger one. The only real decision was to rent or purchase. After looking at all the factors including the ongoing rental fee, the Board decided to purchase a used forty foot marine shipping container. This was based on the inherent strength of the marine unit and low profile compared to a conventional over the road trailer. The unit was cleaned and the doors were overhauled. A new coat of paint was applied to the exterior. Most importantly, we

installed a wide double steel door in the middle of the unit. This will allow better access to gear stowed in the back.

We are looking for metal shelving to organize storage and will build a ramp to both doors.

The Association would like to thank member Greg Newman for his assistance in obtaining permission to place the unit on HSC property and for the site work in preparation for the unit.

Jim Ring Retires (cont. from Page 1)

(Cont. from page 1) the longest actively serving firearms instructor in the U.S. with over 45 years under his belt. A survey conducted by Association President Bert DuVernay yielded no challenges to this claim and several "we can't even come close to touching that" responses.

Following the congressional proclamations, Jim received an official acknowledgement from Governor Mitt Romney for his

service. Jim's service with the old Training Council, the MPTC and as a Board member of HSC has been priceless to our Association.

While Jim may have been able to retire from both the Concord P.D. and the MPTC, he remains active as an appointed Training Coordinator for MLEFIAA. His duties are directed towards maintaining the quality of our training and acting as a liaison with the Harvard Sportsman's

Club where MLEFIAA conducts about 90% of its training operations. Jim also serves as our Director of Range Operations during the Conference and other trainings conducted at the range.

On behalf of all MLEFIAA members, we wish Jim well and look forward to seeing more of him now that he is feeling better and doesn't have the Commonwealth distracting him from his MLEFIAA duties.

Meeting Calendar

Nov 28, 2006
Westminster P.D.

Dec 12, 2006
SIG Arms
Academy
(2007 E-Board
Nominations)

Jan 23, 2007
S&W Academy
(Elections)

Feb 27, 2007
Mass. State Police
Logan Airport

Mar 27, 2007
Open

Apr 24, 2007
Lancaster P.D.

May 22, 2007
Open

June 2007
HSC
Instructor Recerts

Watch your E-mail for details

POLICE PISTOLCRAFT Released by Saber Press

Member Mike Conti's new book has been released by Saber Press. POLICE PISTOLCRAFT is the long awaited compilation of all the material Mike put together to develop the New Paradigm while Director of the Massachusetts State Police Academy's Firearms Training Unit.

POLICE PISTOLCRAFT has received excellent reviews in the short time it has been available and is a "must read" for any serious firearms instructor.

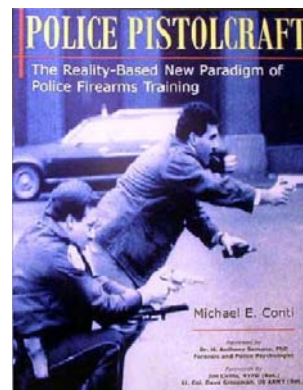
MLEFIAA members will re-

ceive a double benefit when purchasing POLICE PISTOLCRAFT, not only do they get an excellent reference for conducting realistic firearms training, they also receive free shipping!

Noted author and trainer Jim Cirillo calls this book "the most objective and informative book I have ever read concerning police firearms training." LTC Dave Grossman, USA (ret.) says, "Mike Conti's scientific analysis and application of his many years of observations and training are simply brilliant."

Former S&W Academy Director Bert DuVernay wrote, "Future firearms instructors will speak of this work in the same way current trainers speak of the works of Jordan, Cooper, Applegate and Farnam."

POLICE PISTOLCRAFT contains over 350 pages of text, photos, courses of fire and lesson plans. It is available from Saber Press a division of Saber Group (www.sabergroup.com). Regardless of your feelings on point shooting, this book belongs in your library.



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Jim Cirillo on Police Pistolcraft

Firearms Instructors Course Manual - 6th Edition

MLEFIAA has released the latest edition of its acclaimed Firearms Instructor's Course Manual. After working all winter to compile, edit and format the contributed material, editors Joe Picariello and Todd Bailey have put together a whole new edition.

With over 900 pages of material, there was no way the editors could keep the traditional paper format. The size of a bound volume that large would

have made shipping be prohibitively expensive and cumbersome. The editors went to an electronic format to solve all the problems they faced.

The Firearms Instructor's Course Manual is used by over 800 instructors with local, state and federal agencies around the world.

New this year is several hundred pages of new courses of fire and lesson plans that will be invaluable to the working

firearms instructor. The new format allows the instructor to work off their laptop in any location without fear of lost or torn pages.

The Manual is available to MLEFIAA members through the Association Secretary Joe Picariello by emailing him at secretary@mlefiia.org. Member cost is \$35 and \$40 for non-members. Shipping is free and a discount is available to previous Manual customers.

Product Review - Safariland Model 6070 "Raptor"

Reviewed by Todd Bailey

I purchased a Safariland Raptor Level III holster for a Glock Model 23 about a year ago when looking for an alternative to the department mandated SSIII. While there is nothing wrong with the older SSIII design, experience has found that many officers will not use the second (trigger guard) snap. Either because the user is lazy or because the tolerances are so close on the strap length, it is extremely difficult to engage

the snap (and the user is to lazy to make it work), I see to many unsnapped holsters.

The new Raptor is a perfect replacement for any department using the SSIII. The draw sequence is close enough so that transition training is minimal. It is available in several finishes which will match most every existing duty gear including Nylon.

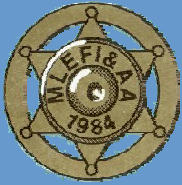
The key benefit is in reholstering. Merely inserting your duty

pistol back into the holster returns you to Level II. A quick flip of the hood brings you to Level III. This is a huge improvement over the older design in both speed and ease of reengaging the security features. Want more security? Add the Sentry device to go to Level IV.

The Universal Belt Loop was a little uncomfortable at first but I am getting accustomed to it.

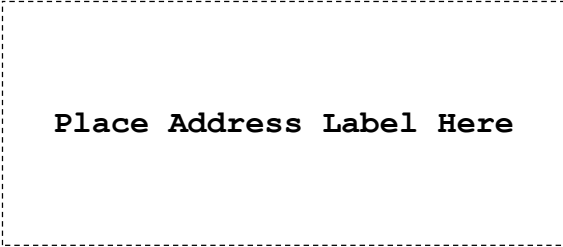
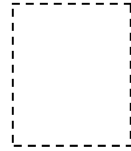
Two thumbs up for this holster.





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The Case Head Needs Your Input

As you have seen, the Case Head has returned but it is a big job to get this out. Your input is needed. What do you want to see in the newsletter? If you have a training tip or an article you've always wanted published, this may be your chance. We welcome reader submissions but as with any other publication, there are a few rules.

Articles should be no more than 1000 words in length and submitted in MS Word. Any photos should be in JPEG format.

MLEFIAA encourages a healthy discussion of training issues but we require that you keep it level headed and respect opposing views. You do not have to agree but we will not publish articles that are inflammatory or otherwise do not uphold the reputation of this Association.

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www.MLEFIAA.org**