



Today, most civilians and many elements of our Military and Law Enforcement personnel are carrying protective firearms in low profile and reduced signature conditions. Carrying a weapon while in this operational mode requires weapon platforms and concealment rigs you may not be familiar with. In addition, a paradigm or mindset shift must take place to enable the fighter to be more effective and survivable when operating with these clandestine weapons.

Storm Mountain's **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will focus on the defensive and offensive aspects of close quarters combat with a hidden firearm, edged weapons and hand to hand combatives.

The training will emphasize the fundamentals of this type of fighting with particular emphasis on combat-proven battle drills and decision-making under fire. The training is comprised of 10% classroom and 90% hands-on live-fire scenario-driven exercises, defensive tactics sessions and edged weapons offense and defense. Some portions of this course will be facilitated with man marking rounds and firearms conversion kits from UTM provided by SMTC.



## Specifically, this course will cover:

1. **Concealed Carry Gun Fighting**
  - a. Shooting on the move
  - b. Behind cover
  - c. Under stress
  - d. In vehicles (targets outside and inside vehicle)
  - e. Close distance: 1-5 yards
  - f. Concealed methodology
  - g. Low light shooting techniques
  
2. **Combatives**
  - a. Close in striking
  - b. Grappling
  - c. Take downs and take down defense
  - d. In vehicle combatives
  - e. Counter arrest
  - f. Counter hold up
  - g. Counter abduction
  - h. Pistol disarm
  - i. Rifle disarm

3. **Edged weapon combatives**
  - a. Fundamentals and theory
  - b. Improvised weapons
  - c. Close quarters methodology
  - d. Defense
  - e. Disarming
  - f. Use/defense in vehicles

This **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will be comprised of 40 training hours and will explore the methods, means, and mindset that will enable the shooter to handle mistakes, recover from them, and continue to fight and win. This is an intense, fast paced course with little or no down time. Training Days are long.

Concealed Carry Permit holders are in critical need of training that combines threat awareness, attack recognition, counter ambush tactics, and drills that combine decision making under combat conditions. The emphasis will be on the real world conditions and problems of these types of fights. The focus is to give the shooter a realistic view of close-proximity fights and allow them to establish a set of priorities prior, during, and after the fight that will significantly increase their survivability.

#### **TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Storm Mountain's **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** is entirely focused on increasing a shooter's survivability during a gun, edged weapons, improvised weapons of hand to hand fight or direct attack in very close proximity. Storm Mountain utilizes time-tested, combat-proven tactics & techniques to enhance a fighter's mindset during this type of attack. The students will conduct force-on-force and live fire attack scenarios with their currently used concealed weapon rigs that will increase their survivability.

#### **Contingency Training Format:**

Storm Mountain's Contingency Training Format is utilized for all of its security training programs. This approach to training is based on setting a training environment that is fluid, realistic, and contains many of the "unknowns" that actual threat scenarios contain. This Contingency Training Format also employs methodologies such as the Crawl, Walk, Run concept, Positive Visualization, and Echo Reinforcement. These teaching techniques allow a broad spectrum of individuals to attend the training regardless of their experience or skill level. This **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will establish a firm foundation of basic fundamentals on which we will layer effective countermeasures.

#### **Initial Contact Timeline:**

When faced with an unexpected threat that poses an immediate danger the average individual will react unconsciously for the first 3-5 seconds. After the first 3-5 seconds the conscious mind begins to regain control of the physical reactions and will start the process of making conscious decisions to remediate the danger. This **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will utilize this concept in all of its training scenarios and exercises to demonstrate how the actions an individual takes during the initial contact of a threat can have positive or adverse effects on their ability to survive.

### **3-Dimensional Threat Awareness -- Environment, Enemy, & Psychological Stress:**

This **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will employ the 3-Dimensional Threat Awareness concept throughout all of its security training programs. This approach to situational awareness is battle tested and combat proven. 3-Dimensional Threat Awareness illustrates that there are three categories of threats that individuals will face in everyday life. The three categories are, The Enemy, The Environment, and the individuals own Psychological Stress. Traditionally, threat awareness has always been a one dimensional concept that only focused on individuals that were attempting to cause intentional injury on someone else. However, as our modern day societies and battlefields have shown us vehicle crashes, unexpected road hazards, weather conditions, mechanical failure, and our own over or under reactions to these threats kill more people every year than do criminals or terrorists.

### **Positive and Negative Effects of Adrenaline:**

When faced with potential danger every human being will have a physiological reaction to that perceived threat. One of those physiological reactions will be the release of large amounts of ADRENALINE into the blood supply. The effects of this adrenaline saturation are predictable. However, the effects fall into two categories; positive and negative. On the positive side elevated heart rate, an increased respiratory cycle, and a constricted capillary system will give an individual an increased sense of strength and energy which will increase their ability to survive the situation. On the negative side, the loss of fine motor skills, narrowed peripheral vision, auditory exclusion, severely reduced cardiovascular endurance, and emotional decision making all make the shooter's ability to survive harder. This **5-Day Clandestine Carry Survivability Course** will ensure each participant develops a deep understanding of these positives and negatives by including this dynamic in all of our training excises.

### **Spatial Awareness Techniques:**

Each shooter will be instructed to value their Mind as their "Primary Weapon System" and develop an acute awareness of their immediate environment while on foot or in a vehicle. The students will practice techniques such as Quartering, 360<sup>o</sup> Scanning, and Near-to-Far Probes during Force-on-Force Scenarios.

### **Reactionary Gap Drills:**

Students will learn to monitor the presence of potential threats within their reactionary gap while on foot or in a vehicle. Any potential target within 21 feet while on foot or within 4 seconds while in a vehicle should be considered an immediate threat. Each student will conduct force-on-force drills that will test their threat awareness and reaction speed to multiple attacks in confined spaces.

### **Sight-Line Denial Techniques:**

Every potential attacker will attempt to identify the angle of attack where the target is most vulnerable and has the least reaction time. By denying them this "Sight-line", you can greatly increase your survivability. Each student will be instructed on techniques that will indentify in-bound and out-bound sight-lines to minimize the effectiveness of an attack while providing the greatest reaction time. Each student will also conduct force-on-force drills that will test their threat awareness and reaction speed to multiple attacks in various real-world scenarios.

**Preparing the Battle-Space Techniques:**

When it comes to survivability, what an shooter does before the fight is as important, if not more important, than what they do during the fight. Each student will learn techniques that will increase their effectiveness during a real gunfight in close-proximity scenarios by identifying potential cover points and terrain advantages when first entering a potential battle-space. Students will conduct live fire shooting drills that will utilize these techniques.

**Ammunition requirement:** 1000 rounds (min).

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Required equipment:** Serviceable handgun (38 special/9mm caliber minimum); five extra magazines or speed-loaders; Concealment holster and mag. pouches fitted to belt; appropriate eye, ear, knee, and elbow protection; flashlight w/ pushbutton; clothing suitable for weather conditions.

**Length/Cost:** 5 days, \$1500.

**Dates:** June 12-16, 2017

**Notes:** SMTC has a limited number of Glock 17 and 19- 9mm handguns for rent during the course if needed. Additional cost of \$100. Will be added to the course fee if you require a rental gun. The rental fee includes: Handgun, Holster, Magazine Pouch and 3 magazines. You will still be responsible for ammunition and a firm belt.