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A Call to Action Against an Anti-Gun, Anti-Cop Smear

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Although he has aged over the 20 years since he retired from the U.S. Army, Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman is still whipcord lean, storming across stages in jeans and a 5.11 shirt. For two decades, he has imparted knowledge, wisdom, and life-changing inspiration to America's heroes. His audiences have included our military, law enforcement, and armed citizens, including numerous NRA Annual Meetings. For 24 years, he served as a buck sergeant, paratrooper, Ranger, and West Point psychology professor. Now a prolific author and a badge-toting reserve cop himself, he has conditioned himself to understand the necessity of fighting evil with a gun.

Col. Grossman has become a symbol to hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers and countless military and government operators. His book On Combat is required reading in numerous federal, state, and local law enforcement academies. His Sheepdogs children's book has helped thousands of children understand what our military and law enforcement do for us, and his new children's book, Why Mommy Carries a Gun, helps educate the children of anyone who chooses to lawfully and responsibly exercise their right to keep and bear arms. Through his work, which has included Green Berets, Rangers, Navy SEALs, and even federal agencies that he cannot talk about, he is making our nation stronger, more honorable, and more disciplined.

Of course, sadly, those who would call for courage, honor, and discipline, those who would uplift and ennoble our cops and our responsibly armed citizens, have become targets for some of our media. In today's age of unregulated internet attacks, anyone who has achieved the notoriety of Col. Grossman must be steeled against such criticism. Most of this can be wisely disregarded. But when these attacks move together in a systematic attempt to silence a scholar, the time arrives when others must take a stand on his behalf.

Across the years, throughout his training, he has championed the necessity of a trained and armed citizenry, taking full advantage of the Second Amendment to protect our nation against criminals and terrorists. After his presentation to thousands of NRA members in 2016, the anti-gun and anti-cop media have drawn a target on his head. In June 2016, after speaking at the NRA Annual Meetings, he was vilified in a New Yorker piece. This was quickly followed in August when a trailer for a Michael Moore-esque pseudo-documentary titled Do Not Resist was released, attacking Dave Grossman in out-ofcontext, heavily edited excerpts of his presentations, even while giving him star billing. By spring 2017, he had been assailed in The Washington Post, the left-leaning magazine Mother Jones, the left-wing standard New Republic, and others.

In these supposedly journalistic productions, among other attacks, Col. Grossman has been misrepresented, called a liar and a purveyor of erroneous facts, cast as unqualified and uncredentialed, and called a virtual Islamophobe. To silence Col. Grossman, they quote what he says out of context. It is an old game, but one that is too often successful. They also completely failed to mention his books! How can you write about a successful author and not even mention his books?

I respectfully submit to this elite body of NRA law enforcement instructors that it is the duty of Americans to not only battle those who pose a physical threat to our nation, but also those who would destroy a leader around whom so many have been inspired.

Col. Grossman's training has always been current and updated, rooted in the latest science and research, yet he also dares to offer us a timeless message of honor, of living and working by a code, of warriorship in the face of



depravity, always ending in a passionate call for "liberty and justice for all." Maybe these sad detractors missed that part. How many more of us, how many more of our young cops, could benefit from his message?

These attacks all began when Col. Grossman dared to speak at the NRA Annual Meetings. Let us turn these media attacks into a victory, taking the opportunity to bring his lifesaving and life-affirming law enforcement presentations to even more police agencies. As a new generation of U.S. Attorneys is being appointed by the Trump administration, let us take the opportunity to recommend Col. Grossman's training as a resource that they can use to empower and inform our law enforcement community.

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NRA Announces New Personal Protection Show

The new NRA Carry Guard Expo (www.nracarryguardexpo.com), taking place at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI, August 25-27, is an intensive three-day event that will give attendees the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in the areas of personal protection, home defense and concealed carry. Whether you are just starting out or are actively carrying every day, the NRA Carry Guard Expo will equip you and your family with the products, skills, knowledge and mindset necessary to prepare and defend yourself when a threat arises.

Top firearms and accessory companies will be exhibiting their latest products, services and technologies in the packed exhibit hall. The NRA Carry Guard Expo will also offer extensive educational seminars ranging from introductory to expert level, featuring some of the best-in-class instructors covering topics such as concealed carry and personal protection practices, hand-to-hand defensive training, active threat control, medical skills in the field and much more. Further in-depth workshops and CCW classes will also be offered at additional cost.

Tickets to the NRA Carry Guard Expo are on sale now at <u>www.nracarryguardexpo.</u> <u>com</u>. Admission to the event covers the entire three days and provides you access to the exhibit hall and all of the free educational seminars. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the ultimate destination for everything personal protection, home defense and concealed carry.



BY CHARLES REMSBERG EDITOR, FORCE SCIENCE NEWS

Is it time to revive warning shots as a viable tactical option for police officers facing a deadly threat?

A consortium of prominent law enforcement organizations seems to think so, although firearms trainers, street officers, and administrators in substantial numbers voice alarm at the idea.

Warning shots by cops have been in general disfavor for decades, with most agencies strongly discouraging or specifically forbidding them by policy. But earlier this year, 11 prominent law enforcement professional associations and labor organizations, including the International Assn. of Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Tactical Officers Assn., issued a jointly crafted "model document" called the "National Consensus Policy on Use of Force."

In a section on deadly force, said to reflect the "best thinking" of some of the country's "most significant law enforcement leadership," the group recommended that warning shots be permitted under certain conditions.

Even though such shots are "inherently dangerous," the Consensus Policy conceded, the guidelines would allow them when:

- "1. the use of deadly force is justified;
- "2. the warning shot will not pose a substantial risk of injury or death to the officer or others; and
- "3. the officer reasonably believes that the warning shot will reduce the possibility that deadly force will have to be used."

Explaining these guidelines in a radio interview, an IACP spokesman referenced today's "new environment" where deescalation of force is emphasized. The intent of the Consensus Policy, he said, is to give officers another option for reacting when faced with a threat.

Police leadership OK with warning shots

stirs protest from line officers

The Force Science Institute, a leading provider of independent research and training on police use of force, human behavior, and professional performance under stress, was not part of the consortium. But the Institute reported this development in its semi-monthly electronic newsletter, Force Science News, and invited its international readership to offer opinions on the recommendation.

Responses quickly flooded our in-box. They poured in from all ranks, all kinds of assignments, all sizes of departments, representing all levels of government.

About 10% of respondents supported the new warning-shot policy recommendation. They typically argued that given the myriad of unpredictable and often bizarre situations officers find themselves in, any legal option should be open to them to use to their benefit.

One training sergeant from the only PD in Connecticut that permits warning shots said that option has been in policy there for 25 years, yet "not once" has an officer actually fired a warning discharge. Even so, "Knowing the option is available," he wrote, "officers have more confidence in their decision-making."

Other supporters described incidents in which they had successfully defused volatile confrontations by shooting harmlessly into the ground or into the air. One case involved an off-duty California officer who fired a warning round into grass to shut down an imminent physical attack by a gang of belligerent males. Another concerned a federal agent in South Dakota who aborted two attempts by suspects to run roadblocks by intentionally shooting over their cars.

Nonetheless, some 90% of responses we received, ranging from one-liners to multiple pages of argument, vociferously opposed accepting warning shots into the law enforcement playbook.

In the words of a highway patrol captain from Missouri, "We should not take years of conventional wisdom, training, and common sense and abandon them under the guise of 'another option.' " Among the many objections opponents of warning shots raised were these:

- Allowing a warning-shot option in tense, uncertain, rapidly unfolding situations will only add to the "post-Ferguson culture of hesitancy" among officers by further "clouding those fractions of a second" when emphatic, life-saving decisions are needed.
- To make a warning shot, an officer must divert his attention "away from the threat target onto the 'harmless' target." And in the time that takes, an undeterred suspect could fire three-plus rounds at the officer, a K-9 handler from Washington calculated.
 - For liability purposes, firearms training, already strapped for time and money, must be expanded to assure officers have the certified skill to deliver "safe, timely, and appropriate warning shots." Yet in reality, as a sergeant from Texas put it, "There is no way, unless we start carrying around bullet traps to fire into, to safely use warning shots. You cannot train an officer to predict unexpected ricochets, penetration, or fragmenting projectiles."
- A former FBI legal counsel from New Jersey claimed that "an argument could be made that, under existing case law, the firing of a warning shot is not a reasonable use of deadly force."
- A retired sergeant from Illinois predicted: "If you create in policy the possibility of a warning shot, then there will be a public EXPECTA-TION of a warning shot." Eventual-

ly, a private trainer added, "warning shots will become mandatory prior to shooting a suspect because plaintiffs' attorneys will succeed in convincing a jury that a warning shot is a reasonable 'first step' in deadly force."

- Ironically, a deputy chief of patrol from Indiana observed, "the argument that a warning shot will result in 'not having to use deadly force' belies the fact that firing a warning shot is using deadly force on its face. The officer, agency, and municipality involved will be held accountable for any damage, injury, or death that results from the officer intentionally discharging his or her weapon without a distinct target."
- Moreover, he added, "Warning shots potentially can actually escalate the use of force." The suspect, "believing he is being fired upon, may return fire." And other officers, hearing a warning shot, could reasonably mistake it as gunfire from the suspect, and open up on him.

There is little doubt that law enforcement today is under enormous pressure to examine its use-of-force practices and find areas for improvement. But the consensus of front-line practitioners who spoke out about the Consensus Policy of the use-of-force consortium appears to be: Don't rush into making change without hard evidence that it works and that it is, in fact, a "best practice."

As of now, there is no persuasive research to suggest that adding warning shots to the law enforcement "tool box" is worth the risks involved.

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Police Pistol Combat Program Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Reminder

With the shooting season starting and Police Pistol Combat Tournaments kicking off all around the country Production Semi-Automatic Pistol shooters, Tournament Directors and NRA Match Supervisors are reminded about the strict requirements for Production Semi-Automatic Pistols. To be used as a Production Semi-Automatic Pistol;

- The pistol must be specifically listed as an Approved Production Semi-Automatic Pistol in Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin 14-1.
- The Approved Pistol must remain in its original stock condition. No external or internal alterations, modifications, part changes, of ANY kind are allowed even if done by the original manufacturer. This includes barrel changes, triggers, trigger components, grips, stocks, and any other parts.
- The only exceptions are that the Stock Duty Sights can be replaced with Approved Duty Sights listed in Police Pistol Combat Program Bulletin 16-1 and that magazine releases and slide catches may be exchanged with extended versions <u>produced</u> by the pistol's manufacturer.

Production Semi-Automatic Pistol shooters need to personally review the Police Pistol Combat Rule 3.1 and 3.10 and PPC Bulletins 14-1 and 16-1 so they understand the Production Pistol requirements. Shooters should also print out the PPC Bulletin pages listing their handgun and sights as being approved and carry them in their range bag to present to Tournament Officials if necessary.

The Police Pistol Combat Rule Book and all PPC Program Bulletins are posted on the NRA Law Enforcement Competitions webpages at https://lecompetitions.nra.org and are in PDF format so you can save them to your mobile phone or other device for quick reference.

All law enforcement competitors have a personal stake in making sure their Production Semi-Automatic Pistol, and those used by others, strictly comply with the PPC specifications so ALL competitors are on an equal field and this truly remains a Duty Match. And with the Production Semi-Automatic Pistols being added to the Distinguished Award Program all shooters should want those receiving Production Distinguished Award Points to earn them using fairly, honestly and under equal conditions as every other competitor.

Tournaments offering and publicizing the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Match have had great success getting first time shooters to come out since they can use almost any Duty Pistol, do not have to buy any equipment, and the course of fire is quick and duty based. Once exposed to the Police Pistol Combat program most first time shooters come back and register for other matches in the Tournament once they see how the matches run and understand they can use their Duty Gun to fire any match in the Police Pistol Combat Program, from Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol, to Distinguished, to Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol.



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Oct 30-Nov 3	Pearl, MS
Oct 30-Nov 3	Sugar Creek, MO
Oct 30-Nov 3	Leesport, PA
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Mar 19-23'18	Leesport, PA
Mar 19-23'18	Summerville, SC
May 14-18'18	Tuscaloosa, AL
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Nov 13-17	Memphis, TN
Nov 27-Dec 1	Palm Bay, FL
Dec 4-8	Lucedale, MS
Dec 11-15	York, SC
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Oct 30-Nov 3	Summerville, SC
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Dec 4-8	San Antonio, TX
Dec 4-8	Mobile, AL
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