



5 In 5: Jeff Johnsgaard (Firearms)

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What if you have your gun on someone, and they stop approaching you, but they don't comply with your orders? What do you do?

– David Edwards, Texas

- You should be calling 911.
- Can you do that while still maintaining your weapon presentation?
- Get to a position of advantage so you can expand on the time/distance/cover/confidence equation.

Is it better to learn how to shoot slow, methodical shots with good shot placement, or do speed drills?

– William Fretzel, Kansas

- Take the anxiety out of a gunfight.
- Train it that way before you do either of those two things.
- Learn how to spatially orient your weapon while moving quickly in time and space.
- Those are the things that matter.
- Now, put them together.

Which is better: Go to the range often, or spend more time at the range each time?

– Michael Harris, New Jersey

- Context is everything, so if you're already doing those things, then maybe neither. It depends.
- Are you doing enough dry drills? Are you good with stoppage drills? Can you do those things 1-handed?

- Don't chase timing tools if surviving a deadly force encounter is your priority.

What is the most effective pistol for an older female to carry?

– Jeanie Wood, South Dakota

- The gun you are able to handle (recoil, feed, fire, extract, eject), especially one handed if need be, is the firearm that's good if you'll carry it.
- Those things pale in comparison to your ability to not look like a victim, have awareness and perception.
- What matters most is the will to act. If there is a doubt, there is no doubt. Optimize your position and take action.
- All that said, perhaps a revolver?

How can your pinkie finger screw up your shooting accuracy?

– Jeff Anderson, Texas

- When you move your trigger finger, you want to move the trigger without moving the gun.
- If you squeeze a lot with your pinkie, which you most likely do without realizing it, you are disturbing your position and hold.
- Once you are handling the recoil of multiple shots, you'll grip with that.
- A full-hand squeezing grip with the right hand produces shots low and to the left.
- Releasing the pinkie helps “fix” that problem to allow you to move the trigger without moving the gun. It's easy, but it's not simple.

Prepare. Train. Survive.