

Firearm Take Away

Are We Training For Reality

As an instructor who teaches how to defend against weapons (gun, knife, club), and in certain circumstances take them away from a threat, it is interesting to see the plethora of gun takeaway “techniques” that are available for viewing on the Internet, especially on YouTube. To be quite blunt, many of the techniques shown, when pressure tested, would be questionable in the real chaos of a street confrontation.

I have also found that many of the techniques taught, although concentrating on the actual “physical” takeaway component, spend very little time talking about the other important principles that must be undertaken in a complete program that should include:

Awareness and Avoidance Training:

- Are you aware of the types of firearms that you can be confronted with (revolvers and semi/fully automatics) and how they function? This is important given the fact that you may have to use the weapon taken as protection from a continued deadly force threat
- Are you aware of how these firearms are being carried and deployed by the criminal element. (<http://senshido.savi.ca/viewtopic.php?t=4512>)

Counter Deployment Training:

- If you are aware of the information noted above, and then through awareness you observe a threat going for a weapon, then you can “foil” the draw before full presentation.

Compliance Training:

- Remember that most people who present a weapon do so as an intimidation factor to obtain something from you (usually property). One must practice compliance IMO !!!!

Physical Takeaway:

- If the threat wants more than your property (body, life) then a physical takeaway is more than appropriate and reasonable. Here are the basic principles that I teach here at the school:

- If you can touch it, you can take it
 - If you can't touch it, then you have two options
- 1) Break and run, always on a zig zag, looking for cover to put between yourself and the bullets that might be coming down range at you. (must be trained, airsoft guns are excellent training aids for this and something that we use here at the school)
 - 2) Cut the pie, using deception, to close the distance thus placing you in range to apply a physical takeaway.
- Feign fear and compliance (must be practiced)

- Prior to actual physical takeaway, apply a cognitive pattern interruption (ask a questions, “what time is it”). This will increase reaction time in the threat (pulling trigger) that is an advantage to you
- Get off the line of fire and simultaneously control (grab) the weapon.
- Strip the weapon from the threat ensuring that the barrel is always turned towards the threat
- Once the weapon is stripped, use it as a blunt trauma weapon and strike the opponent with the piece of steel that you have in your hand (the gun) multiple times. Primary target....head
- Once the threat has been knocked out or effectively distracted/stunned disengage and re-cock the weapon in case it has been placed out of battery (semi-auto) when it was used as a blunt trauma weapon
- Follow up appropriately given laws surrounding use of force.

All the above must be practiced in a NBST environment
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From 360 degrees, and at all angles.

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