

What's In Your Tool Box?

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We all like getting our hands on the newest firearm, flashlight, or other James Bond gadget. We (defensive minded people) are bombarded by ads in magazines & pushy retailers selling their new "tactical" products. There is no shame in getting the latest and greatest toys - God knows I am guilty of it - but let's face the reality: they are all just tools in a theoretical toolbox. Many of these types tools are just over priced, dangerous paper weights without the most important component, training.

Training will give you the focus and skill to operate your equipment, maintain the correct mindset, and learn the legal issues involved with use of force and defensive tactics. So now that you know the importance of training, where do you start?

A key issue to keep in mind is to diversify your training. Do not limit yourself to firearms training, think outside of the box. CPR, First Aid, edged weapons training and management of aggressive behavior are all examples, but the possibilities of topics are endless. Another important factor is to learn from different instructors. Most instructors have one point of view, or a preferred system/technique. This is normal and natural. Instructors spend years developing programs and as a result often as a result fall in love with it. You should attend training from many varied instructors, provided they are qualified and competent. Take what you like from their programs and put those concepts into your own defensive toolbox.

At Applied Protection Concepts and Bridgeport Shooting Range, we have a cadre of instructors with varied occupations, experience, backgrounds and training. We also bring in nationally known instructors throughout the year to add to your knowledge base. We are confident that you will enjoy your learning experience with. We look forward to working with and for you to expand your training options and your toolbox. Stay safe and remember, failing to train is training to fail!

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