



MDTS 2012 Notice of “Blackhawk Serpa” Holster Prohibition

Students,

In keeping with our perpetual evaluation of trends and technology as well as our unrelenting commitment to safety, **I have chosen to implement a total ban on the “Blackhawk Serpa” series of holsters during all MDTS programs effective immediately.**

This decision came about as a result of numerous (non-anecdotal) cases wherein users inadvertently discharged their weapons during the draw-stroke. Please note, this is not a Law Enforcement ONLY issue, I have personally seen this happen to two citizens with “**years of experience**”.



These mishaps are directly attributable to the usage of the trigger finger to defeat the retention mechanism. Under stress or great speed, the motor pattern of the digit continues inward resulting in aggressive contact with the trigger face BEFORE the muzzle has even cleared the mouth of the holster. This is NOT a question of training, but one of human action, biomechanics and an inherently risky proprietary retention design.

Numerous law enforcement agencies and military units are banning these holsters as well as sporting/competitive leagues and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA... Were the holster a restaurant it would have been shut down by the health department long ago.

In good faith I cannot allow the continued use of this system despite the fact that this will cause inconvenience and additional cost to students. I feel that mitigating this unnecessary risk far outweighs the purchase of a new holster.

I strongly endorse systems made by: Raven Concealment (www.ravenconcealment.com), Safariland (www.safariland.com), Comp-Tac (www.comp-tac.com), G-Code (www.tacticalholsters.com), Blade-Tech (www.blade-tech.com), and FIST (www.fist-inc.com). As always, I am available should you have further questions?

Keep Training,
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