

# Boomstick-Fu

## Physical Security at its Most Basic and Brutal Level

DefCon 15



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# Show Of Hands

- **Gun Owners**
- **Regular Shooters**
- **Used a Firearm Defensively**
- **Considering a Purchase**



# What This Talk Is About

(and what it's NOT about)

- **Defensive Firearm Ownership**
- **Hardware Within the Law**  
(sorry full auto modders)
- **People Within the Law**  
(permits and licenses, i.e. CCW)



# Four Rules of Firearm Safety

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**What's wrong with this picture?**



# Why Choose To Own Guns?

- It's not about "Bad Neighborhoods"
- Hope for the Best & Prepare for the Worst
- The "worst" can get pretty bad on some very rare occasions, no matter where you live  
(Natural Disasters, Civil Unrest, Mass Hysteria, etc.)
- The most *restrictive* regions (or nations) can have some of the *worst* violent crime rates.



# We Will Discuss...

- **Weapon Selection**
- **Ammo Selection**
- **Training and Practice**
- **Psychological Considerations**
- **Legal Notes**



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  - **Actions, Pros & Cons, Versatility, Reliability**
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# Shotguns

- Pump vs. Autoloading vs. Old Style



**hard to top a good pump action**  
(Remington 870 or Mossberg 500/590)



# Shotguns

- Pump vs. Autoloading vs. Old Style
- Capacity, Versatility, Ease of Use, Handling
- Storing Safely & Storing Ready
- Accessories (slings, lights, sidesaddles)



# Handguns

- Revolver vs. Autoloading Pistol



# Handguns

- **Revolver vs. Autoloading Pistol**
  - **Revolver**
    - **Reliable & Simple**
    - **Storing Ready**
  - **Pistol**
    - **More Rounds**
    - **Faster Reloads**



# Maintenance

- **No matter what you choose, it will only perform properly if you take care of it**
- **Cleaning after every use**
- **Smithing by professionals**
- **Proper storage**



# Ammunition

- **Caliber (not too big, not too small)**
  - 9mm .38 .40 .45 range for handguns
  - 12 gauge for shotguns
- **Preventing over-penetration**
  - Hollow points, frangible rounds, shotshells
  - Less than lethal ammo? (graduated loading)



# Less Than Lethal Solutions

- **Pepper Spray** (often legal)
- **Brass Knuckles / Billy Clubs** (not as legal)
- **Less than Lethal Ammunition**
  - **Shotshells** (decent and potentially useful)
  - **Pistol Ammo** (tricky and potentially problematic)
- **Check the law... many subtle nuances**
  - **CCW changes a lot of things** (even knives)





# Training and Practice

- **Don't just leave your weapon in a closet**  
(or worse, on your person if you're a CCW holder)
- **Find a good range near you**
- **Shoot often (how often?)**
- **Repetition and Muscle Memory**
- **Predictability**
  - Handling, Patterning, etc
- **Does your range allow more?**
  - Drawing, Rapid Fire, Tactical Reloading
- **Defensive Shooting Courses**



# Psychological Considerations

- **Mentality of Shooting**
- **Could you take a life?**
- **CCW increases the stakes**
- **Aftermath**



# Legal Notes

- **Ownership laws are important to follow**
- **Carry laws are important to follow**
- **Risks of breaking the law**
  - Prosecution / Incarceration
  - Losing whole collection
  - Prevention of future ownership
- **When you can use deadly force**
- **Obligations during and after a shooting**



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# Q & A

**You talkin' to me?  
Then speak clearly  
& into a microphone.**



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# Thank You

still have more questions? buy us drinks later



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