

## Self-defense and common sense

By Davy Keith

You may have heard the quote, “When seconds count, police are only a few minutes away.”

This may come as a surprise to some, but the police are not required to save you or anyone else from danger. The truth is, people are responsible for protecting themselves and their family. Police may respond and may intervene if 911 is dialed, but what happens until they arrive? Bad things, some- times ... but they don’t have to.

A few years back, just before Christmas, I was at home in my dining room sitting in front of my computer. It was around 10 p.m. I heard a noise outside, so I looked through my window and saw what appeared to be a van stopped at the end of my driveway. I thought to myself, “Hmm, that’s not normal.”

According to Hollywood, a van is usually the vehicle of choice for a bad guy. Not your average criminal but trained killers and hitmen use a van. Based on that thought, I decided I should retrieve my home-defense force multiplier, which is my Glock 21 chambered in .45 caliber, from my bedside. When I returned from retrieving my Glock and was approaching my front door, my heart skipped several beats as I noticed the door handle moving. My thinking went from a suspicious vehicle in my driveway to “Someone is coming inside my home!” What seemed like a thousand thoughts flooded my head all at once. “I don’t know anyone who drives a van, and even if I did, they would know better than to open my door, at night, unannounced. This is really happening right now! I’ve got to deal with this. There is no time to dial 911.”

After thinking all those thoughts all at once, I decided to confront whomever was turning my doorknob. My training kicked in as I raised my handgun to a “low ready position,” pointing the barrel slightly downward with my right index finger on the side of the gun and not on the trigger. Using my left hand, I turned the door knob and opened the door rather exuberantly. It was at this moment that I locked eyes with a person I didn’t know and saw what can only be described as a look of terror on the face of what appeared to be a FedEx courier who likely just had his entire life flash before his eyes.

We both stood exactly where we were for what seemed like an eternity, both realizing that the power to take his life was in my right hand and he not knowing my intentions until I put the Glock behind my back into my waistband. Apologies were made from both of us (his somewhat more profusely) and I retrieved the bag tied around my door handle, shut the door and processed what just took place.

Some people may believe the “Castle Doctrine” gives occupants of their home unilateral immunity to defend themselves or family against a perceived threat. If I described this event up until the point that I opened my door, some may think it would be reasonable to “shoot and ask questions later” in a similar situation.

However, while it may be true that people inside their homes have more legal standing or justification for using deadly force because of the Castle Doctrine, it doesn’t mean that a person is justified for making a bad decision or mistake.

The question that should be asked when facing a threat is, “What would a reasonable person do in a similar situation?” In my example, I believe my actions were reasonable. However, I must admit that before I realized the source of the perceived threat, the thought crossed my mind to shoot through the door because, in my mind, a bad guy was coming inside my home. Doing so would have been a tragic mistake.

I’ve told this story to many people, and someone told me a story similar to mine but it involved someone actually entering his home around the midnight hour. This person told me he had his shotgun aimed at a person he believed was an intruder who came through his kitchen door. He recounted that he had his finger on the trigger with the safety off. As a light turned on, he immediately saw the same look of terror on the intruder’s face, but in his case, from his son.

I don’t believe it’s a stretch to claim that a life-or-death decision to use deadly force is likely one of the most defining decisions of a person’s life. It changes their life permanently for good or bad. With that in mind, this decision often must be made in seconds or, in some cases, fractions of a second. The next most logical question is, how can anyone make the right call in such a short amount of time? The answer is summarized in one word: Training.

Most Americans, especially in the South, are armed and often could be described as being “armed to the teeth.”

I’m all for every citizen being an armed citizen. However, along with that statement, I should qualify it by saying

that while the right to be armed is in fact an inalienable right guaranteed by the Second Amendment, each person must also assume the huge burden of the responsibility of being armed.

There are critical steps that should be taken if the decision is made to own a firearm or any other weapon with the intention of using it to protect themselves or those they love. I’ll end this article with four very important rules regarding firearms in the hope that it will encourage you to be responsible and to either get trained or

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to continue training. Self-defense skills and the ability to make a correct split-second life-altering decision under extreme stress are usually obtained through training, and such training is perishable.

I can't even begin to discuss how to make the right decision in a life-or-death situation in such a short article, but I can offer these four rules that may save your life or the life of someone you care about. When someone is hurt unintentionally by a firearm, it's always a negligent action that could have been prevented.

**Four rules of firearm safety:**

- 1.) The gun is always loaded.**
- 2.) Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.**
- 3.) Never let the muzzle point at anything you aren't willing to destroy.**
- 4.) Always be sure of your target and what is behind it.**

## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

President Biden has dropped the nomination of David Chipman as director of the BATF. Mr. Chipman has been a paid anti-gun activist for many years. The obstacle to his nomination appears to be some racist remarks he made years ago. The President has threatened to make him his "gun czar." This appears to be a position in which Mr. Chipman can instruct various government agencies on how to harass and slander gun owners.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that 3.2 million people bought guns for the first time in the first half of this year. This is in addition to the over 8 million new gun owners last year. The NSSF is the trade association for gun manufacturers. The new shooters break down into increases in women and minority gun owners. The left hates this; all the more reason to welcome the new gun owners.

Sheriff Britton Ferrell of Mississippi county Missouri blames our gun laws for a shooting at a car show in his county. He calls our gun laws "hug a thug" legislation. He especially criticizes the recent Second Amendment Preservation Act. The gun owners of Missouri are not thugs. We are law abiding citizens who want to protect our families from thugs who open fire at car shows.

There is a news report of a woman shooting a peeping tom. She reports seeing him looking through her window, became frightened, took up her rifle and fired. The peeping tom was badly injured. The bullets went through the wall. Two points come to mind. First, you cannot shoot a peeping tom. You can only shoot when in reasonable fear of deadly force. Being frightened is not enough. Invasion of privacy is not enough. Second, many people do not realize they can shoot through walls. This is a safety and tactical concern. If an assailant takes cover behind furniture or a wall it is possible to shoot through the barrier and resolve the situation. One commentator wrote that in the thousands of shootings he has reviewed he has never seen a criminal shoot through a flimsy barrier. This puts criminals at a disadvantage. Do not tell them.

Niya McAdoo is the president of the Kansas University student body. On 3 September she tweeted "Death to America." She does not think that America properly respects her. I do not believe this tweet will help her get the respect she demands.

Division is rampant in this country. There cannot be disagreement over any issue it must be reflexive, screaming division. No one listens. The other side is assumed to operate from vile motives; the word racist is bandied about. We cannot afford to have such divisions in our movement. I have seen references to disputes among Florida gun owners concerning the Florida representative for Gun Owners of America. I am not clear on what the problem might be. Other persons are upset at the NRA for reasons that have been repeatedly hashed out. We should focus on those matters on which we agree. Abuse between gun groups only helps the opposition. We should resolve disputes among ourselves. Sending screeds over the internet does not solve problems. Face-to-face meetings solve problems.

The last time we were united as a country was when terrorists flew airplanes into our buildings. We were briefly united when Osama Bin Laden was killed; although then Vice-President Biden opposed the raid. Certainly we can agree on something, fresh air and sunshine comes to mind.

This week marks the 38<sup>th</sup> year I have been practicing law. I do not plan any celebrations. I shall go to the American Legion gun show, but I would do that anyway. When I began practicing law claiming a Second Amendment right to own guns was considered radical. The establishment view was that it was an absolute constitutional right to join the National Guard. Now it is mainstream. The argument has now shifted to the extent of the right; does it cover concealed carry, semi-automatic rifles or hand braces for handguns? This shows that we have many hard fights ahead; but we are winning.

The 17<sup>th</sup> of September is also the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution had a long fight for ratification, and it took the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court a week to sign my Bar admission. Nothing good happens like flicking on a light switch.

I remember a Massachusetts attorney who called me for advice. His client was moving to Missouri and wanted to know what he had to do to own guns in our state. "Pay for them," I said. He had a number of specific questions about restrictions involving semi-automatic guns, magazine capacity, registration, permits and more. I had to convince



him that we don't do any of those things. It gave me a warm fuzzy feeling about all the efforts we have put into making this a free state.

Last month I wrote (off topic) about COVID. It is still with us. President Biden intends to order all companies employing more than 100 persons to require their employees to be vaccinated. He intends to have the Occupational Safety and Health Administration run this program. Missouri law allows employers to fire people for such a reason. There is some question if the President can order it. There is no better way to inspire resistance to vaccination. Lawsuits are threatened. This takes time away from discussion over if vaccination is a good idea. For that you should consult your doctor, a real doctor, not some strange web site claiming to be run by a doctor. If you do not have a doctor ask a local hospital for a list of general practitioners.

One bright day we shall have a range day and shoot these masks.

December 15<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Bill of Rights. That would be a good day for a mask massacre. I just hope it will be this December.

A "security guard" in Chicago ordered a maskless man to leave a liquor store. The man went out, started to come back in and the "security guard" shot him. The "security guard" went outside and shot him again. He walked around, then shot him again. He was arrested. He claimed self-defense. He argued that the maskless man might have had covid and might have infected people in the store. There are two "mights" there. Even one would take it out of the realm of self-defense. For self-defense there must a reasonable fear. A speculative fear is not enough. The maskless man might have been guilty of trespass after being ordered to leave; but that does not justify death. The "security guard" had four felonies on his record and was on the sex offender registry. The fool who hired him as an armed security guard may be in some legal trouble.

In any self-defense case one does not have to act perfectly, only reasonably. Of course, the closer one gets to perfect the better. There was a judge in Kansas City who used to say "The last perfect person got crucified." Get close to perfect but be careful.

I met a man who said that he has all the guns that he wants. I cannot say the same. Even excluding guns that have only recently arrived on the market, there are guns I simply want to own. I have very little time to shoot as it is, but I want to own.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.

### Anti-Gun Hypocrite Sets an Example

Leftist gun grabbers have a long history of exploiting children to push for gun control. Now we can add child endangerment to their résumé.

In a little-noticed story last month, the Associated Press reports: "Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren pleaded not guilty ... to charges stemming from a police raid that allegedly turned up a rifle and pistol, and her 10-year-old daughter alone, in the home she shares with her husband. A grand jury indicted Warren and her husband Timothy Granison ... on a felony count of criminal possession of a firearm, as well as misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child and having unsecured guns in a home."

This isn't a story about actually endangering a child by having guns in the home. It is a story about leftist hypocrisy.

Warren is one of the mayors involved with Michael Bloomberg's anti-Second Amendment group, Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

MAIG demands leftist policies like "universal" background checks, red flag laws, and storage requirements. And in Warren's case, New York requires registration of pistols, and Rochester requires locked gun storage. The mayor violated both of those laws.

Perhaps Warren's daughter was endangered by those unlocked guns. Bloomberg's buddies at the Brady Campaign certainly want us to think that. Or perhaps the girl was actually endangered by Granison's cocaine trafficking.

Either way, Warren serves as the poster child of hypocrisy, which surely played a role in her June primary defeat. As she nears the end of her term and faces criminal charges, here's hoping a few more Americans take heed of her story to promote good gun safety practices, such as those thought in the NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program. Warren's daughter and millions of other kids would benefit from knowing what to do should they encounter a firearm. And Democrats would benefit from abandoning their "do as I say, not as I do" philosophy.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## SOMETHING PROFOUND

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Writing on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September calls for something profound. I don't have anything profound. A few decades ago I told a Viet Nam veteran that his generation gave the nations of Asia ten years to get their act together. Some did, some didn't. The Afghanistan generation gave Central Asia twenty years to get its act together. Some clearly did not but the fault cannot be laid against our military members who did everything asked of them.

What does that mean to us? The government often covers one disaster with another campaign. Their bag of tricks is thin. One of their tricks is an assault on our rights. There is an election in one year and a presidential election in three. Preparation is key to these things. Everyone can do something. It is possible to raise money. Putting away a bit of money every week adds up. When the appropriate candidate appears, give it to him. Collect names and e-mail addresses of people who can be called upon to help a candidate. People can pass out literature on their street, form cheering crowds and host fund-raisers. Find high-visibility locations for campaign signs. Yard signs are one thing; locations for 3 by 5 foot signs and larger are another. These locations are valuable to campaigns. When we are valuable to a campaign, we are remembered. Politicians need friends above all else. Find ways to be a friend.

Enemy sympathizers have been encouraged by the enemy victory. It is likely that some will be encouraged to celebrate by shooting up a crowd. We are our own first responders. The enemy is not every Moslem nor every Middle Easterner. The enemy consists of the criminals and psychopaths among us. The criminals and psychopaths will not win.

As the great parliamentarian [Edmund Burke](#) said, "The only thing necessary for **the triumph of evil** is for good men to do nothing."

### NSSF RETAIL SURVEYS SHOW 3.2 MILLION ESTIMATED FIRST-TIME GUN BUYERS IN FIRST HALF OF 2021

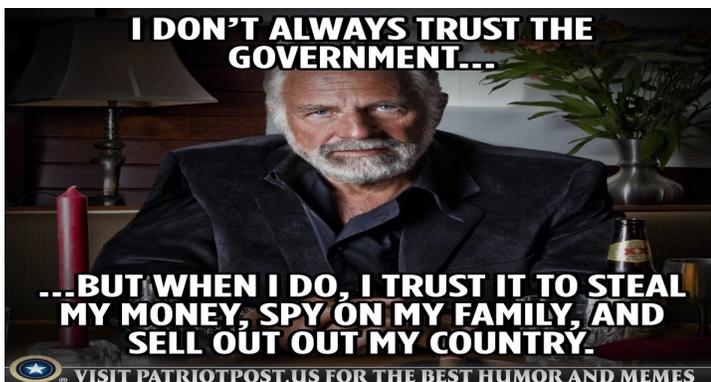
NEWTOWN, Conn. — The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the firearm industry trade association, surveyed firearm retailers recently and estimates that over 3.2 million people purchased a firearm for the first time during the first half of 2021.

The survey was conducted to learn the buying habits and factors of this year's firearm purchasers during the first six months of 2021. Respondents indicated that 33.2 percent of customers, or 3,247,351, purchased a firearm for the first time, based on June's total of nearly 9.8 million background checks for a gun sale.

"This survey shows that there is a continuing demand signal for firearms from the American public," said Joe Bartozzi, NSSF President and CEO. "We witnessed each month background check figures associated with a gun sale that are second only to those we saw in last year's record-breaking totals. These survey results show not only is there a strong and healthy appetite from first-time gun buyers but that there is still room to grow. We are encouraged by the sustained interest in lawful and responsible gun ownership as well as by the manufacturing base which has been challenged to meet this remarkable demand."

Survey results showed that in the first six months of 2021:

- Over 90 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American men purchasing firearms.
- Nearly 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of African American women purchasing firearms.
- Nearly 84 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American men purchasing firearms.
- Over 87 percent of retailers reported an increase of Hispanic-American women purchasing firearms.
- Over 76.5 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American men purchasing firearms.
- Over 82 percent of retailers reported an increase of Asian-American women purchasing firearms.
- 22.1 percent of customers purchased a second firearm since their initial purchase.
- 44.5 percent of first-time gun buyers in 2021 were under 40.
- 45.7 percent asked for information on safety training.
- 23.6 percent signed up for safety training.



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**The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.** As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! **The drawing will be in July 2022, either at the Missouri Valley Arms Collector Show or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.**

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