

**KEEP IT RUNNING**

**Ammunition Replenishment  
As Part of Engagement**

# **HISTORY**

- **Before Self-Contained Cartridges**
- **Post Self-Contained Cartridges**
  - **Modern Training Posits**

# **Before Self-Contained Cartridges**

- **Single shot systems.**
- **Value apparent at edged weapons distances.**
- **Edged weapons still used with the advent of multi-shot weapons.**

# **Post Self-contained Cartridges**

- **Edged Weapons continued to be employed.**
- **Systems design made reloading time consuming.**
- **The need to be able to continue the fight has always existed.**

# **Technology Changes, Men Do Not!**

**The need to continue the fight  
beyond the original ammunition  
capacity of the firearm has not  
changed because VCA are the same  
as ever.**

# **VCA Engagement Circumstances**

- **Instrumental Motive**
  - **Expressive Motive**
- **Instrument/Expressive Motive.**

# **Instrumental Motive**

- **Most common VCA encounter.**
- **Most commonly trained for scenario.**
- **Commonly single VCA incident.**
- **Least likely to be interested in a fight.**
- **Rule of 3s.**
- **3 Seconds**
- **3 Yards**
- **3 Rounds**
- **3 or more VCA make the presence of guns and violent attack almost certain.**

# **Expressive Motive**

- **Less frequent in occurrence but violence is the motive.**
- **Less likely to plan on surviving the incident so are very dangerous.**
- **Single and multiple VCA participant incidents are known.**

# **Instrumental/Expressive Motive**

- **Usually begins as an Instrumental incident and evolves into an Expressive incident because of defenders actions.**
- **All Expressive incidents are driven by rage and a desire to “set things right”.**
- **An “audience” increases the chances.**

# **Theory**

- **Since the Defender has already been actively engaged, there is reason to assume the event will continue.**
- **It is assumed the Defender's weapon must be at its highest possible state of readiness throughout the engagement.**

# **Technique Strategy**

**Replenishment Techniques  
are weapons system and  
operant circumstance  
driven.**

# **Auto Pistols & Revolvers**

- **Total depletion of ammunition in weapon.**
- **Minor or transient mechanical failure to fire.**
- **Assumption the Defender is upright from the knees up.**
- **Partial deletion of ammunition in weapon.**
- **Ammunition related failure to fire.**
- **One handed operation.**
- **Dominate, Non-Dominate.**

# **KEEP IT RUNNING!**

**Learn the operating features of the various systems and know how to keep them running no matter what their condition or your condition is at the time!**