

## ***Excerpts from Center Target Sports, December 2011 Newsletter***

### ***Some Advice from Ed Santos*** (owner of Center Target Sports, Post Falls, ID)

As we close in on Christmas and all the craziness that surrounds this wonderful holiday, A reminder to Stay **AWARE** of your surroundings. Across the country crimes against people are more common during the holidays.

Read the paper and you will see that the Coeur d'Alene area is no exception. The other day I counted 28 burglaries in just 3 days. On a daily basis we have patrons in the store who tell various stories of burglaries, break-ins, or some sort of criminal experience.

I have preached it forever and will continue to emphasize **AWARENESS!** It will keep you safer than any other skill you could ever learn. Be vigilant, lock your doors, close your blinds, use your alarms, and watch your neighborhoods like never before. Call law enforcement if something doesn't feel right. Be Aware and Be Safe.

### ***FREE Clinic Dec 16th***

## **Appropriate Response to Prowlers and Home Invasion**



Ever wonder what should I do? What would I do? What should my spouse and the children do?

Attend this exciting **FREE** clinic and find out the recommended procedures and response to a home invasion. We will discuss multiple scenarios (many real situations from our local area) and demonstrate a number of security methods, techniques, and tactics.

***Registration for free clinics is required, please call 773-2331. If you register and can't make it, please let us know. Thanks.***

## ***CCW Student Makes A Difference !!***

If you are an area resident I am sure you read or heard about how one of our CCW students came to the rescue of a Lady who was being held at knife point in Coeur d'Alene last week. I am very proud of Tim's actions. He stepped up, took a chance, and made a difference.



Tim knew the law, he knew his abilities with his firearm, he kept an obstacle (parked car) between him and the bad guy, he knew how to verbalize his desires with a command voice, and most importantly, he understood that once the immediate threat was over and the bad guy started to run away, he could not shoot.

Occasionally someone will say why are your CCW classes so comprehensive? Why should I take your 8 hr class when I can go down the street and take a 3 hour class? Quite simply answered, I could not prepare in understanding or in skill sets a student for such a dynamic, potentially life altering encounter in less time.

Congratulations Tim for not only doing the right thing, but for taking the time to practice your firearm skills and for many years of seeking quality training and understanding the tremendous responsibility of carrying a firearm for defense.

**Below:** is the email Tim sent me after the incident. Please read for yourself what really happened that day in CDA.

*This is Tim P. I took a Utah CCW class from you a few years ago. I own and operate the "Big Yellow " mobile kitchen. We spend fall and winter months in Goodwill's parking lot in Coeur d'Alene at 4th and Harrison.*

*Yesterday while working in the trailer my wife Debbie and I heard a woman scream. I ran from the trailer towards the commotion. I found a lady being held by a man with a knife at her throat. He had her head with his left hand and was stretching it back and over her left shoulder while holding the blade pressed against her throat. I was at the far side of the hood of the car next to them when I drew my weapon, (Kimber 1911 .45) I ordered the criminal (he isn't a suspect, I saw him do it!) to "drop it or I would shoot him".*

*He glanced at me , I don't think he knew I was there, and INSTANTLY dropped her, the knife and her purse, put his hands over his head and turned and ran. I called 911, checked on the lady and stood over the dropped knife until law enforcement arrived. I have no idea why news reports have reported the robbery / assault was broken up when a witness yelled at the robber instead of the truth...*

*Thought you might want to know the "Rest of the Story", as Paul Harvey use to say. You did help plant the seed with the finest weapons class I've ever taken. Thanks, I haven't heard if they caught the man but my wife is very interested in taking one of your ladies only CCW courses now. Tim P.*

**\*\*CTS does not teach "ladies only" classes as we believe our instructors treat everyone with special individual care and provide a comfortable learning environment for all.**

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