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Fall Training Conference: September 11-13, 2006

The Fall Training Conference is planned for Monday, September 11, 2006 beginning at 8 am at a shooting range about five miles from Breezy Point Resort. The conference will consist of three days of training on the range. A hospitality room has been reserved for registration and a group training discussion starting at 7pm on September 10th. 24 POST credits will be earned and a certificate will be given upon completion of the training. The instructors will be from the Association of Professional Trainers (on the web: www.aptacademy.com).

Attendees will need their duty gear, body armor (the targets will be steel) and at least 1200 rounds of handgun ammunition. More information on the training and a map to the range will be available on the MALEFI website (MALEFI.org).

Registration: \$160 (Registration form is found on page 7)

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at Breezy Point Lodge (9252 Breezy Point Drive, Breezy Point, MN 56472, 1-800-432-3777). A special room rate of \$99/night plus tax has been arranged (mention MALEFI when making reservations).

Remington Shotgun Armorer Course to be Hosted at the BCA in St. Paul

A Remington shotgun armorer course is being held at the BCA in St. Paul on September 14-15th. The cost is \$400. The designated contact for the course is Sue Maniak at 651-793-2899. More information regarding the course and a registration form can be found on the Remington Law Enforcement website (<http://www.remingtonle.com/training/06schedule.htm>).

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Water causes Taser to misfire

A deputy's weapon fires into his holster while he's making an arrest. Officials think the electrical device malfunctioned because rainwater damaged it. The deputy wasn't hurt.

By MOISES MENDOZA
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For Citrus County sheriff's Deputy Charles Beetow, carrying a Taser during a rainstorm led to a shocking lesson last week.

Officials think rainwater sneaked through a port in Beetow's M-26 Taser while it rested in his duty belt July 17, prompting the weapon to malfunction and inadvertently fire an electrified probe. The probe didn't hit Beetow - it fired into his holster. But Beetow felt a small secondary shock as the Taser went off.

He pulled his Taser out and tossed it aside before arresting a 24-year-old man on a charge of driving with a suspended license, officials said.

Beetow was uninjured and didn't need to seek medical care, said sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney.

The Sheriff's Office sent Beetow's Taser to manufacturer Taser International and replaced it with a newer version of the same model.

According to the company, if users don't insert a special rubber plug into the M-26s data port, the Taser can malfunction in wet conditions.

A training bulletin said the company had received reports of inadvertent Taser discharges when the weapons were exposed to extreme conditions.

Sheriff's Sgt. Phil Royal said he didn't know if Beetow had inserted the protective plug into his Taser. But he said the incident was the first of its kind in the county.

"We're just telling deputies that getting it damp is not going to hurt it, but if it's saturated with water, that's not good," Royal said. "It's an electrical device, so you don't want to get it excessively wet."

The Sheriff's Office currently has about 120 M-26 Tasers and 40 X-26s, a newer model that Royal said is better performing and less likely to short out in the rain.

Officials plan to distribute 54 new X-26s to deputies in the next few months. The older M-26s will go to other Sheriff's Office employees, like detectives, who don't currently have Tasers.

Eventually, the department will have only the newer model Tasers, but replacing them could take years, Royal said.

Extreme weather can affect either model of Taser. In one 2004 Kansas City, Mo., case, a police officer received a residual shock when his X-26 discharged during a rainstorm into the bottom of his holster.

Royal emphasized that the older Tasers were safe if properly cared for. He said that the plans to introduce more X-26s had been made long before Beetow was shocked.

Information from the Kansas City Star was used in this report.

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Send patches to:

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613 Minnesota Ave. NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

Patrol Officer Shoots Self During Training

ST. JOSEPH (AP) - A Missouri State Highway Patrol commander is recovering after shooting himself in the arm with a pistol.

Capt. Johnnie B. Hoggatt, 56, shot himself yesterday while participating in a training exercise at a shooting range near Pigeon Creek, off Missouri Route A. He was with five other troopers.

During the training, the troopers exited a patrol car and fired on multiple targets.

"Every once in a while, something like this happens," said Lt. Randy Beydler, one of the five troopers participating in the training exercise. "It's unfortunate, but it's one of those things. That's why guns are dangerous."

Hoggatt has been the commanding officer of Troop H, which covers 15 counties in northwest Missouri, for about 10 years.

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From the Editor: A Plug for Safety/Shooting Glasses

This is a shooting incident that took place in Texas. Reportedly, the officer was unhurt, but it does demonstrate a need for wearing eye protection off the range and while on duty.

When bullets perforate glass, a literal storm of small glass fragments are carried in the same direction as the bullet. These fragments tend to have relatively little energy (in my experiments the glass won't penetrate cardboard, but



Also, in my experiments, shooting through automobile glass will throw small flakes of glass several feet **toward** the shooter. Discharging a handgun from a short distance (like while sitting in the seat) toward a windshield will cover the shooter with glass fragments.

Minnesota Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor Membership Form

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1. A signed and dated application form
2. The signature of an endorsing MALEFI member
3. MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$20 (Make check payable to MALEFI Treasurer)
4. A copy of a certificate of attendance/completion of a course qualifying you as an instructor in law enforcement firearms or a related field.

If you have any questions concerning membership qualifications or applicant endorsement, or are inquiring about the association, please contact the Board Member in your region.

Member Status Applied for:

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Return this application and payment (\$20.00) to:

Mark Erickson, Olmsted County, 151 4th St. SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

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\$20.00 Annual Dues
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Fall Conference Registration: September 11-13

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Conference Fee: \$160.00

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