

Zwickey – Testimonials

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**(Chief Zwickey to Michael E. Conti, author of “POLICE PISTOLCRAFT: *The Reality-Based New Paradigm of Police Firearms Training*”)**

“I reviewed your book ‘Police Pistolcraft’ and asked our head Rangemaster to read it as well. The material is well written and covers multiple subjects that are critical to the police shooter. In your section regarding point shooting, and your reference to Colonel Rex Applegate, it is interesting to note how things come full circle. When trainers review the facts regarding the distances and the number of shots fired by the police, we can see how point shooting is so critical to the survival of the officer. Rarely are the sights of the weapon ever used. It is all reactionary shooting.

“I personally believe as you do, that once the trainee is skilled in the fundamentals, we need to bring the trainee to the street for the remainder of his training. Airsoft technology is an excellent vehicle for this transition. Here at the college we have a very unique setting. The campus is just like a city, with houses, parking lots, cars, pedestrians, classrooms, etc. We rely heavily on scenario training to replicate the real world. We are quickly seeing the results we want. We want to develop an officer who not only knows how to use his firearm, but has also developed sound critical decision-making skills. Our campus is very similar to your ‘House of Horrors’. I believe it accomplishes the same thing, and it is a super idea. There is nothing that replaces the face-to-face encounter with a real-life person, one who moves and reacts, something that a static paper target can’t do. I could ramble on and on, but the gist of my message is to briefly tell you how I enjoyed reading your book and how we were able to extract some good ideas from the material that we plan to use to augment our training program.

“I am sure that we will be able to talk further and also share some very positive results from the beta study we are doing on the HexSite®. I think it is a great innovation and will save time and money to train new shooters. Have a great one!”

Jared Zwickey