

WHITE RIVER AREA PREPAREDNESS 7-21-2022
MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Introductions

Several new attendees present

Meeting convened at 7:16pm MDT

PROGRAM: RON REICH presented "Introduction to Handguns/Basic Handgun Safety"

Ron has conducted various trainings over the years, having received trainings at Frontsight in NV and elsewhere. Ron presented several models of handguns and demonstrated safe handling procedures for each. He explained the difference between single action, single action semi-automatic, and double action. He discussed different materials used for handguns, including advantages and disadvantages. For example an aluminum gun weighs less, so in some ways is easier to handle, but the recoil is much more difficult to deal with. He mentioned the proper term "magazine" vs the erroneous term "clip." Ron discussed the features of the 380 Walther, a 9mm handgun that costs under \$300 (so might be a good choice for entry level), the Glock 19 9mm and others. He pointed out that 9mm "NATO" ammunition is overall less expensive and more widely available, such that a 9mm pistol could be a practical choice.

Ron discussed basic stances when firing a handgun, such as the Modified Weber and Isosceles positions. He also demonstrated basic grip technique and recommended using a pocket holster vs having a pistol in one's pocket (dangerous and not advised), for those wishing to carry a handgun in that particular manner.

Ron stressed 4 basic rules for handling all firearms, but specifically regarding handgun safety:

1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS LOADED
2. CONTROL THE MUZZLE
3. KEEP FINGERS OUT OF THE TRIGGER GUARD UNTIL READY TO SHOOT
4. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND

There was general discussion among the people in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm MDT