

## **AAR – Low Light Instructor Course, 2022**

Thank-you again for the training. We do not do enough as law enforcement trainers to make sure our fellow officers are competent night fighters. The problem being we often do not know what we do not know. Your class is a great foundation for using light effectively in the officer's working environment.

Moving forward for us at the OPD, I see breaking bad habits as the biggest challenge.

- The weapon mounted light is not a primary search tool.
- Just because a firearm is unholstered doesn't mean it's always ok to point it at your suspect. There is a metric ton of case law that supports this as fact.
- Be competent with all of your lights and always have more than one. Keep them in good working order.
- Have good equipment, even if it means buying it yourself.
- Have more than one technique for light use and be ready to transition between techniques as needed.
- The four rules of firearms safety are not exclusive to training. They are a lifestyle choice you commit to when you accept the job of carrying a gun. I believe Darryl Bolke has said that more than a few times.

Again, thank you for what you do. It was a great class and I look forward to incorporating what I've learned into future training here at my agency.

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