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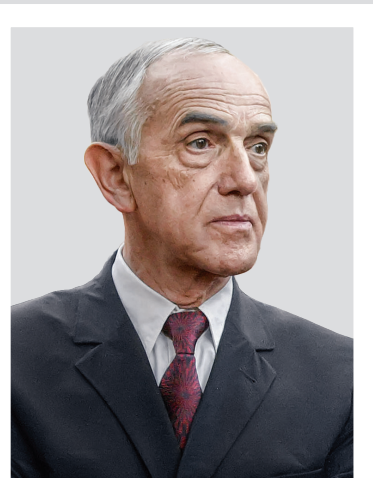
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## ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM MR. GASTON GLOCK

It gives Kathrin and me great pleasure to share with you the *GLOCK Annual* magazine.

GLOCK has continued to grow and expand our product offerings and operations and we recognize the importance of you, our loyal customers, to our continued success.

We strive for perfection in all that we do, and this extends beyond our commitment to uncompromising product quality. GLOCK is more than a product; it is a lifestyle and a community. It is our commitment to continue to provide you with a lifetime of customer service and a welcoming community of like-minded individuals. We offer engagement with our team of dedicated employees and Team GLOCK members through training, the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation®, Follow the Four safety commitment, GLOCK IQ™ online community platform, Customer Service, and Technical Service.

In 2023 we launched a new online store that offers an improved customer experience where you can purchase GLOCK® branded apparel, gifts and collectables, parts, and accessories. We also launched a new Safety Pledge website as part of our ongoing commitment to firearm safety. This year, we will continue to improve your online experience, making it easy for you to get news and information about new product availability.

In this year's edition of the *GLOCK Annual*, you will find articles written by experts and enthusiasts spanning across the globe. These articles include content about new additions to the GEN 5® product line, limited production product offerings, the GLOCK Performance Trigger and other accessories, the building of a strong GLOCK community, and the expansion of Team GLOCK.

Thank you all for your dedication and support of the GLOCK brand. You put your trust in our products, and we commit to continuing to produce the best pistols on the market while expanding our product line and our engagement with you.

We hope you enjoy the magazine!

GASTON GLOCK  
FOUNDER

# CONTINUING PERFECTION

WITH KATHRIN GLOCK



Photo By Andreas Tischler

**A**s the Chair of the Supervisory Board of GLOCK Ges.m.b.H., I am closely involved in the decision-making process for our family of brands. I can say with certainty that the GLOCK companies are committed to the principles of Perfection—in our products and services, as well as through our community involvement with programs such as GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® and GLOCK Training.

I am happy to report that GLOCK continues to experience growth in our customer base, and we greatly appreciate our customers and their loyalty to the GLOCK® brand and lifestyle. To support and nurture our growth, we have expanded our community and customer engagement programs while also increasing meaningful employment opportunities and advancement within our companies.

We proudly continue broadening our global operations and facilities footprint while ensuring sustainable energy and waste management in our manufacturing processes. In Gaston

Glock's words, "Our objective is to accomplish great things through sustainable operations."

Since the beginning, Gaston has set the course for our success with his innovative spirit, tireless work ethic and daily commitment to the pursuit of Perfection.

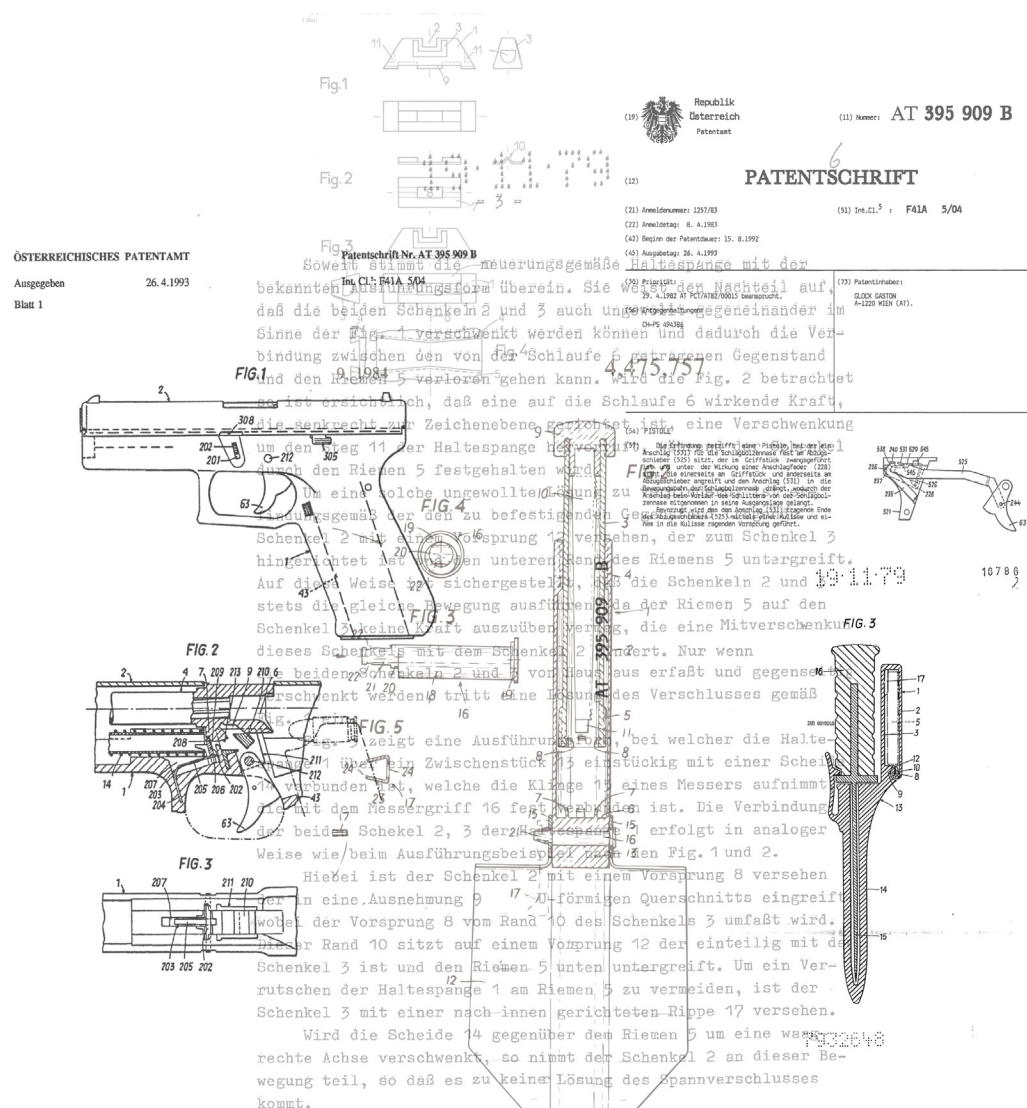
I am confident, as we strive to provide innovative and unsurpassed quality in products and services, we do so in accordance with Gaston's guiding principle: "make it simple, make it perfect!"

Sincerely,  
Kathrin Glock



# A LOOK BACK

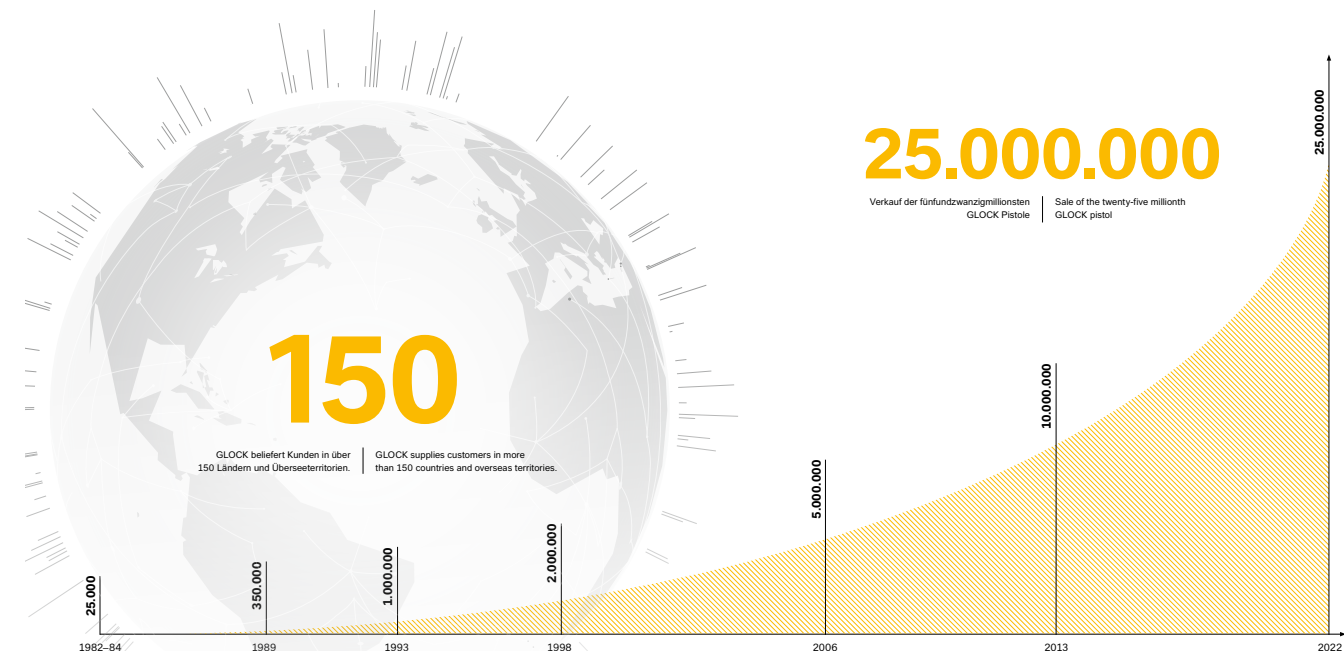
■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK



**G**aston Glock had a vision. In the process of bringing that vision to reality, he quickly transformed an industry that included law enforcement and military organizations around the globe. Little has been written about the high or important points of this historic journey, especially by those who witnessed the events as they occurred. The following are some of the key events which have brought the GLOCK brand to be recognized the world over.

We begin first in Austria, right outside of Vienna, Austria's

largest city. People populated this area at least 500 years before Christ, and the city and state have been central to Western civilization ever since. At the beginning of the last two decades of the 20th century, Austrian engineer, Gaston Glock, noted a request by the Austrian Ministry of Defense for a new service pistol. Working nonstop during the first few years of the 1980s, Mr. Glock designed a revolutionary handgun that was tested, accepted, and designated as the GLOCK P80. The GLOCK P80 became the GLOCK 17 (G17®) pistol when offered for sale to other countries and organizations, notably Norway and the



North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The success of this revolutionary invention led the business to expand, and in 1985, GLOCK, Inc. was established in the United States.

Firearm owners and organizations are conservative by nature and the G17® pistol was viewed as a curiosity, however several events catapulted GLOCK pistols to the forefront. First, American law enforcement was beginning a transition from revolvers to semi-automatic pistols. Second, Mr. Glock's pistols were demonstrably the most reliable, durable, and "shootable" handguns available. And finally, the GLOCK company was able to respond quicker to market requests than other firearm manufacturers.

Customer support also is a number one priority for Mr. Glock. This was perceived as unusual in an industry where traditional manufacturers took for granted that orders would be sent in by law enforcement agencies. GLOCK representatives disrupted these traditional methods by demonstrating the superior GLOCK products and services. The elegant simplicity of the design meant that Armorer Courses could be taught in a day, onsite. This eliminated the necessity of going to a factory to be trained. Mr. Glock has developed a community-centric shooting organization called the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF®). GSSF has introduced hundreds of thousands of people to the safety, accuracy, and efficiency of GLOCK pistols in its short time since inception. There are several other timeline "touchpoints" that come to mind. These include:

- The quiet acceptance of GLOCK pistols by the U.S. Special Operations community and their continuing usage of GLOCK pistols in real world engagements.
- The repeated contract awards of premier federal law enforcement agencies, rising above all other

manufacturers in head-to-head endurance, reliability, and accuracy testing.

- Testing and acceptance by the British Military and the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), in addition to the adoption by the French Army, the Brazilian National Police, the Navy of the Philippines, and this list goes on.
- The ongoing acceptance of all models and sizes of GLOCK pistols in the commercial market for civilian self-defense and sport.

It is fascinating to look over the events of the last 40+ years, from the importation of half a dozen GLOCK 17 pistols for the United States market, to the ultra-modern and environmentally sustainable manufacturing facilities across the globe.

The GLOCK brand does not rest on its laurels. As this is written, new products continue to be developed and the company continues to expand operations. Look not to where Mr. Glock and company have been, but where GLOCK as a company is going. The GLOCK brand continues to produce superior products to meet the requirements of Mr. Glock's critical asset, his customers.

Make it simple, make it perfect. This is the motto that the foundation of GLOCK was built on from Austrian engineer and GLOCK Founder, Gaston Glock. It all started with a man who had an invention that changed the world of handguns. While building his legend in the handgun market, Gaston met his devoted wife Kathrin, who has joined in the commitment to continuing perfection through taking on strategic business roles.

"Perfection stands for our commitment to uncompromising quality, future-oriented manufacturing technologies and maximum customer satisfaction. This I guarantee through our status as a private, independent company." - Gaston Glock, Founder. ☺





Maximum power in a minimalist package. The G29 and G30 have been upgraded with Gen5 engineering to include forward slide serrations. Ten rounds of 10mm Auto(G29) or 10 rounds of .45 Auto(G30)-your pick.

# GEN 5<sup>®</sup> CONTINUES WITH THE G29<sup>®</sup> & G30<sup>®</sup> MODELS

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

**T**he revolutionary evolution of GLOCK Gen5 pistols continues with the introduction of the Subcompact GLOCK 29 Gen5 in 10mm AUTO and the GLOCK 30 Gen5 in .45 AUTO. The Gen5 GLOCK pistols are essentially the smaller, more compact versions of their larger, older brethren. Although the G29 and G30 models are subcompact sized pistols, the firing pin, extractor, and other internal parts are identical to those in their respective full-size models.

Both pistols share the Gen5 enhancements which include the GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), durable finish, improved trigger, removal of finger grooves, ambidextrous slidestop lever, and a notable grip texture frame. Considering their subcompact size, they both have the standard GLOCK sight setup. Night sights or other variations can be readily installed.

## G29

The 10mm AUTO cartridge is a relatively new cartridge, developed in the 1980s as a kind of “wildcat” to get more power in semi-AUTO pistols. It could have been destined to



Like all GLOCKS, the major caliber Subcompact G29 and G30 can be field stripped easily and quickly.



For dangerous times and places, the G30 in .45 Auto is ready to defend. The models notable accuracy only gets better in the Gen5 format.

be a niche cartridge, but a catastrophic, gunfight involving Federal agents caused a reexamination of then available cartridges. The result was that the cartridge was adopted for a short while in both handgun and submachine gun formats, and its survival was assured. GLOCK became the first manufacturer to build a reliable and durable 10mm AUTO pistol, the G20. The G29 followed, and has had users over decades who wanted the most power in the smallest package. An important quality is that the smaller brother will take the larger 15-round magazines.

I have extensive experience with G29 pistols, to the point of having some success in competition with this model. I found it to have more than adequate accuracy and never failed in the crucible of competition.

## G30

GLOCK has produced several handguns in “America’s caliber,” the .45 AUTO, but the G30 is arguably the most adaptable. In GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation competitions, a G30 can compete in several Divisions to include “Heavy Metal” and “Major Sub.” Its accuracy can be shocking. Taking my time and firing from a prone position, I have produced a group in the “head” of a B27 target at 50 yards with consistent reliability. Standard 10-round capacity magazines have an extended base for a full grip. The new G30 will be almost impossible to beat for those who prefer the larger bore.

The new G29 and G30 Gen5 models are power perfected. ☉



The G29 in 10mm AUTO is the perfect hunting backup companion. Approaching magnum handgun performance, the G29 is reliable and controllable in field situations.





GLOCK 47 MOS with emergency bag, hat, and eye protection.

# G47<sup>®</sup> MOS<sup>™</sup> & U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

■ ARTICLE BY PETE MANNING ■ PHOTOS BY PETE MANNING

**A**t first glance, the GLOCK 47 MOS could be mistaken for the iconic GLOCK 17 MOS 9x19mm pistol. With a 4.49 inch barrel, a 7.32 inch slide, and a 5.47 inch grip height, the two pistols have a mirrored profile, Gen5 and Modular Optics System (MOS) optic capabilities. However, there is one difference that sets the GLOCK 47 MOS apart from all of its predecessors - the frame has a shortened dust cover that shares compatibility with the full-size G17 Gen5, the compact G19 Gen5, and the hybrid-framed GLOCK 45. The GLOCK 47 MOS was developed specifically for the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and is now available for consumers.

Established on July 31, 1789, the United States Customs Service was the first federal law enforcement agency in the country. Tasked with the collection of duties and tariffs as well as protecting ports of entry and criminal investigations, Customs officers had broad authority to protect the newly formed homeland from threats, both foreign and domestic. In 2003, a reorganization of departments transformed the former Customs Service into what is now known as the Customs and



GLOCK 47 MOS with 17 round magazine and DHS Seal patch.

Border Protection (CBP), retaining its original mission while aligning three distinct operational components: the Office of Field Operations, the U.S. Border Patrol, and Air and Marine Operations. With over 45,000 armed law enforcement officers, the CBP is the largest federal law enforcement agency in the United States.

**“In the case of CBP’s duty handgun solicitation, we received input on pre-set criteria from more than 16,000 CBP law enforcement personnel.”**

“Border protection has become increasingly difficult due to the availability of technology and tools for criminal activity, as well as the large increase in numbers of interactions faced by CBP,” stated Stephen Hayes, Director of CBP’s Force Modernization Branch and Law Enforcement Safety and Compliance Directorate (LESC). The LESC is responsible for developing the use of force policy, maintaining appropriate controls and standards, and supplying the highest quality education and training, weapons, and other officer-safety equipment related to use of force.

With 234 years of service to the United States, Customs Officers, now CBP Officers assigned to the three components, have historically been issued a wide variety of sidearms prior to adopting the GLOCK 47 MOS. Two different models of revolvers were issued before a transition to a semi-automatic pistol in 1995. Eventually the GLOCK 17 was issued to the legacy U.S. Customs Service agents and officers. Four years ago, CBP awarded GLOCK an \$85 million contract for pistols, including the GLOCK 47 MOS.

“We never want to fail our brothers and sisters by providing them with sub-performing equipment in place of something that should be effective and reliable during the most dire of situations. As such, we perform exhaustive tests and evaluations prior to fielding any use of force tool to ensure

that they can be confident in their equipment when addressing threats so they can successfully do their job and go home safely to their loved ones,” stated Hayes.

The largest federal law enforcement agency in the country takes firearm selection seriously. “In the case of CBP’s duty handgun solicitation, we received input on pre-set criteria from more than 16,000 CBP law enforcement personnel. These responses were used, in conjunction with input from our subject matter experts, armory services, and logistics specialists, to refine and solidify the requirements for CBP’s next duty handgun,” stated Hayes. CBP released a set of operational and technical requirements that included modularity and compatibility attributes as an industry solicitation. GLOCK designed the GLOCK 47 MOS in response to the solicitation. “This was a bold move but obviously paid off in performance as well as meeting all the government requirements,” continued Hayes.

When asked about the absence of a manual safety on pistols for law enforcement officers, Hayes stated “CBP, like many law enforcement agencies, has found that the addition of an external manual safety adds another physical action that is needed prior to firing. It is also difficult to disengage when using gloves or cold weather gear, while operating a firearm in mud, dirt or other environmental factors, and while under stress.” He also added that the addition of micro red dot sights (MRDS) with the MOS capability on the GLOCK 47 provided a noticeable benefit in accuracy, speed, increased situational awareness, and improved target identification during the evaluation period for CBP’s new pistols.

The GLOCK 47 MOS is a unique pistol that shares the same form factor as the GLOCK 17 MOS while simultaneously sharing parts compatibility with both the G17 and the GLOCK 19 MOS. This pistol has undergone rigorous testing and evaluation and has been adopted by CBP for tens of thousands of officers across the country. GLOCK has introduced the G47 to the consumer market to provide the same perfection afforded to the largest federal law enforcement agency in the United States. 🇺🇸



GLOCK 47 MOS with Surefire X400V weapon light, entry tools, and hearing and eye protection.





G20 Gen5 MOS

**“Both the G20 and G21 are full-sized, carrying hyper-accurate 4.61-inch GLOCK Marksman Barrels which translate to an overall length of 8.07 inches.”**

# 10mm vs .45 AUTO

**DIVING DEEPER INTO THE G20® MOS™ & G21® MOS™**

■ ARTICLE BY CHRISTOPHER EGER ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

**G**LOCK has fielded a pair of top-notch standard-sized big bore platforms for decades and now available in their 5th Generation (Gen5), they are better than ever. With that being said, we get down to the differences between the GLOCK 20 10mm AUTO and GLOCK 21 .45 AUTO and why it's important.

## SIZE AND LAYOUT

For the sake of making this a more apples-to-apples argument, we'll compare the new Gen5 Modular Optic System, or MOS, configuration for the G20 and G21. These variants

were introduced side-by-side in early 2023, continuing the evolutionary timeline of these two handguns that both debuted originally in 1990.

Both the G20 and G21 are full-sized, carrying hyper-accurate 4.61-inch GLOCK Marksman Barrels which translate to an overall length of 8.07 inches. Likewise, dimensions such as height, sight radius, and overall width are identical while the loaded and unloaded weights are within an ounce. This means that, for most fits, they can share the same holsters. The standard-sized frames also allow for easy mounting of active lasers and white lights on the accessory rail, including

more powerful 1,000-lumen tac lights that won't fit on a more compact handgun.

The excellent surface controls, including a reversible magazine catch and ambidextrous slide stop lever, and trigger distance and pull weight, are the same between the two models. Both use GLOCK's Modular Backstrap System, or MBS, which allows the individual user to adjust the grip to best fit their hand. The sights offered are the same.

One notable difference is in the magazine capacity. The G20 Gen5 MOS uses 15-round magazines while the G21, with its geometrically chunkier .45 AUTO ammunition, runs 13-round magazines.

## WHERE THE G21 .45 AUTO EXCELS

A cartridge with more than a century of hard use behind it, the .45 AUTO is an American classic that was the de facto standard for military and police use for generations. This translated to widespread adoption by consumers who trusted the round. Now, with today's advanced bullet types, ballistics vetting, and propellants, the once-vintage caliber is still at the leading edge of relevance, having outlasted several contending calibers that were introduced to supersede or replace it. It still has a legion of fans who trust it for both personal protection and competition, and for good reasons as it still delivers.

Moreover, a fundamental trait of the .45 AUTO is that it uses a large, typically 230-grain, bullet which tends to be subsonic

in velocity. This means that the round excels in use with suppressors, which the G21 can do if using a threaded barrel.

With that, the modern G21 Gen5 is still ready to clock in for hard work.

## WHERE THE G20 10MM AUTO STANDS TALL

The powerful 10mm, which almost died out in the late 1990s but has since seen a rapid resurgence in popularity, is seen by many as being one of the better self-protection semi-auto cartridges for use by those venturing into dangerous animal territory, for example by hunters passing through Grizzly-prone areas. The power curve of the 10mm also has found an eager fanbase with competition shooters as a steel plate hit with "the centimeter" is right and truly rung, going down and staying down.

It is this type of big bore performance that gives the user of a G20 Gen5 solid peace of mind when heading to a competition, the backcountry, or down the hallway when danger calls. And, as GLOCK has had the G20 in continuous production for almost 35 years-- an unbroken span longer than any other 10mm AUTO pistol maker-- you can bet on its dependability.

So, which is better?

That's a loaded question, no pun intended. The G20 is best for those seeking a high-power option for carry in bear territory while the G21 can be a superb suppressor host. Ammo costs between the two calibers have roughly equalized over the past few years, mooting out an argument over saving money by going to one side. Other than that, each is a reliable handgun that is both enjoyable on the range and dependable if needed for personal protection.

Why not just get both? 🎯



G21 Gen5 MOS



# GLOCK® 44

PRACTICAL FOR NEW SHOOTERS, SPORT SHOOTERS AND TRAINING

■ ARTICLE BY ED FITZGERALD ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

Consumers are now a little less than three years from the initial release of the GLOCK 44 that is chambered in the newest GLOCK caliber, the .22lr (Long Rifle). The .22lr is a highly utilized caliber in the United States because of the unit cost of the round makes it much more affordable to shoot. Sales numbers indicate that in 2020, the industry produced 5 billion rounds of rimfire ammunition vs. 4 billion rounds of centerfire ammunition to support an estimated 214 million civilian, Law Enforcement and Federal agency owned firearms. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) states, with almost 40% of manufacturing dedicated to firearms chambered for rimfire ammunition each year, the opportunity for GLOCK to make an entry into this market was refreshing for consumers and law enforcement alike.

For those comfortable with owning and shooting firearms that are willing to train with them frequently, the opportunity comes to help others who contemplate purchasing and learning. The .22lr caliber does well in checking off the list of items a consumer who is new to firearms will want to know about. Questions like, "is it easy to shoot?" or "is it inexpensive?"

Those who have invested in the G44 pistol from GLOCK realize right away the sensible controls that are the mainstay to GLOCK products. They realize the engineering and weight reduction, how light the recoil is when pulling the trigger. They also realize how effective and reliable the design is to the multitude of rounds manufactured. And after shooting it, there is the inevitable WOW!

GLOCK owners have marveled over the engineering that one gets in the G44 pistol. For starters the pistol design is a striker fired rimfire pistol. Only one other brand had delivered a striker fired .22 pistol when the G44 was unveiled. The harmony of spring tension was the true engineering feat.

To help in this balance, the G44 has a hybrid steel-polymer slide to reduce the weight in the heaviest portion of a firearm (the same steel is used for the centerfire firearms). This design innovation found its beginning in the GLOCK Training pistols that championed that feature prior to the G44 release.

The GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB) is the next unique development as most .22lr pistols have the barrel fixed to the frame. As its centerfire counterpart, the barrel is fitted and is set into position to be easily replaceable with a barrel that is threaded to accept the most common adapters and silencers.

These capabilities do not go unnoticed in the competition. Easily identified as more of a traditional firearm and not a race gun, the G44 is finding traction with those entering the competitive world. Years ago, the adage in rimfire competition was "he who has the least malfunctions wins!" Although all manufacturers have addressed this issue in design and function,



With almost 40% of manufacturing dedicated to firearms chambered for Rimfire ammunition each year, the opportunity for GLOCK to make an entry into this market was refreshing for consumers and law enforcement alike.

the possibility always exists. Those using the G44 platform for competition share rave reviews on the consistency of the firearm to perform both when competing or training on the range.

Firearm owners are also bound by an unwritten rule, that comes along naturally as most everyone wants to pass along what they have learned to bring in other enthusiasts to enjoy the sport they love. In today's shooting environment it is great to see so many options in learning about the safe operation of firearms, being a responsible human being on and off the range. To be given great power and apply it carefully with great care taken for the safety of self and others is a perfect example of what types of attitudes we want to form when someone steps forward to handle firearms.

Today, more and more competitors are getting involved in sport shooting. Why is that? Opportunity is why. Today there are more programs available for men and women to learn a safe sport that can be taken on without the physically dominate traits needed to excel in the more entrenched sports we grew up with. Physicality is replaced by dedication, determination and focus when competing in shooting sports. Size, strength or fleet of foot do not enter into the start of competitive shooting.

With so much opportunity, the development of a firearm and the entry into a new caliber does not come lightly at GLOCK. There is a great deal of investment into materials and human capital to make a quality product. Investment to make it "Safe, Simple, and Reliable" continues to be the mantra when a product is developed at GLOCK.

The newness of the G44 and the generational addition of the rimfire caliber brings greater capabilities to the GLOCK line of products and makes the G44 intriguing. As one contemplates adding a G44 .22lr pistol to their collection, be ready to be wowed! ☺



The historical progression of the GLOCK 19, one of the popular GLOCKS ever made! A Gen5 G19 MOS, the latest variant, is followed by a Gen4, 3rd and 2nd generation GLOCK.

# GLOCK® 19

THE PISTOL FOR THE PLANET

■ BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

A seemingly unending quest for an "all purpose" handgun has arguably reached an ending. The GLOCK 19, one of the earlier models in the now expansive GLOCK product line of pistols, has a number of qualities that promote it as a universal handgun, from defensive use to sport and field use. I have holstered a GLOCK 19 for over 30 years; indeed, it was the first GLOCK I purchased from the company.

The story of the G19 begins in the late 1980s in the United States, specifically in Miami, Florida. There, after testing and acceptance of the G17 as the duty handgun for the local police department, a request was made for a compact sized GLOCK for non-uniformed personnel. GLOCK responded immediately, cutting a full-size G17 down in both height and length. It met all the requirements and was an immediate success.

The G19 was small enough to easily conceal from beltline holsters to ankle, it was highly accurate, it had the GLOCK Safe Action® fire control system for safety and efficiency and had unmatched durability and reliability.

I bought one as soon as I could. It included a standard magazine capacity of 15 rounds and had the ability to take larger magazines. It accompanied me overseas to Africa and was my calibration pistol for practical shooting championships. I have carried one generation after another to the present G19 Gen5 MOS, accessorized with an electro-optical sight and light/laser emitter. "If there could be only one," it would be a G19 pistol.

Various G19s exist, and I have run them all. Let me list what the present version of the G19 can do:

1) Defense: the G19 serves defenders from the NYPD to America's elite combat forces. It is "just right" in size and

ammunition capacity. I have shot it to an advanced rating at Rogers Shooting School, performed competently with it at Gunsite®, Thunder Ranch® and most recently, the GLOCK Professional Low/No-light Operator Course. It can be equipped with a threaded barrel for sound suppressor and is ready for whatever the fight may be.

2) In the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® (GSSF), there is a separate division for Modular Optic System (MOS) pistols. I'm pleased to say my G19 Gen5 MOS pistol has performed impeccably. Any faltering on the courses of fire is attributable to operator and not the instrument. I also shoot it successfully in IDPA and steel matches.

3) Although not a hunting arm per se, with the right ammunition-a heavy, hard and max velocity projectile- it can protect against dangerous predators.

The G19 pistol - the GLOCK that can do it all! ☺



The first full production generation of the GLOCK 19 pistol. It is distinguished by the molded checkering on the front and back frame straps. NYPD adopted this early generation, as did legions of users, both individual and departmental.





Displaying the proper technique for attaching a competition optical sight is torqued onto a GLOCK model 47. The GLOCK MOS attachments have proved reliable over tens of thousands of rounds after being mounted correctly.

# MOS™ GLOCK® PISTOLS

■ BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

Only a few short years ago, GLOCK identified the adoption of red dot sights to GLOCKS making it a wave of the future. The “wave” has crested and washed across the land, and indeed around the world, led by GLOCK. GLOCK currently manufactures Modular Optic System (MOS) pistols that are ready to receive electro-optical sights from just about any brand in calibers ranging from 9x19, .40., 10mm AUTO, and .45 AUTO. Standard size or compact, GLOCK MOS pistols are more versatile.

Current production of GLOCK pistol models in standard MOS configuration now come with a single MOS adapter plate. The adapter plate included will fit the following: Trijicon®, Ameriglo®, and Holosun® (except 509). If your selected optic is not compatible with any of the mentioned, additional options are available on the GLOCK Shop at [store.glock.us](http://store.glock.us). If a GLOCK customer is not contemplating an immediate upgrade to a dot sight, it makes perfect sense to obtain a MOS GLOCK for the adaptability and versatility for future additions. There are legions of iron sight sets which fit GLOCK pistols, from plain black to nuclear night sights and even custom 14k gold. The advantages of dot sights should make it easy to choose, and MOS GLOCKS can accommodate every quality red dot available in the marketplace. Most optic manufacturers use GLOCK as testbeds for their products due to GLOCK pistols remarkable accuracy, reliability, durability, and popularity in a stock pistol.

The quality of the electronics has improved to the point where elite military units, high performing SWAT teams and competent civilian defensive carriers can carry a GLOCK with an optic with complete confidence. At a recent gathering with



Another optical sight, this one a fully enclosed emitter, being run on a G47. A major advantage of GLOCK's MOS pistols is the ability to adapt to different sights and mounts.

GLOCK Professional Instructors, they all used “red dots” in the critical qualification course. The advantage, as explained by World Champion Shooter and Team GLOCK Captain, Shane Coley, is that the dot sights give so much more feedback to the operator about what is going on in the process of delivering shots. A dot sight removes one task in the aiming process—the eyes having to rapidly change focus back and forth from target to sight repeatedly—and shots can be delivered at speed and more accurately. If accuracy is not quite where it should be, feedback is instantaneous, and a successful correction can be made immediately.

In the last century, if one wanted more horsepower, one got a bigger engine. In the 21st century technology has given us electronics to improve performance. The same occurs here with handguns. Want more accurate and faster shooting? Get a GLOCK MOS pistol, a dot sight, and drive on – you will be glad you did! 🎯

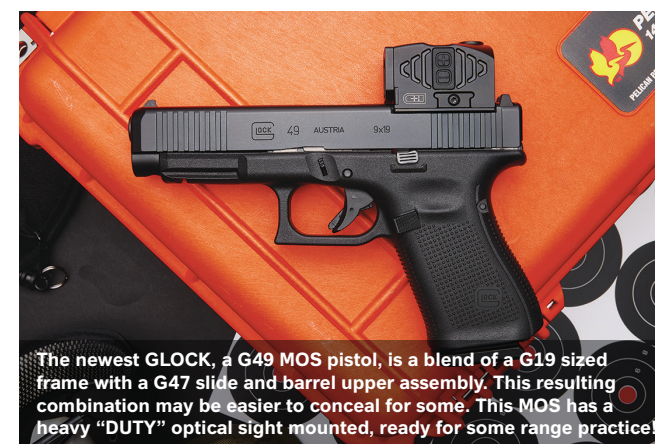
## SPECIAL MAKEUP: GLOCK® 49 MOS™ FLEXIBILITY IN ADAPTABILITY

■ BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

There is an old saying that variety is the spice of life. GLOCK has certainly brought this saying into the real world by creating and manufacturing a vast number of models differing in size and calibers. The latest iteration of these endeavors is the GLOCK 49 MOS pistol, a hybrid which combines the G47/G17 length slide with a G19 frame size. This limited production run with TALO Distributors is a product that fits neatly into the GLOCK Crossover category pistol design. The history of this particular GLOCK engineering accomplishment begins with the G19X, which was developed for harsh and unforgiving military use. When introduced to the U.S. commercial market, it was astoundingly popular with tens of thousands being sold within a few months time. The G45 is the near identical brother of the G19X, as American law enforcement requested a subdued black version. In the design timeline, the G47 MOS was produced for one of the largest U.S. Federal Law Enforcement contracts for service pistols. GLOCK was awarded that contract. Part of the specifications was that there be some modularity between the duty sizes, compact and subcompact variants. GLOCK was already well-known for commonality of parts across models, and ingeniously utilized the same locking block, really the core of the pistol, between duty and compact sizes thus resulting in the ability to switch “top ends” (the barrel, slide, and recoil spring) by performing a quick field strip.

This led to the latest GLOCK development; the G49 MOS. The G49 MOS frame has the same size parameter as a G19; the upper slide assembly is identical in length to the G47 (and the G17), essentially creating a long slide G19. The G49 MOS was the logical next step in the GLOCK Gen5 series. The G49 MOS features the incomparable engineering of the 5th generation GLOCKS which include: The GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), a durable finish, the GLOCK Safe Action® System, safe and precise manipulation with the ambidextrous slide-stop lever and reversible magazine-catch. The 360-degree frame texture from Gen5 is present with the flared magazine-well as on other models of this GLOCK generation, along with a picatinny rail for mounting illumination equipment. Also included is the GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS) which affords the operator flexibility in mounting electro-optical sights, able to adapt to any environment.

What the G49 MOS brings to any situation is enhanced concealability with no loss of ballistic capability. The Standard (G47/G17) barrel length, which is also the length of the G49 barrel sits at 4.5 inches or 114mm. This length will



The newest GLOCK, a G49 MOS pistol, is a blend of a G19 sized frame with a G47 slide and barrel upper assembly. This resulting combination may be easier to conceal for some. This MOS has a heavy “DUTY” optical sight mounted, ready for some range practice!

allow defensive ammunition to reach good velocity levels resulting in improved performance. The compact-sized frame is identical in size to the world recognized G19, offering excellent concealment potential, but still large enough to operate efficiently. Holster manufacturers have become more responsive to concealed carriers needs and wants which give a great deal of options to choose from. The frame size of the G49 MOS achieves a near perfect balance here. With a 15-round magazine as standard, the G49 MOS can also take magazines of increased capacity where legal and appropriate.

The proof of any firearm is in the shooting, and I was once again pleasantly surprised by GLOCK accuracy. In the course of sighting an optical sight in, I shot a witnessed group of just over 2 inches at 25 yards with commercial ammunition. The longer sight radius could help if iron sights are utilized, and that would be an option for a more discreet carry option. On a daily basis, I normally carry a G19 MOS pistol, so the “feel” was identical, with a bit of balance forward due to the longer slide. It's quite possible this could be run as quickly as its larger brother, the G47 MOS. With an optic mounted, I successfully cleaned a state Law Enforcement qualification, scored well on the GLOCK Professional Standards shooting evaluation, and scored above the 90th percentile on “the Test”; a short ten-round shooting evaluation which emphasizes precision shooting under a reasonably tight par time. Handling properties were excellent and muzzle flip seemed subjectively less.

The G49 MOS will fit well for those operators who desire a standard barrel length on a compact platform. The sum of its parts is definitely a plus for those who carry! 🎯



# SPECIAL MAKEUP: GLOCK® .380'S HELLO G25® & G28®

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK



One example each of GLOCK's newest offerings! On the right, a G25, a G19 sized .380 AUTO with a standard capacity of 15 rounds. The GLOCK on the left is a G28, also in .380 AUTO, capacity of 10 rounds. The G28 is the same size envelope as the G26/27/33 Subcompact GLOCKS.

**A**s a world-famous manufacturer of semi-automatic pistols, GLOCKS are instantly recognizable and available over a range of calibers. GLOCK pistols are manufactured in .22lr, .380 AUTO, 9x19, .40 AUTO, 10mm AUTO, .45 AUTO, .357, and .45 G.A.P. Most of the calibers have been offered in several sizes: standard, compact, and subcompact. However, there are exceptions and the initial offering of the .380 AUTO in the United States was the diminutive yet superb GLOCK 42. The G42 is currently the smallest GLOCK and was the first offering in the Slimline series.

A brief history of the .380 AUTO cartridge is in order. The cartridge was designed in 1908 by Browning and became widely used in both civilian and official contexts, i.e., law enforcement and military. It was very popular as platforms could be made that were smaller and lighter because of its low chamber pressure. Its popularity faded a bit as some wanted more power, but recent ammunition developments have made the caliber more effective in defensive situations. In the first quarter of the 21st century, GLOCK was able to manufacture larger platforms for the cartridge which also yield more ammunition capacity and are arguably easier to shoot. The larger GLOCK .380s have been available in international

markets for years and are now available in the United States.

The compact GLOCK 25 and subcompact GLOCK 28, offered through TALO Distributors, mimic the size envelope of the G19 and G26. They are a bit "retro," in the fact that they are built around the third generation of GLOCK designs, but that generation was tried and true and millions of operators are familiar with this vintage of GLOCK. The classic GLOCK Safe Action® System is present. The GLOCK .380s have been around for decades, so reliability and durability is proven. The G25 also has the standard accessory rail for those operators who want to mount photonic accessories. And the standard capacities remain the same: 15-rounds in G25 magazines and 10-rounds in G28 magazines. A difference that sets them apart from their larger brethren is the action of the blowback design. Some may wonder if recoil is an issue with these GLOCK pistols as it is with other designs, but our shooting did not find this to be the case. The majority of our range work was done with the G28, and frankly the only other GLOCK that has less recoil is the .22lr G44. Quite the accomplishment from the user perspective.

There are many citizens who desire a defensive implement that is easy to shoot. The GLOCK .380s rise to meet that need with the proven reliability and accuracy that GLOCK has become justifiably famous for. ☺

# SPECIAL MAKEUP: THE GLOCK® 17 CLASSIC

LIPSEY'S AND GLOCK RECREATE THE GAME CHANGING PISTOL

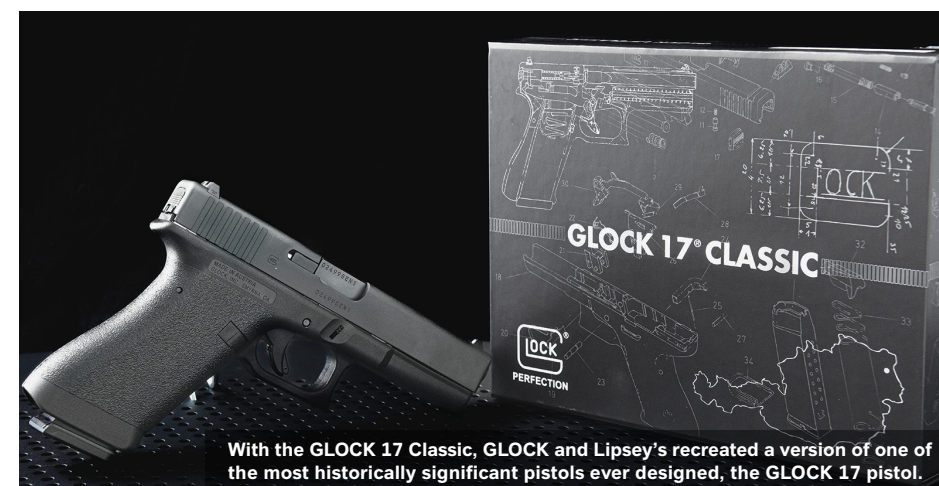
■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ROBERT SADOWSKI

**B**ack in 1986, GLOCK flipped the script on what a combat pistol should be when it introduced the GLOCK 17 to the United States market. At the time, the market was a glut of "Wonder Nine" pistols, which were chambered in 9x19, had a higher magazine capacity than traditional 9x19 pistols, and featured a double-action/single-action trigger. It is not often one gets to witness a historic shift in pistol development. The GLOCK was a different breed featuring a polymer frame, 17-round capacity magazine, and a striker-fire trigger that was similar to the trigger pull of a double-action revolver used by the majority of law enforcement agencies in the U.S. at the time. The GLOCK 17 also offered simplicity and safety with built-in safety features and reliability. When U.S. law enforcement agencies tried the GLOCK pistols, it was not long before they started to surplus their duty revolvers for the new GLOCK. Print ads in gun magazines read: "Put the power of the future in the palm of your hand." Now you can go back to the future with the latest special makeup created by Lipsey's and GLOCK, the GLOCK G17 Gen1 Classic. Lipsey's is a distributor in the shooting sports industry who sells to FFL retailers across the U.S.

## CLASSIC GLOCK

GLOCK and Lipsey's decided to recreate a retro version of one of the most historically significant pistols ever designed, the GLOCK 17 pistol. The details on the new retro Classic 17 will give you flash backs. According to Stanley J. Ruselowski, Jr., President of the GLOCK Collectors Association (glockcollectorsassociation.org), GLOCK imported five G17 pistols into the U.S. for submission to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) in late 1985. These pistols had a serial series of "AN011US" through "AN015US." The BATF approved the GLOCK 17 for import on November 11, 1985, and by early 1986, GLOCK 17 pistols were arriving in the U.S. fresh off the production line in Austria. "The first thousand G17 pistols imported into the U.S. had serial numbers with an "AF prefix," explains Ruselowski.

Like the first generation G17 pistols, the G17 Classic has a flat front grip strap with the original pebble texturing, and it has a flat extractor, original roll marks, and a single pin frame and



With the GLOCK 17 Classic, GLOCK and Lipsey's recreated a version of one of the most historically significant pistols ever designed, the GLOCK 17 pistol.



The GLOCK 17 Classic offers the same clean lines of First Generation GLOCK pistols but with updated internals.

comes in an original "Tupperware" peel lid box. This new G17 Gen1 also features a collectible overbox and a certificate of authenticity. Plus, all guns have a unique "Gen1" serial number suffix and are made in Austria. The G17L Classic model was also released at SHOT SHOW 2024 in collaboration with Lipsey's boasting a longer slide but with the same classic features.

## ENHANCED GEN1

GLOCK and Lipsey's enhanced the classic GLOCK 17. The retro pistols use a captured recoil assembly and Gen3 internals. The Classic also features a drop free magazine, something the original first generation G17 Gen1 pistols did not have but was changed with the introduction of Gen2 pistols. "G17 Gen1 were only imported into the US until 1988, when the newer Gen2 pistols debuted, so there are not that many G17 Gen1 pistols available," says Ruselowski, "and to find one like new in the box is rare." The G17 Classic and G17L Classic models give shooters and collectors an actual 1980's era GLOCK, the pistol that revolutionized handguns in the U.S. and around the world. ☺





The GLOCK Gunsite Service Pistol (GGSP) is an enhanced GLOCK G45 pistol built to fighting handgun specifications.

# SPECIAL MAKEUP: THE GLOCK® GUNSITE SERVICE PISTOL

■ BY ROBERT SADOWSKI ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**T**he GLOCK Gunsite Service Pistol is built to a fighting handgun specification. The GLOCK Gunsite Service Pistol (GGSP) starts off with a GLOCK 45, a compact crossover pistol that combines a compact slide with a full-size frame and is chambered in 9x19. It has all the features of a Gen5 model and features Gunsite enhancements. This is a purpose-built, everyday carry, fighting pistol made to give the user an edge in a defensive fight.

When I was writing the second edition of *Book of GLOCK*, I wanted to include the impact GLOCK pistols have on handgun training from the perspective of firearm instructors. Buz Mills, owner of Gunsite Academy, and Ken Campbell, Chief Executive Officer of Gunsite, clued me in on the GGSP and, at the time, the pistol was in the prototype stage, but now it is in production and available through select retailers or Gunsite's Pro Shop.

The most noticeable enhancement on the GGSP is the direct-milled Holosun HE509T-RD X2 red dot sight and co-witnessed Ameriglo suppressor-height steel sights. Optic mounted pistols are becoming the norm and Gunsite has evolved with the times. The Holosun is a closed emitter sight, meaning the dot emitter is inside the housing and cannot be

blocked by debris if the pistol gets knocked into the dirt. Plus the Holosun features multiple reticles, shake awake technology, and has a built in solar panel on the top to help keep it charged with the expectation being about 50,000 hours of battery life. The unit is bolted directly to the slide without need for a mounting plate. You can use it like a cocking lever on the edge of a bench or the mouth of a Kydex holster. Ameriglo sights offer peace of mind if the red dot's battery gives up the ghost at the wrong time.

Other enhancements include a magazine release that is larger than the factory release and has rounded edges. The Gen5 trigger uses a minus connector which translates into a trigger pull weight of 4.5 pounds. And a lanyard loop which gives it a retro cool service pistol look.

Aesthetic touches include the famous Gunsite Raven logo and "GUNSITE" engraved on the top side of the slide. The serial number letter prefix starts with "API"; paying tribute Copper's original school, the American Pistol Institute. Pro Shop guns also include a Gunsite Raven on the backplate.

Gunsite has created other fighting pistols based on the 1911 platform, but this is the first time they created a striker-fire pistol. Naturally they chose a GLOCK pistol. I'm sure Col. Cooper would approve. ☺

# SPECIAL MAKEUP: GLOCK® 26 MOS™

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK



The G26 MOS was manufactured as a limited production run, but it could become available market-wide depending on interest.

**T**he GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS) in the 5th generation of the exceptional GLOCK pistols has become the standard that all others are judged by. With the addition of the subcompact G26 Gen5 MOS model into the GLOCK lineup, operators have their choice of size, along with an optical sight to fit their mission.

The subcompact lineage can be traced back to the mid-1990s. At the time of its introduction, it was revolutionary in that it packed 10 rounds of the 9x19mm cartridge into a handgun that was as small or smaller than "snubnose" revolvers and subcaliber semi-automatics. Its accuracy was amazing and set a new accuracy record at a U.S. Federal Law Enforcement center. In every operator's experience, the G26 pistol's reliability has been flawless. The fact that it could be carried in an ankle holster, strapped to a protective vest, or concealed in some other way, was of great benefit, because officers need options of how they prefer to conceal.

GLOCK pistols have raised the bar for accuracy, reliability, and durability. The G26 MOS model was manufactured as a limited production run, but it could still become available market-wide depending on interest. The G26 MOS pistol can be kitted with a whole constellation of electro-optical sights

**"GLOCK® pistols have raised the bar for accuracy, reliability, and durability."**

according to the shooter's wants and needs. In doing so, a pinnacle of precision is reached. The short sight radius of an iron sighted G26 may cause some shooters to not realize the subcompact's potential. The energetic dot of an optic allows the operator to focus on a specific area of the target and provides instant definitive feedback of muzzle orientation. Any optic that can be mounted on the larger GLOCK pistols will also fit on the G26 MOS model.

The G26 MOS has all the enhancements of its bigger brethren: the GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), durable finish, ambidextrous slide-stop lever, reversible magazine-catch, RTF grip texture frame, and the GLOCK Safe Action® System. It also accepts G19 and G17 pistol magazines, which is a bonus for many GLOCK shooters. For the ultimate compact, controllable and accurate firepower, the G26 Gen5 MOS is the pistol to place in your holster and hand. ☺





# SPECIAL MAKEUP: VISUALIZE THE NEW POSSIBILITIES

GLOCK 19® Gen5 MOS™ THREADED BARREL

■ AUTHOR CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK



**T**he G19X Gen5 MOS pistol was a stunning success when introduced several years ago, and there is now a new version which promises to repeat that with some added enhancements. GLOCK, in an exclusive offering with one of its major distributors, Davidson's, is now manufacturing the GLOCK model 19X Modular Optics System (MOS) pistol with a threaded barrel. It is appropriate to revisit the qualities of the original G19X Gen5 MOS pistol to appreciate how this may be one of the most versatile GLOCK models.

The G19X Gen5 MOS pistol was originally developed for a military solicitation and was one of the most tested pistols in history. Over one million rounds were fired to confirm its design and durability. Another test was for accuracy; with service ammunition, the G19X Gen5 MOS pistol delivered groups less than 4 inches at 50 yards. That sort of accuracy was unknown outside of hyper-expensive customized pieces. The G19X Gen5 MOS pistol passed all testing with ease, as GLOCK pistols have done for decades.

The G19X Gen5 MOS pistol with a threaded GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB) is a direct descendant of the original pistol. What strikes an observer immediately is the frame and slide color: "Coyote," or a dark tan color. The GLOCK polymer frame has the color infused throughout, and the metal slide has an external physical vapor deposition (PVD) finish of the same color. The G19X Gen5 MOS pistol has the ambidextrous slide-stop lever of the Gen5 GLOCK family, an enhanced fire control with maritime firing spring cups as standard and the Gen5 frame surface texture for a solid hold in extreme conditions. Additional enhancements include the extended and rounded magazine catch, which is valuable for positive speed reloads. Another enhancement is a protective extension molded in the frame front strap area. It not only protects the inserted magazine base plate, but also protects against an operator glove catching in the mag well. There is an extended

lanyard ring installed for extra security should the carrier desire it. There are steel backup iron Ameriglo® sights preinstalled on the G19X Gen5 MOS Threaded Barrel pistol.

The threaded GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB) is a highlight. With a thread pitch of 1/2 by 28, it is ready to accept muzzle accessories to accomplish the mission, after the standard thread protector is removed. GLOCK Gen5 barrels have set a standard for accuracy and reliability others can only aspire to. I have fired the G19X Gen5 MOS pistol with the threaded barrel, and it shoots better than I can hold! Finally, the G19X Gen5 MOS slide accepts an enclosed optic for maximum performance. Enclosed emitters are available from Aimpoint®, C&H Precision, Holosun and Trijicon to name a few, and they would likely assist a shooter in achieving dependable, maximum accuracy. By simply removing the polymer cover plate and appropriately installing the correct mounting plate, the operator can mount the optic of choice.

The suggested retail price will be \$819.89. To obtain the unique and special G19X Gen5 MOS pistol with a factory threaded barrel, your dealer can contact Davidson's or you can go to GalleryofGuns.com. Don't miss out on this special production run! 🎯



# GLOCK® DAYS

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY GLOCK



A GLOCK Day is an official sales event that takes place at select GLOCK authorized dealer locations with a GLOCK representative onsite.

**A**ny day at a GLOCK firearms dealer is a good day. So what makes a day like this more special? A GLOCK Day. That means we're taking things to the next level for consumers and select dealers.

## WHAT MAKES A GLOCK DAY SPECIAL?

A GLOCK Day is an official sales event that takes place at select GLOCK authorized dealer locations with a GLOCK representative on-site. It's an exciting opportunity for firearm enthusiasts, new shooters and everyone in between to engage with and learn about the iconic GLOCK brand.

Designed to bring local brand enthusiasts and newcomers together, a GLOCK Day event provides our team and select dealers an opportunity to show customer appreciation, forge new relationships and celebrate the products and people that make our GLOCK community so strong.

## THE WHEN, WHERE & HOW OF A GLOCK DAY

Event timing, frequency and activities are all determined by each hosting dealer. Any GLOCK Stocking or Perfection Dealer can participate.

GLOCK Days often include:

- Discounts on GLOCK pistols and apparel
- Prize drawings and giveaways
- Installations of night sights
- Meetings with a GLOCK representative
- Exclusive opportunities to "try before you buy"

It's a great time to connect and engage with your local community of GLOCK enthusiasts. GLOCK representatives are typically on-site, ready to answer questions and discuss the latest GLOCK products. Check your local dealer, as members of Team GLOCK may also be in attendance.

See if there's a GLOCK Day scheduled near you. For event information and dates, visit [us.glock.com/events](https://us.glock.com/events)

There are good days and there are GLOCK Days. Don't miss out on the fun.

**We'll see you out there.** 🎯



Scan to locate a GLOCK Day near you

**Note for Dealers:** Contact your GLOCK representative to get started with hosting your own GLOCK Day event! It's the perfect opportunity to interact with regulars, meet new people, and show off your stock.





"Not only do GLOCKS permeate US media, but they are also the most rented gun at many ranges. Everyone new to guns wants to shoot a GLOCK."

# RENTAL GLOCKS

THE POPULARITY OF GLOCKS AT THE RANGE FOR NEW SHOOTERS

■ ARTICLE BY DR. JOEL T. NADLER ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

There is little question of the popularity of GLOCK pistols within the United States. The majority of police departments use GLOCKS and most top 10 lists of civilian handguns sold in the U.S. in recent years are dominated by GLOCK pistols (including the G19, G17, G43, and G43X among others). The G17 alone has appeared in over 400 movies since 1988, cementing GLOCK pistols in popular culture. GLOCKS of all models have appeared in even more movies, television shows, streaming series, and video games.

Although GLOCK's popularity can be tracked by movie appearances and national websites' top selling handgun lists, it is evident in other smaller settings. Indy Arms Company is a range, retail, and training academy in Indianapolis, IN that has a long history with GLOCK. GLOCK pistols were 3 of their 5 top selling pistols of 2022, and rarely was there a class taught

in 2022 where most of the students were not using GLOCK pistols. Additionally, Indy Arms' beginner classes utilize GLOCK 44s for first time shooters. Clearly, the popularity of GLOCK across the U.S. is reflected in the data coming out of Indianapolis.

Beyond use and sales, I was also able to pull the data from Indy Arms' rental wall. Many of the people who come in to shoot at indoor ranges do not have their own firearm, come from countries where they can't own or shoot a gun (gun tourism), or are actively looking to test out a potential new purchase.

In 2022 the most rented pistol was the G19 Gen5, followed by the G17 Gen5, then the G44, and in fourth place was the G43X. The data so far from 2023 continues this trend with the GLOCK 19 Gen5 still on top. Additionally, the G17 Gen5 and G43X are still in the top 5 and the majority of the top 10 are all GLOCK pistols.

Whether it is pre-exposure from media and law enforcement, positive experiences as a first-time training gun, or the joy of shooting a rental GLOCK pistol for the first time, all avenues point to GLOCK's continued dominance of the handgun market. All these factors result in newer shooters wanting to try a GLOCK pistol out, but what makes them stay? That is where the versatility of available GLOCK models from the small G43 to the sub-compact G26, to the Slimline G48, to the popular G19 to the full-sized G17, there is a GLOCK for everyone. Finding the right sized GLOCK for each individual ranging in frame size to concealability, to caliber is easy across a platform that provides consistency. It is easy to see why GLOCK is number one. 🏆



GLOCKS are the top rental guns year after year with the GLOCK 19 sitting at the top of the list.

Photo By Joel Nadler



# WHAT A WOMAN WANTS WHEN PURCHASING A GUN

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY KAREN BUTLER, CEO AND FOUNDER OF SLG2, INC.



The Shoot Like A Girl team understands how to help women find what they want in a firearm. Left to Right: Christa Forrester, Melanie Bolke, Karen Butler, Kelly Mason, Dub Fincher, Chelsie Petit, Donna McDonald, Connie Harrison, Suzetta Wise, TBuzz (Trayce Busbee).

**K**nowing what a woman wants has been said to be a mystery to many since the beginning of time. As SLG2 Inc. (Shoot Like A Girl 2) celebrates its 15th year in business, we look back at nearly 30,000 interactions with women, their friends, and families. These experiences provide crucial insight on what women want when deciding to buy a gun. Most women share some key similarities when looking to buy a gun and understanding these commonalities can help you or your loved ones on the journey to becoming a safe and responsible gun owner.

## WOMEN WANT TO FEEL SAFE

One of the top reasons women want a firearm is because of the desire to feel safe in their own homes and communities. Year over year, women have reported the number one reason for purchasing a gun has been for home defense and concealed carry. Perceptions are that violent crimes are more common and prevalent everywhere. Women want to take ownership of their own personal safety. The act of being a responsible, safe, trained, and proficient gun owner gives women a sense of security.

## WOMEN WANT MORE TIME

More quality time with family and friends is also an important factor. A research study by The Boston Consulting Group and summarized in the book *Women Want More*, queried women from across the globe to find the pressing answer to “What do women want?” Surprisingly, the majority of women, despite economic situation wanted the same thing...more. Specifically, they wanted more quality time with their families. Women are busier than they have ever been, juggling family responsibilities and careers takes away quality time for their own well-being. The Center for Disease Control reports that heart disease is the leading killer of women in the United States. As a result, women (and men) need an outlet for stress. Shooting sports provides the best environment for both quality time with their families and stress relief. Participating in shooting sports requires concentration coupled with breath control, similar to deep breathing exercises that reduce stress. Shooting sports also provides self-gratification from hitting the target. There’s nothing more fun for families than plinking with a GLOCK 44.

## WOMEN WANT TO OVERCOME THEIR FEARS

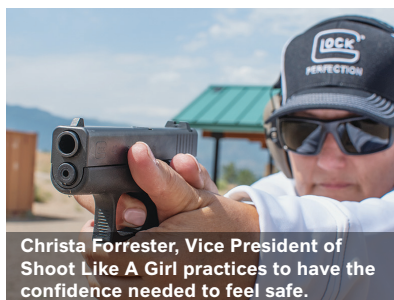
This is different than feeling safe. We find that most women don’t currently participate in shooting sports because they are afraid. They are afraid they will hurt themselves or someone else. These fears are valid. Often, helpful loved ones will tell women that, “there’s nothing to be scared of.” This may be true, but unhelpful. This fear of hurting themselves or somebody else should be

turned into a positive, “Yes, it can be scary, and let’s use this fear to help you be a safe responsible gunowner.” Everyone can stay safe by committing to following the four rules of firearm safety: “Treat all firearms as if they are loaded; Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy; Keep your finger off the trigger until you’re ready to fire; Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.” The fact that women want more quality time with their families should be applied to a conversation in their decision-making process to make a purchase. This is part of the “why” that they should get a gun.

## WOMEN WANT TO SHOP

There are scientific studies explaining that women shop differently than men. Unlike most male customers, women expect help in making the decision to buy a gun. Consider a man buying another gun. Most men drive to the store, walk straight to the gun counter, ask to see the gun, visit with the salesperson and discuss a variety of topics, fill out paperwork, pay for the gun, and leave. Women are rarely committed to the purchase when they walk into the store and they want a full conversation about their choices in purchasing a gun. Women want to personally shop for what’s best for them and compare product fit, features, affordability, and most importantly, safety. In the GLOCK family of firearms, this would mean learning about the GLOCK Safe Action® System or comparing the fit of single stacks verse double stacks, such as the differences between the fit of a GLOCK 43 and a GLOCK 19.

If you are or know of a woman who is considering purchasing their next firearm, then understanding those motivating factors of feeling safe while having a fun activity for quality family time, embracing fear by following the four rules of firearm safety, and setting out for a deliberate shopping experience will reward you and/or them with what women want...more. ☺



Christa Forrester, Vice President of Shoot Like A Girl practices to have the confidence needed to feel safe.



The Blue Label Program exemplifies GLOCK's brand commitment to those who dedicate their lives to public safety and service.

# STOCKING DEALER PROGRAM

■ ARTICLE BY CAITLIN WOOD ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

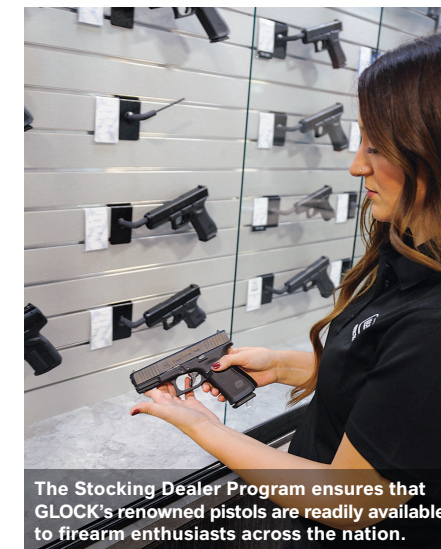
**I**n the landscape of firearms, the GLOCK brand continues to set the standard for safety, reliability, and durability. At the heart of this commitment to excellence are two programs: the Stocking Dealer Program and the Blue Label Program. These programs serve as the basis through which GLOCK as a brand extends its reach to a diverse array of enthusiasts, professionals, and public defenders.

The Stocking Dealer Program ensures that GLOCK’s renowned pistols are readily available to firearm enthusiasts across the nation. GLOCK Stocking Dealers partner with the GLOCK company to supply firearms to the public. Through this network of trusted partners, the GLOCK brand ensures that the precision and reliability of its firearms are within arm’s reach of those who seek GLOCK pistols for whatever shooting needs they may have.

The Blue Label Program exemplifies GLOCK’s brand commitment to those who dedicate their lives to public safety and service. This exclusive initiative extends special pricing to law enforcement, first responders, and military personnel, ensuring that those who protect and serve have access to the cutting-edge technology and unmatched performance that define GLOCK pistols. GLOCK dealers are encouraged to take

part in the Blue Label Program to provide accessible firearms to our country’s finest.

Together, these programs embody GLOCK’s unwavering pledge to empower excellence in the firearms community, forming the connection between the brand and those who demand the very best in their pursuit of precision, performance, and peace of mind. In the following pages, you will meet several exemplary dealers who embody the spirit of GLOCK’s brand commitment to excellence. ☺



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# DEALER SPOTLIGHT WEST REGION

■ ARTICLE BY CAITLIN WOOD ■ PHOTOS BY ALASKA AMMO



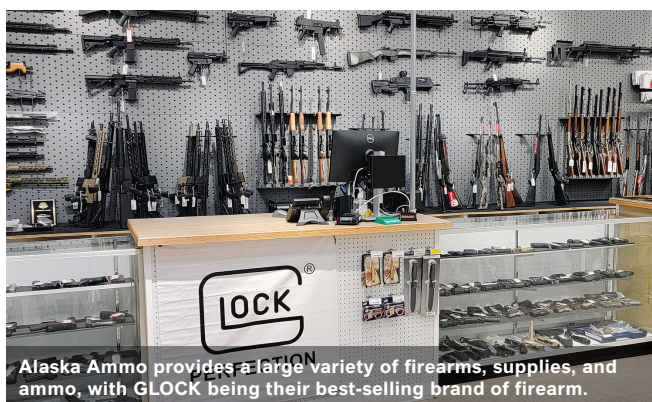
Alaska Ammo's location in Fairbanks, Alaska.

From the coastline of Anchorage Alaska to the vibrant central city of Fairbanks, Alaska Ammo works to go above and beyond to bring firearms, ammo, and supplies to those wanting. GLOCK's Commercial Sales Manager who manages the relationship, Kyle Hopp, said it best, "From day one, Alaska Ammo has been a true partner of GLOCK."

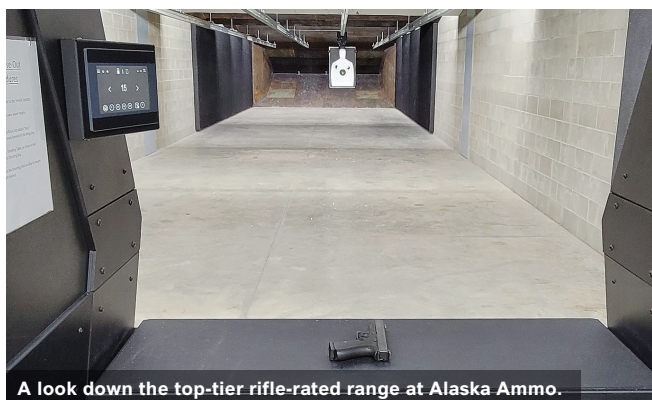
Owner Cody Brons shares the sentiment, highlighting GLOCK as their strongest selling handgun brand, and in a land of rough terrain and potential predators, the G20 pistol in 10mm AUTO is their best-selling firearm. With the advantage of proximity to military bases, Alaska Ammo's inclusion as a Blue Label dealer at both locations has attracted a substantial customer base.

Alaska Ammo's journey started with humble beginnings, with Brons personally driving around Alaska to sell ammunition. Fast forward to Brons purchasing a large retail space and renovating so they could move into their current 15,000 square foot facility with a rifle-rated range. The expanded range, capable of accommodating up to a 50 BMG, has been a game-changer, especially during the harsh Alaskan winters when residents understandably look to shoot indoors. Alaska Ammo certainly makes shooting safe, fun, and accessible with ample bays and a variety of firearms to rent.

This Western Region dealer truly sets the standard in facilities, customer service, and as a partner for GLOCK. This is a direct reflection of their dedication to the Alaskan community. Their motto says it best: "United we stand - for Alaska, we deliver." 🍷



Alaska Ammo provides a large variety of firearms, supplies, and ammo, with GLOCK being their best-selling brand of firearm.



A look down the top-tier rifle-rated range at Alaska Ammo.

# DEALER SPOTLIGHT CENTRAL REGION

■ ARTICLE AND IMAGES BY ROBERT POWELL



Fletcher Arms Showroom at their second location, established in 2021.

Fletcher Arms in Wisconsin is a locally owned gun shop and range now with two locations. Sean and Megan Eaton bought Fletcher Arms in Waukesha, WI. in 2008. Operating this location for over a decade, they learned the firearm business and continue to grow the business within the community. The growth and success of this store allowed them to purchase a second location in 2021. This second location in nearby Pewaukee, WI provided the opportunity for a more modern building, a 12-lane shooting range, classrooms, and plenty of retail space. The building was originally used by Waukesha Area Technical College as a training facility for law enforcement.

With the grand opening of the new shop in February 2022, Sean and Megan have taken on more training classes to offer to the community. Firearm education is a priority with safe gun handling and shooting classes for the community. Megan has taken on a major role in training classes for women and is spokesperson for USCCA.

My first event after joining the GLOCK team as an employee was the grand opening of the new store. Sean and Megan have been great partners to work with over the past two years. Having just completed my second GLOCK Day at Fletcher Arms, the store has received new equipment improvements to the range, new expanded parking lot, and continued increase in inventory and education opportunities.

Sean and Megan have been great partners for GLOCK and are always looking for opportunities to collaborate. Fletcher



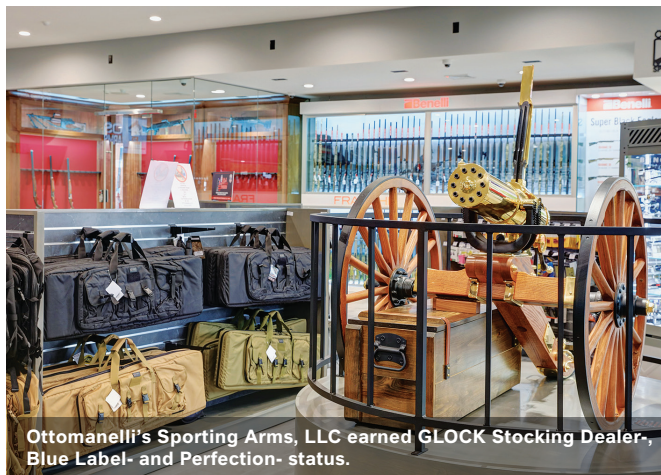
Fletcher Arms has been in business for more than a decade.

Arms has worked hard to make constant updates to their shops. The Pewaukee store has just received equipment improvements on the range, an expanded parking lot, and they have continued to increase inventory and education opportunities, like GLOCK Days. Fletcher Arms is truly an outstanding partner for the GLOCK community. 🍷





Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC Storefront



Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC earned GLOCK Stocking Dealer, Blue Label- and Perfection- status.

# DEALER SPOTLIGHT EAST REGION

■ ARTICLE AND IMAGES BY RYAN SHARACK

**O**ttomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC is a renowned name in the world of sporting firearms. Ottomanelli's has established itself as a premier retailer of firearms for sports enthusiasts and professionals alike. Founded in June 2012 by Michael Ottomanelli, Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC has built a reputation for excellence over the years. Since its inception, Ottomanelli's has remained a family-owned and operated business, passing down its values, expertise, and dedication to future generations.

From the start, Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms has been proud to offer GLOCK pistols. Mike Jr. said, "GLOCK pistols are popular for several reasons, making them a preferred choice for many firearm enthusiasts and professionals. GLOCK pistols are renowned for their reliability and durability. They are known to function flawlessly even in adverse conditions, even after firing thousands of rounds."

GLOCK pistols incorporate three safety features that provide an added layer of confidence and safety for users. GLOCK products offer a wide range of models and calibers, providing options for various purposes and preferences. Whether it is for self-defense, concealed carry, competition shooting, or duty use, there is a GLOCK pistol suitable for any need. GLOCK pistols are used by military, law enforcement agencies, and civilians alike. This widespread use has led to a vast support network, including readily available spare parts, accessories, and training resources.

Mike Jr. said, "Over the years, the GLOCK company has established a solid reputation for quality and performance. Their pistols have undergone extensive testing and are known for their reliability and accuracy. It is for this reason we selected GLOCK as a foundation and cornerstone to help us build and maintain our business." Over the course of the last 11 years, GLOCK has recognized Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms twice for excellence as Dealer of the Year.

What sets Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC apart is its unwavering commitment to individual attention and providing



Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC Showroom.

the same customer service to someone who is new to the shooting world as to the repeat customer. In a short amount of time, Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC has earned not only GLOCK Stocking Dealer status, but also Blue Label and Perfection status, which is GLOCK's most prestigious dealer tier.

Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC takes pride in its customer-centric approach. The company recognizes that buying a firearm is an important investment and strives to provide exceptional customer service throughout the entire purchasing process. Their knowledgeable and friendly staff are always ready to assist customers, providing guidance, answering queries, and ensuring a personalized experience. Ottomanelli's also offers after-sales support, including maintenance, repairs, and customization services. Whether it is for hunting, clay target shooting, or competitive sports shooting, Ottomanelli's continues to deliver firearms that meet the highest standards.

GLOCK looks forward to continued success we have built together with Ottomanelli's. As they move forward, Ottomanelli's Sporting Arms, LLC remains committed to customer service, while honoring their storied heritage. 🌟

# WOMEN LOVE GLOCK®

■ ARTICLE BY KATHARINE COMMANDER KNOTT ■ PHOTO BY @KETCHUPKOHLPOTO

**Law enforcement loves GLOCK, armed forces love GLOCK, men love GLOCK, but why do women love GLOCK?**

For centuries women have hunted and protected their homesteads, families, and livestock with firearms. Yet for most of that time firearms were not made with women in mind. Today's landscape is vastly different. Per the Pew Research Center, over the last two years, 40% of all U.S. firearm sales were made by women. What matters most to women is pistol safety, reliability, comfort and ease of use; this sets GLOCK apart.

## SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

GLOCKS are easy to use, load, and clean while being unsurpassed in their safety, functionality, and reliability. The GLOCK Safe Action® System provides exceptional reliability from malfunctions including impact, drop and object induced misfires. Even through rigorous testing conditions, GLOCK will fire when you want it to. They are absolute workhorses that can be relied upon in the toughest situations and harshest environments. This peace of mind that GLOCK provides in both safety and reliability is key for women.

## COMFORT

Female shooters love the fit and feel of GLOCK. Large or small hands, long or short fingers; there's a GLOCK to fit them all. GLOCK offers a variety of frame sizes suitable for competition, standard, compact, crossover and subcompact. Add the GLOCK Modular Back Strap System® (MBS) to the array of frame sizes and achieving the perfect grip is easy. GLOCK's low bore axis recoil system is quite incredible, given the light weight polymer frame design. This synergistic blend of lighter weight with reduced recoil, a hallmark of GLOCK, is loved by women.

## EASE OF USE

New female shooters find it easy to learn, be safe, and train with GLOCKS. Procedures for loading, unloading, chamber clearing, removing malfunctions, field stripping and cleaning are straightforward. The first time I stripped and cleaned my GLOCK 19, I felt intimidated yet determined to do it. Following the manual, it was easy, but having done it on my own was so empowering!

## SLIMLINE MODELS

GLOCK went even further in their support of female shooters by creating the Slimline models which feature a slimmer frame, reduced slide width, single-stack magazine, lighter weight, and shorter grip-to-trigger distance, along with a lighter 24N trigger pull... fabulous for females!

The compact GLOCK 48 MOS chambered in 9x19 offers women a slimmer version of the G19 Gen5 MOS. It features a slimmer frame and slide width, 24N trigger pull and reduced grip-to-trigger distance for smaller hands in an optics ready package.

The subcompact GLOCK 42 chambered in .380 AUTO is the smallest, slimmest and lightest GLOCK. Lauded for its light



Kat Commander Knott, a self described GLOCK girl, is the daughter of Virginia Commander who formerly published the Harris Outdoors Group magazines. She inherited her mother's love of GLOCK, clay shooting sports and passion for firearms.

recoil, the G42 weighs under a pound and fits in your palm. It's great for women and concealed carry.

The subcompact GLOCK 43X MOS is an optics-ready Slimline chambered in 9x19. Smaller slide length than the G48 MOS, the G43X MOS offers women a highly capable yet easily concealable pistol. The G43X MOS features a slimmer frame and slide width, lighter weight, 24N trigger pull and reduced grip-to-trigger distance.

## GLOCK SUPPORTS FEMALE SHOOTERS

As a pioneer of female focused products, GLOCK's been instrumental in transforming the industry for women. The company supports women through the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF®) through a female only division, sponsorship of female competitive shooters, and sponsorship of women's shooting organizations, such as "Armed Women of America" and "Shoot like a Girl®". GLOCK's support empowers woman across the country through safe, responsible, and proficient firearms training.

Women love GLOCK for many reasons. But ultimately... We love GLOCK because GLOCK has our back! 🌟





A GLOCK representative giving a Range Safety Briefing



Firearm safety is a priority at GLOCK.

# SAFETY FIRST

FOLLOW THE FOUR™ WITH GLOCK

■ ARTICLE BY CANAAN CAGLE ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**F**irearm safety is something GLOCK advocates strongly for. Understanding how to safely own and operate your firearm is vital for you and others around you. GLOCK promotes firearm safety through many ways but one of the most notably recognized ways is through the safety pledge, where owners are encouraged to take the pledge to commit to firearm safety.

To help those who own and use firearms understand the importance of why firearm safety shouldn't be taken lightly – on or off the range, we ask that all firearm owners and enthusiasts follow the four rules of firearm safety:

1. **Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.** Always assume a firearm is loaded, even if you believe it to be unloaded. This mindset promotes safe handling and helps prevent accidents.
2. **Never point the muzzle at anything you're not willing to destroy.** Always point the firearm in a safe direction, away from yourself and others. A safe direction is one in which there will be no personal injury, and only minimal property damage, in the event the firearm discharges.
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the gun's trigger guard until the gun is pointed at the target and you have made the decision to fire.** This helps prevent negligent discharges and ensures that the firearm remains in a safe condition until you have decided to fire.
4. **Always be sure that your target and what's around and beyond it are safe before firing.** Ensure that there are no unintended targets or potential hazards in your line of fire or beyond it.

Another way to promote firearm safety is to read your firearm manual. GLOCK provides comprehensive user manuals with each firearm, emphasizing the importance of safe handling, storage, and maintenance. We encourage users to read and understand the manual thoroughly. GLOCK also offers training programs that educate owners on safe firearm use and handling techniques.

Staying proactive in firearm safety and education is the best way to prevent accidents. This campaign encourages everyone to commit to following the four rules of firearm safety. To continuously educate and encourage responsible gun ownership and safety, by taking the pledge, the Follow the Four initiative is offered all year round.

GLOCK is committed to spreading awareness and education of firearm safety to everyone. Firearm safety is not just for new firearm owners, but experienced owners as well.

Firearm safety is a continuous responsibility that requires ongoing education, adherence to rules and responsible behavior. Regular training, familiarity with your firearm, and understanding local laws are essential for maintaining a safe and secure environment. So, stay safe and Follow the Four.

Take the pledge now and commit to gun safety at [followthefour.com](https://followthefour.com) 📍



#FOLLOWTHEFOUR

# SAFE FIREARM STORAGE

■ ARTICLE BY SHANE COLEY ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**F**irearm storage is an important factor to keep in mind when at home or in the vehicle. Firearm ownership comes with great responsibility, and this is a value that we want to impart on everyone so that firearm safety remains a top priority. Proper storage not only prevents unauthorized access but also reduces the risk of accidents, theft, and misuse. This article explores the significance of safe firearm storage and provides essential guidelines and tips for ensuring the well-being of both gun owners and their families.

Safe firearm storage is paramount for several reasons. First and foremost, it prevents unauthorized individuals, especially children, from accessing firearms. We can all understand the danger and risk that may impose, so by storing firearms safely, gun owners can significantly reduce the chances of such accidents and protect their loved ones from harm.

Additionally, secure storage safeguards firearms against theft. Stolen guns often find their way into the hands of criminals, contributing to the rising rates of violent crimes. By keeping firearms properly stored, gun owners play a crucial role in minimizing the illegal circulation of weapons.

To ensure safe firearm storage, responsible gun owners should consider the following guidelines:

1. **Secure locking devices:** Utilize high-quality gun safes, lockboxes, or cabinets equipped with robust locking mechanisms. These storage options should be constructed from durable materials that withstand tampering.
2. **Separate ammunition:** Store firearms and ammunition in separate locations within the storage unit. This can reduce the risk of negligent discharge and can prevent unauthorized individuals from using the firearm effectively.

3. **Limited Access:** Restrict access to firearms by keeping them in areas that are only accessible to authorized individuals. Consider installing alarms or security systems to enhance protection.

4. **Education and Training:** Educate family members and loved ones, especially children, about firearm safety. Teach them the importance of not handling firearms without adult supervision and explain the potential dangers involved.

5. **Trigger locks and cable locks:** Use trigger locks or cable locks to render firearms inoperable when not in use. These devices prevent negligent discharges and unauthorized use.

6. **Use gun cases:** Using locked gun cases adds an extra layer of security. This ensures that even if someone gains access to the storage area, they cannot easily use the firearm.

7. **Key management:** Keep keys, combinations, or access codes to the storage unit secure and separate from the firearms. Consider using biometric safes or other advanced security measures for added protection.

Safe firearm storage is an essential aspect of responsible gun ownership. These are but a few guidelines or tips that can be used by firearm owners, and they should be continuously implemented in daily activities. Our goal as responsible gun owners should always be to eliminate the risk of unsafe incidents or negligent incidents from occurring. By adopting proper storage practices, gun owners can prevent accidents, unauthorized access, and theft. Prioritizing safe storage helps ensure the well-being of individuals, families, and communities at large. 📍



# SETTING THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY

## SLG2 SAFE LIVING AWARD

■ ARTICLE BY KAREN BUTLER ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**G**LOCK was recently presented with the *Safe Living Excellence in Safety Award* at the National Rifle Association's Annual Meeting (NRAAM) in Indianapolis, Indiana in the Spring of 2023. Safe Living is the newest brand of SLG2, Inc. with a focus on public safety and community outreach. SLG2, Inc. is the industry's leading event marketing company and includes brands: Shoot Like A Girl®, Safe Living™, Hunt Like A Girl™, and SLG2 Consulting.

GLOCK earned the honor for the 1st Quarter 2023 as the very first recipient of the Safe Living Excellence in Safety Award. The award recognizes the company for its dedicated leadership in safety through initiatives like their Follow the Four™ campaign, Cobb County's Safety Village and their overall commitment to firearm education and safety.

GLOCK generously donated \$100,000 to Georgia's Cobb County Safety Village to build GLOCK's Gun Safety House. This interactive, miniature home is used to teach safe neighbor contact, safe place, and gun safety to the youth throughout the community. Cobb County's Safety Village believes that education is the key to reducing risk and protecting the public, teaching the importance of safety techniques, guidance on crime prevention, and, most importantly, gives residents hands-on learning experiences.

"At GLOCK, firearm safety is a top priority. It's important that we increase awareness and educate those who own or handle firearms," said Ainsley Conner, Communications Manager at GLOCK, Inc. "We are honored to have received the safety award and are proud to partner with an organization like Shoot Like A Girl and Safe Living, who share the same values as us in encouraging responsible gun ownership."

With more than 37,000 pledges, GLOCK's Follow the Four campaign encourages firearm safety and responsible gun handling and ownership. The campaign underlines the four primary rules of firearm safety:

1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
4. Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

To learn more about Safe Living and read a myriad of articles on safety, visit [safeliving2.com](https://safeliving2.com) and visit GLOCK's Follow the Four to take the safety pledge at [followthefour.com](https://followthefour.com). 🌟



# GLOCK® SAFETY VILLAGE

■ ARTICLE BY ED FITZGERALD ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**I**n the Paramount+ series 1883, the writer of the series, Taylor Sheridan, penned the narration spoken eloquently by actress Isabel May. The narration gives the perspective of the novelty that she is experiencing as the family has left Tennessee for the vastness and dreams of the west. This newness is compared to the inexperience of a child and how they perceive this new environment. She comments: *I remember the first time I saw it. Tried to find words to describe it. But I couldn't. Nothing had prepared me. No books. No teachers. Not even my parents. I heard a thousand stories... but none could describe this place. It must be witnessed to be understood.*

The human race for centuries has been trying to figure out and harness the challenges of danger. With each new innovation comes a new concern about the "what ifs" of living amongst these encounters of keeping everyone safe, knowledgeable, and aware. 1883. S1,Ep.1, © 2021, Viacom International, Inc.

When man discovered fire for warmth, they then had to deal with the concerns for burns. When man dug a well for water, they then had to concern themselves with others falling in. When man developed the spear, the concern then centered on how to train in its use and the respect of what man could do with this newfound tool. Electricity brought great convenience, but the danger, unharnessed and provoked, required thought and training to yoke the power without succumbing to it.

It is given that danger surrounds us. It is unescapable. Many will skirt it, some will experience it and survive, and others will unfortunately fall victim to it. It is interesting how man tries to deal with danger. Some think to corral innovation, burden it with checks and balances, place undo hardships on innovation and smother it for a few generations until a more accepting culture is willing to accept the consequences with the good that comes from the imagined.

Yet other communities are stepping into the informational fray. They are trying to illuminate understanding of innovation and the good it brings as well as the danger it can have on the unsuspected. These communities dedicate resources to help train and educate those within it to understand how to avoid potential dangers and recognize it if danger arises.

In a 2019 article published by *Bloomberg*, writer Katherine LaGrave recounts "The Evolution of Miniature 'Safety Towns' for Kids," noting that communities, in response to identifying and addressing the need for better "hands-on" training facilities where children can attend and learn firsthand by actually participating in activities starting with traffic and bike safety, started developing these places of learning. The article also noted communities tackling more and more safety issues by adding additional structures and exhibits to include electrical, gas, water, firearms, and other safety concerns.

Closer to home for GLOCK, in Cobb County, GA, the Cobb Safety Village resides under the Cobb County Public Safety umbrella as a 501(c)(3) product with a board consisting of civic and business leaders and under the direction of the Safety

Village Director, Allison Carter.

Conceived in 1978 by the Cobb County Fire Department, they desired to address the major safety issues of that time period. As the population increased, the need for a more sustainable program that could assist the citizens to better

understand and learn Life Safety Skills was identified. Looking to Canada and the 15 thriving examples of business community support to address the myriad of issues that confront individuals in life safety events, the Cobb Safety Village was established on 8 acres provided by the county.

Many organizations in the firearms community advocate for firearm safety education among families. In an effort to make firearm safety education even more accessible to the general public, the GLOCK company decided to go a step further. By partnering with the Cobb Safety Village, a curriculum of hands-on experiential learning has been adopted. Working with Director Carter and the Safety Village, The GLOCK company has built a replica home within the 8-acre compound to allow young and old alike to walk the home space where proper gun safety can be displayed and training provided for all to understand what to do if a firearm is discovered unlocked and unattended in the home.

This team effort underscores the industry leading efforts in firearm safety that the GLOCK brand is attempting to deploy locally. With the Cobb Safety Village being the only structure in the state of Georgia and of very few nationally, other community efforts to reduce home space fatalities have a great example to further teach and expound upon the various dangers that are naturally occurring these days.

With a simple philosophy of "Tell me and I will forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I will learn for a lifetime," the Cobb Safety Village provides the highest quality safety education and training available. This effort enables its citizens to help and protect themselves and others from accidental death, injury and destruction of property.

For more information on the Cobb Safety Village and the many companies that support the safety mission of the foundation visit [cobbcounty.org/public-safety/safety-village](https://cobbcounty.org/public-safety/safety-village). 🌟







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When providing maintenance to your GLOCK pistol, a safety check must first be performed.

soaking rain on one day to other days that were sunny and warm. These conditions manifested themselves over a weeks period of time. No issues were reported, and this suggests that at around 500 rounds expended, again depending on the environment at the time and the quality of the ammunition, the prudent operator will field strip, clean by brushing/wiping, and lightly lubricating the firearm. Instructional emphasis must be on applying lubrication sparingly, too much can lead to build up and potential malfunctions.

When providing maintenance to your GLOCK pistol, a safety check must first be performed. This involves unloading the pistol and visually and tactilely inspecting the barrel chamber and magazine-well for empty status. The pistol is then field stripped into the major components of the slide, barrel, recoil spring assembly, frame and magazine(s). The barrel and chamber are brushed out with a lightly lubricated brush. The same occurs at the breech face with the slide's muzzle oriented down. The slide rails can be cleared by running a cleaning patch down the slots. The frame and rails can be wiped and light lubricant should be applied to the barrel surface, slide rails and the connector area. I usually use an old soft toothbrush or military nylon brush to clear the iron sights and gripping surfaces. Magazines must be inspected for damage and checked for function. With the advent of GLOCK mounted optics, extra steps to ensure secure mountings, functionality, and clear lenses are indicated.

A yearly detail strip, cleaning, and inspection by a certified GLOCK Armorer is recommended. Unusual environments such as salt water, extreme dust, mud, etc., probably dictates this more often. Those that carry a GLOCK pistol often but do not often shoot, need to perform regular maintenance. A 90-day cycle of inspection should be routine in relatively benign environments. This can include a wipe down and light lubrication. Particularly for exposed duty weapons, those GLOCK pistols carried concealed and those equipped with the GLOCK Performance Trigger.

GLOCK pistols are critical instruments. A little preventative maintenance will go a long way to ensure they will be ready for whatever task they are called upon to accomplish. ☺

# GLOCK® PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN: WHEN AND HOW OFTEN

■ BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

One of the topics rarely discussed, but of critical importance for a life-saving instrument, is when and how preventative maintenance should be performed on a GLOCK pistol. Although GLOCK is known for its durability and reliability of its pistols, regular maintenance is still needed. This article will help to clarify and suggest a schedule for acceptable performance.

A GLOCK owner's manual will advise to clean your GLOCK after each shooting session, but what does that mean? If an operator has a morning practice or competition, should they immediately clean their GLOCK? Aside from some unusual circumstances such as exposure to saltwater, dust or mud, it may not be immediately necessary. However, if a stoppage or malfunction occurs, the operator should determine as soon as possible if cleaning or maintenance is required.

At a recent gathering with GLOCK Professional Firearm Instructors, the amount of ammunition fired in a single day per instructor was 500 rounds of 9x19. Conditions ranged from



# GLOCK® PROFESSIONAL

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If one is in possession of the superb GLOCK pistol, it only makes sense to be instructed on its use. There are multiple paths to firearm knowledge, but one stands out as related to a GLOCK: GLOCK Professional, the training division of the GLOCK organization.

GLOCK Training has been a core element of GLOCK since the earliest of days in the United States in order to teach those how to run and maintain Mr. Glock's reliable handguns. Starting in the late 1980s, the first course was a one-day Armorer's Course (AC). Frequently, in those fledgling years of the company, training occurred at law enforcement ranges, giving official personnel a live-fire demonstration how simple and elegant the GLOCK pistol design was. The opportunity to shoot and train with a GLOCK gave a real time, hands-on,

experience of the safety, speed, accuracy, and dependability of the superior handguns.

In addition to the Armorer's Course, the GLOCK Instructor Workshop was developed early on, and served as a transition for local law enforcement instructors from revolvers to GLOCK pistols. Initially, there were a few instructors under contract and after a few years, individuals with real world experience in Federal, State, and local law enforcement and U.S. Military Special Operations were on board and teaching classes. A critical aspect was that many classes were scheduled locally. There was a classroom and small indoor range at U.S. headquarters in Smyrna, GA. Having the teaching come to the students was novel and very popular. Mr. Glock stated that training on his creations was one of the critical keys to success.



All of the GLOCK shooting courses will feature work from a holster, as that usually how a GLOCK is secured on an individual.



GLOCK Instructors are well versed in different variants of GLOCK pistols. Here, Joseph "Willie" Parent, the Director of GLOCK Professional, coaches shooters: one with an optic mounted, the other running "iron sights" on his pistol.

As GLOCK pistols began to increase in popularity, so did the demand for courses. For the most part, students were members of official organizations like law enforcement, security, and military. An occasional participant might be an employee of a retailer and/or gunsmith and their certification made sense from the customer service perspective. In the United States, legitimate and qualified citizens were also eager to learn more about their defensive tools. GLOCK made the decision to admit loyal GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) members to select civilian courses. Today, there may be a number of consumers present if the host organization allows it. As technology evolves, the need for different, specialized courses is necessary, and GLOCK Training has adapted to just that.

There is a cadre of GLOCK Professional Instructors in the U.S. and internationally to ensure GLOCK can reach students across the globe. Just as the number of personnel has increased, the expertise has as well. Due to the global war on terror, individuals have garnered real world experience in personal combat. They, along with seasoned law enforcement officers instruct to provide lifesaving skills to people with GLOCKS. If you own a GLOCK pistol and want to learn how to safely and efficiently put them to use, visit [glocktraining.com](https://glocktraining.com) to see what courses are currently offered. 📍





A GLOCK Professional (GP) demonstrates the double kneeling position during the GLOCK Operator Course (OC). All GP Instructors follow proven teaching methods: describe, demonstrate and then have students execute with coaching.



GP Instructor C. Wright, demonstrates the movements necessary to reload a GLOCK pistol. There may be several variants of a particular skill, and GLOCK Instructors show all, allowing the student to decide the best option.

# AN OVERVIEW OF GLOCK TRAINING COURSES

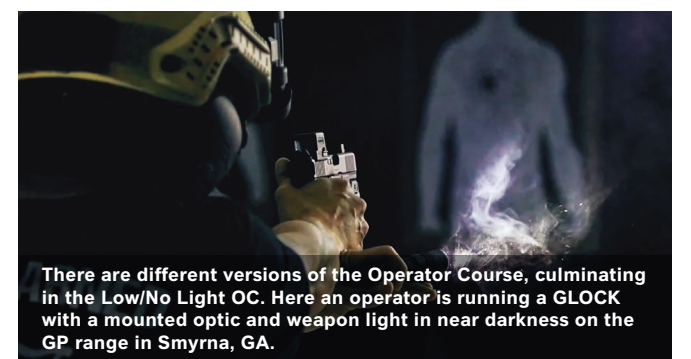
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The following are brief overviews of training courses currently offered by GLOCK Professional. For more details like a yearly listing of available courses, requirements to register for a course, or inquiries about possible customization of training, visit [glocktraining.com](https://glocktraining.com).

**Armorer' Courses:** The original training course, and considered by many to be the best, is the GLOCK Armorer's Course. A full day of instruction in this course includes coverage from GLOCK Gen1 through Gen5 pistols. The Armorer's Courses have thousands of students attend each year across the U.S. and is also offered in other countries where GLOCK is used by law enforcement and military entities. Successful completion of the Armorer's Course allows certified GLOCK Armorers to purchase spare/replacement parts. If one wants to understand how to service GLOCK pistols, the Armorer's Course is a must to attend.

**GLOCK Fundamentals Courses:** This course was designed for the new GLOCK owners to understand basic information, provide an overview of GLOCK pistols and their functions, and understand the fundamentals of shooting. This one-day course is currently offered at the GLOCK Professional facility, and all equipment and supplies are provided utilizing the G44 pistol in .22LR. For brilliant shooting, one starts and ends with the basics.

**Operator Courses:** The Operator Course is a two-day course that requires roughly 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Operators of GLOCK pistols learn how to perform quickly and accurately with their sidearm. There is an evaluation of skills and ranking specific to each participant. There are several



There are different versions of the Operator Course, culminating in the Low/No Light OC. Here an operator is running a GLOCK with a mounted optic and weapon light in near darkness on the GP range in Smyrna, GA.

variations of the program of instruction to include "Low Profile" (concealed) and low or no light shooting where a facility is available. The Low/No Light courses have a prerequisite of successful completion of an Operator Course with a GLOCK pistol that has traditional iron sights or slide mounted optics.

## ADDITIONAL GLOCK TRAINING COURSES:

In addition to the primary courses that GLOCK Training offers, there are other options for qualified individuals such as Instructor Courses, one specifically teaching about the GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS), a single day Course for the select fire GLOCK 18 pistol, and a Course which teaches how to best utilize a long arm with a GLOCK pistol, known as the GLOCK Rifle/Pistol Transition Course. With the variety of Courses that are offered, it's time to sign up for your next one with world-class instructors. 📍





GLOCK fits any lifestyle. It's a brand that welcomes everyone from new shooters, hobbyists, and professionals alike.

# GLOCK® BEYOND THE BRAND

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE

■ ARTICLE BY CAITLIN WOOD ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

**T**he GLOCK brand is most well-known for revolutionizing the polymer framed pistol, and within the firearm industry, GLOCK truly sets the standard for reliability, durability, and safety. Since its founding in 1963, the GLOCK brand has become a dominant force in the market and a household name in firearms. Today, the GLOCK brand is about more than just a pistol, it's a lifestyle. The company has established a space for community; a lifestyle for all that welcomes everyone from new shooters, hobbyists, and professionals alike.

There are numerous ways to tap into that community, like joining the online forum, GLOCK IQ (GIQ), heading to a GSSF

match or shopping for lifestyle gear on the GLOCK Shop. To shed light on this close-knit community, we've interviewed Jennifer and Jerry, a duo who are active advocates for the GLOCK brand. They participate in GSSF matches, engage with fellow GLOCK enthusiasts on GLOCK IQ (GIQ), and they are always out and about in their favorite GLOCK apparel. Let's dive into their experience to see what it's really like to be part of the GLOCK brand.

Jen and Jerry are avid members of the GLOCK community, which all began back in 2015 when Jerry purchased his first GLOCK pistol, a G19. He then joined GLOCK's online community, called GLOCK IQ, where he learned about the



GLOCK Shop accessories are durable for those long days at the range.

GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF). That was all he needed to begin shooting GSSF matches. "It was all over from there," Jerry says. Shortly after, his wife Jen was hooked as well after shooting the G44 at a GSSF match demo station. She shot her first GSSF match in October 2021 and hasn't stopped since.

Some of Jennifer's favorite memories that truly encapsulate GLOCK as a brand include winning her first ever GSSF match in the GLOCK Girls division and meeting Ashley Robertson from Team GLOCK. Jen says, "the people we have met along the way at matches and on GIQ are the best part of shooting GLOCK pistols! We love our GSSF / GIQ family." Jen and Jerry also joined GLOCK at the 2023 NRA Annual Meeting and GIQ Meetup event in Indianapolis. Jerry says one of his most memorable moments was finally reaching the Master rank in GSSF after 8 years of shooting.

When asked what sets the GLOCK community apart from others, this is what Jennifer had to say:

"We believe that GLOCK and GSSF out-do all the other gun communities. We have scoped out other, similar matches from competitors, but they're just not welcoming like a GSSF match and its people. GLOCK guns are safe, reliable, easy to maintain, and just plain great. Speaking of safety, GLOCK instills safety in all shooters by promoting Follow the Four - the most important part of gun ownership. The GLOCK company is amazing in this aspect and does so many things to promote gun safety, like providing gun locks to local communities and sponsoring events that help to encourage and educate new shooters."

Members of the GLOCK community, like Jen and Jerry, represent the brand proudly. Aside from shooting GLOCK pistols and advocating for the brand, community members love to represent through patches, stickers, gear, and apparel. For this, everyone heads to the GLOCK Shop at [store.glock.us](https://store.glock.us). "GLOCK apparel and gear is quality made and will outlast most brands. We are proud supporters of the GLOCK brand" says Jennifer.



Whether you're on the range, the water, or the trail, go with GLOCK.

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If you're looking to tap even further into the GLOCK lifestyle, start by visiting the GLOCK Shop at [store.glock.us](https://store.glock.us). There you'll find all the gear and apparel you will need to be right at home at your next GSSF match, whether it be your first or your 50th. Then be sure to log your match results in on GLOCK IQ. Jennifer and Jerry say it best, "Just do it! We love our GLOCK family. GLOCK Strong!"



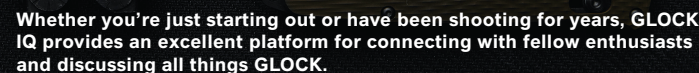
Jennifer and Jerry sporting their GLOCK apparel on the range together.

## GLOCK™ SHOP




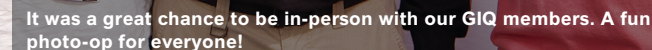


■ ARTICLE BY GLENN ADAM KENDRICK



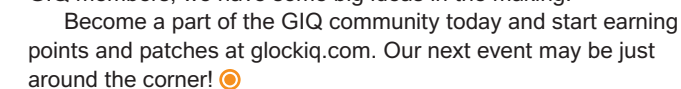
Perhaps the most valuable aspect of GIQ is the forum it provides for discussion and collaboration. Members can share tips and tricks for using GLOCK firearms, discuss their experiences with different models, and ask questions of more experienced members. This forum is a great resource for

Visit [glockiq.com](http://glockiq.com) to connect with other GLOCK enthusiasts now! 



■ ARTICLE BY SHELBY MARTIN ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

Our GIQ users have built long lasting friendships through the platform, and it shows. User @TJMGLOCK said, “It is amazing how many friends I have made through being on GIQ. It’s crazy how you can go from not knowing some one to connecting with them on GIQ to becoming really good friends







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# GLOCKIMONIALS

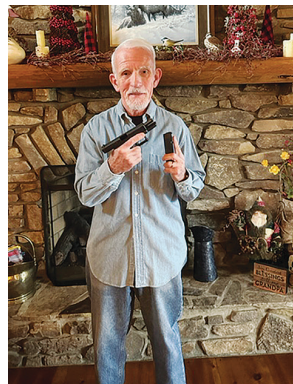
Everyday, GLOCK receives communication from fans about their fondness and love for the GLOCK brand and products. We want to share a few of these experiences. Share your stories with us at [us.glock/en/iamglock](https://us.glock/en/iamglock).



Back in 2018, my house caught fire while I was at work. It's a small 1,100sqft, 2-bedroom house. I had a G21 Gen3 pistol in a safe along with my GLOCK 30 pistol that I had just bought that was in a leather holster sitting on top of the safe. The fire originated in the kitchen, but the entire house had extensive heat damage. The fire burned so hot that it melted a TV hanging on our wall in the bedroom next to the closet that had the safe. The G30 pistol left a perfect mark on

top of the safe where it was sitting. I took it to a local gun store who cleaned it and looked at it said that it had an ever so slight warp to it, but he said that it functions perfectly. Even the night sights still glowed. Fast forward to 2022 and it still functions flawlessly, and the sights still glow. I just had it at the range and put 75 rounds through it and not a single issue. Thank you, GLOCK!

— R. Hinton



## WHY GLOCK?

After 30 years in the Marine Corps Infantry, 24 years as a Deputy Sheriff in Florida, and now a Private Investigator people often ask me, "Why GLOCK"? The answer is straightforward..."Because they work." Obviously they "work" in the traditional sense...with a well-earned reputation for flawless functioning, accuracy, safety

and reliability. Additionally, and important to me..."small enough" (size and weight) to carry on a daily basis yet still "big enough" to win if necessary.

My favorite GLOCK pistols are the G19 Gen5 and the G48 Gen5. Both are easy to carry and capable. They work, period. They are "Goldilocks" of guns.

— J. Williams



In early 2022, one of our deputies had a house fire. The house was a total loss and the deputy and his wife lost everything. After the fire, the deputy went to the area where he kept his police gear and pilfered through a melted plastic mess of duty gear, including his GLOCK pistol. He turned in what he was able to find to the Sheriff where it sat in the closet for several months until the Sheriff handed me the pile of melted plastic. He told me to dispose of it. Being a curious firearm instructor, I took the GLOCK pistol out to the range and was able to pry the melted nylon holster (Level II Safariland) off the gun. At this point it was covered in rust and the polymer frame was melted. I was able to extract the magazine, and remove the slide, spray it down with cleaner and reassemble it. I inserted the mag back into the melted frame and was able to fire the entire 15 rounds from the gun with no malfunctions. I was very impressed the way the gun held up in the fire/water from the fire department! Way to go, GLOCK!

— B. Schwartz

## CONNECTING WITH GLOCK

Social media has changed the way we connect with others and consume information. For our team at GLOCK, social media has provided a platform to engage with our customers like never before. With a following of over 4 million on GLOCK social media accounts, GLOCK continues to grow in the digital realm.

In addition to GLOCK IQ you can find GLOCK on social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, X, and YouTube. These platforms offer GLOCK enthusiasts the opportunity to connect with each other, share experiences, and engage with the GLOCK team. GLOCK social media pages are filled with enthusiast-styled imagery, informative videos, and content that is designed to inform and entertain their community of followers.

Whether you are a seasoned GLOCK enthusiast or a newcomer to the brand, social media provides a unique opportunity to connect with others and engage with GLOCK in new and exciting ways.

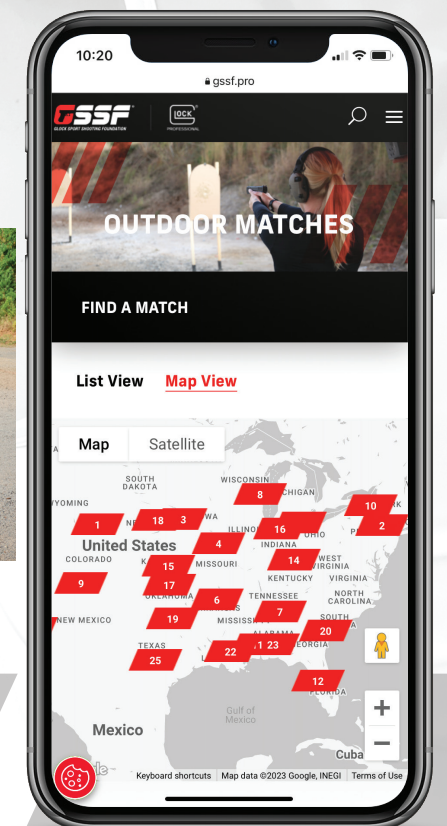
When posting images of your GLOCK, be sure to tag GLOCK using these handles — you never know if it gets shared!



# PURSUE YOUR PERFECTION

## LEARN, CONNECT & COMPETE

The GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® (GSSF®) is a community of shooters from all experience levels. Enter challenges, meet other enthusiasts and enjoy special GLOCK® discounts as a GSSF member.



Visit GSSF to join or find a match near you.

GSSF.PRO



# STAY CONNECTED

THROUGH THE GLOCK SPORT SHOOTING FOUNDATION®

■ ARTICLE BY SCOTT DROBNICK ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK

**M**embership has its privileges! Becoming a member of the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® (GSSF®) connects you to the world of sport shooting, a GLOCK community that spans nationwide. As a GSSF member, you will gain access to more than three hundred indoor and outdoor annual shooting events, exclusive discounts at GLOCK Blue Label Dealers, GLOCK Training Courses, the monthly GSSF newsletter, and access to the GLOCK Professional staff.

GSSF events are coordinated by GLOCK Professional staff and attended by armorers to inspect and replace

any necessary parts. Having personal access to the GLOCK staff gives you an insider perspective of the company and builds lifelong relationships in the firearms industry. Participating in GSSF matches gives you the opportunity to meet and interact with local GLOCK dealers, range operators and competitors to enhance your knowledge of GLOCK products and their superior performance, take advantage of the GSSF Discount Pistol Purchase Program to purchase one discounted GLOCK pistol per year, and connect with other enthusiasts who share your same interests – shooting GLOCK pistols.



Connect with GLOCK Professional staff and fellow enthusiasts at GSSF.



Stay connected with friends and enjoy the camaraderie of competition at a GSSF event.



GSSF is the perfect escape for couples and families alike.



Take advantage of the opportunity to become part of the GSSF volunteer community at your next match.

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Opportunity abounds at GSSF events. The most valuable and rewarding aspect of any GSSF event is the opportunity to volunteer at a local event to make it an enjoyable and successful time for all. Volunteers are the core of the GSSF community and are necessary to safely assist competitors through the courses of fire, provide range commands, control sign-in and squad procedures, score competitor targets, and enforce firearm safety rules for GSSF. While experienced range officers are an invaluable resource, there are many volunteer assignments at a GSSF event that require no experience at all. Training, safety briefs, and supervision are provided by the GLOCK Professional staff to ensure volunteers have the knowledge and skills to be successful in their assigned role. Volunteering has the added benefits of working directly with the GLOCK Professional staff, training on proper range procedures and safe firearm handling skills and building new relationships with fellow volunteers and GLOCK enthusiasts.

Having a GSSF membership directly connects you to the world of GLOCK through personal interactions. Combining these resources opens a host of opportunities to become more connected to the world of GLOCK and the people that make “Pursuing Perfection” a way of life. Start your journey today by creating your personal GSSF account and sign-up for the GSSF Newsletter to receive the latest information on GSSF events at [gssf.pro](https://gssf.pro). Also, make sure to follow us on social media for weekly posts that highlight GSSF that make it the success it is today! ☺





2023 Gunny Challenge Champion, Brad Balsley (center) with 2023 Gunny Challenge Matchmesiters

# GLOCK SPORT SHOOTING FOUNDATION® (GSSF®)

THE GLOCK ANNUAL SHOOT AND GUNNY CHALLENGE

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS LAMM ■ PHOTO BY AINSLEY CONNER

**T**he 2023 GLOCK Annual Shoot and Gunny Challenge was a success. Friends and family from all over the country gathered at CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park in Alabama for the 30th Anniversary of the GLOCK Annual Shoot and Gunny Challenge.

## DAY 1 – THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLOCK ANNUAL SHOOT KICKS OFF

Before the match went hot on Friday, we had over 100 entries completed by the volunteer staff. With guest appearances from members of Team GLOCK, the GLOCK staff shooting with military and law enforcement personnel, GLOCK armorers and sale demos on-site, and a full bay of vendors, this year's match did not disappoint. Vendors like C&H Precision, Dryfire Mag, LASR DryFire, the GLOCK Shop, Gun Owners of America, Hunters HD Gold, and Rezilyent Custom Hearing Protection, each offered a selection of their products.

The books filled up quick and with five shooting bays for every course of fire, the competitors rolled through their stages with little wait. By the afternoon, the rain came rolling through steaming the slides and barrels of those competing. The day ended with 400 entries, as the storm moved off and the sun peeked through the clouds.

## DAY 2 – THE ANNUAL SHOOT CONTINUES AND THE GUNNY CHALLENGE BEGINS

An overcast Saturday morning greeted the volunteers and vendors as they set up the range for the day. As competitors began signing in, the fight for the win continued.

As rain drizzled and late morning rolled around, the 29 Matchmeisters gathered for the Gunny Challenge brief. There was shock amongst the shooters when GSSF Match Coordinator, Austin Crane, announced the 10mm, GLOCK 20

Gen5 MOS pistol outfitted with a C&H Precision Comp red-dot optic was the chosen firearm for the Challenge.

After 2,000 rounds of 10mm ammunition downrange, double elimination took down master after master. Down to the final 2 competitors, the 2021 Gunny Challenge Winner, Brian Giovannini and 2022 Gunny Challenge Winner, Brad Balsley were now face-to-face. Brad was able to keep himself in the challenge after the first string of fire, but double elimination ensured one last string of fire for both competitors, winner takes all. The starting horn blew loud and the 25 yard targets were struck almost simultaneously. Brad took the lead, working his way down the dueling tree. Brian was on his last targets on the dueling tree when the stop popper in front of Brad fell, earning him the title once again of the 2023 Gunny Challenge Champion.

After the Gunny Challenge, Saturday ended with clear skies leaving the final shooters of the day with a cool breeze. The Range Officers, Gunny Challenge competitors and vendors were invited to join the GSSF team later that afternoon for an appreciation dinner.

## DAY 3 – THE FINAL DAY OF THE GLOCK ANNUAL SHOOT

The sun greeted all Sunday morning. Traditionally the slowest day, competitors were on the firing lines with little to no waits. The final shooters were in the books and the stages broken down one by one. When the volunteers finished teardown, the final entry numbers were announced. With 921 entries throughout the weekend, this has been the highest number of entries since the pandemic.

After my first time as the GSSF Primary Match Coordinator for this specific match, I want to thank all the competitors, volunteers, CMP and GLOCK for all their efforts in making this such a successful match.

To sign-up for your next GSSF match, visit [GSSF.pro](https://gssf.pro). ☺

# STOCK MOS™ GLOCK PISTOLS GSSF® INDOOR LEAGUE

■ ARTICLE BY DR. JOEL T. NADLER

**T**he Stock GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS) division has been a popular part of GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) outdoor matches, but at the start of 2023 it became the newest division for indoor matches as well. GSSF outdoor matches feature multiple courses of fire and many more divisions based on different GLOCK models to only 4 divisions for the indoor matches. Allowing Stock GLOCK MOS pistols, with the only primary non-GLOCK modification being a red dot optic, added yet another division for GSSF competitors. The previous four divisions of GSSF indoor matches were Stock, Unlimited, Pocket, and Rimfire.

To better understand the place of this new MOS division for indoor matches it is worthwhile to look at the previous divisions. The Rimfire division is only available for the GLOCK models 44; the Pocket division is only available for the GLOCK 42 and 43, leaving all other GLOCK models falling into either the Stock or Unlimited division. The Stock division only allows aftermarket iron sights and removeable tape grip. The Unlimited division is any stock GLOCK pistol with modifications beyond what's allowed in the Stock division. Under these divisions just adding an optic (non-iron sight) bumped any GLOCK MOS into the Unlimited division. The Unlimited division previously ranged from stock GLOCK pistols with only an optic added all the way up to heavily modified GLOCK pistols often only featuring the original

frame. As more and more civilians and police forces have started adopting GLOCK MOS pistols into everyday use, the need for a Stock GLOCK MOS division was clear to better define differences in gear, but also to match the real-world use of MOS GLOCKS.

I have been running GSSF indoor matches for over 5 years (four leagues a year, each one across three months). An initial worry I had regarding our indoor matches was that the addition of a Stock GLOCK MOS division would effectively split the Unlimited division into two proportionately smaller divisions. As the news of the new division was announced after our first league was already underway, I decided to start the new Stock GLOCK MOS division with our second indoor league. This made for a clear break and created a natural experiment. Fortunately, the new division had very little impact on the Unlimited division and resulted in even more people shooting each match. The Unlimited division saw 18 shooters on average at the start of the year (January-March 2023) without the Stock MOS division and 17 Unlimited shooters in the second league (April-June 2023) including the Stock GLOCK MOS division (which had 12 shooters). Though the Stock division is still the most popular, often averaging 40 or more shooters each month, the new Stock GLOCK MOS division is a welcome addition and clearly bringing even more people into sports shooting with their GLOCKS.

Register now for your next GSSF match at [gssf.pro](https://gssf.pro).

# GSSF® FOR ALL

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY DR. JOEL NADLER

**T**he GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) indoor and outdoor matches were created for everyone. Women and senior divisions are ready to welcome the growing numbers of diverse shooters. My wife and I have been shooting GSSF outdoor matches across the midwestern United States for the last four years as well as volunteering at many of these events. We have run the indoor leagues for the better part of five years. Across all these experiences, we have seen a growing number of male and female shooters from all age ranges choosing GSSF as their initial sport shooting experience. This increase in participation mirrors the U.S. national firearms sales figures showing explosive growth in first time gun owners in 2020, 2021, and 2022 from all demographic groups.

GSSF courses of fire are perfectly balanced to welcome new shooters while still challenging the more experienced competitors. This, paired with senior and women division prizes at GSSF events, further entices new shooters to compete. GSSF matches are a combination of speed and accuracy at targets varying from 9 to 75 feet in distance from a static shooting position (no movement and the gun starting at low ready). Safety and a supportive environment are at the forefront

of any GSSF event, and the welcoming nature of these events are clear to anyone attending. The number one complaint from any new shooter at a GSSF event is "why didn't I start shooting these earlier?!"

One might conclude our regular shooters are just getting older, and to some degree this is true as time stops for no one. But aging into a new category only accounts for a few of our shooters, these numbers are being driven by men and women, young and old, attending and continuing to attend matches.

To sign up for your next GSSF match, visit [gssf.pro](https://gssf.pro).







Sandra Orvig took on the task of providing a great venue for all shooters because “I wanted to give back because as a community of shooters, that is what we do. Encouragement and a GLOCK pistol are a powerful combination!”

# THE EMPOWERMENT OF MENTORING

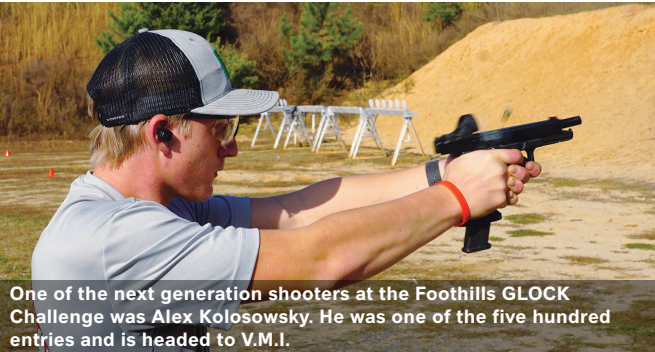
## FOOTHILLS GSSF® MATCH

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDRE’ M. DALL’AU

The shooting sports have always had a proud tradition of mentorship. For many, those who helped were family members, while others were friends or professionals. For Sandra Orvig, it was a friendly shooter who performed a generous act and trying to be helpful, that unwittingly started her on a path that changed her career. As a result, Sandra went from a distinguished paralegal to a successful County Range Director.

Sandra felt that she needed to take responsibility for her safety by obtaining and getting proficient with a firearm. While she was at a gun range practicing, a fellow shooter invited her (and insisted) that she attend and participate in an upcoming local firearms competition. He told her, “Don’t bring anything, we’ll have everything for you.” Dubious, she showed up and the members and staff not only supplied the gear, pistol, and ammunition, but the encouragement and motivation to have her step out of her comfort zone! They not only helped her that day but ignited a lifelong bonfire of interest.

From that, Sandra continued to participate in more competitions and started helping to organize and run them. Her zeal and efficiency was recognized and she was offered to be the Range Director for Cleveland County, North Carolina Foothills Public Shooting Complex. Her interest in GLOCK and the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) started when she was at a match with Team GLOCK. She noted, “I asked the team captain to evaluate my trigger before I competed, he tried it and literally took the trigger out of his G34 pistol and put it in



One of the next generation shooters at the Foothills GLOCK Challenge was Alex Kolosowsky. He was one of the five hundred entries and is headed to V.M.I.

mine and said ‘have a nice match!’ GSSF is a great, welcoming introduction to sport shooting.”

Getting a strong, lasting impression of GSSF she decided to host a GSSF match at the Foothills Complex. To prepare for the inaugural Foothills GLOCK Challenge, she made improvements including seven new shooting bays, adjoining “safe areas” and even obtained volunteers from the American Legion World Series to handle administration and operations. The very successful two-day event drew five-hundred entries with a crowd of thousands.

Why GLOCK? Sandra noted that “Besides its durability and accuracy, it is an easy platform to learn and use. Shooting a pistol is not easy, so having a simple GLOCK pistol lets a shooter concentrate on safety, accuracy and even sharing the fun!” Giving back is so easy with a GLOCK pistol. ☺

## 2024 GSSF® OUTDOOR MATCH SCHEDULE

*\*All matches are subject to change. For the most up-to-date match information, visit [GSSF.pro](https://www.gssf.pro)*



DATE	MATCH NAME	HOST CLUB	WEBSITE	RANGE ADDRESS
JAN 27-28	LVPSC Gamblers Challenge	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club	brpc1.org	2700 Utah Street, Boulder City, NV 89005
FEB 10-11	Charleston GLOCK Challenge	Palmetto Gun Club	palmettogunclub.org	761 Summers Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472
FEB 17-18	Northern Florida Regional Classic	Talon Range	talontraininggroup.com	550 Commerce Boulevard, Midway, FL 32343
FEB 24-25	Volusia County GSSF Match	Volusia County Gun & Hunt Club	volusiacountygunclub.com	4846 E. SR 44 New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
MAR 2-3	The Ouachita Regional Challenge	Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Public Range	opso.net/public-range	357 Sheriff Fewell Road, West Monroe, LA 71292
MAR 2-3	Hyatt Farms GLOCK Classic	Hyatt Farms Shooting Complex	hyattshootingcomplex.com	900 Burnsville Church Road, Polkton, NC 28135
MAR 8-10	River Bend Ballistic Challenge	River Bend Gun Club	rbgc.org	234-240 River Bend Gun Club Road, Dawsonville, GA 30534
MAR 9-10	GLOCK, Stock and Barrel Challenge	Oak Tree Gun Club	oaktreegunclub.com	23121 Coltrane Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321
MAR 16-17	Emerald Coast GLOCK Classic	Element Training Center	southernracticalrange.com	4418 Cooper Lane, Holt, FL
MAR 16-17	Northern California GLOCK Challenge	Yolo Sportsmans Association	yolosportsmansassociation.com	24001-25799 Aviation Avenue, Davis, CA 95616
MAR 23-24	Extreme Tactical GLOCK Shootout	Extreme Tactical Training Sports	texasgunacademy.org	620 Greathouse Road, Waxahachie, TX 75165
MAR 23-24	NW Indiana Regional GLOCK Shoot	North Porter County Conservation Club	npcccinc.com/brushymountainclub.com	927 N Calumet Avenue, Chesterton, IN 46304
APRIL 6-7	Delaware State GSSF Challenge	Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club	bville-rifle-pistol.org	10409 Rifle Range Road, Bridgeville, DE 19933
APRIL 6-7	Sweet Home Alabama GLOCK Challenge	Central Alabama Gun Club	centralalabamagunclub.com	34791 County Road, 2 Shorter, AL 36075
APRIL 13-14	Old Dominion GLOCK Challenge	Brushy Mountain Club	brushymountainclub.com	1813 Izaak Walton Road, Hurt, Virginia
APRIL 13-14	Gem State Classic	Nampa Rod & Gun Club	nragc.com	7990 Bennet Road, Nampa, ID 83686
APRIL 20-21	Western Wisconsin GLOCK Classic	Holmen Rod & Gun Club	holmenrodandgunclub.com	W7503 County Road, T Holmen, WI 54636
APRIL 20-21	Homestead GLOCK Challenge	Homestead Training Center	shoothtc.com	11700 SW 304th Street, Homestead, FL 33033
APRIL 27-28	BSR GLOCK ChallengeGunsite GLOCK Classic	Summit Point Training Facility	summitpointtraining.com	201 Motorsports Park Circle, Summit Point, WV 25446
MAY 4-5	Silver State GLOCK Showdown	Western Nevada Pistol League	wnpl.org	21555 Pyramid Way, Reno, NV 89510
MAY 4-5	Foothills GSSF Match	Foothills Public Shooting Complex	foothillspublicshooting.cc	238 Fielding Road, Cherryville, NC 28150
MAY 11-12	Gunsite GLOCK Classic	Gunsite Training Academy	gunsite.com	2900 W. Gunsite Road, Paulden, AZ 86334
MAY 11-12	IN-OH-KY Borderlands Shootout	Laughery Valley Fish and Game	laugheryvalleyfishandgameclub.godaddysites.com	4852 South Friendship Road, Versailles, IN 47001
MAY 18-19	Belton Blast	Belton Gun Club	beltongunclubinc.wildapricot.org	153 Range Road, Belton, SC 29627
MAY 18-19	Northern Lakes Regional Classic	Oakdale Gun Club	oakdalegunclub.org	10386 10th Street, North Lake Elmo, MN 55042
JUNE 1-2	Garden State Regional Classic	Big Sioux Rifle & Pistol Club	bigsiouxrifleandpistolclub.com	25951 484th Avenue, Valley Springs, SD 57068
JUNE 1-2	Big Sioux Ballistic Challenge	Benton Gun Club	bentongunclub.org	5522 Mt. Olive Cutoff Road, Bauxite, AR 72011
JUNE 8-9	Benton Gun Club GSSF Challenge	Daisytown Sportsmen's Club	daisytownsportsmensclub.com	198 Fulmer Road, Johnstown, PA 15904
JUNE 8-9	GLOCK Fire on the Mountain	Chehalem Valley Sportsman Club	cvsc.us	9401 NE Worden Hill Road Dundee, OR 97115
JUNE 15-16	Beaver State Ballistic Challenge	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club	cjrpc.org	161 S Stump Tavern Road Jackson, NJ 08527
JUNE 22-23	Garden State Regional Classic	Western Montana F & G Association	wmfga.org	101-329 Deer Creek Road Missoula, MT 59802
JUNE 22-23	Montana GLOCK Classic	Anderson County Sportsman's Club	acscky.net	1070 Old Joe Road Lawrenceburg, KY
JULY 13-14	Couer D'Alene GLOCK Classic	Fernan Rod & Gun Club	afrgc.org	11400 E. Fernan Lake Road Couer D'Alene, ID 83814
JULY 13-14	Buckeye State Ballistic Challenge	Ft. Harmar Rifle Club	fortharmar.com	3265 Fifteen Mile Creek Road Marietta, OH 45750
JULY 20-21	Pacific Coast Challenge	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club	arpc.info	29999 Saddle Butte Road Shedd, OR 97377
JULY 20-21	Great Lakes Regional Classic	Livingston Gun Club	livingstongunclub.org	2406-2412 Hunter Road Brighton, MI 48114
JULY 27-28	Virginia Ballistic Challenge	Triangle Sportsmen's Club	triangleonline.org	770 Triangle Road, Bluefield, VA 24605
JULY 27-28	Scarborough Fish & Game Annual GSSF Match	Scarborough Fish & Game Association	scarfg.orgtoptonfga.org	21 Fish & Game Lane, Scarborough, ME 04074
AUG 3-4	RSC GLOCK Shoot Out	City of Rawlins Shooting Complex	irawlinswy.gov/151/Indoor-Outdoor-Shooting-Rangestheorgc.com	2021 E Gun Club Road, Rawlins, WY 82301
AUG 3-4	Ontario Region GLOCK Challenge	Ontario Rod and Gun Club	wcfw.org	2523 Trimble Road, Ontario, NY 14519
AUG 10-11	Rocky Mountain Regional Classic	Weld County Fish & Wildlife Range	jeffersoncountysportsmen.org	38980 County Road, 51, Eaton, CO 80615
AUG 10-11	Northwestern Regional Classic	Jefferson Country Sportsmen's Assn.	toptonfga.org	112 Gun Club Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368
AUG 17-18	Keystone State Ballistic Challenge	Topton Fish & Game Association	limasabres.com	26 Tina Lane, Mertztown, PA 19539
AUG 17-18	GLOCK at Lima Sabres for All	Lima Sabres Shooting Association, Inc.	richmondrodandgun.com	5090 Hanthorn Road, Lima, OH 45806
AUG 24-25	Northern California Regional Classic	Richmond Rod & Gun Club	gvshoot.com	3155 Goodrick Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801
AUG 24-25	Midwest Regional Classic	Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club	pinectysportsmensclub.com	4350 E. Academy Road, Hallsville, MO 65255
SEP 7-8	Twin Tiers Regional Classic	Pine City Sportsmens Club	pinectysportsmensclub.com	187 Mountain View Drive, Pine City, NY 14871
SEP 7-8	TSF GLOCK Classic	Tennessee Sports Foundation	tnsportsfoundation.org	3583 Riverside Drive, Jackson, TN 38301
SEP 14-15	Atomic City GSSF	Los Alamos Sportsmans Club	la-sc.org	Rendija Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544
SEP 14-15	Badger State Regional Classic	Schultz Resort Rod & Gun Club	schultzgunclub.com	W146 S8025 Schultz Lane, Muskego, WI 53150
SEP 20-22	GLOCK Annual Shoot XXX & Gunny Challenge	CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park	thecmp.org	4387 Turner Mill Road, Talladega, AL 35160
SEP 28-29	Showdown at Big Creek	Mobile County Sheriff's Office Range	mobileso.com	12251 Tanner Williams Road, Mobile, AL 36608
OCT 5-6	Eastern Nebraska GLOCK Classic	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	engc.us	12700 NE-66 (Hwy 66) Louisville, NE 68037
OCT 5-6	Manatee Gun Club GLOCK Challenge	Manatee Gun & Archery Club	manateegunclub.com	1805 Logue Road Myakka City, FL 34251
OCT 12-13	The Sunflower State Classic	Trigger Guard	triggerguardonline.com	313 N. Meridian Road, Wellington, KY 67152
OCT 12-13	Bluegrass Regional Classic	Bluegrass Sportsmens League	bgsllinc.com	2431-2445 Handys Bend Road, Wilmore, KY 40390
OCT 19-20	Hoosier State Regional Classic	Atlanta Conservation Club	atlantaconservationclub.com	29595 Leonard Road, Atlanta, IN 46031
OCT 19-20	OKC Red Dirt Shootout	OKC Gun Club	okcgunclub.com	12465 NE 234th Street, Arcadia, OK 73007
OCT 26-27	Cornhuskers Classic	Heartland Public Shooting Park	grand-island.com	6788 W Husker Hwy, Alda, NE 68810
OCT 26-27	Lone Star Classic	Dallas Pistol Club	dallaspistolclub.com	1830 W Belt Line Road, Carrollton, TX 75006
NOV 2-3	Duel in the Desert	Tucson Rifle Club	tucsonrifleclub.org	18303 W Tucson-Ajo Hwy, Tucson, AZ 85735
NOV 2-3	The GLOCK Showdown in Savannah	17 South Rod & Gun Club	17southrngclub.com	5899 N. Coastal Hwy, Fleming, GA 31309
NOV 9-10	Palo Alto GLOCK Showdown	Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club	paloaltogunclub.com	1393 La 943 Donaldsonville, LA 70346
NOV 16-17	The Route 66 GLOCK Challenge	Route 66 Shooting Sports Park	r66ssp.com	15810 Cajon Boulevard, San Bernardino, CA 92407
NOV 16-17	GLOCK's in the Pines	Angelina Rifle and Pistol Club	facebook.com/angelinarifleandpistolclub	1438 Rifle Road, Pollok, TX 75969
NOV 23-24	Southern Alabama Regional Classic	Talon Range of Dothan	talonrange.com	372 County Road, 560 Midland City, AL
DEC 7-8	"Remember the Alamo" Ballistic Challenge	Blackhawk Shooting Range	blackhawkshootingrange.com	12135 Jarratt Road, Atascosa, TX 78002



# BACKCOUNTRY CARRY

■ ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY RICK STEWART

**T**he backcountry beckons...I think that's a statement that's true for many, even if it's for different reasons. Hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, flyfishing, mountain biking, overlanding or even kayaking or paddle boarding on a high mountain lake. We all have a myriad of reasons for trying to get off the beaten path and becoming one with nature. Regardless of the reason, it's prudent to remind ourselves to be smart about that whole "ounce of prevention" rule we sometimes skip.

During an excursion with friends on a mountain trail recently, I had an encounter that further reinforced my thinking about concealed carry or even open carry in the backcountry. Our trek that afternoon was up a wonderful trail to a beautiful overlook that provides the perfect place to catch the setting sun.

I knew our group would be returning off the mountain after dark, so I planned accordingly. Before leaving the house, I grabbed a flashlight, spare batteries, extra water, a fully charged cell phone and my GLOCK 43X MOS. Any time on the trail, whether it's for exercise or a day hike, I have a one-strap sling bag that goes with me. The bag is set up with a water bladder and a small compact essential kit that has a signal mirror, a whistle, and fire starter. I normally throw a little trail mix or a protein bar in for a halfway treat.

The whistle and the mirror are no brainers. A whistle can out scream you and it has the right piercing octave to carry great distances. The mirror has the ability to reach out as far as the eye can see and attract attention to your exact location, something your itty-bitty body from the air can't do, no matter how frantically you wave your arms. Twist an ankle, come across someone else having an issue on the trail, you'll never regret having the added ability to be seen and be heard. My bag is configured with a zippered pocket and holster that allows me to transition my pistol from my hip to the bag depending on what I am doing. When kayaking, I even have a water tight bag liner for it.

The trail we were on winds its way off the mountain through old growth timber and can get very dark. On our way down the mountain, we encountered a 4-foot timber rattler in the middle of the trail. The snake slithered away, and we went about the rest of our evening. On my hip, was my everyday carry G43X MOS, a very concealable firearm that's small and easy to carry almost anywhere. Its 10 plus 1 capacity and GLOCK Marksman Barrel make it a perfect pistol.

Listen, I am anti-fearmongering when it comes to firearms. I am not an advocate of those that try to invoke conceal carry



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through fear or any reason other than personal protection. Yes, we live in a different world today, and more and more folks are unfortunately experiencing crime and violence where they live. Being vigilant with your personal protection is not fearmongering, it's prudent.

On a few occasions, I've had the chance to see cougars, bears, coyotes, feral dogs, bobcats, and other game that all want no part of human interaction. In fact, the scariest and closest encounters I have had on the trail have been with unleashed aggressive pets or sheep dogs. The chances of an encounter with a wild animal that poses a threat to you on



The G43X MOS is a very concealable firearm that's small and easy to carry almost anywhere.

a walk in the woods is minimal. The point is not to hype any danger about the great outdoors, but rather to remind us all that animals are common in the places we chose to venture into. We are the uninvited guest so we must do so with respect and an understanding of the potential risks we invite if we don't.

The National Park Service reported that over 330 million people visited national parks in 2016, the 100th anniversary of National Park Service. That number has fluctuated with COVID, forest fires, and other occurrences but 300 million visitors a year, give or take, is a pretty safe average. Of the reported deaths and Search and Rescue related accidents in our National Parks each year, death or attack by wild animals was dead last in causes. So, as it relates to a firearm, I am of the mindset that it is "better to have and not need, than to need and not have."

Most human encounters in the backcountry are very pleasant. That said, however, while trails in the outdoors are much safer statistically than say an inner-city back alley, they are not completely immune. Evil can rear its ugly head almost anywhere these days. A good friend of mine who led a tactical team with Fish and Wildlife in California for more than a decade, can tell you all too well the increase of ruthless cartel members and illegal dope growers on the rise in the backcountry. These folks divert and steal water, poison water and game, and are a serious threat to civilians that encounter them.

Be mindful of existing laws. Laws vary from state to state and federal verses state property, so do what you can, where you can to make yourself an unlikely victim. Take it all in, with confidence. ☺





GLOCK partners with AmChar Wholesale Inc. to design pistols for organizations like Ducks Unlimited, to then be donated to aid in raising money for conservation efforts.



The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation GLOCK pistol was selected for the 2024 RMEF Gun of the Year.

# STANDING STRONG IN VALUES

**GLOCK SUPPORTS CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS**

■ ARTICLE BY AINSLEY CONNER ■ PHOTOS BY SHARK COAST TACTICAL

**A**lthough many know GLOCK as the world's leader in pistol manufacturing, most are not aware of GLOCK's commitment to sustainability and protecting and preserving the environment through its support of wildlife conservation efforts.

Conservation is the act of the protection, preservation, management, and restoration of wildlife and natural resources. Through this, GLOCK supports some of the biggest wildlife conservation organizations like Ducks Unlimited (DU), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). These non-profit organizations focus their resources heavily on conserving the habitats of ducks, turkey, and elk through sustainability and research.

GLOCK believes in the generational achievements that these organizations have been able to uphold, and feels it is important to aid in the impact that organizations like DU, NWTF, and RMEF make. Bob Radecki, National Sales Manager at GLOCK, Inc. is an active member of all 3 wildlife conservation

organizations and says that "it is refreshing to know that GLOCK is able to support organizations like Ducks Unlimited, National Turkey Wild Federation, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through generous donations like providing GLOCK gear and commerce items, customized stamped GLOCK pistols, GLOCK Pistol Donation certificates, and in-person representation at events." The pistols and commerce gear that GLOCK generously donates-, supports auctions where the proceeds fund their organization's efforts for conservation.

With over 47 million acres between DU, NWTF, and RMEF, having the opportunity to support organizations who care so deeply about the environment and the wildlife among it is an honor, and one that GLOCK has and will continue to cherish.

To learn how you can take part in the effort to support wildlife conservation, visit:

Ducks Unlimited at [ducks.org](https://ducks.org)

National Wild Turkey Federation at [nwtf.org](https://nwtf.org)

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at [rmeff.org](https://rmeff.org) 📍

# DISASTER DEFENSE

**GLOCK PROTECTS SURVIVORS OF DISASTER**

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDRE' DALL'AU



The category 5 winds and tidal surge of Hurricane Ian tossed ships ashore, like driftwood into piles of dangerous debris. Some of these vessels had to be removed from where Ian left them in the middle of the street or in the mangroves before being salvaged."

**A** disaster can be either manmade or a natural event. A common element is that the devastated areas become prime for lawlessness, looters, and criminals looking to victimize the survivors who are trying to recover. To prevent that horrific worsening of a terrible situation, there are organizations and defenders that stand against the bad guys. These trained and experienced security specialists are willing to go and live in a blighted area without power, organized infrastructure and often without law enforcement.

One of these disaster defenders is Steve Tritt. Steve is a U.S. Navy professional training and support veteran. He has assisted and worked extensively with Special Operations organizations including SEALs and the United States Marines. He is a sworn law enforcement officer and is a security specialist for post-disaster and high-risk security organizations. These organizations provide relief in areas devastated by natural disasters.

**"You go from dry and sandy, to soaked in salt water for twelve to eighteen hours a day, for weeks at a time, so it is rough on both us and the gear!"**

Steve was on-hand shortly after the winds stopped blowing and the high waters receded from category four Hurricane Ian. It pushed a fifteen-foot wall of water over the Florida barrier islands of Captiva and Sanibel. It also ripped through Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Springs, devastating a good portion of Lee County, Florida. Over fifty thousand buildings and





Security Specialist Steve Tritt uses his G48 pistol to provide reliable on-site security for natural disasters like the recent Hurricane Ian. Tritt spent months providing armed defense for Lee County residents trying to rebuild.

**“I have taken GLOCK® pistols to Hurricane Katrina and now Hurricane Ian, and I’ve never had an issue or needed any kind of repair.”**

homes were destroyed or damaged at a cost of around seven billion dollars. What was left behind was destroyed causeways, devastated communities, and displaced and dazed people.

This job requires disaster defenders to respond day and night through surf, mud and debris filled with every kind of corrosive and destructive material. Their tools need to be robust and reliable. The conditions and pace of recovery operations prevent routine maintenance of tools these responders rely on. It might be days or longer before weapons can be serviced or cleaned. Most responders in this line of work predominately select GLOCK pistols for duty and carry. Steve’s choice has always been a G17 pistol until he recently opted for the G48 pistol. The G48 pistol is comfortable and easy to carry as it is slim and compact. A major benefit of all GLOCK pistols is that they are rust and wear-resistant as they have a durable finish. Steve noted, “I love it, because working during and after natural disasters, makes for so many variables and environments. You might be doing static security then having to hop on a boat to go to a remote site. You go from dry and sandy, to soaked in salt water, for twelve to eighteen hours a day for weeks at a time, so it is rough on both us and the gear!” Steve continued, “Your gun has to live in the same conditions as you do, so it is as miserable as you are! We don’t get the time to do the care that we’d like for us or our gear, so what we carry has to be able to keep up with us and be fully functional when we need it. GLOCK pistols do that.” He finished with, “I have taken GLOCK pistols to Hurricane Katrina and now Hurricane Ian, and I have never had an issue or needed any kind of repair. GLOCKS are always there and always work. GLOCK pistols is my choice.”

Needless to say, GLOCK pistols are dependable and able to be relied upon at any given moment, no matter the climate or conditions. ☺



The massive storm surge that swept up and over the islands and beach areas put boats on the shore and cars in the water. All had to be recovered, collected, and disposed of.

# GLOCK® PISTOL SUBMERGED FOR 94 DAYS

■ ARTICLE BY CAITLIN WOOD ■ PHOTOS BY SCDNR ARMORER, FIRST SERGEANT JEREMY COOPER



South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR)

On May 6, 2023, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) received a boater distress call on the Wateree River near Columbia, SC. The SCDNR is responsible for patrolling South Carolina’s waterways and for protecting the wildlife and natural resources of the beautiful state. These State Law Enforcement officers work in all kinds of conditions and terrain, which was a major contributing factor when the whole department made the move to carry GLOCK pistols back in 1993. Maritime operations are a large part of SCDNR’s patrol duties, and May 6th was no exception.

SCDNR receives “boater in distress” calls when something is amiss on the water, which is not uncommon on the Wateree River where currents run strong. This call was from a boater whose motor had died on the river at a time where high water levels and intense currents caused quite a bad scenario for the boater. Two SCDNR officers quickly responded in a rescue attempt. While wrestling with the unruly current and trying to manage the incapacitated boat, one of the SCDNR officers ended up in the water. The officer was wearing all necessary safety equipment, including his Personal Flotation Device (PFD), but in an act of safety, he had to jettison his duty belt in the river, GLOCK pistol and all.



The recovered GLOCK® pistol with Aimpoint®Acro





# GLOCK® PISTOLS

THE GO-TO PISTOLS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

■ ARTICLE BY CHRISTOPHER EGER ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK



The recovered GLOCK pistol with sand on a cleaning mat.



The recovered GLOCK pistol disassembled.

The rescue attempt continued without any injuries, and all parties were safe in the end – but where was the officer's belt? The strong current had caused the belt to be swept away and sink to the bottom of the Wateree River. SCDNR Aquatic Investigations Recovery (AIR) Dive Team was swiftly tasked with finding the belt, including the officer's duty weapon: a GLOCK 45 MOS pistol outfitted with an Aimpoint® ACRO P2 optic. Immediately, the SCDNR AIR dive team dove at 15-to-20-foot depths to search for the belt and pistol, but the river conditions made it impossible to find. With harsh currents, limited visibility, and water temperatures ranging from 70-80 degrees fahrenheit, the dive team would have to try another day. Little did the team know, they would spend over 56 hours of dive time searching for the missing GLOCK pistol.

River conditions began to improve, and the dive team re-entered the river yet again on August 8th. Finally, 94 days later, the pistol and belt were recovered by SCDNR Diver Rhett Bissel. Rhett was diving at depths around 15 feet when she saw a section of the belt sticking up out of the sand at the bottom of the river. The entire pistol, holster, and optic were completely encapsulated in sand, so now began the meticulous takedown and inspection by SCDNR Armorer, First Sergeant Jeremy Cooper.

Upon first inspection, it was observed that the Aimpoint® ACRO P2 optic was miraculously still on and functioning. Once the Safariland holster had been disassembled and First Sergeant Cooper had chiseled away the sand from the GLOCK pistol, he began the process of making the weapon safe. Once the sand was removed, the slide was safely opened, and the round ejected from the chamber. "The pistol had limited wear, no surface rust or pitting, and only the iron sights had rust on the exposed areas," stated Cooper. While the barrel, frame, magazine well, and the magazines were full of sand, the firing pin channel and the striker were free of debris. The only piece of the pistol with significant pitting was the barrel after 94 days of constant beratement from the sand. Cooper also noted that all three safeties built in to GLOCK's SAFE ACTION® System - the trigger safety, the firing pin safety, and the drop safety - were all fully functioning.

After spending 94 days at the bottom of the turbulent, sandy Wateree River, the condition of the GLOCK 45 pistol and the accessories was quite incredible. In 30 years of carrying GLOCK pistols on duty, SCDNR had yet to see anything like it. For them, it only reinforces why GLOCK is their pistol of choice to serve and protect South Carolina's beautiful landscape and its inhabitants. 🍷

**N**ow pushing a half-century on the market, GLOCK pistols continue to be the sidearm of choice for agencies of all stripes, and for good reason.

## BACKGROUND

After besting a series of more traditional handgun makers to win the Austrian military pistol contract, the GLOCK company came to America in 1986, setting up its current U.S. headquarters in Smyrna, GA. The GLOCK 17 pistol made waves for its innovation and was soon joined by the more compact model GLOCK 19. Lighter and more straightforward in construction when compared to contemporary semi-auto handguns on the market, and with a commanding magazine capacity that far outclassed the typical revolvers issued by many departments at the time, the GLOCK pistol also stood out in reliability. In tests that surpassed 15,000 rounds, the gun operated without flaw and the three safeties of the GLOCK Safe Action® System gave officers peace of mind.

By 1987, the Miami Police Department had moved away from its traditional revolvers to the GLOCK 17 pistols. By 1989, the New York Police Department authorized the purchase of the polymer-framed, striker-fired pistol. Soon, the FBI was on board and other agencies followed. Since then, GLOCK pistols have become the gold standard for departments ranging from some of the largest in the world down to small agencies where all the sworn officers are on a first-name basis.

## MEETING DIVERSE NEEDS

From the crowded sunbaked beaches of Miami - where officers still carry GLOCK pistols - to the most remote snowbanks of "The Last Frontier" where Alaska's Wildlife Troopers have relied on GLOCK pistols since 2002, these handguns hold the line. Going as far back as the 1st Generation guns, all pistols had to pass rigorous testing under temperatures ranging between 392° F to -104° F, and the tests have only gotten harder and more comprehensive since then.

There is also the ability to meet the needs of personnel with widely varying roles. For instance, it is not uncommon for agencies to issue a standard-size GLOCK pistol, such as the models G17 or G21, to patrol officers. In contrast, a smaller and more compact pistol in the same caliber, such as the G43



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or G30 models, is issued to plainclothed investigators or for use while off duty. Going further, response team members often opt for longslide tactical/practical models such as the G34 and G35 models, which offer a longer sight radius.

Meanwhile, most Modular Optic System (MOS) configuration models allow the use of micro red-dot sights, which are surging in popularity. GLOCK offers over 50 pistols in a variety of sizes, calibers, and styles, all keeping the same general layout, manual of arms, and maintenance procedures. This is a factor that greatly streamlines training and makes future transitioning between models easy.

## SUPPORT

Another key factor that keeps agencies and departments looking to GLOCK pistols whenever they need an upgrade is the company's famed sales, training, and support teams. Law enforcement representatives are ready to walk departments through the often very competitive evaluation and selection process and serve as an overall point of contact to make sure things roll smoothly.

Need some extra help on the range or the schoolhouse to help with the transition from the legacy platform to the new one? Teach red-dots? Or certify armorers to keep the guns running for years? GLOCK's storied training division is there.

Further, through GLOCK's Blue Label Program, officers can get great deals on handguns for off-duty use. This is particularly handy for agencies where officers or deputies must purchase their own duty guns.

When law enforcement looks for "perfection" in terms of a handgun they can bet their life on, GLOCK stands at the forefront 🍷



# ON DUTY IN THE ROCKIES

## VAIL P.D. GOES GLOCK

■ ARTICLE BY KATHARINE COMMANDER KNOTT ■ PHOTO BY @KETCHUPKOHLPOTO



Detective Marc Antonio and Detective Casey Ipema of Vail P.D. are members of the GRANITE narcotics interdiction team and the SOU, Special Operations Unit.

Nestled high in the Colorado Rockies along the I-70 corridor lies the town of Vail; a winter recreation mecca host to 1.3M visitors annually. The Vail Police Department, made up of 38 officers, is tasked with meeting a unique and diverse set of challenges. In a town where visitors far exceed residents, being prepared and highly trained for every type of situation is essential for the job. Vail is a small town, but it has a big law enforcement mission. From ensuring the safety of every resident and tourist, executing search and rescue (SAR) operations at a moment's notice, to intervening quickly, medical emergencies, and everything in between, Vail P.D. excels at

their job. Many officers wear several hats on the force and most complete additional training certification to hold expertise in multiple specialties of law enforcement.

The resort town of Vail is highly lauded for its safety. Its exceptional safety and low crime rates are hard won achievements. The department works tirelessly to prevent crime, maintain safety, execute complex operations, and offer community outreach. People know they're safe in Vail because Vail P.D. works tirelessly training, preparing, learning, and evolving to provide the highest standards of law enforcement.

A town of 5,000 residents in a county of 55,000 residents boasts a versatile array of expert trained law enforcement

professionals and specialized units such as the Special Operations Unit (SOU), medical emergency response teams, Search and Rescue (SAR) units, Mountain Patrol Units, and dignitary protection assistance units. Officers are also trained in large event security, armory certification and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) mental health crisis intervention. Vail's 38 officers perform the job of 100 and they do it incredibly well.

### MOVING TO ONE PLATFORM

Command always strives for better and to be greater. Their ethos— "Good isn't enough, when greatness can be achieved every single day"—is something they focus on in every aspect of their duties. It is their mission to train harder, expand their skill sets, learn new tactics, add to their expertise, and make use of new technologies, like the GLOCK 45 MOS and Reflex Reticle Optics. This helps to enhance the force's ability to adapt to evolving threats and changing conditions to a proactive stance focusing on preparedness and prevention rather than a reactionary one. This kind of smart thinking and leadership sets Vail P.D. apart. It's no wonder more than 4 out of every 5 Vail residents strongly approve of Vail P.D.

Moving the entire department to GLOCK pistols is that ethos in action. We sat down with Vail P.D. Detective, Marc Antonio, to discuss the move to a single department issued pistol, the law enforcement challenges in Colorado's high country, and how the GLOCK 45 MOS helps the force meet the challenges.

### TESTING

Detective Antonio, his Chief, Command staff, and the officers tested four platforms and then rated each one in order of preference. The G45 MOS platform came out on top, but that wasn't the sole consideration. They had to weigh factors like safety, reliability, parts availability, armoring, agency services, flexibility, and optics.

Some platforms required direct optics slide cuts precise to a specific optics model. In these cases, the company cuts the slide, mounts the optics, and ships the platform out-of-the-box ready. GLOCK offers this service too but also offers the option of shipping the G45 MOS with the GLOCK MOS mounting plate package. MOS stands for "Modular Optic System," and simplifies the mounting of a variety of popular optics. The concern for Vail P.D. with military specification slide cuts was if the optics broke or the department wanted to change models, they essentially had to purchase new guns. Having optics flexibility as the technology advances outweighed the convenience of a pistol being out-of-the-box ready.

### GLOCK® 45 MOS PISTOLS

According to Detective Antonio, the G45 MOS just made sense. Vail P.D. has several armorers on staff, including Detective Antonio and Detective Casey Ipema. The ease of servicing and maintaining GLOCK pistols means less time in the armory and more time training. GLOCK's agency representatives are accessible and helpful. They listen, want to solve problems and do everything to fulfill the needs of each agency.

Parts are widely available, so a "quick fix" is actually just that. The G45 MOS is 3oz lighter than the G17, but it still boasts the same frame size and magazine capacity, making it easier to carry over long hours on duty. Additionally, MOS capable pistols potentially can improve accuracy at night and at distances up to 300 yards, while making acquisition of the target and the sight picture faster and easier, especially for officers wearing glasses.

Next up on reasons for going GLOCK, Vail P.D. favored GLOCK pistol's robust accessory and optics compatibility. With some companies, "MOS compatible" means compatible with just one or two optics models. With GLOCK MOS it means

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compatibility with the large majority of optics, especially the most popular ones.

In addition to transitioning to a GLOCK 45 MOS pistol's duty platform across the board, the department decided to also issue the GLOCK 26 Gen5 to the command staff and all detectives for concealment operational needs, citing the magazine compatibility as a key reason.

### TRAINING

Training with the GLOCK platform is levels ahead of others for a variety of reasons. One key reason is the GLOCK line of blue training ammunition models. The department ordered G45T MOS UTM models for drill training scenarios. Ultimate Training Munitions (UTMs) with the GLOCK platform allow the department to train de-escalation situations and use of force decision making scenarios. The G45T MOS UTM increases confidence and empowers safe decision making in the field.

### A DETECTIVE'S PERSPECTIVE

Detective Marc Antonio is on the SOU, GRANITE and SAR team. A truly exceptional capability of Vail P.D. is its ability to respond to just about any kind of situation rapidly. When there was a missing person case several years ago, Vail's SOU, the Command team, coordinating local agencies, and 300 civilian volunteers jumped into search and rescue operational action. During these types of critical operations, the last thing an officer should be thinking about is the safety of their service pistol.

The industry leading safety and reliability of the GLOCK Safe Action® System means, whether searching rugged terrain for a missing person, providing dignitary protection assistance, securing a large event, or working to de-escalate someone during a mental health crisis, officers can give the situation their full attention while flawlessly executing their training. Many thoughts may go through an officer's head during critical response situations, but the safety and reliability of their GLOCK service pistol is not one of them. "Reliability is critical to performing my job and why I've carried GLOCK pistols on the job for years. I know that I can trust in its safety and depend on its reliability."

Detective Antonio personally owns an impressive number of GLOCK pistols in addition to various other pistols. We wanted to know, why so many GLOCK pistols? The primary reason given after reliability was training and torture-tested durability. Detective Antonio spends countless hours practicing on the range in addition to training other officers on the force. After thousands of rounds shot, with regular maintenance, his GLOCK pistols still perform. Regardless of how hard he works them or how much he trains, Detective Antonio knows he can rely on GLOCK pistols with his life and that his fellow officers at Vail P.D. can too. ☺



# NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRUSTING GLOCK TO HELP KEEP THE PEACE FOR GENERATIONS

■ ARTICLE BY CHRISTOPHER EGER ■ PHOTOS BY RUSTY GARTRELL, NLR P.D.



The optic equipped G45 was vetted through an uptick in performance across the board with officers on the range.

**N**orth Little Rock, independent from the neighboring state capital across the Arkansas River since the 1900s, is a vibrant city of over 60,000, making it one of the largest cities in The Natural State. Located across some 55 square miles of Pulaski County, the most populous county in Arkansas, North Little Rock sees a regular influx of visitors drawn to the riverfront city for events such as the Pulaski County Fair and the Yadaloo Music & Arts Festival. The 18,000-seat Simmons Bank Arena, the main entertainment venue serving Central Arkansas for the past 20 years, is also in North Little Rock and hosts a wide array of concerts, rodeos, trade shows, and conventions. History buffs mark the area as a destination due to the Arkansas National Guard Museum and the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. It is also home to the USS Hoga, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the submarine USS Razorback, which was at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay that ended World War II. The city is host to one of the longest-running Double-A Minor

League Baseball teams, the legendary Arkansas Travelers, whose fans watch them play out of their home at NLR's Dickey-Stephens Park, further drawing visitors to the town.

## MEET THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Protecting the city is the North Little Rock (NLR) Police Department, whose stated mission is "to promote a high quality of life for the citizens of the city by ensuring a safe, secure, and peaceful environment in accordance with the principles and values of the organization." Founded in 1904 with its first Police Chief and his six patrolmen, the North Little Rock Police Department now has slots for 191 Sworn Officers, making it one of the largest in the state.

"We have our share of the big city crime that comes from other places, and it's all the same players," North Little Rock Chief of Police Patrick Thessing told me. "But we're a tight-knit group over here, and it's kind of like one big family, it's a cool place to work. We have a city council, a mayor

that supports us, and we have a relationship with people in the city that a lot of cities don't have. And so, I think we're blessed in that aspect."

Working out of a new \$26 million facility, North Little Rock Police Department fields upwards of 70,000 calls for service and conducts over 2 million miles of patrols per year on average. The agency runs four patrol zones, a traffic enforcement team, a special events unit, a K9 unit, and a UAV (drone) unit, and provides school resource officers to local campuses. Added to that is a Special Operations Division with crisis negotiators, a Special Response Team, and a SWAT unit. Rounding out the Department is the Investigations Division which on average, clears over 1,000 cases a year, and support units.

## RELYING ON GLOCK

The Department has relied on GLOCK pistols for the past two decades. Chief Thessing was in the agency's training division back in 2004 when the department was testing the GLOCK model 22 Gen4 in .40, evaluating it to replace a legacy system from another handgun maker. Now, after the department had adopted and utilized the G22 pistol platform for a generation of officers to protect the peace, NLR Police Department has transitioned to the new GLOCK 45 pistol. While chambered for a different caliber, the more recent choice of the G45 over the G22 model was not solely based on ammunition.

"Our training guys did a lot of the research, and we figured in the long run it was probably a little cheaper ammunition-wise, but we tested the G45 out and everybody seemed to like it," said Thessing. "And we've never had issues with our GLOCK pistols and their super quality. So, we knew we were good there, but we transitioned over, and everybody just loved it."

The G45, one of GLOCK's new breed of crossover pistols, blends the compact G19-sized slide with a full-sized frame and corresponding magazine capacity and carries with it all the benefits of a standard Gen5 model. These include the accurate match-grade GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB) and upgraded ergonomics. But before any sort of adoption, it had to be validated through a test and evaluation period by North Little Rock's in-house firearms instructors. "So almost everybody in our training unit, they're all SWAT guys," explained Thessing. "They've all been here for a long time. They're all very good shooters. And so, they studied the shot scores and the proficiency over time. And when we got the opportunity to test this one, they took it out and they ran it through the paces."

## THE TESTING WAS GRUELING

"They shot, I don't know how many rounds out of it. They threw it in the dirt. They did the whole nine yards and then they let some of the other officers T&E it. It was a long process. They didn't get in any hurry. I think they realized that everybody liked it, it fit people's hands a lot better, and everybody felt more comfortable with the design of the gun, the weight of the gun. So, once they did the math on everything, the cost, and all that, they were like, 'Yeah, this is a no-brainer.'"

## THE GAME CHANGER

While the G45 model has proven extremely popular with law enforcement customers since it was introduced at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in 2018, the Modular Optic System, or MOS variant, which is capable of hosting most popular micro red dot sights on the market, has been particularly in demand. Leaning into that cutting edge is North Little Rock Police Department, which

selected the G45 MOS and paired it with an RMR sight, a combination that Thessing described as "a big game changer for everybody."

The optic equipped G45 pistol performed across the board with officers on the range. In addition, the use of an optic allowed for faster target acquisition and better situational awareness, especially in low-light situations, a clear win for public safety.

"Everybody's scores went up," said Thessing. "But the one thing that's cool is we have to shoot a state-required speed and accuracy course once a year, but we shoot every quarter. We have a night fire. They set up scenarios, all that kind of stuff. We just don't straight target shoot. Not only the scores on the static course all went up, but the proficiency of everybody in the scenario-type shooting went way up, too. And to me, that's a lot more important than you popping a score off on a target. I think everybody feels a whole lot more comfortable now going into those training situations because they're like, 'Okay, I got this.'"

Thessing summed the G45 MOS package up by saying, "It was definitely a good investment on our part."

## ONE OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE

One who can vouch for ease of transition to the G45 model is K9 Officer Julia Redditt, who has been with the department for six years, the last three of those doing what she feels is the best job at North Little Rock Police Department.

"The calls that we go to usually end up being the higher risk, what we call 'hot calls' just because those are what we would deploy a dog with," said Redditt, whose partner is a Belgian Malinois, Jared, who is a dual purpose apprehension and explosive dog. "Plus, we're probably the smallest unit in the department, but it makes us a really close-knit community within each other and how we kind of depend on each other. So, I absolutely love it."

Redditt recently went through the transition to the optic-equipped G45 MOS pistol, which features enhanced ergonomics, and the Modular Backstrap System for individual adjustability-- and did it with ease.

"It went really well," she said. "My score went up quite a bit. I've really enjoyed that transition. Plus going to a 9x19, it's just a lot easier to handle, especially as a female. I've never been a terrible shot, but it definitely improved my score, and it made it just a lot easier to handle."

K9 officers rely on their backup officers for protection from deadly threats, a procedure termed "lethal cover." In such a dynamic environment, having confidence in a weapon system is paramount.

"As far as the actual deployment with the dog, the biggest thing that we work on is making sure that we can have that obedience and have our dog off lead. That way we are able to use our firearm as well," explained Redditt. "We talk a lot about having our lethal cover, that way we can focus on our dog. But as a police officer, you want to have that gun in your hand as well as much as possible. So, I've had no complaints about that. Luckily, my dog is pretty squared away. His obedience is really good. So about 90 percent of the time I have my dog off lead. That way I can also use my firearm."

Outside of her experience with the agency, Redditt has long trusted the GLOCK pistol family, saying, "I've always loved GLOCKS, even before I got into law enforcement. My brother owned them, and I had one. It was one of my first guns that I got after I got my concealed carry."

With a well-earned confidence in GLOCK that has spanned decades, the North Little Rock Police Department simply doesn't have to worry about their handguns. The streets of North Little Rock, Arkansas are in good hands. ☺





From Left to Right, deputies Damien Mahone and Leroyal Statham, SGT Scott Berger and deputy Brandon Watts from the Cobb County Sheriff's Office with the new G47 and Aimpoint ACRO P2 enclosed reflex sight.

# FIRST TO PROTECT

## COBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADOPTS THE G47 MOS PISTOL

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDRE' M. DALL'AU

Cobb County is just northwest of Atlanta, Georgia. The area is filled with museums and monuments from the Civil War, with the sky filled with the Lockheed-Martin C130 made at the Marietta production facility. The legendary Hercules has been in continuous production for more than 60 years, longer than any other military aircraft.

Cobb County is home of the commuter access for residents and transients using its network of highways, interstates, and waterways. Cobb County not only has thousands of miles of roads, but rural woodlands and urban developments. It even has reservoirs, lakes and the Chattahoochee River that was once used as one of the south's primary commerce arteries. Deputies need to be prepared for every situation or environment: wet or dry, night or day.

To match the rigors of these challenges, for several decades, the Cobb County Sheriff's Office has selected GLOCK pistols for their durability, reliability, and accuracy.

History was made by Cobb County Sheriff's Office by being

the first Law Enforcement agency to receive the G47 MOS7 pistol featuring a direct cut for the Aimpoint Acro P2 and co-witnessed Ameriglo Back-Up Iron Sights (BUIS). Currently available to law enforcement only, the direct cut provides a "lower one-third co-witness." That means, that the red dot in the optical window is above the iron sight which is visible in the lower third of the optic. To the shooter it means that the optic is less cluttered, but easy to transition to the BUIS when desired.

Its most recent selections are the G45 MOS for command staff, the G26 MOS for back-up and undercover work with most of over 550 uniformed deputies being issued the G47 MOS7. Each has the Aimpoint Acro P2 reflex, red dot sight. The Acro P2 has an enclosed 3.5 MOA dot emitter with a battery life of 50,000 hours (over 5 years) of constant operation. It has a weight of 2.1 ounces and is submersible to 115 feet. The transition to the new GLOCK pistols is complete and they are now in the hands of the Cobb County deputies to protect the people living and passing through their county.

To address an increasing consumer demand for improved

modularity among GLOCK 9x19 Gen5 pistols, GLOCK has introduced the G47. The G47 is identical to the size envelope of the successful G17 but with the ability of the user to swap the full-size G47 barrel and slide with the compact barrel and slide of the GLOCK 19 Gen5. That was accomplished by placing the compact and durable G19 locking block into a G17 frame. Although sized the same as the G17 slide, the G47 slide uses the G19 Gen5 Recoil Spring Assembly (RSA) as does the G19X/G45. The slide also has forward serrations with the same sight radius of the G17 and its MOS feature allows for a user to select and mount an electro-optical reflex sight of their choosing.

The G47 also has Gen5 features that include the GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), flared magazine well, ambidextrous slide stop lever and removal of finger grooves, with a total of over twenty design enhancements. The G47 features the GLOCK Safe Action® System with three passive safeties on its improved fire control system. Shooters also enjoy that the GLOCK Gen5 fire control provides a crisp trigger break as well as a useful and discernable reset for fast follow-up shots.

Cobb County's Lieutenant Richard Edwards fully appreciates the safety superiority of the GLOCK fire control group. He said, "Realistically, I have always preferred the GLOCK Safe Action® System, because I like the fact that it is not a fully cocked striker fired pistol. We have over five hundred deputies and with the frequent training, practice, and qualifications in all types of conditions and weather, not having to worry about a discharge from a dropped pistol is significant!" About the G47 MOS7, Lt. Edwards noted, "the slide was cut specifically for the Aimpoint Acro P2 red dot sight. That allows

the optic to sit a little lower so that suppressor height sights are not required and can use the Ameriglo XL open sights, which are just slightly higher than regular open sights and provide for lower one third co-witnessing." In addition to the excellent sighting systems, Lt. Edwards noted the improvement in the GLOCK fire control group. He said, "the Gen5 has the best trigger ever for a GLOCK. It has a true wall that works really well and has a crisp, repeatable break. With the red dot optics and excellent trigger, we see a tremendous increase in accuracy with our new shooters." Lt. Edwards confirmed that the new GLOCK pistols have increased the deputies' proficiency during the qualification process. He said, "The qualification scores with the G47 MOS7 for our first two groups have improved. The first two groups averaged 95.3% and 96.4% when past performance has been about 90.0%. Our average qualification scores have increased by over 5 points so far and I suspect that will go up." Lt. Edwards noted, "I have been doing this for a long time and I believe a GLOCK Gen5 pistol topped with a quality red dot sight is a game changer. I have seen more 100 qualification scores (perfect score), in the last two months with the G47 MOS7, than I have in the last ten years. And not only have scores gone up but their movement and mechanics have gotten better as well."

Like Lt. Edwards, Lt. Shawn Gorsky was also a key decision maker for adopting the new GLOCK pistols. He's a 19-year veteran currently supervising Cobb County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Support Team, motorcycle and K9 units. He said, "We did ballistic testing for ammunition and evaluated red dot sights that led to the decision to transition to GLOCK Gen5 9x19 with red dot sights to ensure well placed shots in a negative confrontation." Shawn continued, "I have found that GLOCK pistols are an incredibly reliable firearm, I trust it to carry in every environment, and have fallen in a creek and had it full of dirt, grit and mud, but it continued to function. It can do anything I ask it to do, and it has every attribute for a pistol that you can trust with your life."

Lt. Richard Edwards and Lt. Shawn Gorsky's selection of the GLOCK pistols with the Aimpoint reflex sight provided their officers with the world's finest self-defense pistol. As a result, the half-million residents and equal number of people driving daily through on the various interstates are better protected and much safer. The latest GLOCK Gen5 pistols are the pinnacle of Gaston Glock's design that will be recorded as one of the most popular and successful designs ever made. More history for Cobb County. 📍



Lt. Shawn Gorski of Cobb County S.O. who is Cobb's SWAT Commander, was one of the deputies who evaluated and helped select both the G47 MOS and Aimpoint ACRO P-2.

### COBB COUNTY S.O. ARMORER LT. RICHARD EDWARDS

Lt. Richard Edwards is one of ten qualified GLOCK Armorers for Cobb County Sheriff's Office. He has handled thousands of GLOCK pistols over a quarter of a century. When asked about how maintenance and care of the GLOCK pistols are handled, Lieutenant Edwards noted, "Every year we have the deputies break down each GLOCK, thoroughly clean and replace any parts and then reassemble them." He attested to the robustness of the GLOCK, "since we have transitioned to GLOCK we have never had to return a pistol for breakage and the only parts that have been replaced is due to normal wear and tear." Richard explained further, "GLOCK customer service has been immediate and attentive. Whenever I have showed up to pick up something or have a question, the response has been terrific." He summed up exactly why after over twenty years Cobb County still uses the GLOCK. He simply stated, "We use GLOCK because it works, and that is all you could ask for."



# SURF CITY BEACH PATROL

COASTAL NORTH CAROLINA POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUSTS GLOCK

■ ARTICLE BY ROBERT SADOWSKI ■ PHOTOS BY SURF CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



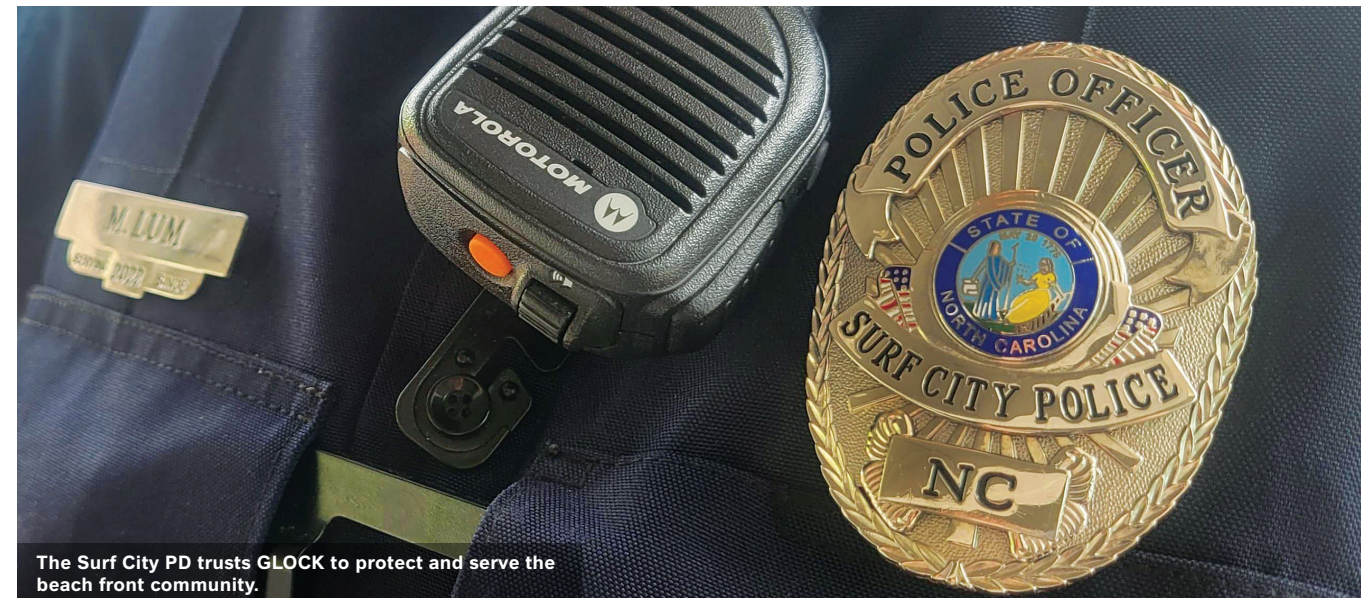
The change to the G45 pistol chambered in 9x19 was the obvious choice for the Department.

Surf City, North Carolina is a gorgeous stretch of beach with the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the intercoastal waterway on the other. It could be said that weather plays a major role for the Surf City Police Department. Located on the coast between the cities of Jacksonville, NC, and Wilmington, NC, Surf City hosts 15,000 to 20,000 tourists each week in the summertime. While sunny skies and sandy beaches attract visitors, and their own unique problems, a slow moving hurricane is a bigger problem and a major event for this coast's agency of 25 sworn officers whose mission is to make Surf City a better place to live and to visit.

"We see all types of crime, but that crime is relevant to our population," explains Chief Phillip J. Voorhees. "We have a unique problem shared with locations that have high tourism and a low year round population. Due to the high number of

guests every week, we may have crimes committed for one week that are never committed again by the same person, which can make solving those crimes very difficult." The Surf City PD's primary jurisdiction is the city limits of Surf City, but they assist other agencies in Onslow, Pender, and New Hanover counties. "Domestic disputes follow along closely behind the transient crimes," Chief Voorhees adds.

Voorhees and his agency are committed to Surf City. Working his way up through the ranks, Voorhees was a patrol officer then promoted to Lieutenant and in 2022 transitioned to Chief of Police. Since taking office, Voorhees has implemented technology-based policing tools, to increase criminal incident solvability and reduce overall crime. "Improving the quality of life and safety for our citizens are my top priorities," says Voorhees. "Part of our commitment is being transparent with the community and providing them with access to officers and information."



The Surf City PD trusts GLOCK to protect and serve the beach front community.

## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Ensuring a successful environment for tourism and business by preventing crime and addressing the fear of crime happens at the grassroots level. Surf City officers engage with the community to make the beaches, restaurants, rental properties, and year round locals feel more safe.

Surf City PD hosts a number of community policing programs. Citizen's Police Academy gives residents the ability to join the police department and learn about the agency's behind-the-scenes activities. "Coffee with a Cop" is a well-known program that gives cops and the community a chance to interact. School age kids and high schoolers meet and interact with officers at monthly "Lunch with the Law" events designed to build relationships and open communication. "Building relationships with our youth sets the foundation for future discussions and creates an atmosphere in which they feel comfortable with the police that serve their community," says Chief Voorhees. "Roadside Rollcall" is a program where officers come to neighborhoods to meet and greet homeowners association members, neighborhood residents, and their families. This activity allows residents to ask questions about any issues or concerns.

The Beach Patrol Intern Program is a popular bridge some younger people take from being a civilian to joining the force. The Beach Patrol, with a sworn-officer supervisor, patrol the beach during the summer. The Beach Patrol is effective to help reduce the amount of police responses to minor incidents. In fact, a recent Beach Patrol intern completed her academy studies and is now a member of the Surf City PD.

"We have great support from our community," says Voorhees. "And we have great participation from the public in our community policing programs."

## STORM WARNING

Hurricanes have historically targeted North Carolina and it can be similar to watching a train wreck in slow motion. These events can cause sand dunes to be relocated, homes punched to mush, and at worst, fatalities.

During major events like hurricanes, the Surf City PD takes on a different role of managing evacuation routes and assisting emergency teams as well as protecting personal property. Past storms like Florence in 2018 and Matthew in 2016 find some year round residents riding out the storm or traveling

inland away from the storm's surge. Hurricanes are also an opportunity for criminals to loot vacated residences.

## G21 TO G45 TRANSITION

There were an assortment of GLOCK 21 Gen3 and GLOCK 21 Gen4 .45 AUTO pistols in use when Voorhees transitioned to Chief. "These guns were well used, and needed to be replaced with new equipment," says Voorhees. Voorhees, a general instructor, firearms instructor, and Axon® taser® instructor himself, recognized the need to upgrade the pistols and the GLOCK 45 pistol in 9x19 was the obvious choice.

The G21 pistols were still in great shape and well used, and still functioning reliably. The caliber, however, was difficult for some of the smaller stature Surf City PD officers to control. Downsizing the caliber to 9x19 was not a compromise.

The G45 is better suited for the agency, explained Voorhees. We have officers of all genders and body sizes and those smaller stature officers find the G45 easier to control. In fact, scores for officers across the board rose when the agency adopted the G45. The grip size, recoil pulse, caliber, and trigger allowed all Surf City officers to qualify at a higher score. The shorter slide and barrel on the G45 also made it more comfortable to wear when holstered and sitting in a vehicle for extended periods.

Surf City officers carry GLOCK 45 as their primary sidearm. Officers may choose to carry a backup weapon that they purchase as long as it is approved by a firearms instructor and the officer qualifies with the weapon.

## TRAINING IS KEY

"We have increased firearms training and always encourage our officers to seek professional development with an emphasis on crisis intervention and de-escalation," explains Voorhees. "We continually train in active shooter and response to mass casualty events." The Department always tries to seek peaceful resolutions to potential conflicts.

"Cost always factors into training," explains Voorhees, "but we have been fortunate to have been allocated the funds to continue to have well-trained professional officers." The agency deploys and seeks many types of training which is conducted in-house and from other law enforcement partners. They also utilize FATS scenarios and continually train officers on deadly force response alongside de-escalation techniques.

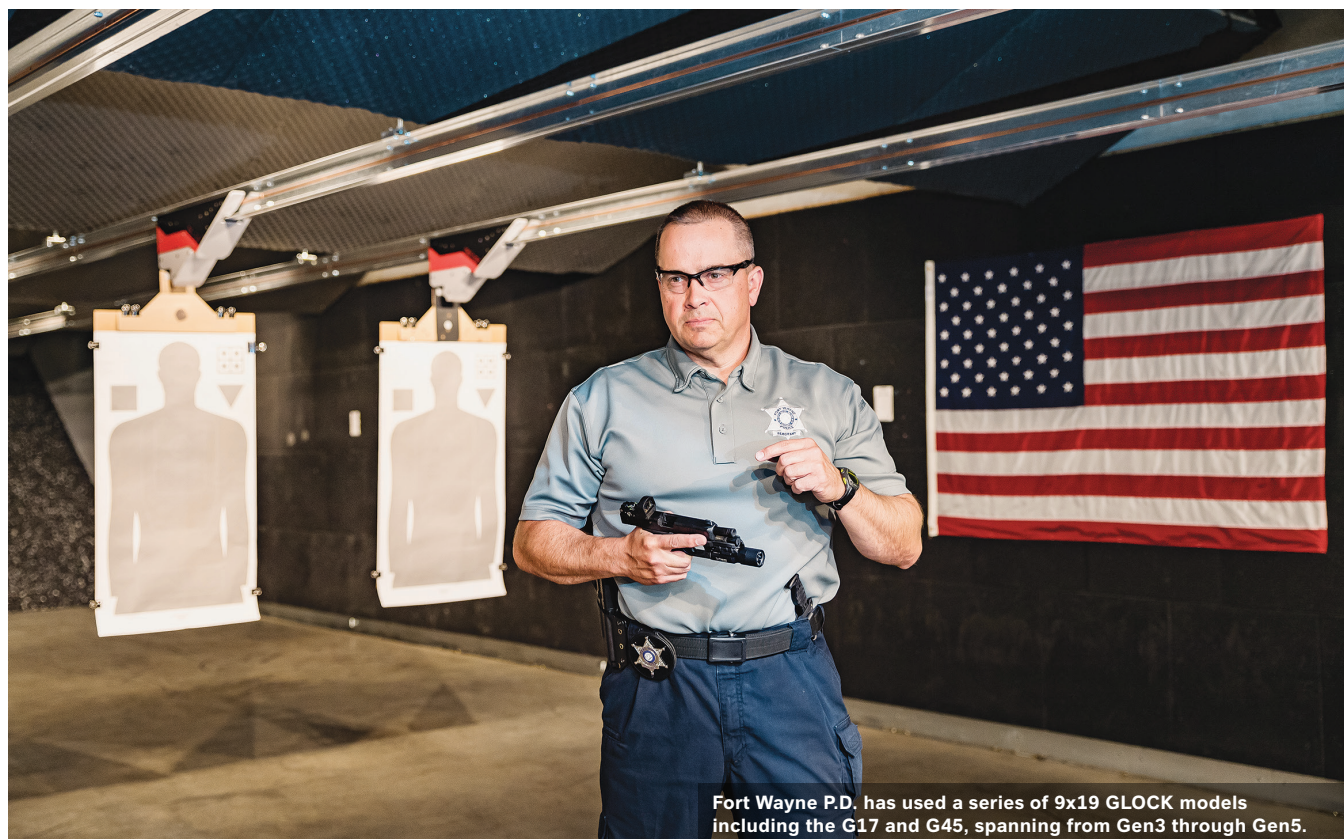
"We have been fortunate to be able to keep up with trending patterns and the most up-to-date equipment for our officers," says Voorhees. Needless to say, GLOCK is at the top of that list. 🍌



# FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROTECTING CITIZENS FOR ALMOST TWO CENTURIES, NOW WITH THE GLOCK 45

■ ARTICLE BY CHRISTOPHER EGER ■ PHOTOS BY CATIE'S CAPTURES



Fort Wayne P.D. has used a series of 9x19 GLOCK models including the G17 and G45, spanning from Gen3 through Gen5.

Fort Wayne is the second-most populous city in Indiana, with a population of over 250,000. A manufacturing hub, GM's Fort Wayne plant has assembled over 10 million Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and GMC Sierra 1500 pickup trucks in the city since starting production in 1986. Within minutes of both the Ohio and Michigan borders, the city of Fort Wayne sees a regular influx in traffic, especially during the summer, hosting large festivals almost every week where the downtown area teems with out-of-town visitors from all over. A good example of this is the annual weeklong Three Rivers Festival that draws nearly half a million visitors from across the Midwest and all over the world to soak up the sun and savor the food.

## PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

With an area of responsibility within urban and suburban Allen County that covers 110 square miles, the Fort Wayne Police Department is busy, responding to an average of 215,000 calls for service per year over the past decade. Founded in 1829 with a single Village Marshal, the Fort Wayne P.D. has been walking the beat for nearly two centuries, and today, as the second-largest LE agency in Indiana, includes approximately

500 officers and 62 civilians. Besides patrol and K-9, the department includes school resource officers, a big detective bureau, computer forensic officers, an air support unit, a drone unit, a bike patrol unit, and is starting a river patrol.

For the past 22 years, the agency has been carrying GLOCK pistols and that trend shows no sign of stopping any time soon.

"We are very fortunate to have a Chief and Mayor who are supportive in terms of us getting the absolute best equipment out there," says Captain Juan Barrientes, who heads Fort Wayne's dedicated Training Center. "Again, I can't overstate the fact that we're real fortunate that the Chief is forward thinking and the Mayor supports the fact that his police officers are equipped with the absolute best gear, to include the weapon systems out there. We have a very, very solid training program in all weapons systems from lethal to less lethal. So we're really fortunate to have a myriad of options for our officers."

Fort Wayne P.D. has used a series of GLOCK 9x19 models including the G17 and G45 pistols, spanning from Gen3 through Gen5. Agency spokesmen said they appreciate that GLOCK has a handgun for virtually any occasion or specific need, and moreover, that they all have the same essential manual of arms, all have the same trigger, and most importantly, all are reliable.

## KEEPING THE CUTTING EDGE SHARP

The department has recently adopted a template developed by its in-house firearms instructor and armorer, Sgt. Mike Tapp. The template keeps its handgun systems current and working without issue while virtually eliminating downtime once allocated for inspecting and rebuilding guns with high round counts.

"GLOCK has held the price for law enforcement so constant and frankly, we realized years ago that it was cheaper for us to trade the old guns out for new guns as opposed to rebuilding the old guns," explained Tapp.

Tapp detailed that he and the other armorers tear the guns down completely and inspect them once a year. Previously, the department had a much more reactionary plan when it came to maintaining their GLOCK pistols. They would get new magazines every few years, but the constant use of the pistols meant that new magazines just weren't enough. Regular maintenance was needed, so a plan was put in place. "Every seven years, we just buy each officer a new GLOCK pistol and trade theirs out. That has been fantastic. The officers like it, and the citizens benefit by having officers with the most up-to-date handguns," says Tapp. "The agency has saved taxpayer dollars on maintenance costs with the program."

Because the handguns are being replaced every seven years, the pistols remain current and have not required the same kind of "reactive" maintenance that was happening previously. The officers feel more confident in their gear knowing it's being consistently upgraded and cared for. Tapp highlighted that the GLOCK Blue Label program played a part in affording the department to make these important program improvements.

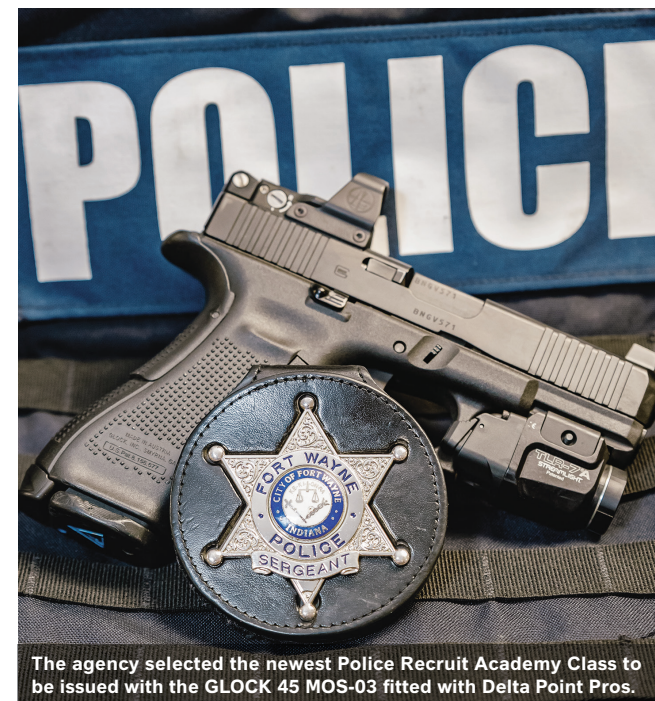
Then there is the fact that the company makes a series of inert P-series practice guns that are identical to the same model GLOCK pistol in handling, weight, size, and balance. This enables officers and candidates to put as close to the real thing in hand for training and exercises while maintaining absolute safety. Stepping up from that, the company also has an extensive line of force-on-force T-series pistols that, much like the P-series, have the same balance and ergos as the "real deal" but are made to run FX, FOF, UTX or UTM training ammunition rather than live rounds.

"For training, from tactical officers to police recruits, the fact GLOCK has live guns, blue guns, and red guns is fantastic," said Tapp. "That commonality is vital to proper training. I am excited GLOCK is bringing the G45T MOS and G45P MOS to LEO training, it's a big deal."

## NOT YOUR FATHER'S GLOCK® PISTOL

Part of a recent modernization is opting to go with optics-equipped pistols. The agency first evaluated them with its dedicated and professional Emergency Services Team, Fort Wayne PD's version of SWAT. Tasked with resolving extraordinary and volatile incidents with as little loss of life and property as possible, EST has responded to hostage events, sniper situations, and barricaded subjects, as well as regularly clocking in for high-risk warrant service and tense stakeout details. With such serious taskings, EST transitioned to the G45 MOS pistol with a Leupold Delta Point Pro red dot system and ran it hard for a year, expanding on past use with optic-equipped GLOCK pistols where the department evaluated a range of red dot manufacturers and placements of the rear iron sight.

"We started with just a handful of officers two or three years ago and had GLOCK 17 pistols milled for different optics to decide what red-dot to use," said Barrientes. "Once we decided on Delta Point Pro, then we piggybacked off a military contract where the G45 pistol was cut specifically for



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the Delta Point Pro. So, we jumped on that and ordered the MOS pistol variant so that it's cut specifically for the Delta Point optic."

The reason for the direct cut, Tapp said, was that "We're firm believers that simple is good. So, if we can take the adapter plate out of the equation, then that's just one less thing that can go wrong. We then rolled that out last year to our SWAT team, let them beat on them for a year, carry them and use them on duty, and in all the trainings- and that's probably the hardest used guns we've had in the department," said Tapp, noting the EST's average round count was much higher than typical patrol officers.

How did it turn out?

"Everything went great. No problems, no issues, no malfunctions," said Tapp. "We have validated our choice and believe in the durability and benefit of the system."

With that, the agency selected the newest Police Recruit Academy Class to be issued with the G45 MOS pistol fitted with Delta Point Pro optics. Also, the process has been started to acquire the system for the entire agency.

"That has been fantastic," said Tapp. "And now we're working on acquiring about 100 to 120 this year. And over the next couple years, we will cycle them out to the entire agency, the red dot."

Tapp, who has been on the line with the first new recruit class using the optic-equipped G45 MOS pistol, detailed the instructors were seeing a great training benefit when it came to getting new shooters up to speed quickly. Moreover, the red dots simply allow officers to be better shooters.

"Because of the target focus, the red dot allows the shooter to 'see the jerk' as they pull the gun offline at the moment of ignition," he said. "This greatly speeds up the learning curve, because the new shooter can correct the mistake of jerking the gun out of alignment when they press the trigger. In our current academy class, all but one recruit qualified 'Expert' with the G45 MOS pistol. We have never seen results like this from new shooters."

And in the end, it all builds to better public safety. "A top benefit to the red dot is increased situational awareness," said Tapp. "The ability to focus on the target instead of the front sight is a huge deal." 🎯



# CONNECTING YOU TO LIFE OUTDOORS

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

■ ARTICLE BY CAITLIN WOOD ■ PHOTOS BY NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME



NHFG's LE Division provides the highest degree of wildlife law enforcement while ensuring the safety of their local outdoorsmen and women.

**N**estled in the Northeastern corner of the United States, New Hampshire is defined by its quaint towns and large wilderness areas. New Hampshire's White Mountain National Forest is home to the region's highest peak, Mt. Washington, also featuring parts of the famous Appalachian Trail. If you choose to visit New Hampshire, like many tourists do every year, you'll find a wealth of lakes, waterways, and even coastline. This ample variety of natural resources and wildlife makes the state not only a destination for tourists, but also home to many. This makes for a big undertaking for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG).

NHFG is a small department with a big mission. As the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources, the NHFG works in partnership with the public to conserve, manage, and protect these resources and their habitats, inform and educate the public about these resources, and provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. NHFG's Law Enforcement Division has the added responsibility of providing the highest degree of wildlife law enforcement while ensuring the safety of those who pursue outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the state. With this big mission comes a big need for officers to be well equipped to carry out their duties.



NHFG training at the range.

As a department that is located in the same state where SIG Sauer® firearms are manufactured, it seemed to be a natural choice for NHFG to carry SIG Sauer® pistols while on duty. However, in October 2023, the entire department made the switch to GLOCK firearms, so I reached out to find out more. Lieutenant Bradley Morse of NHFG spearheaded the evaluation and worked closely with GLOCK representatives during the switch. Lt. Morse is one of eight firearms instructors within the department, all of whom were involved in testing.

When Lt. Morse was asked why they initially decided to switch to a different duty weapon, the answer was that the department needed increased accuracy, reliability, and performance from their firearms. Even though they were also considering switching to another model with the existing provider, the model G45® with an Aimpoint® Acro T2 optic was the pistol that prevailed. The G45 pistol is chambered in 9mm, which afforded NHFG with improved ballistics in contrast to their previous weapons chambered in .357 SIG. This was a plus, but where the GLOCK model stood out the most was when it was put to test on the range.

Lt. Morse stated that there were several notable benefits that ultimately led to the decision to switch, including improved accuracy, a smoother and lighter trigger pull, and significant performance increases amongst all officers involved in testing. The trigger pull on GLOCK pistols is consistent, smooth, and light in contrast to the double-action only trigger in their previous duty weapon – something they appreciated while putting the G45 pistol to the test on the range.

NHFG runs what is known in the industry as the “FAST test.” This test of accuracy, speed, and fundamentals goes like this: The shooter loads the gun with a total of two rounds. On the start signal, the shooter draws and fires two rounds at the top of the target, performs a slide-lock reload, and then

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fires four rounds at the center of the target. When officers performed this test with the G45 pistols, every single officer had improved scores, lowering their total time to complete the test significantly.

I asked Lt. Morse if there were any other considerations aside from performance on the range, like weather. He replied and said, “environment is a big consideration.” He went on to explain that heavy snow and low temperatures in the Northeast can cause issues when snow gets on the gun, melts, and then re-freezes into ice on the weapon. Additionally, along the coast, officers constantly deal with salt and moisture affecting their gear. This is where GLOCK's reputation as a brand for safety, durability, and reliability influenced their decision.

This small department of 44 officers has the increasingly important duty to care for and conserve New Hampshire's fish, wildlife, and marine resources. GLOCK is proud to be a part of that mission. As a self-funded department, NHFG took to TV to help them raise awareness, educate the public, and help boost funding for their programs. You can check them out on Animal Planet's “North Woods Law” to gain insight into their operations and mission. 📺



# GLOCK SUPPORTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE RAMPART RANGE DAY & EXPO IN CANADA

■ ARTICLE BY JAMES CASSELLS ■ PHOTOS BY RAMPART



GLOCK at the RAMPART Range Day & Expo.

**W**hen evaluating firearms, nothing can replace the real-world experience of hands-on range time with the guidance of experienced professionals by your side. When the product you are evaluating is going to be utilized by a law enforcement or military, that experience is essential. That is why Rampart Corporation was pleased to welcome back GLOCK to its annual Range Day & Expo. GLOCK has been a premier exhibitor for the past 10 years and to showcase GLOCK firearms to the Canadian military and law enforcement communities.

## ABOUT THE RAMPART RANGE DAY & EXPO

The Rampart Range Day & Expo is Canada's largest and preeminent military and law enforcement event of its kind. This dynamic event is hosted by Rampart, GLOCK's exclusive distributor for military and law enforcement in Canada. The Rampart Range Day & Expo is a unique networking and training opportunity that brings end users together with the

best operational equipment suppliers in Canada to highlight industry-leading solutions. Events of this kind are exceedingly rare in Canada. End users get hands-on experience with the latest firearms, tactical equipment, and technology, with product experts at the ready to talk to them about their specific requirements. Attendees also get the opportunity to meet with other industry personnel to discuss challenges and share solutions.

Rampart celebrates its 13th Range Day & Expo on May 28th, 2024 in Ottawa, Ontario. More than 700 active law enforcement and military personnel will be in attendance from across Canada. The Rampart Range Day & Expo welcomes industry professionals in all roles — from frontline officers, policy advisors, and buyers to tier-one Special Forces members.

## A SHARED VISION

The Rampart Range Day & Expo was founded by Rampart's President, Mike Klein, in 2010. "It started off as 10 folding tables and a few pop-up tents," Mike recalls. "No one was doing

anything like this for Canadian military and law enforcement, which presented us with a huge opportunity to help connect end users." There was obviously a desire for an event of this type as it quickly expanded to become the largest event of its kind in the country. As a company, GLOCK saw this potential early on and has been a premier exhibitor at the Range Day and Expo for a decade. "We are very fortunate in having the relationship we do with GLOCK. They shared our vision for what this event could be," says Mike.

"I have watched the Range Day grow each year along with Rampart. They offer incredible support to the law enforcement and military communities, and the Range Day is the event to experience that support. As our exclusive distributor, they demonstrate on a daily basis why they are leading the industry in Canada," says James R. Cassells, GLOCK Inc. Canadian Sales Manager.

The GLOCK brand and Rampart have a longstanding history with law enforcement in Canada. Both companies understand that a large part of being the number one, most-used pistol for law enforcement in Canada is the commitment to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with all end users who take their GLOCK pistol with them into harm's way. The Rampart Range Day & Expo isn't simply about interactions between suppliers with law enforcement and military end users, that's just the beginning. Since its inception, the event has expanded to offer unique solution development and training offerings. These are key opportunities to show how GLOCK and Rampart truly go above and beyond to support their customers.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING ON THE END USER

While the Rampart Range Day & Expo has expanded rapidly, it remains a private event, exclusive to industry professional invitees. With modern policing practices and requirements changing so rapidly, being able to swap lessons and collaborate to find best practices with peers facing the same challenges is invaluable. The exclusive Rampart Range Day & Expo provides the perfect environment to foster these networking opportunities.

## PAIRING REQUIREMENTS WITH PRODUCT

The Rampart Range Day & Expo goes beyond the traditional concept of a trade show where individual products are displayed in a passive manner. Rampart focuses on something more critical and practical: solution development. At the range day, the emphasis is on exposing professionals to a wide array of resources that provide not just products, but comprehensive solutions — be it a single key item, a system of products, or even a training and qualification program. Rampart, as Canada's largest distributor of equipment for law enforcement, has the advantage of being able to connect with customers to arrange specific meetings and demonstrations for agencies wishing to learn more about a subject.

A very successful example of Rampart's ability to match customer requirements with product offerings at the range day has been pairing GLOCK's line of MOS pistols with the Aimpoint® ACRO P-2 MRDS optic and holster manufacturers. This kind of demonstration provides a much more well-rounded introduction to the products and ultimately gives the user a more comprehensive experience. As multiple manufacturers are being represented for agency demonstrations, this gives buyers and end users the time and space to discuss requirements with suppliers and try multiple solutions.

## PAIRING REQUIREMENTS WITH TRAINING

In the ever-evolving landscape of law enforcement, the concept of "requirements" is not always product-first.



Increasingly, training is recognized as the immediate priority that opens the door to products. In 2023, Rampart expanded the Range Day to be immediately followed by the Rampart Training Week. This offering allows attendees to take part in a variety of training programs and certifications — primarily free of charge.

At the inaugural Rampart Training Week, one of the most popular certification offerings was the GLOCK Armorer Certification Course. We held three classes of more than 35 officers who took part in learning the ins-and-outs of GLOCK pistols and ultimately returned home with a new or renewed certification. These kinds of training programs are extremely important in continuing to re-enforce GLOCK products throughout the Canadian law enforcement and military community. When customers get an opportunity like this to get a first-hand look into the engineering of a GLOCK pistol and come to understand its quality, simplicity, and safety, the experience can be transformative.

Other areas of training offered throughout the week focus on emerging and developing areas of policing. For example, at the 2023 Training Week, Rampart offered a workshop and live-fire training session developed by a team of Canadian experts that coached officers in the drafting, presentation, and implementation of a less-than lethal program into their department. This course took the experience and best practices of other departments that have gone through this implementation to help attendees develop an effective, complete proposal that they can then bring back to their agency for review and discussion. The courses offered at the Rampart Training Week provide the keys to success for agencies and ultimately lead to a more equipped and successful law enforcement officer.

## LEADING THE WAY IN CANADA

Rampart will continue to find ways to expand its offerings at the Range Day and its accompanying Training Week by adding more innovative product and training solutions. Working together with GLOCK has allowed the Rampart Range Day & Expo to become the premier event of its type in Canada. Rampart International looks forward to building on this legacy of success with GLOCK in 2024 and beyond. ☺



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# GLOCK DIRECT MOUNT PISTOL OPTICS PACKAGES

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**T**he GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS) pistols are revolutionary and one of the prime reasons for the rise of red sights. Always looking forward, GLOCK developed a custom proposition: direct milled footprints on factory GLOCK pistols. With the proper mounting procedures being followed, MOS plate and sight combinations are perfectly serviceable even in extreme military and law enforcement environments. However if a system can be made simpler, more rugged and streamlined, the answer is obvious to GLOCK: make it so. The result is that operators and armorers now have up to 5 or 6 fewer parts to assemble and monitor. That is a positive development, and moves the electronic sights into the realm of iron sight reliability. The choice that must be made is what footprint to obtain. The first to be offered commercially was the Gunsite GLOCK Service Pistol (GGSP) with a Holosun® 509T X2 sight firmly clamped topside. The GGSP has further enhancements of a target connector, extended mag catch and lanyard loop attachment.

As of early 2023—GLOCK offers direct mount pistol optics packages on G45 and G47 pistols for agency purchase only, demonstrably the most popular law enforcement pistols made today. The different cuts mate up with the following sights.

- MOS 5: Trijicon® single lens sights, the RMR2 and SRO. The Holosun® 508T (single lens) also nestles into this slot.
- MOS 6: The Holosun® 509T X2, an enclosed emitter (2 lenses) sits atop the MOS 6 cut.
- MOS 7: The Aimpoint® Acro P-2, the original enclosed emitter with a solid crossbar mount, locks into the MOS 7 cut. This design can also be adapted to other sights in the future as design and technology inevitably improve. ☉



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# GLOCK® SUBCOMPACT PISTOL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

ULTRA-CONCEALABLE FIREPOWER

■ ARTICLE BY CHRIS EDWARDS ■ PHOTO BY GLOCK

**O**ne of the more rewarding and interesting aspects of a multi-decade career with a single company is to see firsthand the development and history of the organization and its products. I have been blessed with watching the GLOCK company go from a curiosity in the marketplace to the most successful handgun manufacturer of all time. It has been, to put it succinctly in the words of a favorite science fiction character (Spock), “fascinating”.

Watching the G26 pistol, GLOCK’s first subcompact pistol, and the first production subcompact pistol ever, has been remarkable. Certainly, the G26 was nearly as revolutionary as its older sibling, the G17. It still maintains a solid position in sales and popularity with gun carriers.

The G26 story begins, in part, with response to proposed legislation within the United States which would have reduced magazine capacity. GLOCK had already established itself as a formidable competitor in the law enforcement sidearm field and, with its acceptance by U.S. federal agencies, was well on the way to dominance. But there was a need for a smaller version of the standard and compact sized GLOCK pistols. Mr. Glock put his mind to the problem and came up with a solution. I saw the first example at the shooting sports trade show called “SHOT Show” in the mid-1990s. The G26 pistol had a double column magazine with a standard capacity of ten rounds, the GLOCK Safe Action® System (and at that time the Tenifer finish on the major steel components—barrel and slide). The polymer frame had finger grooves and thumb rests on either side of the frame. In an era where a “back up” pistol might be a snub nose revolver or some subcaliber AUTO, it was amazing to behold. And, due to its dual recoil spring system, absolutely reliable and controllable. It was introduced simultaneously with its larger caliber (.40 AUTO) brother, the G27.

Here was a pistol that did what others could not: function as a full size service pistol, with reliance, durability, and accuracy. A few months after its introduction, it was tested extensively by a notable federal law enforcement agency. With their issued duty ammunition at the time, it held the record for off-the-shelf production pistol accuracy at 50 yards! Furthermore, this was not just with its issued magazines; the G26 functions with compact, standard and extended tactical magazines of larger capacity. These and other factors made it the immediate logical choice for those carrying its larger, older brothers such as the model G17. In the event the larger GLOCK pistol was lost in action, the G26 could step up with ease.

The support market responded immediately, as sales skyrocketed. Alessi Holsters came out with an ankle holster and I recall distinctly working with American law enforcement officers who would place the G26 in a chest pouch of their body armor or secure a holster to the soft body armor side



The G26 has been through several generations and is now in its 5th generation. The latest variant is the G26 Gen5 MOS.

straps. Life saving backup was a zipper pull away. The reliability was unquestioned; it performed as well as its larger siblings. And, although subjective, recoil seemed quicker and thus follow up shots faster. 10 rounds instead of 5, on tap. A fire control system that facilitated hits at remarkable distances.

The G26 has been through several generations and is now in its 5th generation. The latest variant is the model G26 Gen5 MOS. This GLOCK pistol, equipped with a modern electro-optical sight, highlights the surprising accuracy of the subcompact GLOCK. The Gen5 pistols feature the GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), and the G26 is no exception. This barrel sets new standards for accuracy and reliability. Shots taken with it at 50 yards routinely impact a practical size target. The flexibility of the GLOCK MOS to mount different optics means an operator can pick the sight best suited to their needs. Safety, durability and reliability that GLOCK pistols are known for are all established by the G26’s decades of service.

I will always have a GLOCK 26 pistol at hand, because it does everything as well as its bigger brethren, and ultra-concealable to boot! The G26 MOS well represents GLOCK products and the pursuit of perfection. ☉





# EXPANDING HORIZONS

## TEAM GLOCK WELCOMES NEW CHAMPIONS TO ITS ROSTER

■ ARTICLE BY SHANE COLEY, TEAM GLOCK CAPTAIN ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK



Morgan Leonhardt at Area 8.

The shooting sports community is going to look a little different as Team GLOCK, the renowned professional shooting team for the iconic firearms manufacturer, takes a significant leap forward by welcoming a group of talented and accomplished shooters to its ranks. With the addition of Morgan Leonhardt, Thy Ngo, and Callerina Woodard, Team GLOCK sets its sights on a new era of excellence and invigoration.

Team GLOCK has always been synonymous with top-tier talent, and the latest expansion further solidifies this reputation. Since I have been the Captain of Team GLOCK, excellence and professionalism on and off the range has always been paramount for growth and success. With the addition of these new top tier competitors, the future looks extremely bright for Team GLOCK. "We are excited to start this new chapter with Team GLOCK and welcome Morgan, Thy, and Cal. Each of these competitors bring exceptional skills to the team. With the expansion of the Team, we will cover more disciplines to demonstrate the diversity of GLOCK pistols and continue to showcase our strong work ethic and passion for the brand," remarks Ashley Robertson, longstanding member of Team GLOCK. Ashley has been a long time champion competitor, and her leadership with the new Team members will help guide them through their competitive journey.



Morgan Leonhardt, a young and emerging talent, adds to the Team's dynamic. As a champion USPSA competitor and the youngest IPSC World Champion, Morgan's success signals the rising potential of the next generation of competitive shooters. Thy Ngo, another USPSA standout, brings her wealth of experience and expertise as she navigates her competitive journey, further exemplifying the Team's diverse skillset. Her impressive performance in USPSA competitions highlights her remarkable journey to success. Callerina Woodard's presence as an Elite Division competitor in The Tactical Games adds an exciting dimension to Team GLOCK. Her dedication to functional fitness and competitive shooting ensures that Team GLOCK remains versatile and ready for any challenge.

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The expansion of Team GLOCK signifies the brand's unwavering commitment to innovation, reliability, and excellence in the shooting sports domain. With this diverse and talented lineup of competitive shooters, Team GLOCK is positioned to dominate competitions and serve as an inspiration to aspiring shooters worldwide. The collective expertise and achievements of these new members will undoubtedly contribute to the team's success in major practical shooting disciplines. As Team GLOCK continues to participate in high profile events, fans and competitors alike can expect strong performances and displays of skill from this stellar lineup. 🎯



Thy Ngo at Area 8.



Ashley Robertson, Shane Coley, Callerina Woodard and Thy Ngo at the 2023 GSSF Annual Match.



# TEAM GLOCK® UNIVERSITY

EMPOWERING FIREARM ENTHUSIASTS

■ SHANE COLEY, TEAM GLOCK CAPTAIN

Team  
GLOCK™  
UNIVERSITY

In the world of firearms and shooting sports, knowledge, skills, and education are of utmost importance. With the rise of digital media, platforms like YouTube have become invaluable resources for individuals seeking to expand their shooting skills, knowledge, and expertise. Historically, Train with Shane, was how we provided educational video content to viewers. We are revamping the channel and bringing our community Team GLOCK University. This channel will serve as an educational hub, empowering our community and enthusiasts by providing them with comprehensive insights, training techniques, behind-the-scenes footage, and the latest advancements in the world of GLOCK.

Team GLOCK is committed to cultivating a vibrant and passionate community of GLOCK enthusiasts who share a common love for the shooting sports and continuously advancing their skills. Team GLOCK University will create opportunities where individuals can connect, engage in meaningful discussions, and exchange valuable insights. This sense of camaraderie fosters a supportive environment, enabling our enthusiasts to enhance their skills, all while having conversations with our team that will help with understanding more about the shooting sports, how to get started in competing, and more advanced techniques.

At the core of Team GLOCK University is a team of experienced professionals who are dedicated to educating viewers about the intricacies of GLOCK. The channel will offer a wide range of educational content, including instructional videos, product announcements, competition analysis, behind-the-scenes footage, training methodologies, and sport shooting analysis. We understand that becoming a proficient shooter requires more than just knowledge. It requires practice, discipline, and a well-rounded understanding of various shooting techniques. To help support this, the channel will

**“Team GLOCK University will create opportunities where individuals can connect...”**

provide comprehensive training and ideas that are tailored to every skill level. These ideas and concepts will cover the basic fundamentals, all the way to shooting on the move, breaking down stages in competition, and understanding visual patience to support increased accuracy and discipline. With this type of content, viewers can progressively enhance their shooting skills and gain confidence in their abilities.

The world of firearms is constantly evolving, and GLOCK is always at the forefront of these innovations and technological advancements. Team GLOCK University will keep its viewers up-to-date on the latest advancements of GLOCK products, discussing in detail their features, and how their applications can increase shooter performance and experience. Through these videos, viewers and members of the community will be able to have a full understanding of everything GLOCK and incorporating the GLOCK brand into their everyday lifestyle.

With its passionate community, expert-led education, comprehensive training methodologies, and everything in-between, the channel will serve as a go-to platform for individuals seeking to enhance their shooting skills and expand their knowledge and training. By bridging the gap between education and entertainment, Team GLOCK University will support growth and development of the shooting sports community. 📍



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For more information, visit our youtube channel and join the community.

# MASTERING THE ART OF COMPETITIVE SHOOTING

A QUICK-FIRE Q&A WITH SHANE COLEY, TEAM GLOCK CAPTAIN

■ ARTICLE BY GLOCK

Competitive shooting can be exhilarating; it fuels a passion for growth, skill sharpening and friendly rivalry. But competition can also be daunting, whether it's your first or 100th—even the most experienced shooters still get butterflies before a match.

So, we sat down with Shane Coley, Captain of Team GLOCK and decorated competitive shooter, to get some insight into the sport and tips for getting started and getting better.

**Q: How does someone get involved with shooting sports? How do they start?**

**A:** One of the best ways to get into the shooting sports is finding a local range near you. Most ranges will host different shooting sports disciplines and offer an opportunity to join their community. You will have the ability to attend these events and ask questions, engage with the individuals that are currently participating, as well as gain a first person view into the joys and competitiveness of shooting sports. This icebreaker may not be needed before making the leap, but it may help guide you in the right direction.

GSSF (GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation) is a great place to start. You'll learn about gear, pistols, basic rules, and get a general feel for the competitive atmosphere on the range. Other popular disciplines include USPSA (United States Practical Shooting Association), IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association), and SCSA (Steel Challenge Shooting Association). Each of these disciplines have their own style of competition, and you will be able to decide which one will be best for you, based on what you're looking to accomplish. They also have their own website with a range locator included to help guide you to the appropriate competitions and schedule.

**Q: What qualifications are required to compete?**

**A:** There are no certifications or licenses required to compete for the first time. The only thing someone needs to be mindful of is possibly becoming a member of the discipline that they choose to compete in.

**Q: What are the most essential pieces of equipment needed for competing?**

**A:** There are a lot! A GLOCK® pistol (of course), at least five magazines, an appropriately sized holster, magazine carriers, a belt that fits everything, eye and ear protection, ammunition, tool kits/spare parts and a bag to carry it all in. It's also important to

have lots of water, snacks and even a chair. Days on the range can be long, so staying hydrated, fueled and rested is important for maintaining focus throughout competitions.

**Q: What tips do you have for improving speed?**

**A:** The most important thing for speed is learning how to control it, which comes with time and practice. While it's really just pulling the trigger quickly, now, the firearm is recoiling fast, and the slide and sights are moving fast too—and you must be able to see, process and understand what you're looking at.

Grip is also critical as it stabilizes the pistol and helps reduce recoil to provide a more consistent return to target. However, gripping to the point of shaking can reduce trigger pull speed, so there is absolutely a balance needed.

**Q: What tips do you have for improving accuracy?**

**A:** Accuracy is about being a disciplined and visually patient shooter. Focus on allowing the sights to settle on the spot that you're aiming at (front sight aligned with the rear sight or red-dot sight overlayed on the target). Then, squeeze the trigger until you feel resistance. Continue pulling through with consistent pressure until the pistol fires.

If the sights are not exactly where you want them, don't try and force them to move while pulling the trigger. This creates shot anticipation and can be detrimental to accuracy. No one can remain perfectly still, allow the sights to move naturally.

**Q: What one thing is most important to remember in competitive shooting?**

**A:** Safety. Always be conscious of your firearm and where it is pointed, and be mindful of the range commands by the Range Officer and/or Range Safety Officer. You may find yourself doing things you've never done before, like shooting on the move or navigating a course of fire, so it's extremely important to always remember and apply safety rules.

**Q: What is your best final piece of advice for someone looking to get into shooting sports?**

**A:** Get out there and take the leap. I promise it will be worth it. You will meet some of the most genuine people in the world, learn ways to increase your skillset, become more proficient with your firearm and have a blast along the way. Focus on the things you can control, only compete against yourself and don't be afraid to fail. Keep looking for ways to improve, ask all the questions and embrace the journey that so many of us have fallen in love with. 📍



# TEAM GLOCK BRASIL

■ ARTICLE BY SHANE COLEY, UNITED STATES TEAM GLOCK CAPTAIN ■ PHOTO BY TEAM GLOCK BRASIL



Team GLOCK Brasil sharing insights in “Copa de Las Americas de IPSC” in Paraguay.

**T**eam GLOCK, a renowned name in the world of competitive shooting, has made significant strides in the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). Watching the team evolve and grow has been a very rewarding experience. We have been able to connect with our community on a more personal level, compete at the highest levels, and help influence the next generation of shooting sports enthusiasts. With our expansion to include Team GLOCK do Brasil, the team’s legacy and success has now extended to South America.

Since our inception, Team GLOCK has been synonymous with excellence in USPSA and IPSC competitions worldwide. With a strong focus on professionalism, precision, speed, and accuracy, the Team has consistently demonstrated success on the range. The Team’s commitment to innovation and excellence, coupled with the technical expertise and dedication to the craft, has propelled the Team to the forefront of the shooting sports scene.

Recognizing the potential and talent in Brasil, Team GLOCK expanded its presence to South America by establishing Team GLOCK Brasil. This aimed to tap into the shooting sports community in Brasil and provide a platform for regional talent to shine on the international stage. Team GLOCK Brasil, captained by Mauro Thompson, shares the same core values, training methodologies, and commitment to excellence as Team GLOCK USA. With six members of Team GLOCK Brasil, they are able to diversify their success through different competitive divisions, all while still attaining the same shared goal. Guilherme Klaimé, a member of Team GLOCK Brasil, shares some of his thoughts about this opportunity, “It has helped me evolve as a person, living and learning from people all over the

world with many different experiences to share. I can only thank the GLOCK company for the encouragement, support, and trust placed in me as a person and as an athlete.”

Since it’s inception, Team GLOCK Brasil has left an indelible mark on the IPSC landscape. The Team has garnered numerous titles and accolades, including podium finishes in major tournaments, regional championships, and stellar performances. Their relentless pursuit of perfection, including their unwavering commitment to excellence and dedication, has cemented their reputation as a formidable contender in the IPSC arena. “Team Glock Brasil was the first team to represent a major brand in our country, I believe that the future holds long life and great achievements for the Team”, quotes Team GLOCK Brasil shooter, Marcio Arendola. As Team GLOCK Brasil continues to compete, and grow, their potential is unlimited across the international stage.

The expansion of Team GLOCK to Brasil has proven to be a remarkable journey, blending the expertise of Team GLOCK USA with the passion and talent of Brazilian sport shooters. The shared vision, collaboration, and pursuit of perfection has propelled both teams to new heights in the world of USPSA and IPSC. As Team GLOCK Brasil continues to shine on the international stage, their success serves as a testament to the strength and impact of Team GLOCK as a whole. This sentiment rings true through its members as well, Brasil Team GLOCK shooter Akira Yamaguchi says, “It’s an honor to be a part of this Team, it can be said that Team GLOCK Brasil was a pioneer in the country to assemble a team that is made up of professional shooters. I’m very proud to represent one of the most famous brands of pistols in the world.” As they continue to push the limits of success, we look forward to watching them succeed in their pursuit of perfection. 🍷

# GLOCK INTERNATIONAL A GLOBAL SYMPHONY OF EXCELLENCE

■ ARTICLE BY GLENN ADAM KENDRICK ■ PHOTOS BY GLOCK



GLOCK® pistol cases stacked in the shipping department waiting to be packed.

**I**n the heart of innovation and precision, GLOCK Ges.m.b.H serves the international needs of the company and has woven its tapestry across the world stage. From the majestic landscapes of Austria to the bustling metropolis of Dubai, GLOCK’s presence is a testament to its commitment to excellence, innovation, and culture.

Each location plays a unique and integral role, contributing to GLOCK’s unparalleled reputation for quality craftsmanship and engineering precision. From the assembly facility in Slovakia, where meticulously engineered components come together to form iconic firearms, to Panama where sales carve the landscape of the Central American and Caribbean markets, every location represents a note in the harmonious composition that is “GLOCK International.”

## AUSTRIA PRECISION ENGINEERING AND CRAFTSMANSHIP GLOCK GMBH

In Austria, the GLOCK brand boasts operational excellence with its distinct locations: Deutsch-Wagram and Ferlach. These hubs collectively exemplify the company’s unwavering commitment to precision engineering, innovation, and quality craftsmanship.

First founded in Deutsch-Wagram, this GLOCK facility serves as the center for the company’s multifaceted operations. With state-of-the-art injection molding machinery and a meticulously orchestrated assembly line, the Deutsch-Wagram headquarters produces firearms that stand as paragons of quality and reliability. Beyond the production floor, this location houses the global administrative division, encompassing sales, logistics, exports, marketing, and training departments. It’s a dynamic blend of business expertise and engineering.

In Ferlach, GLOCK’s brand legacy extends into the realm of metallurgical mastery. This is where innovation blends seamlessly with tradition, forging the high-quality parts and tools that underscore GLOCK’s brand reputation. The Ferlach facility holds the distinction of being at the forefront of metallurgical research and

technology within the firearm manufacturing domain. It’s here that materials are scrutinized, alloys are perfected, and breakthroughs are born, all contributing to the meticulous construction of GLOCK firearms.

Collectively, these facilities symbolize GLOCK’s ethos of precision, reliability, and innovation. They mirror the company’s dedication to its craft and its relentless pursuit of excellence. Heritage and revolution are woven into GLOCK’s legacy, and it all started in Austria.



GLOCK GmbH in Deutsch-Wagram, Austria.





Team GLOCK do Brazil Professional Shooter Akira Yamaguchi competing in a match.



GLOCK s.r.o. in Bratislava, Slovakia.

## BRASIL

### BRIDGING BORDERS THROUGH EXCELLENCE

#### GLOCK BRASIL

Beyond the majestic landscapes of Brasil lies an integral outpost of the GLOCK company, where administrative leadership and international collaboration mesh seamlessly. While GLOCK's Austrian facilities resonate with precision engineering and cutting-edge manufacturing, the GLOCK Brasil location stands as a testament to the company's global reach and commitment to international collaboration.

Situated strategically, GLOCK Brasil serves as an epicenter for administrative operations. While not involved in the physical production of firearms, this location is the vital hub that ensures GLOCK's Southern operations remain synchronized and streamlined. The administrative tasks encompass a myriad of functions, from coordinating sales and logistics to marketing campaigns. The planning and execution that takes place within these walls are the pillar of GLOCK's seamless global presence.

GLOCK Brasil is also home to Team GLOCK do Brasil: a collective of dedicated professionals who epitomize GLOCK's brand values and ideals on an international scale. Comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds, this team exemplifies the company's commitment to perfection with highly skilled marksman and experts in their field.

## PANAMA

### EMPOWERING MARKETS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

#### GLOCK INTERNATIONAL S.A.

Located at the crossroads of commerce, GLOCK Panama plays a pivotal role in fostering GLOCK's brand presence in Latin America and the Caribbean. This strategic location fuels GLOCK's expansion across these key international regions.

GLOCK Panama serves as the linchpin for endeavors in Latin America and the Caribbean. With a keen focus on sales, it ensures that GLOCK firearms and products reach the hands of authorized distributors and customers. GLOCK Panama provides tailored support to a diverse array of markets, meeting the unique needs and demands of each locale.

## DUBAI

### IGNITING BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

#### GLOCK INTERNATIONAL FZE

GLOCK Dubai is a strategic hub, supporting the GLOCK brand presence across the Middle East and Asia. GLOCK Dubai serves as a beacon of GLOCK's commitment to global success and assumes a pivotal role in GLOCK's engagement with the Middle East and Asia. GLOCK Dubai ensures the seamless distribution of GLOCK firearms and products to authorized partners and customers.

## SLOVAKIA

### ASSEMBLING EXCELLENCE FOR A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

#### GLOCK S.R.O

GLOCK Slovakia holds a unique and pivotal role within the GLOCK ecosystem as the assembly center for numerous international locations. The decision to expand manufacturing and exports to GLOCK Slovakia was a reflection of the GLOCK brand's superior market position.

The assembly process is a symphony of craftsmanship and innovation, where skilled technicians ensure that each firearm meets GLOCK's stringent standards. From fitting components to conducting rigorous quality checks, GLOCK Slovakia ensures that the final product embodies the company's commitment to excellence.

## GLOCK INTERNATIONAL

### WEAVING EXCELLENCE ACROSS CONTINENTS

Throughout this global ecosystem, the operations that support the GLOCK company internationally remain committed to a singular mission: providing exceptional firearms and products that stand as a testament to precision engineering, innovative thinking, and unwavering dedication. As we delve into each location's unique contribution, we uncover the threads that bind GLOCK's international presence. This highlights how administrative finesse, cultural understanding, and unparalleled craftsmanship harmonize to create a symphony of excellence that resonates around the world. ☉



GLOCK Inc. in Smyrna, Georgia.



Staff working in the GLOCK Booth at LAAD 2023.

# GLOCK®

# AT EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE

■ ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY GLOCK

**G**LOCK is a name known around the world, and around the world is where it's been. From South America, to North America, and Europe, GLOCK has participated in events globally.

#### GLOCK AT IWA

The 2023 *Internationale Waffen Ausstellung (IWA)* Outdoor Classics trade fair in Nuremberg, Germany exceeded all expectations, solidifying its status as a premier event for the hunting, shooting, and outdoor industries. This year's

exhibition was a resounding success, drawing a diverse array of professionals and enthusiasts alike. IWA had a remarkable turnout of over 1,500 exhibitors and 34,000 trade visitors from all over the world and the GLOCK booth was a popular destination. Known for high-quality firearms, GLOCK showcased the latest products and innovations.

One highlight of the GLOCK booth was the live disassembly demonstrations performed by skilled GLOCK Armors. This interactive experience provided attendees with an insightful look into the craftsmanship that goes into every GLOCK pistol.

The GLOCK Performance Trigger gained interest and





GLOCK at IWA 2023.



GLOCK at NRA 2023.

received an overwhelmingly positive response from professional end-users and excited visitors. Attendees were given the opportunity to handle and feel the difference of the GLOCK Performance Trigger on various models.

The 2023 *IWA Outdoor Classics* trade fair was a great success and provided a valuable platform for networking and exploration within the industry. We are looking forward to IWA 2024, when the exhibition celebrates its 50th anniversary.

#### GLOCK AT SHOT SHOW®

The 2023 National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Shooting, Hunting, Outdoors Tradeshow (SHOT Show) was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. It hosted more than 52,000 industry professionals and 14 miles of exhibitor space.

During the show, the G20 Gen5 MOS, G21 Gen5 MOS, and GLOCK Performance Trigger gained much visibility. A highlight of the highly recognizable, multi-level GLOCK booth was a 3D holographic display of the GLOCK Performance Trigger that allowed show attendees a true inside look at the meticulous design and function.

GLOCK has maintained a longstanding relationship with NSSF and is happy to continue its presence at SHOT Show. It is a display of commitment to being there for customers, partners, and supporters of the GLOCK brand. GLOCK looks forward to future product launches, events, and of course the comradery that makes the SHOT Show what it is today.

#### GLOCK AT NRAAM

GLOCK was excited to continue participation at the 2023 National Rifle Association Annual Meetings (NRAAM) in Indianapolis, Indiana where 40 GLOCK pistols were showcased to over 77,000 firearm enthusiasts.

The NRAAM allows GLOCK the chance to connect with customers. Aside from the products that were showcased, each attendee was offered the opportunity to join the online community of GLOCK IQ (GIQ). GLOCK also hosted an invite-only gathering for GIQ members who attended NRAAM. This allowed them a unique, inside look at the connections GLOCK makes through the family-oriented culture that has been sustained for many years.

GLOCK looks forward to future NRA shows, and is thankful for the committed GLOCK enthusiasts who visited the GLOCK booth.

#### GLOCK AT LAAD

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Latin America Aerospace Defense (LAAD) trade fair, a vital biannual event, was attended by law enforcement and military professionals with 192 delegations from 71 countries and 36,700 visitors.

Encompassing 60,000 square meters, the show highlighted prestigious military equipment brands, including GLOCK.

Attendees engaged with Brazilian specialists, deepening their understanding of the pistols and unveiled two anticipated products to Brazilian customers: the GLOCK Watch Global and the GLOCK Performance Trigger.

GLOCK representatives met with decision makers from Latin American law enforcement and military institutions to explore the possibility of adopting or renewing their GLOCK service pistols, and talk about new products. This led to productive discussions and the signing of contracts.

Oliver Sefara, GLOCK Product Manager, stated that, "It is paramount to receive valuable feedback, allowing us to continuously refine our products and strive for perfection."

Luciana Peixoto, Civilian Police and Fabiana Trentin, a respected lawyer and mother, took the experience to social media, joined by Team GLOCK do Brasil members Julia Lagoeiro, Guilherme Klaime, and Mauro Thompson, all IPSC awarded athletes, as they engaged with enthusiasts and present competitors, embodying GLOCK's versatility and precision.

Confirming its presence for LAAD 2025, GLOCK remains dedicated to strengthening relationships and contributing to the advancement of law enforcement and military capabilities. 🇧🇷



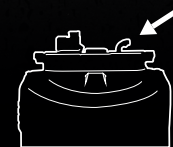
GLOCK at NRAAM 2023.



#### LUBRICATION GUIDE

##### CONNECTOR LUBRICATION

1 DROP SPREAD ON INDICATED AREA



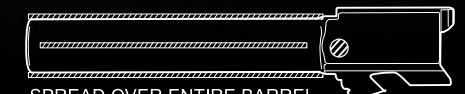
RIGHT SIDE FRAME VIEW



RIGHT SIDE VIEW

##### BARREL LUBRICATION

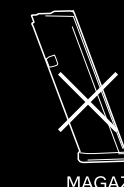
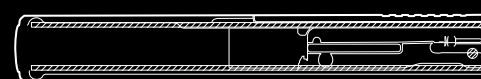
1 DROP ONLY ON INDICATED AREAS



SPREAD OVER ENTIRE BARREL

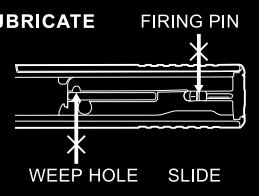
##### SLIDE LUBRICATION

1-2 DROPS SPREAD ON INDICATED AREAS



MAGAZINE

##### DO NOT LUBRICATE



WEEP HOLE SLIDE



LUBRICATION AREA



DO NOT LUBRICATE





## GLOCK 47<sup>®</sup> MOS<sup>™</sup> PARTS LIST

- |     |                                    |       |                             |
|-----|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | Slide                              | 17    | Frame                       |
| 1b  | Cover plate MOS                    | 17c/d | Beavertail Backstrap M/L    |
| 1c  | Cover plate screw                  | 18    | Magazine catch spring       |
| 2   | Barrel                             | 19    | Magazine catch              |
| 3   | Recoil spring assembly             | 20    | Slide lock spring           |
| 4   | Firing pin                         | 21    | Slide lock                  |
| 5   | Spacer sleeve                      | 22    | Locking block               |
| 6   | Firing pin spring                  | 23    | Trigger mechanism housing   |
| 7   | Spring cups                        | 24    | Connector                   |
| 8   | Firing pin safety                  | 26    | Trigger with trigger bar    |
| 9   | Firing pin safety spring           | 27    | Slide stop lever            |
| 10  | Extractor                          | 28    | Trigger pin                 |
| 11  | Extractor depressor plunger        | 29    | Trigger housing pin (short) |
| 12  | Extractor depressor plunger spring | 31    | Magazine tube               |
| 13  | Spring-loaded bearing              | 32    | Follower                    |
| 14  | Slide cover plate                  | 33    | Magazine spring             |
| 15  | Rear sight                         | 34    | Magazine insert             |
| 16a | Front sight                        | 35    | Magazine floor plate        |
| 16b | Front sight screw                  | 42    | MOS Set                     |

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