­­**Defensive Shotgun 101**

**Course Goals**:

This class is designed for intermediate to advanced shotgun shooters who wish to own and use a shotgun for self-defense. The goal for this class is to teach the following:

• Equipment choices (guns, ammo and gear)

• Review the proper manual of arms basics for your chosen platform including:

-Loading/unloading, operation of safeties/de-cocking levers in a fighting situation

-Safe and legal storage at home and in transit for self-defense purposes

• Fundamentals of good marksmanship – grip, sight alignment, trigger pull, ready positions…etc.

• Managing reloads during a self-defense situation

• Managing malfunctions during a self-defense situation

• Shooting positions – Standing, kneeling, prone

The pacing of the class may vary depending on the skill level of all the students and we may or may not cover all of the subjects intended.  Safety considerations will be first priority in the instructor’s decision on the pace of the class.

**Equipment:**

• Semi-automatic or pump action shotgun

• Sling

• Ammunition pouch

• 100-150 rounds of bird or buckshot

• 20 rounds of slugs

• Snap caps in the gauge that matches your chosen shotgun (I recommend A-Zoom snap caps)

• Notepad and writing instrument

• A roll of masking tape

A note on equipment:  Make sure you’ve tested your belt/holster/ammo carrier combination at home and have ensured that they work properly and smoothly for you.  An ammunition pouch is recommended for the class.