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**THE WARRIOR FIGHTS NOT
BECAUSE HE HATES WHAT
IS IN FRONT OF HIM, BUT
BECAUSE HE LOVES WHAT
IS BEHIND HIM.**

UNKNOWN

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CHAPTER 1

WHY DO YOU WANT A GUN?

This question is not as obvious as it seems. Reasons for owning a gun can vary drastically depending on who you ask. For some it may be a “just in case” tool in the event someone breaks into their home. For another, it may be to engage in sport i.e. competition or hunting. Perhaps, the need to purchase a gun may be linked to future employment in some sort of protective services capacity. At the time of this writing, the majority of new gun purchases and more specifically, purchases by first-time gun owners is closely linked to the current state of crime whether perceived or real in the United States. Throughout this book, I will use the terms gun, firearm, and pistol interchangeably just for the sake of variety. For our purpose, they will all have the same meaning.

Unless you have been living under a rock, you have been bombarded by countless stories and images of violence on the news. We are living in a period of economic, social, and political upheaval. Add to that, a movement by major cities to move to some sort of “Bail Reform” whereby many criminals are not incarcerated after arrest, but allowed to remain on the streets to commit more crimes while waiting for trial, and what we have is the appearance of lawlessness and chaos in American society. People who never saw the need or believed they would ever own a gun, are now purchasing them in record numbers.



As a firearm instructor, one of the first questions I ask my students is, “why are you here”? This helps me understand what it is the student is looking to get out of the class, but just as important, it helps me understand their motivation for learning how to own and operate a firearm. If I had to put a number on it, I would say that 80 – 90% of the students respond with something to the effect of, “I just don’t feel safe anymore”

“I don’t feel safe anymore.....” Is this your reason? Are you one of the 85 or so percent that is concerned about your safety and the safety of your family? Have you lost faith in the government’s ability or even their desire to protect you? If so, now you know that you are not alone and in fact, you are in the majority of first time gun owners. As a former police officer, I can make the following statement without coming off as condescending or biased; “When seconds count, the Police are minutes away”!

Depending on where you live or are located when you are in need of police assistance, their response time based on averages can be 5 – 8 minutes. If you are attacked on the street, will you be able to survive those 5 - 8 minutes