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Brian

You bring up some interesting points to consider.

1) The safety issue. I had a round go off on the range one day when I took the weapon off of safe. I'm not sure if it was a safety malfunction or an operator head space and timing problem. At the time I hadn't heard about there being a possible problem with the safety mechanism.

I mentioned it to my sniper partner and he told me he had heard of the problem so I spent a lot of time trying to duplicate the malfunction but I have never been able to do so. (thus I believe it was an operator head space and timing problem)

Now when deployed on a mission I aim the rifle in a safe direction before taking the weapon off of safe, just in case.

2) Currently I deploy with the weapon on safe but once in position I take the weapon off of safe and then keep my finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard.

You mentioned the need to get a round off quickly if there is a sudden threat. I guess we have to ask ourselves what is quickly? Is there every a time that you would "snap" a shot off at a threat.

On an operation I was called upon to take a shot on a threat and the rifle malfunctioned. I had time to re-bolt a new round and fire the shot. (the threat was still a threat) I guess the point of this is that the threat is usually a threat for long enough to insure that it is the threat. So, you'll have time to take the weapon out of whatever safe mode you carry it and place it into combat.

I'm going to try the bolt handle in the raised position next time on the range to see how it works.

Keep your head down, Semper FI

Gil

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> From: Brian K. Sain [SMTP:brianksain@yahoo.com]  
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> To: Snipersonline@new.m.com  
> Subject: Snipersonline: Rem triggers (training)  
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> What are you guys doing, as far as training around the  
 > Remington triggers are concerned ?  
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 > I believe the main two concerns here are:  
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 > 1) Safety. and  
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 > 2) The need to get a round off quickly if there is a  
 > sudden threat.  
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 > Personally, I would rather err on the side of safety.  
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 > Some thoughts on the rifle safety condition while in  
 > Final Firing Position. Which of the four or what  
 > other method are you Rem guys using ?  
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 > 1. Round in the chamber, safety lever on fire but  
 > bolt handle raised while in position ? Whereas you  
 > just reach up and cam it down if things go that way.  
 > Pretty quick and safe.  
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 > 2. No round in the chamber and bolt closed over a  
 > round in the magazine. Run the bolt to chamber a  
 > round. Pretty much foolproof safety-wise but slower if  
 > you have to shoot quick.  
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 > Hypothetically relating to the # 2 method above, what  
 > if you perceive a threat, run the bolt and then for  
 > whatever reason wind up NOT having to take a shot.  
 > what do you do then ?  
 >  
 > Continuing ...  
 >  
 > 3. Trust to fate and use the safety as designed.  
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 > 4. Round chambered, rifle on fire once in position  
 > and use finger only as a safety. I have seen this done  
 > (not my Team). I have personally seen operational ADs  
 > because of it too. NOTE: The guy was in the process of  
 > giving up 'til the AD hit the eave over his head.  
 > Then he shot himself. . . . oops  
 >  
 > Do you guys train with one of the above methods when  
 > you shoot your qual courses ? I am just curious as to  
 > what you are doing and why.  
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 > Of course, Sniper Z2 and Ed III have the solutions to  
 > all of this safety/trigger conversation.  
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 > Those solutions being simply - Accuracy International  
 > and Winchester. (I can see the smug looks and shrugged  
 > shoulders on them both as I type this).  
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 > REMINDER: If your entry or react people are out front,  
 > you are pretty much out of the picture anyway unless  
 > covering an adjacent window, etc. prior to entry.  
 > Pick up your bins or use the lower two quadrants of  
 > your scope for observation; finger off the trigger for  
 > Christ sake. A crosshair SHOULD NEVER touch a cop. I  
 > know ya'll know this stuff already. Just a friendly  
 > reminder from the white trash sniper.  
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 > Like always, if you violate one gun safety rule but

> obey all the others, you MIGHT GET LUCKY and avoid a  
> tragedy. Much better to just make a conscious effort  
> to obey them all. Snipe smart. Think.

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> No more Lubbocks or Rhode Islands thank you.

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> "Oops" and "Miss" are four letter words; especially in  
> our business.

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> Watch your sixes bros,

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> Brian

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