

Police Simulator Training Now Available to Local Public

Navy reservist and Lipscomb Grad David Lafferty Opens QuickDraw in Cool Springs

Grand Opening Open House All Day, Saturday Oct. 26

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Nashville – A Nashvillian and former U.S. Navy reservist is making the live fire simulator training used by law enforcement locally available to the public.

QuickDraw Nashville is an indoor virtual gun range where civilians and law enforcement can train on virtual firearm training simulators that are the same as many used by law enforcement agencies across America. The \$80,000 systems each consist of a laptop, a projector screen and actual firearms that have been converted to run on compressed carbon dioxide and shoot “virtual” ammunition instead of actual rounds.

With 380 different use-of-force and shoot/don't shoot scenarios (with 4,500 different possible outcomes) involving everything from terrorists on an airplane to gunmen in a mall – and even zombies – shooters can train to learn how to better defend themselves and take out the bad guys without harming innocent bystanders.

QuickDraw Nashville, a new business opened by Brentwood resident David Lafferty, offers three simulation room, each equipped with handguns, M-16s and a 12-gauge shotgun, and Lafferty says he anticipates adding more simulation rooms to meet demand.

Since the guns do not fire real ammunition, the cost of shooting at **QuickDraw Nashville** can be less than shooting live ammo at a firing range – a good thing for shooters concerned by recent ammunition shortages and rising ammo prices.

“The beauty of it is, these bullets are free,” Lafferty says. “People get to keep their bullets. They didn't have to expend them. The feel is the same and you don't have to have heavy protection.”

Officer Johnson, a local law enforcement officer and longtime friend of Lafferty's who asked to be identified only by his last name, described using the simulators at **QuickDraw**.

“It is very realistic. It puts you in those scenarios and it makes you think about things you wouldn't ordinarily think about because of your adrenaline, not having had that experience or been in that scenario. You can talk about it and figure out what you would do differently in shoot/don't shoot situations.”

Lafferty says the simulators are open to the public, and he's also talking with smaller law enforcement agencies that don't own such training systems about training at **QuickDraw**. In fact, some police officers already have.

“Police will yell at the screen and are very observant,” says Lafferty. “They see everything and they talk to each other.”

“It's very beneficial to law enforcement,” says Johnson. “Not every (law enforcement organization) has the resources to get one of these systems. You can make a mistake and you have the ability to replay that

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scenario. It makes you think about what you doing when you go inside a building. There are so many things as law enforcement it helps you do.

“I think it's a great idea, and serves a great purpose. It's cheaper and you have the ability to talk through it without all the stress,” says Johnson.

About QuickDraw Nashville

QuickDraw is located at 1720 General George Patton Drive in Franklin, near the Cool Springs shopping area. (It is the second building, behind the building fronting the road.) The business is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. To 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. To 10 p.m., and Sunday from 1-6 p.m.

Thirty-minute sessions will run \$20, with target-practice only sessions at \$20 per hour. There will also be different rates for team-building events as well. Lafferty plans to sell memberships and have Ladies Nights and other events.

Lafferty, 47, is a graduate of Lipscomb University and served in the Navy Reserves for 10 years. He also is in the real estate appraisal business.

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