


# GLOCK® ANNUAL 2026



40 Years in the   
United States  
1986-2026



GEN6™ OPTIC READY PISTOLS  
ENGINEERED FOR YOU

*Defined by our heritage*



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# PRINCIPLES







# OF PERFECTION

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## PERFECTION

*stands for our commitment to uncompromising  
quality, future-oriented manufacturing technologies  
and maximum customer satisfaction.*

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Gaston Glock  
Founder | Inventor

### Make it simple, make it perfect.

Behind the internationally renowned GLOCK Perfection stands the founder and inventor, Gaston Glock. To this day, uncompromising quality and maximum customer satisfaction are our top priorities. Market changes and challenges are faced through the lens of opportunity. Gaston Glock taught to take a critical view of today in order to be perfectly prepared for tomorrow.

The principles of Gaston Glock, the visionary mastermind of GLOCK, continue to inspire customers and employees around the globe. As one of the few privately run and independent businesses in the market, GLOCK lives by the values of its charismatic founder: striving for GLOCK Perfection and unconditionally determined to reach unique achievements through commitment and passion. Thus, Gaston Glock has set the course for future success.

These founding principles ensure GLOCK Perfection.





# PERFECTION CONTINUES

Annual Message to our customers, our partners, and our employees

As we celebrate 40 years in the United States, we honor our visionary founder, Gaston Glock, whose unwavering excellence continues to inspire us. This milestone shapes our products, culture, and the vision for the future. We are grateful for your support as we proudly reflect on four decades of innovation and community growth.

In 2025, we transformed our product lines to stay future-focused, ensuring that we continue to deliver GLOCK products with the maximum reliability and satisfaction you deserve. The introduction of the Gen6 product line is a direct result of your valuable feedback and our unwavering commitment to continuous innovation. Your insights drive us to improve and evolve, and we are grateful for your trust and confidence.

Our pursuit of perfection, which began with our founder's vision, continues into 2026 and beyond. Alongside the evolution of GLOCK pistols, we have developed a GLOCK rifle system to meet law enforcement needs and numerous GLOCK+ accessories to elevate your firearm's performance. Programs and services like GLOCK Training and the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation continue to evolve and grow.

In this edition of the GLOCK Annual, we reflect on the driving force behind everything we do – our customers. We hope that as you read through the product highlights, testimonials, and community initiatives, you'll understand what Gaston Glock meant when he said, "Nothing happens by itself." Every customer, partner, and employee plays a crucial role in GLOCK's success.

These 40 years have been an extraordinary journey. Each milestone stands as a testament to our founder's vision, our collective future, and most importantly, to you – our GLOCK family.

Sincerely,  
  
Kathrin Glock  
Chairwoman

# ENGINEERED FOR YOU

*Defined by our heritage*

## GEN6 OPTIC READY PISTOLS

GLOCK's focus has always been on what matters most—safety, reliability, and the needs of the people who depend on our products every day. That heritage has carried us through decades of growth, innovation, and service to law enforcement, military, and civilian communities across the world.

When Gaston Glock introduced the first GLOCK pistol in the early 1980s, it redefined what a service pistol could be. A polymer frame, a striker-fired system, a design built around safety, reliability, and simplified operation. Law enforcement agencies and militaries across the world adopted that platform because it performed exactly as intended, every time.







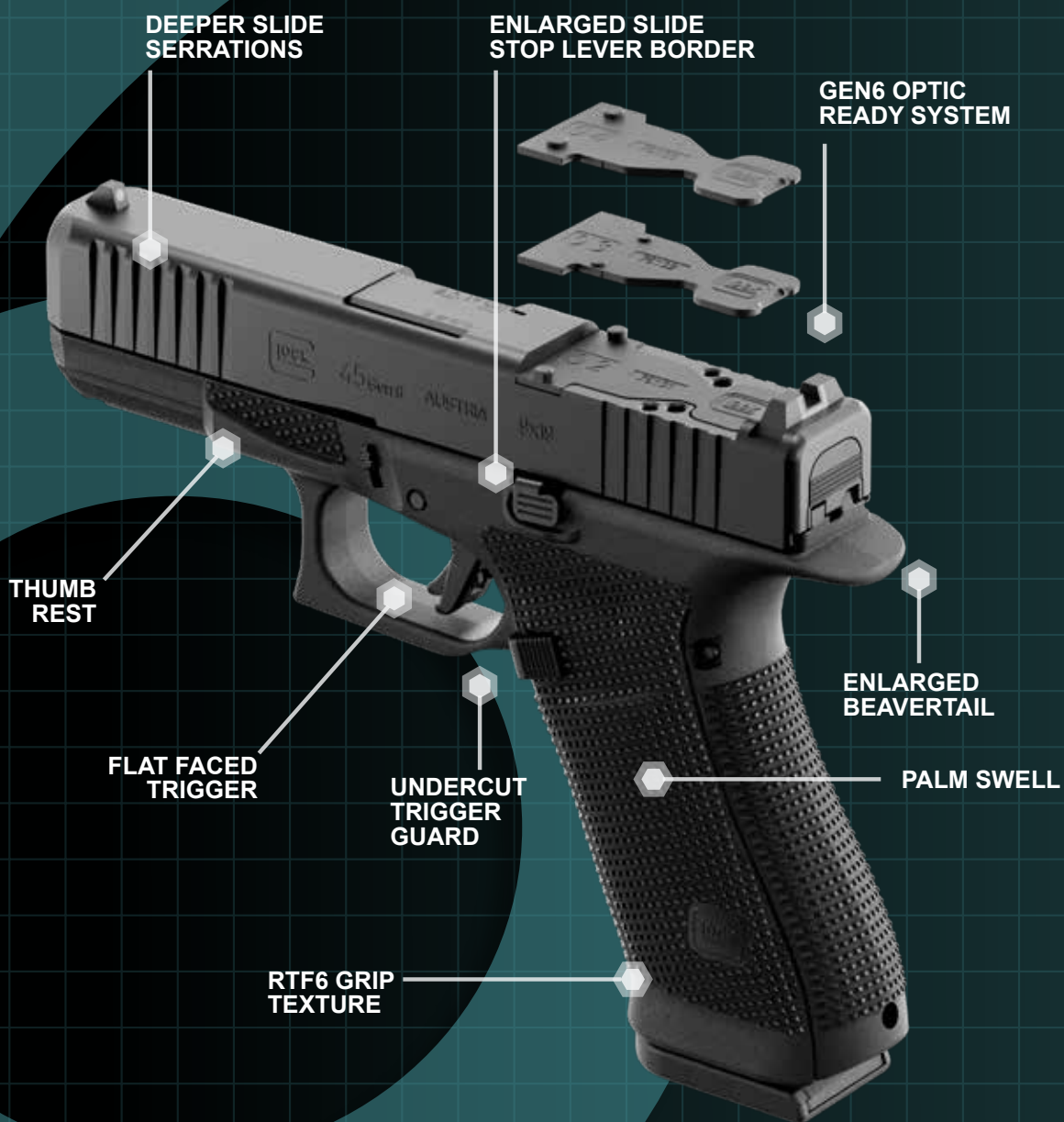
That foundation is the reason GLOCK has remained a trusted global standard for more than forty years. From the original GLOCK 17 pistol to the refinements of each generation since, the progression has always followed the same pattern: test, learn, improve, and build only what serves the user's needs. No compromise.

In 2026, GLOCK Inc. celebrates 40 years of perfection in the United States. Four decades defined by that relentless pursuit and guided by the principles of our founder. Four decades defined by our heritage.

GLOCK's Gen6 line is a continuation of that heritage. Perfection Continues.



# GLOCK® GEN6





# THE 6TH GENERATION OF GLOCK PISTOLS ARE ENGINEERED FOR YOU.

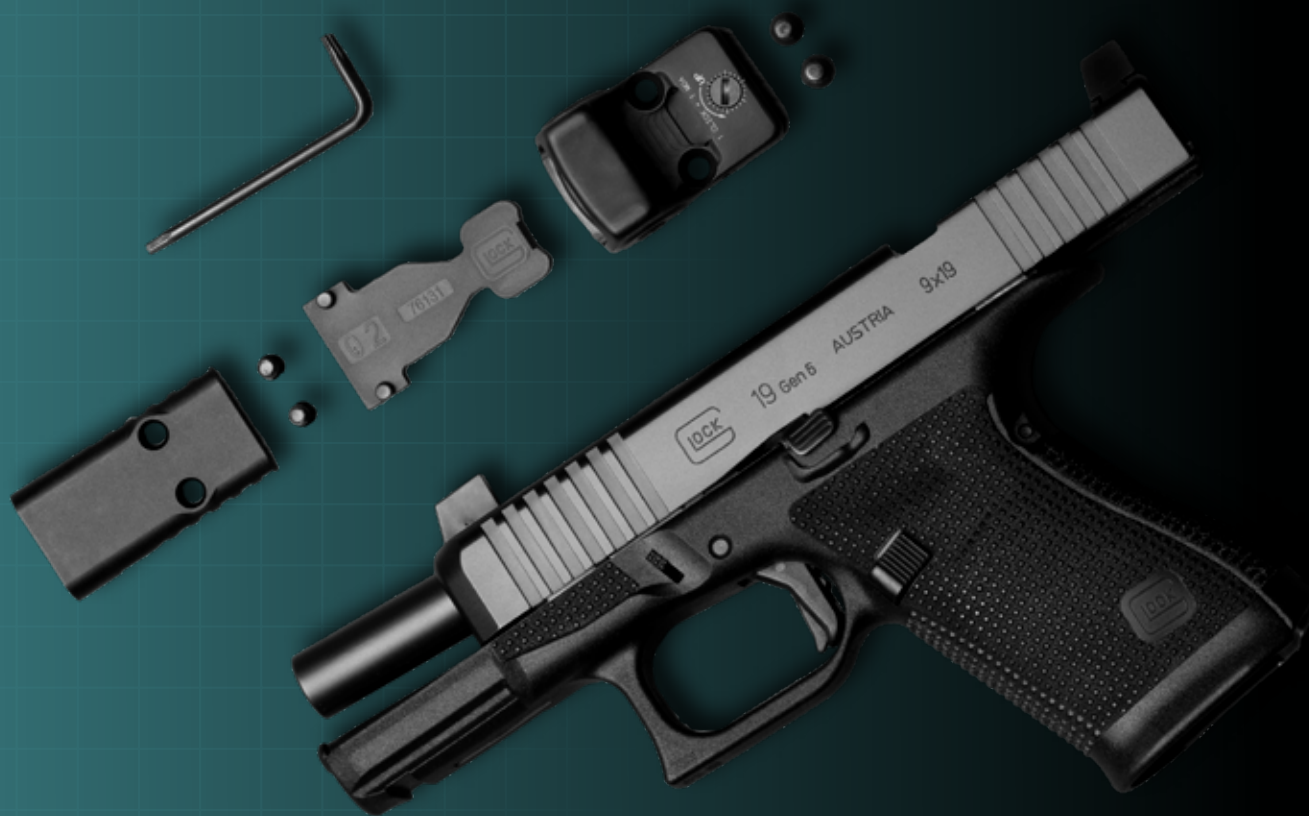
Each detail is meticulously calculated with the user in mind, delivering enhancements that feel intuitive. The Gen6 line brings you purpose-driven ergonomics with a refined optic ready system.

The next generation of GLOCK pistols is more than engineering updates and feature changes. It's a result of listening. Listening to professionals who carry our products in the line of duty. To competitive shooters who push them to their limits. To everyday citizens who trust them for personal protection. And to those across the world who carry our products in service of their community and their country.

## GEN6 OPTIC READY SYSTEM

The GLOCK Gen6 G17, G19, and G45 models come optic-ready with three optic plates that allow various optics to be screwed directly into the slide. The system is engineered for adaptability and durability.

The Gen6 optic ready system allows the optic to sit deeper into the slide for a lower height over bore axis.





# GEN6 PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

■ AUTHOR: SHANE COLEY - IMAGES BY: GLOCK

It's not about the next best thing, it's about the next right thing. The 6th Generation of GLOCK pistols isn't chasing the next trend, it's about integrating customer feedback that supports the shooter and their best performance. Whether you're pushing for faster stage times, cleaner hits, or simply a more confident experience during long training days, the Gen6 line was engineered with you in mind.

From the first grip, the difference is noticeable. The updated frame geometry, subtle palm swell, extended beavertail, and improved grip texture work together to help the pistol settle naturally into your hands. That means less effort spent fighting the gun and more focus on executing your stage plan. A higher grip reduces muzzle rise, which helps you track the dot or sights more efficiently and get back on target faster—especially during rapid strings of fire. The thumb rest is another incredible addition, not only is it a valuable index point for your thumb, but it also allows for more stability when managing recoil. Over the course of a match or a high-round training session, those improved ergonomics translate into less questions and more focused performance.

One of the most practical upgrades for shooters is the flat-faced trigger and shorter distance from the trigger to the rear of the frame. It doesn't just look modern—it changes how the pistol feels. It helps isolate your trigger finger, and it just feels right.

The result is more consistent trigger placement, improved control, and more reliable follow-up shots. When fractions of a second matter, that consistency can mean the difference between a solid stage or a championship.

Even the optics ready system is shooter focused. The installation of your favorite optic is simple, a characteristic that is always valued when new products are developed. The optic plates act as a stabilizer, while the optic itself screws directly into the slide with more thread attachment for a reliable and durable mounting solution. This means fewer variables and more confidence that your optic will hold zero throughout a match or training cycle.

Importantly, all of these updates come without sacrificing what GLOCK shooters value most: reliability and durability. The Gen6 design maintains the Safe Action® System and rugged construction that has earned trust across competitive, law enforcement, and military communities. You're not trading dependability for change, you're getting refinements layered into a proven foundation. That reliability lets you focus on shooting.

In practical terms, the GLOCK Gen6 line helps you shoot flatter, track sights faster, and maintain consistency under stress. The Gen6 pistols don't try to change how you shoot. They simply help you shoot better.





**SCAN TO LOCATE A  
GLOCK DEALER NEAR YOU**

[us.glock.com/en/dealer-locator-usa](https://us.glock.com/en/dealer-locator-usa)







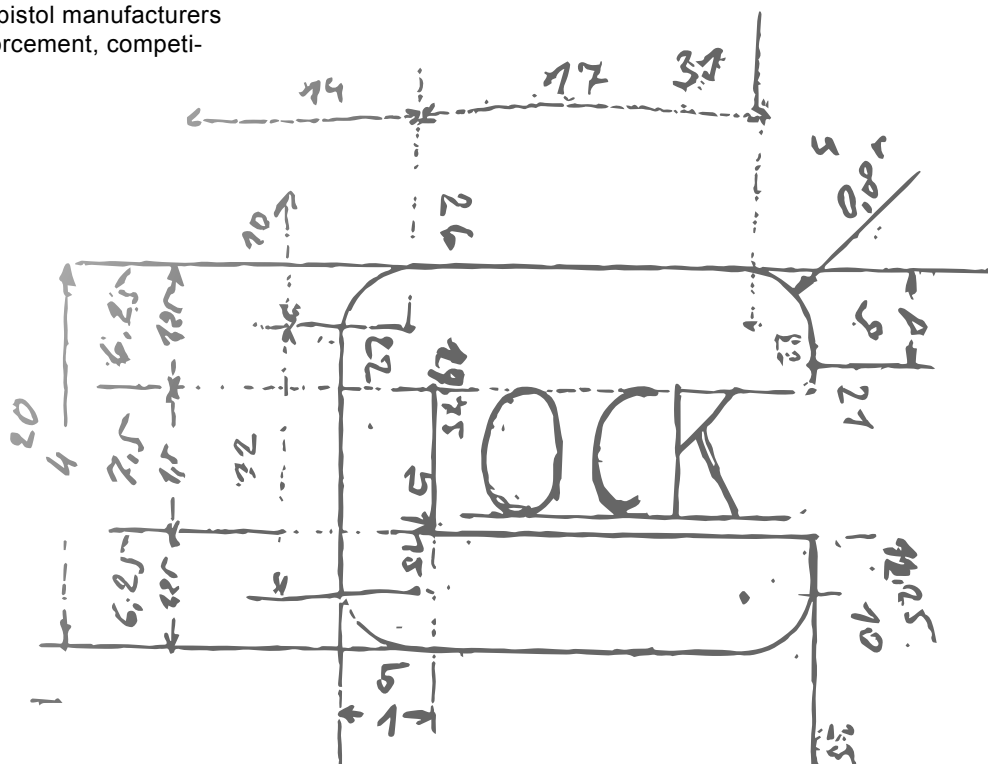
**FIND A  
GLOCK® DEALER  
NEAR YOU**



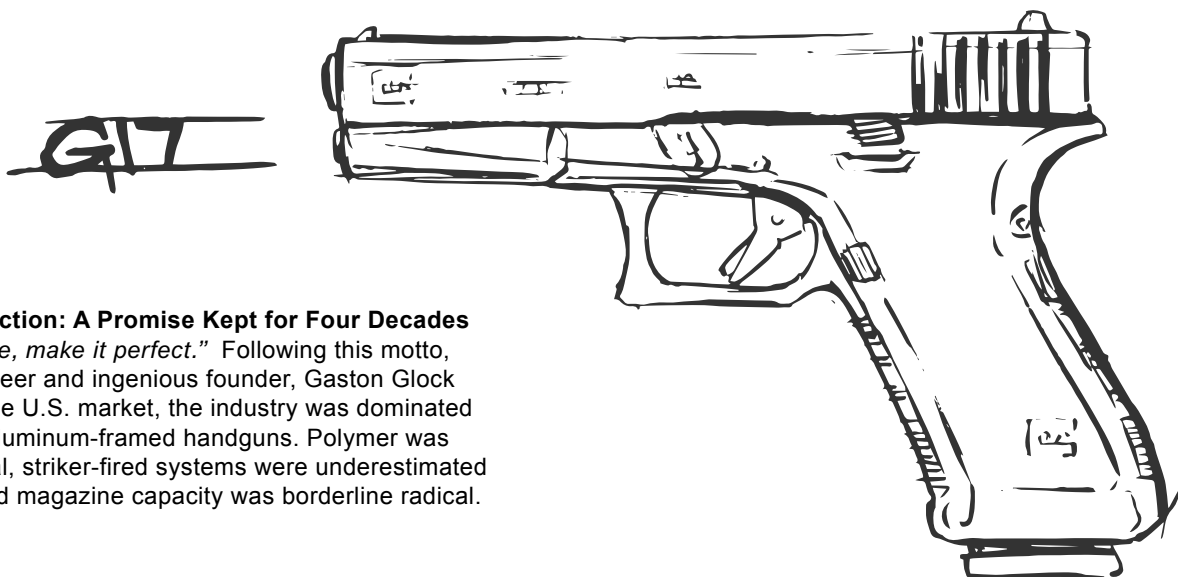




In 2026, as GLOCK celebrates its 40th anniversary in the United States, the company looks back on a heritage built on innovation, safety, dependability, and relationships with customers.



# Celebrating 40 years in the United States



## GLOCK Perfection: A Promise Kept for Four Decades

*"Make it simple, make it perfect."* Following this motto, Austrian engineer and ingenious founder, Gaston Glock first entered the U.S. market, the industry was dominated by steel and aluminum-framed handguns. Polymer was unconventional, striker-fired systems were underestimated and a 17-round magazine capacity was borderline radical.

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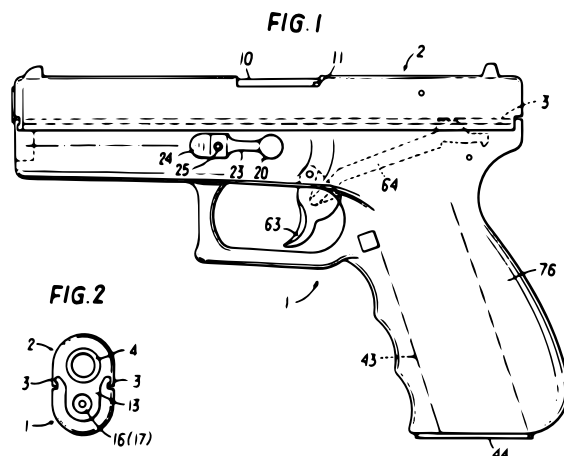
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[11] Patent Number: 4,539,889

[45] Date of Patent: Sep. 10, 1985

[54] AUTOMATIC PISTOL WITH  
COUNTERACTING SPRING CONTROL  
MECHANISM

[76] Inventor: Gaston Glock, Siebenbürger Strasse  
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# 1986

*GLOCK, Inc.* officially begins selling its first pistols from the newly opened U.S. headquarters in Smyrna, GA, marking the company's first step into the American market.



Skepticism was high—until Americans shot it. Within a few short years, law enforcement agencies across the country began adopting the GLOCK platform. Reliability testing results were staggering; the pistols simply ran. GLOCK never set out to follow the industry. GLOCK set out to solve problems - simplicity, durability, and consistency. America immediately saw the value in that.

By the 1990s, GLOCK had become a staple of American law enforcement, with millions of officers relying on GLOCK pistols across federal, state, and local agencies.

#### **A Growing Footprint and an American Workforce**

As demand continued to rise, so did the company's investment in the United States. GLOCK expanded manufacturing and training operations, built new facilities, and added hundreds of American jobs.

# 2013

GLOCK opens a major new U.S. production facility in Smyrna, expanding domestic manufacturing and reducing reliance on imports.



Today, GLOCK pistols sold in America are increasingly made in America, combining Austrian engineering with American skill and manufacturing precision. GLOCK stands for the highest levels of quality and customer satisfaction.

#### **Innovation Through the Generations**

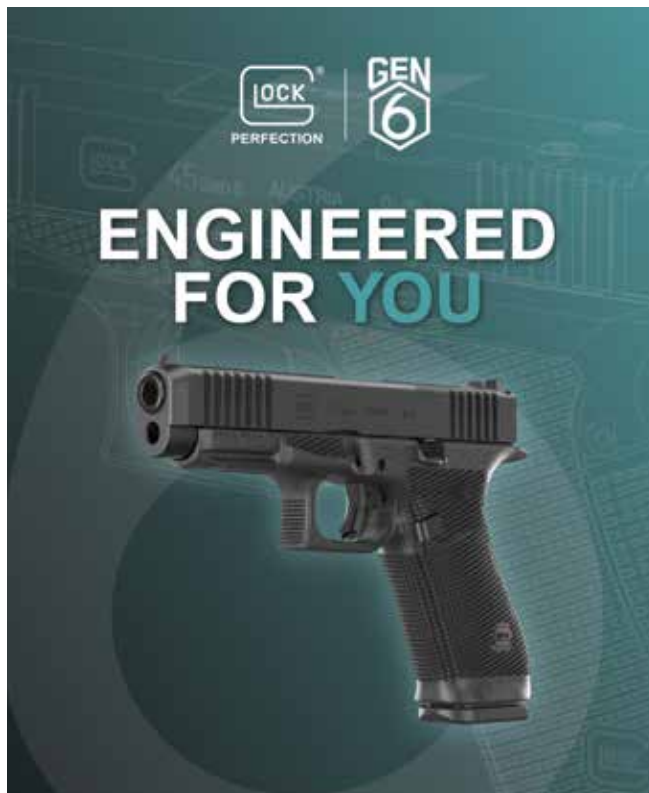
Over the last forty years, GLOCK's U.S. presence has also shaped the firearms landscape through continuous refinement. From the original G17 to the newly introduced 6th generation of GLOCK pistols, the evolution reflects user-driven innovation.

Whether for concealed carry, competitive shooting, or duty use, GLOCK pistols have become synonymous with reliability and performance. Models like the G19 - often called "the American standard" - remain top sellers year after year.

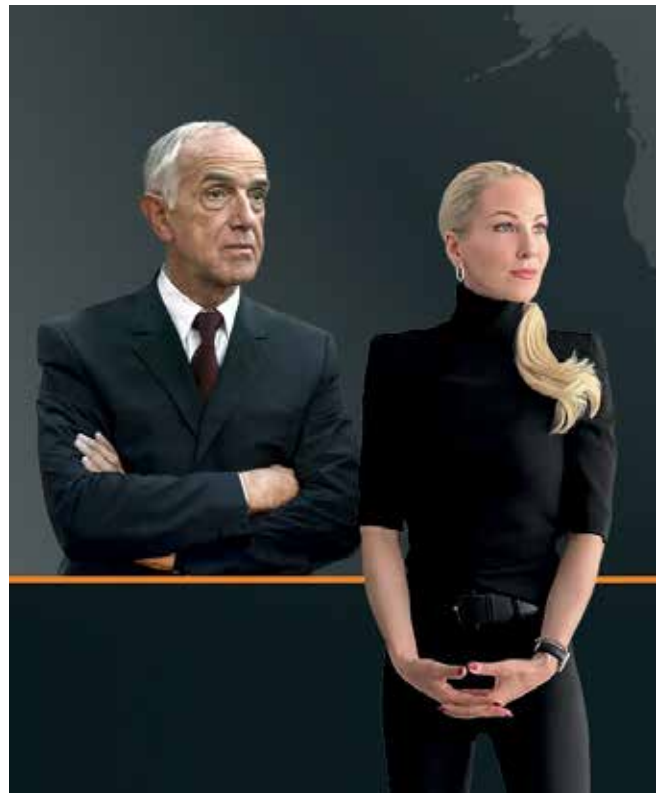


# 2026

Gen6 pistols launch globally, featuring enhanced ergonomics for increased usability and comfort with a unique optic ready system.



# 40 Years Forward



## A Partnership with America's Shooters

Tens of millions of American civilians now rely on GLOCK pistols. From everyday carriers and competitive shooters to veterans and first-time gun owners, the brand's reach is unmatched.

**Celebrating 35 years of the GLOCK Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF).** Founded in 1991, GSSF played a crucial role in building that community, offering competition, training events, and camaraderie for shooters of all ages.



**As GLOCK marks its 40th year in America, the company is not merely looking back - it's planning ahead.** Investment in U.S. manufacturing continues. Training programs and partnerships are expanding. New models and accessories push the boundaries of performance. And the guiding principles of our founder, Gaston Glock, remain unchanged.

As one of the few privately run and independent businesses in the word market, GLOCK lives by the values of its charismatic founder, Gaston Glock: striving for Perfection and unconditionally determined to reach unique achievements through drive, commitment, and passion.

For four decades, GLOCK has shaped the way America shoots, trains, and protects. And as the next forty years begin with the life's work of Gaston Glock continued in his spirit by his wife, Kathrin Glock, one thing is unmistakably clear: **GLOCK's American story is ready for the future as Perfection continues.**

# **GLOCK®** **V SERIES**

**THE NEW BASELINE**

**G17 V • G19 V • G19X V • G26 V • G45 V  
G20 V MOS • G21 V MOS • G23 V • G23 V MOS • G44 V**

As part of GLOCK's commitment to ongoing innovation, we are making necessary updates to our product line to align with future offerings. Our dedication continues to be with maintaining the highest level of quality, reliability, and accessibility that you expect from GLOCK.

The GLOCK V Series is here to establish a baseline of products with the same trusted look and performance you already know.

Visit [GLOCK.US](https://www.glock.us) to view models and specifications.

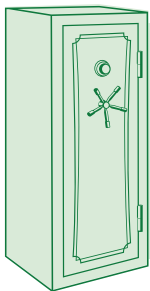






# JOIN THE FIREARM SAFETY INITIATIVE WITH GLOCK®

Firearm safety is the most important part of responsible gun ownership. Make sure to practice safe storage, know your laws, and follow the four rules of firearm safety.



## SAFE STORAGE

Gun owners have multiple options for safely storing firearms. Gun owners can choose from safe storage options like a cable lock, lock box, biometric safes, and more. All GLOCK pistols are shipped with a cable lock to ensure all GLOCK pistol owners have the ability to safely store their firearm.



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 YOUR SIGHTS ARE ALIGNED ON THE TARGET AND YOU ARE READY TO FIRE



4 ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET **AND WHAT'S BEYOND IT**

## USE YOUR GUN PROPERLY & LAWFULLY



An essential part of responsible gun ownership is knowing federal and local gun laws and always carrying responsibly. This means staying up-to-date on the laws in your area and taking time to train with your firearm. Violating gun laws can have severe and lasting consequences. The proper and safe function of your firearm depends on it being used for its intended purposes and not being altered or modified. Avoid altering or modifying your firearm from its original condition. Any attempt at converting your firearm from semiautomatic to fully automatic through the use of any device is illegal and strictly prohibited under state and federal laws and vehemently opposed by GLOCK. Follow the law and stay informed of laws applicable to the purchase, sale, and use of your firearm. Never use your firearm unlawfully.

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# GLOCK'S 40 YEAR COMMITMENT TO FIREARM SAFETY IN THE U.S.A.

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As the leading manufacturer of firearms for law enforcement and qualified citizens around the globe, GLOCK has always taken a proactive position on what must remain a top priority when handling firearms: safety.

This commitment began in the 1980s, when Austrian engineer, Gaston Glock, developed a then-radical design for the Ministry of Defense. Integrated into the design were three independent mechanical safeties: a trigger safety, a firing pin safety, and a drop safety. At that time, such attention to mechanical safety was rare. For instance, many legacy designs were not “drop safe.” Mr. Glock did not compromise.

From the beginning, GLOCK dedicated itself to highlighting and promoting safety. Sales and training programs were specifically designed to educate customers and operators by consistently reinforcing the Four Rules of Firearms Safety.

Through dealer training programs in the 1980s, GLOCK brought safety instruction directly to consumers—a practice that continues today. Every GLOCK pistol package includes a firearms safety brochure and a gun lock for safe storage. The company also provides safety support materials such as range posters through the GLOCK Range Program and partners with law enforcement nationwide by supplying firearm safety kits. In addition, GLOCK supports industry initiatives such as those of the NSSF, which promote responsible ownership and national shooting sports programs.

## Safety in Training and Sport

The safety thread runs deeply through GLOCK Training programs. Beginning with law enforcement instruction in the 1980s and continuing today under GLOCK Professional, the Four Rules are part of every course—briefed at the start of each training day, even in non-firing classes such as the Armorer's Course. When





handling real firearms, safety is always primary and remains the first objective of GLOCK instructors.

Launched in the early 1990s, the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) also prioritizes firearms safety and safety awareness in its mission statement. By instructing owners in safe handling techniques, GSSF has educated tens of thousands of shooters over the decades.

### Take The Pledge

For over 10 years, GLOCK has recognized their commitment to safety, highlighting GLOCK's unwavering commitment to responsible firearm ownership and safety education through this national campaign to Take the Pledge for firearm safety. The program was created to reinforce awareness of firearm safety best-practices across all audiences - new shooters, experienced gun owners, and law enforcement alike. By centralizing messag-

ing under a simple, memorable call to action, GLOCK ensures that safety remains the foundation of every interaction with their products.

GLOCK provides digital resources, shareable graphics, and educational resources to promote safe storage, handling, and proper use. Whether it is through law enforcement agencies distributing firearm safety kits or through Team GLOCK athletes modelling best practices on the range, this year-round campaign represents a unified, company-wide commitment: to make safety second-nature.

### Looking Ahead

Now celebrating the 40th Anniversary in the United States, GLOCK continues to lead in promoting firearms safety through every firearm sale, training course, shooting match, and much more.

# #IAMGLOCK GLOCKIMONIALS

Every day, GLOCK receives communications from fans about their fondness and love for the GLOCK brand and products. We are sharing a few of these experiences with you here.

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US AT [US.GLOCK.COM/IAMGLOCK](https://us.glock.com/iamglock)



"As a retired Army sniper and gunsmith, I've always respected GLOCK reliability, but a recent elk hunt in Colorado proved it firsthand. I was with a friend in the backcountry of Gypsum, Colorado without cell service. I was looking through the wood line at one point, and then looked back down before I heard what sounded like a charging horse coming from the woods. A large black bear was charging at me at full speed. When my rifle malfunctioned, I drew my GLOCK 29 pistol and fired while moving backward. The pistol stopped the bear just feet from me and gave me the chance to end the encounter safely.

I walked away uninjured because my sidearm performed flawlessly. That experience confirmed exactly why I carry and recommend GLOCK pistols."

— Andrew M.



I recently completed the Operator Course at GLOCK Professional, and it proved to be one of the most valuable training experiences I've had. The instruction was clear, practical, and delivered with a level of precision that made the entire course feel purposeful and safe. I left with a stronger understanding of my performance and the tools to improve it. One of the biggest takeaways was finally identifying my true dominant eye—a detail I had overlooked for years. That single insight immediately changed the way I approach shooting, and it's already making a measurable difference. A memorable part of the week was training alongside Chris Edwards. I first learned from him in the Armorer's Course years ago. Every visit to GLOCK Professional reinforces the value the organization brings to the shooting community. The programs, the structure, and the experience all work together to genuinely elevate shooters at every level. As a civilian, I'm especially grateful for what GSSF offers, and I continue to share its benefits with others. This course was impactful in all the right ways, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn from such a dedicated team.

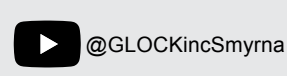
— Bernie D.



"I wanted to share an experience that proved the durability of my G45 in a way I never expected. While helping my son load lawn equipment, I placed my pistol on my front driver's-side tire—something I had never done before and will never do again. We were in a hurry, and as I backed up, I heard the pistol hit the driveway. I stopped immediately and heard plastic scraping against concrete. When I got out, my suspicions were confirmed: my 5,900-lb Ford Raptor had just been parked on top of my G45. The pistol was still holstered on the ground. When I picked it up to clear and inspect it, the bottom cap of the magazine fell off and all the ammunition scattered. Other than heavy scraping and a destroyed mag, the pistol itself looked surprisingly solid. After returning home, I inspected it more thoroughly—sights, lighting, and especially the magazine release were all still intact. Yesterday I took it to the range to see if it would run, and it performed flawlessly through 100 rounds. This mattered a lot to me because my G45 and G36 are my everyday carry pistols that I trust with my life and my family's safety. When I went to the local gun shop, the gentleman behind the counter was trying to sell me another platform. When I told the story, he just went silent. He finally said, 'You just gave me the best testimony for someone looking for a durable EDC platform!' My G45 fell from a 35" tire, had a 5,900-lb truck parked on it, and still operated exactly as I've come to expect. Other than cosmetic damage and a ruined magazine, it's flawless. I now fully understand why my friends in law enforcement rely on this platform. Thank you for producing such a reliable, high-quality firearm."

— Steve, M.

## CONNECT WITH GLOCK





# JOIN GLOCK IQ®



**A PLATFORM  
DESIGNED  
SPECIFICALLY FOR  
THE FIREARMS  
COMMUNITY**



GLOCK® IQ is a uniquely fun way for GLOCK owners, enthusiasts and newcomers to connect and share with other like-minded individuals.

- Learn from a community of members and firearms experts
- Get tips and see news and upcoming events
- Talk GLOCK and learn about ammo and accessories
- And so much more



Join the GLOCK IQ Community  
Sign up today at [GLOCKIQ.com](https://GLOCKIQ.com)





# NRAAM 2025 GLOCK COUNTRY

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The 2025 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits held special significance for GLOCK, taking place just minutes from the U.S. headquarters in Smyrna, Georgia. With the show set in what many proudly call GLOCK Country, the event carried a sense of hometown pride for GLOCK advocates. Employees, partners, and lifelong fans felt the difference—this year wasn't just another NRAAM; it was an opportunity to welcome the firearms community into GLOCK's own backyard.

Show attendees traveled from across the United States to visit the GLOCK booth, where the GLOCK x AIMPOINT pistols drew steady crowds. Many visitors saw the collaboration for the first time in person, and the excitement around the product launch was unmistakable. Conversations, photos, and hands-on engagement filled the booth throughout the weekend.

An interactive historical timeline offered visitors a deeper look into GLOCK's decades of innovation. Many paused to reflect on where their personal journey with the brand began—whether through military service, law enforcement, competitive shooting, or a first purchase at the local range. The booth became more than a showcase; it became a walk through shared history. One of the standout moments of the weekend took place off the show floor. GLOCK hosted a special gathering for GLOCK IQ members at Puttshack, Atlanta. It was a celebration designed to recognize and thank the community that brings so much energy and authenticity to the brand.

The evening highlighted the role GLOCK IQ members play in shaping the broader GLOCK ecosystem. Their knowledge-sharing, positive engagement, and commitment to responsible firearm ownership have helped the platform become a trusted and fun community.



# WELCOME TO GLOCK®



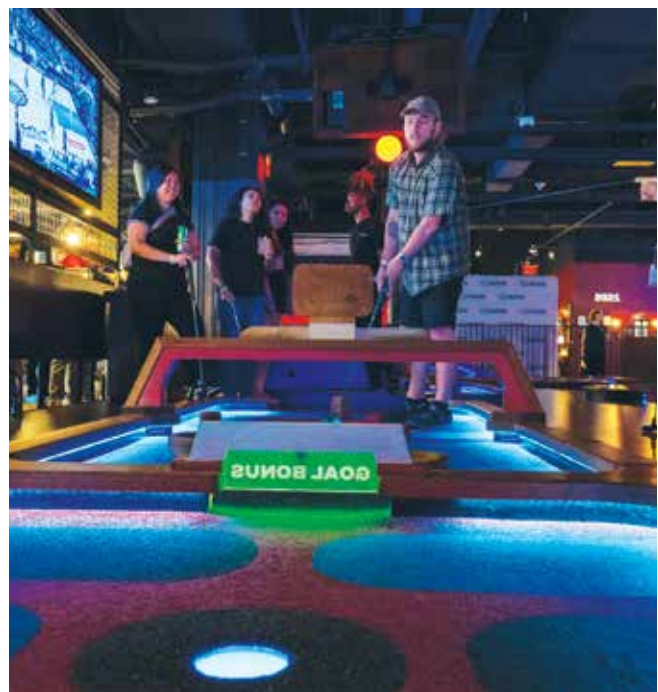
# COUNTRY

Members connected face-to-face, shared stories, celebrated milestones, and enjoyed a night designed entirely for them. The meetup reinforced what makes the GLOCK IQ community unique: a shared commitment to learning, responsible ownership, and elevating the standard for what a modern firearm community can be.

During the event, members were welcomed with heartfelt remarks expressing gratitude for their dedication and their role in strengthening the GLOCK family. The message was clear: GLOCK IQ is a community built on lasting relationships, education, and enthusiasm for GLOCK pistols. By investing their time and expertise, members help advance the mission that began with founder Gaston Glock's pursuit of perfection and continues to guide the company today.

From product showcases to meaningful conversations, the weekend captured the culture and values that continue to drive the brand.

The 2025 NRA Annual Meetings & GIQ meetup will be remembered for the sense of community and hometown pride in GLOCK Country. It was a celebration of where GLOCK has been, where it's headed, and the people who help move it forward every day. See you at NRAAM 2026 in Houston, TX!



# GLOCK® CONTINUES ITS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY

■ AUTHOR: KAREN BUTLER - IMAGES BY: SHOOT LIKE A GIRL

## Our Evolving Mission

The mission of SLG2, Inc. has remained constant, but it has also evolved to adapt to the market around us. We not only reach out to women but also men, families, and communities—we aim to empower people to participate in shooting sports with confidence and to help them understand the safety and responsibilities that accompany firearms handling and ownership.

## Our Program Experience

SLG2, Inc. is an event marketing company that provides shooting experiences to people across the country free of charge. Our two experiences, Shoot Like A Girl and Safe LivinG, have a broad impact through our partnerships with two retail partners: Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's and Army Air Force Exchange Services.

## Inside the Trailers

Under the leadership of our contracted instructors, guests can shoot a pistol and rifle utilizing a FATS by InVeris system that provides realistic shooting which mimics recoil, sound, and target acquisition but uses no projectile. At the Shoot Like A Girl experience, women also get the opportunity to shoot a compound bow.

## Outside the Trailers

We feature our "Gun Bar" with our partners' deactivated firearms on display for guests to have a side-by-side comparison with one of our team members. We also have several other product demonstrations for guests to learn more about firearms accessories and other items.

## GLOCK Displays Six Pistol Models on our Gun Bars:

- GLOCK 44
- GLOCK 42
- GLOCK 43
- GLOCK 43X
- GLOCK 48
- GLOCK 17

## Twelve Years of Impact

In the twelve years GLOCK has partnered with SLG2, Inc, we have had over 41,500 people participate in our events across the country. GLOCK has been with us every step of the way. This year alone, as of July 1, 2025, we have had over 3,200 guests experience shooting sports at SLG2, Inc. events.



Ladies gather on the range for training with SLG2, Inc.







### Looking Forward

We are so thankful that GLOCK continues to promote safe, responsible shooting sports as a partner of SLG2, Inc. They have impacted tens of thousands of lives through their continued dedication to growing the number of people who participate in shooting sports and empowering them with the confidence to be safe, responsible gun owners.

### The Beginning of a Partnership

I will never forget the first time I approached GLOCK marketing about partnering with SLG2, Inc's Shoot Like A Girl to "empower women to participate in shooting sports with confidence." GLOCK was one of the first firearms companies we reached out to. At the time, I was not only very new to the firearms industry, but we were also a relatively young company at just 4 years old. Without hesitation, the team at GLOCK committed to a partnership, and twelve years later, they are still supporting our mission.

### Testimonials

The intangible data is reflected in our guest testimonials. 70% of our guests are new to shooting, or don't shoot often. These testimonials are from a few of our guests who said they purchased GLOCK pistols:

"I'm glad I gave it a try even though I was hesitant at first. The women knew exactly how to give perfect instructions on how to properly hold and fire a firearm."

– Emiliano, Portage, Indiana

"The staff at the Safe Living event hosted at Fort Benning were super nice, courteous, knowledgeable and promoted safety as the highest priority."

– Nick, Fort Benning, Georgia

"The instructors were very helpful in explaining the safety of both bow and firearm. They helped me find the gun that fits in my hands the best."

– Tracy, Buda, Texas

"It was a great experience as my wife had never shot anything before."

– Jayson

# THE GLOCK SPORT SHOOTING FOUNDATION®

## 2025 MATCH OF THE YEAR

■ AUTHOR: SCOTT DROBNICK - IMAGES BY: FERNAN ROD & GUN CLUB



A competitor at the Coeur D'Alene GLOCK Classic.



The 2025 Coeur D'Alene GLOCK Classic not only drew a record-breaking 375 competitors but also showcased the dedication and leadership behind the event.

The Coeur D'Alene match showcased incredible shooting skills while demonstrating the growing enthusiasm in the area for the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation. With each passing year, the match continues to foster community and dedication to shooting sports and inspire future generations of shooters.

Tim McCormick, the match director, was integral to the success of this year's competition. His efforts included recruiting volunteers, organizing set-up, meeting with club officers, and silent auction staffing. Tim also thought outside the box to publicize the event, getting posters and business cards made with easy digital match sign-up.

One of the highlights of the competition was the performance of Mark Ayala, who emerged as the overall winner, or "Match-Meister," with an impressive score of 49.32 in the Competition Division. His precision and focus helped him claim the top spot in a highly competitive field, adding his name to a prestigious list of GSSF MatchMeister's. This accomplishment also earned Mark an invitation to the Gunny Challenge, an invitation-only shooter vs. shooter heads up competition held at the GLOCK Annual Match in September. The top prize for the winner of the "Gunny" is a check and acknowledgement as the top GSSF Shooter of the Year.

The match brought together a diverse group of competitors, from seasoned pros to first time gun owners, all vying for top honors in a weekend filled with fun and camaraderie. The event featured a fantastic silent auction with an impressive selection of items. Among the auction items were pistols, gun safes, class vouchers, range memberships, parts and accessories, cleaning supplies, gift packs, and many other exciting items.

In addition to the main competition, a practice bay was set up where shooters could engage in fun skill-building drills, allowing participants to test their precision and hone their abilities in a relaxed environment.

This year's event was truly a remarkable showcase of skill, community, and the spirit of shooting sports. It was all made possible by the hard work and leadership of the 45 volunteers plus the club's officers and members who allowed us to share their range for the weekend. Everyone involved went out of their way to make this match the best it could be. Which is why we are proud to name The Coeur D'Alene GLOCK Classic the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation's 2025 Match of the Year.

As we look forward to next year's match, July 11th & 12th 2026, the bar has clearly been set high, and with a dedicated team like the Fernan Rod & Gun Club has the future of the Coeur D'Alene GLOCK Classic looks brighter than ever.

Volunteer or find a match near you at [GSSF.PRO](https://www.gssf.pro).



# 2025 GSSF® VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

■ IMAGES BY: GLOCK PROFESSIONAL

Meet Jim Graf, Navy veteran and GSSF volunteer. He is a Lifetime member who joined GSSF in 2016 and earned Master in May 2020. Since joining GSSF, Jim has volunteered to be a range officer in over 74 matches. This is quite an accomplishment, and we are grateful for his help.

Jim is a welcome addition to any match. He has a warm smile, great sense of humor and a can-do attitude. Fun to work with,

Jim has been known to tell a story or two and is usually volunteering from setup throughout the weekend. He is an expert at GSSF squadding and keeps his stage running smoothly. His travels take him to the GSSF outdoor matches in the southeast.

It is for these reasons and more that we are proud to announce Jim Graf as the 2025 GSSF Volunteer of the Year! Thank you for your service to our nation and GSSF.



GSSF staff congratulates Jim Graf as their 2025 Volunteer of the Year.



Jim keeping score on the range with a big smile.





GSSF volunteers gather for a photo at the GSSF GLOCK Annual Match and Gunny Challenge.

# 35 YEARS OF GSSF®

■ AUTHOR: CHRIS EDWARDS - IMAGES BY: GLOCK PROFESSIONAL

In 1991, GLOCK, Inc. created a program of shooting competitions which was unprecedented and unique. The program was called the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® or GSSF. GLOCK's founder, Gaston Glock, fully supported the venture to create a community of GLOCK sport shooters. The first GSSF match was held in October 1991, at the old County Police Firearms Range. There were only a few dozen participants/competitors, but, as the saying goes, it was the start of something big.

I have been reviewing old images and documents from the mid-1990s on, and it is amazing how much has changed yet remains in some ways the same. Through the 1990s, the number of matches increased, and more staff were brought on to meet demand. Two of the early volunteer range officers, Scott Gilbertson and Cindy Noyes, eventually became employees and contributed to the overall program over the decades. Initially, the GSSF courses of fire were designed to be open to all levels of responsible citizens. That continues today. Mr. Glock wanted to showcase his products while opening GLOCK to the

community, and competitions were one way to do that. GLOCK pistols were newer in the '90s, with qualities that were not widely known. Competition would confirm GLOCK pistols safety, reliability, accuracy, and shoot ability. The early matches had a few divisions or categories of different GLOCK pistols. As the years and GLOCK model numbers increased, so did the divisions. The Subcompact Division addressed GLOCK pistols with subcompact frames, like the G26 and G27 models, which were revolutionary in the mid-1990s. The Competition Division expanded with the introduction of the G34 and G35 competition pistols. Expanding divisions for different GLOCK models ensured that no matter what GLOCK customers owned, there was a place to compete. The multiple avenues encouraged a G17 pistol owner to possibly try a subcompact G26 model for more shooting! This inclusiveness and growth continue to this current day.

Another prominent period was the coming of "Gunny," famous actor and former GLOCK spokesperson, R. Lee Ermey. He took a personal interest in GSSF matches because as a US



Marine he was all about shooting accurately. He championed the GLOCK Gunny Challenge, where accomplished competitors shot in a special event at the GSSF Annual Match. With the Gunny Challenge as an accompanying celebrity, interest steadily increased. Gunny's interactions with competitors did much to foster goodwill and positive impressions for GSSF. His memory continues to this day. The Gunny Challenge is run yearly at the Annual Match, with GLOCK pistols proving their reliability, accuracy, and highly efficient performance.

Other notable touchpoints over time include adaptive competitors joining in on the competition at GSSF. Over the years, GSSF has had members who had significant mobility challenges. Some needed powered wheelchairs, others had visual difficulties, and more. The basic GSSF course designs allowed them to participate safely with whatever level of assistance needed. Several high-level competitors in other disciplines have utilized GSSF matches as an introduction to safe and fun shooting for newer firearm owners. And finally, shooters who are well-seasoned have participated in GSSF into their 80s!

Thirty-five years after the first match in 1991, GSSF remains relevant, because it continues to grow with the firearms community it serves. As GLOCK introduces new pistols, the program evolves alongside them, expanding the roster and refining divisions so members always have a place to compete. From early full-size models to subcompacts, competition pistols, and today's expanded lineup, GSSF has adapted while keeping its original focus on safe, accessible competition for shooters of all experience levels.

That approach has fueled consistent, meaningful growth. In 2025, GSSF surpassed 50,000 members, becoming the largest sport shooting organization in the United States. This milestone reflects decades of steady participation and trust built through well-run matches, inclusive course design, and a commitment to responsible shooting. Thirty-five years in, GSSF continues to move forward—welcoming new shooters, engaging long-time competitors, and remaining a central gathering point for the GLOCK shooting community.



# 2026 OUTDOOR MATCH SCHEDULE

| DATE            | MATCH                               | HOST CLUB   | WEBSITE                                       | RANGE ADDRESS  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>JANUARY</b>  |                                     |   |   |  |
| JAN 24-25       | LVPSC Gamblers Challenge            | Las Vegas Practical Shooting Club                     | brpc1.org                                     | 2700 Utah Street, Boulder City, NV 89005             |
| JAN 31- FEB 1   | Mississippi GLOCK Classic           | Boondocks FTA   | boondocksfta.com                              | 11771 Hwy 18, Raymond, MS 39154                      |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b> |                                     |   |   |  |
| FEB 7-8         | Charleston GLOCK Challenge          | Palmetto Gun Club                                     | palmettogunclub.org                           | 761 Summers Drive Ridgeville, SC 29472               |
| FEB 14-15       | Northern Florida Regional Classic   | Talon Range   | talontraininggroup.com                        | 550 Commerce Blvd Midway, FL 32343                   |
| FEB 28 - MAR 1  | The Ouachita Regional Challenge     | Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Public Range                | opso.net                                      | 357 Sheriff Fewell Road West Monroe, LA 71292        |
| <b>MARCH</b>    |                                     |   |   |  |
| MAR 6-8         | River Bend Ballistic Challenge      | River Bend Gun Club                                   | rbgc.org                                      | 234-240 River Bend Gun Club Rd Dawsonville, GA 30534 |
| MAR 7-8         | ImpactZone GLOCK Challenge          | ImpactZone Gun Club                                   | impactzonegunclub.com                         | 10878 Kerr Road Hempstead, TX 77445                  |
| MAR 14-15       | Northern California GLOCK Challenge | Yolo Sportsmans Association                           | yolosportsmansassociation.com                 | 24001-25799 Aviation Ave. Davis, CA 95616            |
| MAR 14-15       | Emerald Coast GLOCK Classic         | Element Training Center                               | southern tacticalrange.com                    | 4418 Cooper Lane Holt, FL                            |
| MAR 21-22       | Pima GLOCK Challenge                | Pima Pistol Club                                      | pimapistclub.com                              | 13990 N Lago Del Oro Parkway Catalina, AZ 85738      |
| MAR 21-22       | NW Indiana Regional GLOCK Shoot     | North Porter County Conservation Club                 | npcccinc.com                                  | 927 N Calumet Ave Chesterton, IN 46304               |
| MAR 28-29       | Veritas GLOCK Challenge             | Manatee Gun & Archery Club                            | manateegunclub.com                            | 1805 Logue Rd Myakka City, FL 34251                  |
| <b>APRIL</b>    |                                     |   |   |  |
| APR 11-12       | Delaware State GSSF Challenge       | Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club                       | bville-rifle-pistol.org                       | 10409 Rifle Range Road Bridgeville, DE 19933         |
| APR 11-12       | Sweet Home Alabama GLOCK Challenge  | Central Alabama Gun Club                              | centralalabamagunclub.com                     | 34791 Co. Rd 2 Shorter, AL 36075                     |
| APR 18-19       | Old Dominion GLOCK Challenge        | Brushy Mountain Club                                  | brushymountainclub.com                        | 1813 Izaak Walton Rd Hurt, Virginia                  |
| APR 18-19       | Gem State Classic                   | Nampa Rod & Gun club                                  | nrage.com                                     | 7990 Bennet Road Nampa, ID 83686                     |
| APR 26-27       | Homestead GLOCK Challenge           | Homestead Training Center                             | shoothtc.com                                  | 11700 SW 304Th St. Homestead, FL 33033               |
| <b>MAY</b>      |                                     |   |   |  |
| MAY 2-3         | Foothills GSSF Match                | Foothills Public Shooting Complex Of Cleveland County | foothillspublicshooting.cc                    | 283 Fielding Rd Cherryville, NC 28150                |
| MAY 2-3         | Pacific Coast Challenge             | Albany Rifle & Pistol Club                            | arpc.info                                     | 29999 Saddle Butte Road Shedd, OR 97377              |
| MAY 9-10        | IN-OH-KY Borderlands Shootout       | Laugery Valley Fish and Game                          | laugeryvalleyfishandgameclub.godaddysites.com | 4852 South Friendship Road Versailles, IN 47001      |
| MAY 16-17       | Belton Blast                        | Belton Gun Club                                       | beltongunclubinc.wildapricot.org              | 153 Range Road Belton, SC 29627                      |
| MAY 16-17       | Northern Lakes Regional Classic     | Oakdale Gun Club                                      | oakdalegunclub.org                            | 10386 10th St. N. Lake Elmo, MN 55042                |
| MAY 30-31       | Big Sioux Ballistic Challenge       | Big Sioux Rifle & Pistol Club                         | bigsioxrifleandpistolclub.com                 | 25951 484th Ave. Valley Springs, SD 57068            |
| MAY 30- 31      | Benton Gun Club GSSF Challenge      | Benton Gun Club                                       | bentongunclub.org                             | 5522 Mt. Olive Cutoff Road Bauxite, AR 72011         |
| <b>JUNE</b>     |                                     |   |   |  |
| JUN 6-7         | GLOCK Fire on the Mountain          | Daisytown Sportsmen's Club                            | daisytownsportsmensclub.com                   | 198 Fulmer Rd Johnstown, PA 15904                    |
| JUN 6-7         | Beaver State Ballistic Challenge    | Chehalem Valley Sportsman Club                        | cvsc.us                                       | 9401 NE Worden Hill Rd Dundee, OR 97115              |
| JUN 13-14       | Garden State Regional Classic       | Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club                    | cjrpc.org                                     | 161 S Stump Tavern Rd Jackson, NJ 08527              |
| JUN 20-21       | The Joe Ocken Montana GLOCK Classic | Western Montana F & G Association                     | wmfga.org                                     | 101-329 Deer Creek Rd Missoula, MT 59802             |
| JUN 20-21       | CCFSA GLOCK Classic                 | Clinton County Farmers and Sportsmen's Assn           | ccfsa.net                                     | 801 Baston Road Wilmington, OH 45177                 |
| JUN 27-28       | Bourbon Country Classic             | Anderson County Sportsman's Club                      | acscky.net                                    | 1070 Old Joe Road Lawrenceburg, KY                   |

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



# 2026 OUTDOOR MATCH SCHEDULE



| DATE             | MATCH                                     | HOST CLUB                            | WEBSITE  | RANGE ADDRESS                                     |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>JULY</b>      |   |                                      |  |   |
| JUL 11-12        | Coeur D'Alene GLOCK Classic               | Fernan Rod & Gun Club                | frgc.org   | 11400 E. Fernan Lake Road Couer D'Alene, ID 83814 |
| JUL 11-12        | Buckeye State Ballistic Challenge         | Ft. Harmar Rifle Club                | fortharmar.com                                   | 3265 Fifteen Mile Creek Road Marietta, OH 45750   |
| JUL 18-19        | Great Lakes Regional Classic              | Livingston Gun Club                  | livingstongunclub.org                            | 2406-2412 Hunter Road Brighton, MI 48114          |
| JUL 18-19        | Twin Tiers Regional Classic               | Pine City Sportsmens Club            | pinecitysportsmensclub.com                       | 187 Mountain View Dr<br>Pine City, NY 14871       |
| JUL 25-26        | Scarborough Fish & Game Annual GSSF Match | Scarborough Fish & Game Association  | scarfg.org                                       | 21 Fish & Game Lane Scarborough, ME 04074         |
| JUL 25-26        | Virginia Ballistic Challenge              | Triangle Sportsmen's Club            | triangleonline.org                               | 770 Triangle Road Bluefield, VA 24605             |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |   |                                      |  |   |
| AUG 1-2          | Ontario Region GLOCK Challenge            | Ontario Rod and Gun Club             | theorgc.com                                      | 2523 Trimble Rd Ontario, Ny 14519                 |
| AUG 1-2          | RSC GLOCK Shoot Out                       | City of Rawlins Shooting Complex     | rawlinswy.gov/151/Indoor-Outdoor-Shooting-Ranges | 2021 E Gun Club Rd Rawlins, Wy 82301              |
| AUG 8-9          | Rocky Mountain Regional Classic           | Weld County Fish & Wildlife Range    | wctfw.org  | 38980 County Rd 51, Eaton, CO 80615               |
| AUG 8-9          | Northwestern Regional Classic             | Jefferson County Sportsmen's Assn.   | jeffersoncountysportsmen.org                     | 112 Gun Club Road Port Townsend, WA 98368         |
| AUG 15-16        | Keystone State Ballistic Challenge        | Topton Fish & Game Association       | toptonfga.org                                    | 26 Tina Lane Mertztown, PA 19539                  |
| AUG 15-16        | GLOCK @ Lima Sabres For All               | Lima Sabres Shooting Association Inc | limasabres.com                                   | 5090 Hanthorn Rd Lima, OH                         |
| AUG 22-23        | Northern California Regional Classic      | Richmond Rod & Gun Club              | richmondrodandgun.com                            | 3155 Goodrick Ave. Richmond, CA 94801             |
| AUG 29-30        | Oak Park GLOCK Challenge                  | Oak Park Sportsmens Club             | opsc.us  | 14732 Frontage Road Plainfield, IL 60544          |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |   |                                      |  |   |
| SEP 12-13        | Atomic City GSSF                          | Los Alamos Sportsmans Club           | la-sc.org  | Rendija Road Los Alamos, NM 87544                 |
| SEP 12-13        | Badger State Regional Classic             | Schultz Resort Rod & Gun Club        | schultzgunclub.com                               | W146 S8025 Schultz Lane Muskego, WI 53150         |
| SEP 18-20        | GLOCK Annual Shoot-Gunny Challenge        | Pete Lien & Sons Shooting Complex    | gfp.sd.gov                                       | 21602 Elk Vale Road Piedmont, SD 57769            |
| SEP 26-27        | TSF GLOCK Classic                         | Tennessee Sports Foundation          | tnsportsfoundation.org                           | 3583 Riverside Drive Jackson, TN 38301            |
| SEP 26-27        | The Sunflower State Classic               | Trigger Guard                        | triggerguardonline.com                           | 313 N. Meridian Road Wellington, KS 67152         |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |   |                                      |  |   |
| OCT 3-4          | Eastern Nebraska GLOCK Classic            | Eastern Nebraska Gun Club            | engc.us  | 12700 NE-66 (Hwy 66) Louisville, NE 68037         |
| OCT 3-4          | Showdown at Big Creek                     | Mobile County Sheriff's Office Range | mobileso.com                                     | 12251 Tanner Williams Rd Mobile, AL 36608         |
| OCT 10-11        | Bluegrass Regional Classic                | Bluegrass Sportsmens League          | bgsinc.com                                       | 2500 Handys Bend Rd Wilmore, KY 40390             |
| OCT 10-11        | Port Malabar GLOCK Classic                | Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club     | pmpc.com   | 610 Hurley Blvd SW Palm Bay, FL 32908             |
| OCT 17-18        | Hoosier State Regional Classic            | Atlanta Conservation Club            | atlantaconservationclub.com                      | 29595 Leonard Rd Atlanta, IN 46031                |
| OCT 17-18        | OKC Red Dirt Shootout                     | OKC Gun Club                         | okcgunclub.com                                   | 24507 N Hiwassee Rd Arcadia, OK 73007             |
| OCT 24-25        | Freedom NC GLOCK Challenge                | Freedom Gun Club                     | n/a  | 24 Dunn Road Louisburg, NC 27549                  |
| OCT 31-NOV 1     | Duel in the Desert                        | Tucson Rifle Club                    | tucsonrifclub.org                                | 18300 W Tucson-Ajo Hwy Tucson, AZ 85735           |
| OCT 31-NOV 1     | The GLOCK Showdown in Savannah            | 17 South Rod & Gun Club              | 17southrngclub.com                               | 5899 N. Coastal Hwy Fleming, GA 31309             |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |   |                                      |  |   |
| NOV 7-8          | Palo Alto GLOCK Showdown                  | Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club        | paloaltogunclub.com                              | 1393 La 943 Donaldsonville, LA 70346              |
| NOV 14-15        | The Route 66 GLOCK Challenge              | Route 66 Shooting Sports Park        | r66ssp.com                                       | 15810 CAJON BLVD SAN BERNARDINO CA 92407          |
| NOV 14-15        | GLOCK's In The Pines                      | Angelina Rifle and Pistol Club       |  | 1438 Rifle Road Pollok, TX                        |
| NOV 21-22        | Southern Alabama Regional Classic         | Talon Range of Dothan                | talonrange.com                                   | 372 County Road 560 Midland City, AL              |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |   |                                      |  |   |
| DEC 5-6          | "Remember the Alamo" Ballistic Challenge  | Blackhawk Shooting Range             | blackhawkshootingrange.com                       | 12135 Jaratt Rd Atascosa, TX 78002                |

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DeShawn Johnson took part in more than 50 sport shooting matches.

# MORE THAN A SPORT

## HOW ONE COMPETITOR FOUND HEALING, GROWTH, AND PURPOSE THROUGH SPORT SHOOTING

■ AUTHOR: STEVE PARISEAU - IMAGES BY: DESHAWN JOHNSON

In 2023, first-time competitor DeShawn Johnson attended a GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) match in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Like many newcomers, he was initially uncertain about the process. The GSSF staff guided him through the match, offering encouragement and support, and fellow competitor Fred King even suggested he return the following day to try an additional division.

What began as a single weekend of sport shooting quickly became something more. DeShawn, a combat veteran, had faced significant personal challenges in recent years, including the loss of his son and father within a short span of time. Those hardships, combined with the struggles of grief and recovery, left him searching for a new sense of purpose. After dedicating himself to personal growth, he discovered GSSF.

At his first match, DeShawn was very apprehensive and nearly left before competing, but he pressed forward and soon experienced the values that GSSF is built upon: safety, camaraderie, and support. Though he did not shoot particularly well, he left with something far more important—the reminder of what it meant to feel part of a team. The encouragement he received that day carried the familiar spirit of his time in the Army.

From there, DeShawn's journey accelerated. He attended more matches, gained confidence, and earned recognition for his commitment. Along the way, he was introduced to the world of USPSA and IDPA by Team GLOCK Captain, Shane Coley. Inspired, DeShawn began competing in practical shooting, refining his skills with top instructors and taking part in more than 50 various sport shooting disciplines in 2024.



Although his schedule grew busy with competitions across different disciplines, GSSF remained a foundation for him. In 2025, after a year away, he returned to a GSSF match in Virginia. What he encountered was exactly what he remembered: a community that welcomed him back without hesitation. That sense of belonging reignited his commitment, and he soon earned multiple first-place finishes in the Guardian division. With just one more win, he will achieve the title of GSSF Master.

For DeShawn, the matches are more than competition. They represent connection, healing, and purpose. His story illustrates how GSSF continues to be more than an entry point into shooting sports. It is, for many, a family.

*“This community saved my life. It gave me something to be passionate about, something to look forward to. It motivates me to stay sober, live healthy, and give my best every day. The matches are my sanctuary, my therapy. The people are my friends, my teammates, my family. GSSF gave me more than a sport—it gave me my life back.”*

**- D. Johnson**



# GLOCK SPORT SHOOTING FOUNDATION® COMPETITIONS

## MY FIRST EXPERIENCE

■ AUTHOR: KAREN BUTLER - IMAGES BY: KAREN BUTLER

If you haven't tried a GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation® (GSSF®) competition, I highly recommend it. I competed in an indoor match at my local gun range for the first time and had a blast (pun intended). I met some great people, built memories, learned a lot about my shooting, and developed new skills. I also had the chance to win a pistol; however, that will take more practice if I want to win.

### Joining the GSSF Community

Before shooting in this match, I joined the GSSF community. This community is filled with people who are GLOCK and shooting enthusiasts. As a member, you can receive benefits of a pistol purchase program and opportunities for friendly competition with a staff of people there to encourage and support you. There are many benefits; to learn more go to [www.gssf.pro](http://www.gssf.pro).



Karen enjoying practice time on the range.





Karen's target after a stage at a GSSF match.



### First Impressions

When I first arrived at the range, I was pretty nervous. My shooting competition experience was all in archery, and I had never competed in a firearms match before. I walked in and was instantly welcomed by not only the range staff, but also by the other competitors. Everyone was talking about their equipment and were happy to share pointers on how to be ready for the buzzer and get the best score. There were adults there of every age and a few women there too! It was truly an inclusive environment. By the way, GLOCK offers a Women's Division in these GSSF matches.

### Building Lasting Memories

I believe we almost always remember our first experiences, and I built some lasting memories by competing in this match. I love sports that, even though you are competing against others, you are really competing against yourself.

Since I had not competed in the competition before, I was unsure what to expect. The rules are: you shoot a GLOCK pistol for five ends at different distances and timed for 15 seconds each. Sounds easy, right? Well, I thought so until the buzzer chimed, and I thought, "Wait, what!" For my first attempt, I used

my GLOCK 43 pistol. Then I shot another round, but I used a GLOCK 44 pistol that I was able to rent for free, because I was shooting the GSSF match. By the time I had competed in these two rounds, I was ready to get to the range and practice to improve my score for the next week's match.

### The Importance of Practice

Practice is a must. I'm a pretty good shot, when all of the conditions are controlled. I have time to aim, focus and press the trigger back. However, I've learned that when I have to start with a buzzer and shoot ten shots in 15 seconds, I have a lot to improve upon. I used these matches as a fun way to force myself to take time to go to the range, and I did improve my scores while having a great time.

### Looking Forward

I had so much fun shooting the GSSF matches that I purchased a new gun, a GLOCK 20 pistol chambered in 10mm. I named her "Line Cutter." I look forward to competing in more of these matches. You can find an indoor match at <https://gssf.pro/indoor-league-match-schedule/> and an outdoor match at <https://gssf.pro/outdoor-matches/>. Maybe I'll see you there!

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## GLOCK OPERATORS COURSE

**Course Overview:** This training is designed to instruct shooters on the use of the GLOCK pistol with iron sights and with red dot optics. This course is a dynamic shooting course that requires the ability to stand for long periods of time, shoot on the move, move into and recover quickly from the kneeling and prone positions.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT

"The GLOCK Operator Course is a two-day, 16-hour training program aimed at experienced shooters. It focuses on the use of GLOCK pistols that are fitted with red dot optics and covers essential topics like optic selection, pistol manipulation, and shooting while moving. You will be given the tools to be able to shoot fast and accurately. Our philosophy is you must be fast and accurate; you cannot have one without the other."



**Christopher Wright**  
**GLOCK Professional, Inc.**  
**Instructor**





## GLOCK ARMORERS COURSE

**Course Overview:** The purpose of this class is to acquaint students with the various models of GLOCK handguns and how to properly maintain, service, and repair those firearms. Students will be provided all necessary class materials and tools, along with a GLOCK pistol. The instructor will give directions and demonstrate how to unload, load, field strip, detail strip, clean, lubricate, troubleshoot, and replace parts. The instructor will make suggestions about setting up a proper firearms maintenance plan and respond to any questions the students may submit.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: SCOTTY BANKS

"Hands-on experience is the heart of this course. I'll walk you through proven techniques for safe handling, detailed inspection, and routine and corrective maintenance so you leave confident in diagnosing issues and performing repairs. By the end of the day, you'll have a practical maintenance plan tailored to keep your GLOCK pistols reliable and ready."



**Scotty Banks**  
**GLOCK Professional, Inc.**  
**Training Program Mgr./**  
**Instructor**

## GLOCK ADVANCED ARMORERS COURSE

**Course Overview:** This class goes beyond the basic Armorer's Course. The discussions and content delve into advanced maintenance and service topics for the GLOCK pistol. This course also has scenario-based troubleshooting of the different GLOCK models and generations to give students the knowledge and ability to maintain, troubleshoot, and service all GLOCK pistols.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: SCOTTY BANKS

"The GLOCK Advanced Armorer Course is a class that moves the student to an advanced understanding of maintenance and service issues for the GLOCK pistol. This course will require the student to navigate scenario-based evaluations of the different GLOCK models and generations while identifying issues. This course provides a higher level of education and extensive knowledge of how to maintain, troubleshoot, and service all GLOCK pistols."





# GLOCK® TRAINING

## GLOCK FUNDAMENTALS COURSE

Course Overview: This training course is designed and intended for entry level individuals who are seeking professional instruction on the safe and proper use of GLOCK firearms.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: CONNOR WIGGINGTON

“The GLOCK Fundamentals Course is great for building a solid foundation in safe handling, operation, and marksmanship specific to GLOCK pistols. It helps shooters of all levels gain confidence through hands-on instruction, reinforcing the seven fundamentals of marksmanship, maintenance, and storage. This course is a great introduction to new GLOCK pistol owners and seasoned shooters.”



**Connor Wiggington**  
**GLOCK Professional, Inc.**  
**Instructor**





## GLOCK INSTRUCTOR MOS WORKSHOP

**Course Overview:** This course is designed to assist law enforcement and military firearms instructors with instructing shooters on the use of GLOCK pistols with red dot optics. This course is a dynamic shooting course that requires the ability to stand for long periods of time, shoot on the move, move into and recover quickly from the kneeling and prone positions.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: ERIC GUYER

"The GLOCK MOS Instructor Workshop was built around being able to provide current instructors with the knowledge and skills to teach how to operate the GLOCK platform utilizing an optical sighting system. The topics covered in this class include how the brain perceives and utilizes the simpler sight solution in comparison to the complex thought process of utilizing iron sights. Also covered are tips on how to the dot appear consistently on each draw stroke, keeping the dot in view while speeding up mechanical movements, sight confirmation versus over confirmation, and alternate aiming techniques. Not only do we give the instructor the tools necessary to teach MOS, but we also provide tips on how to identify student problems and multiple ways to solve the issues that are commonly found."



**Eric Guyer**  
**GLOCK Professional Inc.**  
**Instructor**





# GLOCK® TRAINING

## GLOCK LOW PROFILE CARRY COURSE

**Course Overview:** This training course is designed for public safety professionals, military personnel, and law-abiding citizens who want to improve their skills while carrying a concealed GLOCK pistol. This course is a dynamic shooting course that requires the ability to stand for long periods of time, present your pistol from a concealed carry holster, shoot on the move, move into and recover quickly from the kneeling and prone positions.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: DAVID ELROD

"Our Low Profile Carry Course is the one to take! We've all gone to our local indoor or outdoor range to "practice" our shooting skills. That practice mostly consists of standing in one spot and putting rounds down range. We very rarely get the chance to live fire from our concealment carry position. This course is 2 full days of practicing every basic shooting fundamental involved with being a safe and proficient concealed carrier. We'll also discuss carry options, positions, and all best practices. Every shot you take in our LPC is drawn from concealment. The course will make you a safer and more well-rounded concealment carrier."



**David Elrod**  
**GLOCK Professional, Inc**  
**Instructor**







## GLOCK LOW LIGHT/NO LIGHT COURSE

**Course Overview:** This training course is designed to instruct shooters on the use of the GLOCK pistol while utilizing pistol mounted and handheld light sources. This course is a dynamic shooting course that requires the ability to stand for long periods of time, shoot on the move, move into and recover quickly from the kneeling and prone positions.

### INSIGHT FROM AN INSTRUCTOR: LARRY LORING

"The GLOCK Low-Light/No-Light Course is designed to expand shooters' knowledge and ability using varying aiming solutions during limited visibility. A dynamic course full of self-discovered learning, as we go over light selection criteria, considerations, weapon manipulation, and illumination techniques during varying lighting conditions. Any shooter will find benefit in this course and be able to apply it in their daily lives, whether home defense, law enforcement, or military application."



**Larry Loring**  
**GLOCK Professional, Inc**  
**Instructor**



# A DAY WITH GLOCK®: A STUDENT'S TAKE ON THE GLOCK® ARMORER'S COURSE

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Before I took the GLOCK Armorer's Course, my experience maintaining my GLOCK pistols was patchy and inconsistent. I invariably relied on tutorials, video calls with trusted friends, and web searches every time I sat down to do routine cleaning. Sure, I could field strip and clean my guns, but it always took longer than it needed too. I felt a real need for in-person instruction. I learn best hands-on, so I signed up for the GLOCK Armorer's Course to get some experience in a classroom setting. I'm glad I did. After a full day with an expert instructor and a GLOCK 17 pistol on the table, I left with greater confidence in my ability to maintain my pistols.

## Why I Took the Course


Over the last decade, I've taken a growing interest in firearms. Simply put, I wanted formal training. I didn't want to just tinker, I wanted to do it correctly. To me, this isn't much different from firearms training itself: if you want to do things well, you start with fundamentals. The GLOCK Armorer's Course promised standardized instruction from a certified GLOCK Professional instructor, and it looked like the right fit.

## Course Overview and Structure

The eight-hour course results in a three-year certification as a



The GLOCK Armorer's Course covers all aspects of maintaining your GLOCK pistol.



GLOCK Certified Armorer. Morning instruction covered safety, basic operation, and a review of GLOCK pistol generations. Each student received a G17 model for hands-on work, which included field stripping, detailed slide and frame teardown, reassembly, and function checks. The instructor also covered cleaning, lubrication, and troubleshooting. Most of my classmates were law enforcement, so I was a bit out of my element, but they were welcoming and helpful whenever I had questions. The day ended with written and practical exams demonstrating disassembly and reassembly. I left with a parts tray, GLOCK tool, armorer's mat, and a manual that will be invaluable for troubleshooting.

#### **Hands-On Work with Training Pistols**

Bench time was much of the class. We practiced disassembly grips, field-stripping, and detailed work on the slide and frame. Repetition makes any process second nature, so I ran each step several times to get it into my head. I especially appreciated finally understanding the GLOCK Safe Action® System: three passive safeties—the trigger safety, firing-pin safety, and drop safety. Each engage and disengage as the trigger is released and pulled.

#### **Common Maintenance: Wear, Fixes, and Lube Points**

Basic maintenance includes field stripping, cleaning the barrel, slide, frame, and magazines, and applying a light film of oil at contact points like slide rails, barrel hood, and the trigger bar/

connector. The rule is simple: clean first, then protect. A light film of oil—not a puddle—keeps things reliable. The armorer's manual includes a troubleshooting chart with probable causes and corrections. It also has a quick reference chart for function checks.

#### **Testing and Certification**

The course wraps up with written and practical exams. Passing qualifies you as a factory-certified armorer authorized to maintain, troubleshoot, and service all GLOCK models covered in the course. Certification lasts three years, and graduates receive a digital certificate.

#### **Final Impressions**

The course is ideal for agency armorers, instructors, procurement staff, or serious owners who want to go beyond basic cleaning. As for me, I'm glad I took it. I won't be servicing agency weapons, but this class gave me a stronger foundation for my own GLOCK pistols. I don't get lost in terminology as easily, and if I do, the manual is at hand for quick reference. A note on eligibility: GLOCK Armorer Courses are typically restricted to military, law enforcement, dealers, FFLs, and security contractors. Civilians can qualify though by joining the GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF), which opens access to select GLOCK Training courses.

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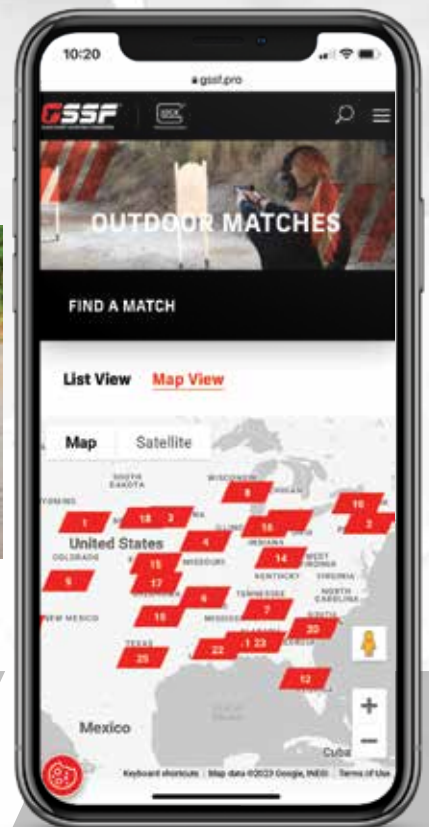




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# WOMEN'S "WHYS"

## FEMALES IN COMPETITIVE SHOOTING

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I can still remember standing in line to check in for my first shooting competition. I was one of only a handful of females that showed up to compete that weekend. I borrowed equipment from friends, and I had almost no idea what I would be doing there that weekend. All I knew was that I needed both a rifle and a pistol, and so I showed up willing to learn with my rifle and a GLOCK 19X pistol.

After that first competition over 6 years ago, I was hooked. I had no idea there were so many skilled and knowledgeable women out there on the range competing. I've been so fortunate to meet and work with some of the most talented women in the firearm industry. Each woman has a different background coming into shooting sports, but it seems we all have a similar experience starting out and a growing passion to help others build the same skill.

For many women, stepping into their first competition isn't about chasing a title, it's about finding confidence and life balance. It's a new challenge in the middle of busy, demanding lives. That's how it was for my friend Brittney Underwood, a mom and military wife. Without a professional shooting background, she decided to compete to reconnect with something she enjoyed and to model strength and perseverance for her family.

"I figured the worst thing that could happen is that I'd fail and learn something" she told me.

Between her husband's deployments, parenting her young children, and the chaos of everyday life, she's learned to carve out time for her own goals. She does this by training late, rising early, and leaning on the support of her husband, Payne, who encour-





## WOMEN'S "WHYS" FEMALES IN COMPETITIVE SHOOTING

ages her every step of the way. For Brittney and so many women like her, competition isn't just about shooting, it's about finding purpose and community in a season of life that often demands everything of them.

While Brittney found that competition shooting added balance to her life, my good friend Jenay DeCausin found it as a new way to test her limits. Her background as a successful CrossFit athlete made the transition feel slightly less intimidating, knowing she could at least handle the pressure and the physical side of The Tactical Games(R) competition.

"I had minimal firearm training going into my first competition," she told me. "My goal was simply to stay safe and learn."

But what she found, in addition to a lot of success, was an incredibly welcoming community of people eager to share their knowledge of firearm safety and training. Jenay credits the generosity of others for helping her grow into a well-rounded, confident competitor who rose to become the Elite Female National Champion. She now helps newcomers through her own training group, Day One Perspective.

Another phenomenal female shooter and a huge role model of mine, Tes Salb, began her competitive shooting career decades before I first met her. When she was a kid, she dreamed of competing as an equestrian in the Olympics but found herself training as a young Modern Pentathlete instead. A competition that combines running, swimming, shooting, fencing, and







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horseback riding. From there she then competed in international pistol competitions, as well as USPSA, 3-gun matches, and The Tactical Games. With years of experience as both a competitor and instructor, Tes has a special passion for helping women overcome fear or hesitation around firearms.

"Every woman's story is different," she said. "My approach is to meet them where they are and help them move at their own pace. Firearms training or competition doesn't have to be intimidating, it can be empowering, social, and genuinely fun."

Tes has been one of those people for me, someone who took the time to teach, encourage, and help me find my own confidence on the range. Her knowledge paired with her calm and confident personality has shaped how I approach shooting, and how I aim

to support other women stepping into this space for the first time. From elite athletes to everyday women looking to build confidence and skills, each of these stories shares the same message: start where you are, stay curious, and surround yourself with people who want to see you succeed.

Everyone's journey must start somewhere; you just need to take that first step. For women considering shooting sports, that "somewhere" might be a local range, a safety class, or simply a supportive friend inviting them to join their first competition. I encourage everyone to step up to the firing line. Competition might not be your cup of tea, but I can promise you that the confidence you will gain by simply practicing regularly with your firearm is worth it. To learn about training with GLOCK, visit [GLOCKTraining.com](https://GLOCKTraining.com).





# Team GLOCK® 2025 RECAP

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Team GLOCK® at a GSSF® Annual Match





The 2025 sport shooting season was a landmark year for Team GLOCK, with athletes earning victories across USPSA, The Tactical Games, and regional competitions nationwide. The team delivered sweeping national titles and personal bests while demonstrating competitive excellence, resilience, collaboration, and a shared passion for advancing the shooting sports community. The Team GLOCK culture and constant pursuit of perfection played a defining role in the Team's success. Team Captain Shane Coley emphasized that athletes pushed their limits individually while lifting one another through mentorship, teamwork, and a shared commitment to continuous improvement.

**Morgan Leonhardt** made USPSA history in 2025 by winning all eight USPSA Area Championships and the Carry Optics Nationals—a feat no female competitor had achieved before. She navigated demanding stages, back-to-back competitions, and setbacks (including illness) with perseverance and a positive mindset. She refused to quit even under challenging conditions, and history was made.

**Thy Ngo** also delivered her strongest competition calendar yet, claiming multiple ladies' titles across Regional and Area matches. A key breakthrough came through mental preparation. She used visualization and positive affirmations to build confidence. Thy connected her roots to her competitive achievements when she competed at the Area 4 Championship in her hometown of Dallas, TX. She looks forward to expanding her structured, personalized training in the coming season.

**Ashley Robertson** returned to iron sight divisions after years of competing with optics and ended the season in the Production Lady's National Championship at USPSA Factory Gun Nationals. Months of focused practice rebuilt her fundamentals and reinforced the importance of mindset, consistency, and showing up with intention.

**Callerina Woodard** spent the year balancing motherhood with competition. She achieved remarkable success, including a major win at the Iowa Regional Tactical Games event. She entered competitions fully focused, knowing that her family was in full support. She used visualization to enhance mental clarity and stage performance and ultimately came out with a big win during the season.

**Team GLOCK Captain, Shane Coley**, added another National title in USPSA Limited 10 and earned a podium finish at the Tactical Games Phoenix Regional. His most meaningful accomplishment, however, was seeing the Team's milestones as each athlete elevated both individual performance and the broader team culture. Morgan, Thy, Ashley, and Callerina each reached personal breakthroughs that reflected skill, discipline, and the strength of a supportive, driven environment.

On the heels of historic achievements, championship titles, and unified momentum, Team GLOCK enters 2026 on the heels of the launch of the 6th Generation of GLOCK pistols with higher expectations than ever.

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# MORGAN LEONHARDT MAKES USPSA HISTORY

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In 2025, Team GLOCK's Morgan Leonhardt accomplished something only one other shooter had ever done in USPSA history: a complete season sweep of every USPSA Area Championship in Carry Optics and a win at Factory Gun Nationals.

USPSA's Area matches are a highlight of the sport. They make up eight regional championships that represent a level of practical shooting competition across the country, all preparing for the national championship. Winning a single Area match is difficult, winning nationals poses an even higher challenge. Winning all of them in one season requires consistency, discipline, and the ability to perform under pressure on stages that change dramatically from region to region.

Morgan accepted this challenge. She earned High Lady at all eight Area Championships in Carry Optics, then she ended the season by taking High Lady in Carry Optics at Factory Gun Nationals.

With this run, she became the first woman in USPSA history to sweep all eight Area matches and Nationals in a single season. Morgan's season was structured around a single goal: raising the standard for female competitors.

**“At the beginning of the season, I set my sights on becoming the first female to complete the sweep. Accomplishing this goal made this one of the most fun and rewarding years with Team GLOCK.”**

**– Morgan Leonhardt, Team GLOCK**

Her performance reflected years of work on and off the range and highlighted the level of preparation demanded by top-tier competition. We look forward to seeing what Morgan accomplishes next!



# GAT GUNS

## A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

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GAT Guns was founded in 1979 by Gregory A. Tropino, a Bulls-eye Pistol competitor and firearms enthusiast. He purchased Hazels' Gun Shop in Hanover Park, Illinois, and transformed it into GAT Guns—named for his initials and as a nod to the slang term for "gun." What began as a small-town shop has grown into one of the Midwest's go-to spots for firearms and training.

In 1989, Tropino moved the business to East Dundee and turned a former restaurant into what's now one of the largest privately owned indoor shooting facilities in the country. Today, GAT Guns covers more than 70,000 square feet and houses 63 indoor shooting lanes for everything from pistols to high-powered rifles. You'll also find a massive showroom with thousands of new and used firearms, a full-service gunsmith shop, training classrooms, and a retail area packed with accessories and gear.

As an authorized GLOCK Perfection Dealer, they carry the full lineup—from the latest pistol models to magazines and accessories. This partnership reflects a deep commitment to service, selection, and a team that really knows their stuff.

GAT Guns is also proud to be part of the GLOCK Blue Label Program, which offers special pricing to law enforcement, military,

first responders, and other qualified professionals. It's a way of making sure those who serve have access to the reliable, safe pistols they depend on.

The connection between GAT Guns and GLOCK runs deep, built on shared values like safety and dependability. Whether you're just getting started, a competitive shooter, or a professional looking for your next duty weapon, GAT Guns delivers the GLOCK experience with care and confidence.

For GAT Guns, it's not just about sales. Their ultimate goal is to create a community of safe, educated firearm owners. GAT Guns offers everything from training courses and firearm rentals to transfers and expert gunsmithing. Their staff members aren't just knowledgeable, they're passionate about helping customers find exactly what they need.

At the end of the day, GAT Guns is more than a store. It's a destination for learning, safety, and top-quality firearms. And with its long-standing partnership with GLOCK—backed by Perfection and Blue Label status - you can count on trusted service and top-tier products every time you step inside.



GAT Guns Indoor Range





# MANCHESTER FIRING LINE: THE GRANITE STATE'S ONE-STOP SHOP

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When you exit Interstate 93 in Manchester N.H., you will find a destination that has become a powerhouse in New Hampshire's shooting sports scene: Manchester Firing Line. Known locally for decades, the business had begun to lose momentum, until Jake and TerryAnn Bowen took charge in 2016 with grit, vision, and a relentless passion for the firearms community.

Jake, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with experience in firearms distribution, and TerryAnn, whose business sense and entrepreneurial drive matched her husband's enthusiasm, took a leap of faith. Together, they transformed Manchester Firing Line

from a respected but aging range into a modern, thriving hub for shooters of all skill levels. Their mission is to create a space that is welcoming, innovative, and unapologetically dedicated to the safe and responsible enjoyment of firearms, especially GLOCK pistols.

Today, Manchester Firing Line is considered a premier indoor shooting facility in New Hampshire. The facility boasts 14 state-of-the-art lanes, including exclusive VIP lanes reserved for members. The range has become a magnet for locals, law enforcement, competitive shooters, and tourists alike. Located



Women gather from across the country at Manchester Firing Line for the National Iron Rose Together Weekend.



Founders Jake and TerryAnn Bowen with staff outside Manchester Firing Line.

just minutes from the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, it's not unusual for travelers to land, grab their luggage, and make the range their first stop.

What truly sets Manchester Firing Line apart isn't just the facility, it's the culture. From the moment visitors walk in, they are greeted by a team that believes in meeting shooters where they are. First-timers are welcomed with professionalism and encouragement, while seasoned GLOCK pistol owners find training opportunities that sharpen their edge. Education is at the heart of the mission. Certified instructors offer classes that range from beginner safety to advanced defensive skills, women's programs, and competitive training.

Manchester Firing Line has put trust in GLOCK since the beginning. As a GLOCK Stocking Dealer and participant in the GLOCK Range Program, Manchester Firing Line gives customers hands-on access to the most reliable pistols on the market.

"For a lot of people, the first time they ever shoot, it's a GLOCK pistol in their hands," Jake explains.

The GLOCK 19 and GLOCK 43X models remain their most-requested range rentals, bridging the gap between new shooters and experienced ones.

Manchester Firing Line was invited to become a GLOCK Perfection Dealer - one of only two in New Hampshire. Being a GLOCK Perfection Dealer is a mark of prestige for a dealer and of continued partnership with GLOCK. Soon after, the range also became a GLOCK Blue Label Dealer, proudly serving law enforcement, military, and first responders with access to the pistols they depend on to do their jobs and get home safe. Manchester Firing Line maintains a wide selection of GLOCK Blue Label pistols it has on hand for the 1st responder community.

TerryAnn saw another opportunity; one that spoke to a different kind of community need. In 2023, she founded the Iron Rose Women's Shooting Club, designed to give women a safe,

supportive space to learn and grow in the firearms world. What began with just a handful of members has blossomed into an organization of more than 200 women. Each year, the club hosts the National Iron Rose Rise-Together Weekend and the Iron Rose Banquet, an all-female training and networking conference that draws women from across the country.

"It's about empowerment through education," TerryAnn says. "When women train together, encourage each other, and celebrate their successes, something incredible happens. GLOCK has been a huge part of making that possible. The industry has been built and strengthened by generations of men who poured their knowledge, discipline, and passion into it, and GLOCK continues that through range programs, training support, and commitment to safety. We honor that foundation, and we also see room to grow the next generation of leaders by welcoming more women into the conversation. It's not about replacing anyone; it's about pulling up another chair at the table. I'm grateful to have that seat here, and thanks to the support from GLOCK, more women are finding their seats too, learning, leading, and contributing right alongside the men who helped build this community."

In 2023, GLOCK Inc. once again recognized the Bowens' drive and integrity by naming Manchester Firing Line as a Law Enforcement Distributor for the New England region. It was both a milestone and a natural next step, built on years of partnership, performance, and shared values. Today, the Bowens and their team serve police departments, sheriff's offices, and agencies across the region, ensuring that those who protect our communities are equipped with the absolute best for duty - GLOCK pistols!

From GLOCK Stocking Dealer to range partner, from women's initiatives to law enforcement distribution, Manchester Firing Line's story is direct result of their founding mission to be welcoming, innovative, and unapologetically dedicated to the safe enjoyment of firearms. The Bowens have built more than just a range; they've built a community - one trigger press at a time.





# CONFIDENCE IS CRITICAL: SECONDS SAVE LIVES

PREPARED TO ACT: HOW TRAINING AND MINDSET  
SET THE CONDITIONS FOR A LIFE-SAVING RESPONSE

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When interviewing a recently retired SWAT officer, John Newton, about lessons learned across more than two decades in law enforcement, I expected that I may hear something about tactics, equipment, or a standout operation. Instead, he paused longer than expected before answering.

He finally said, “The biggest lesson? It is actual best captured by a phrase that you coined and share with your students regularly. That competence creates confidence. And confidence lets you act when seconds matter.”

From that answer came a two-part story.

The first part was about returning home from what most would call a “vacation,” though it was nothing of the sort. It wasn’t spent at a cabin, beach rental, or quiet getaway. It was spent at an external firearms and defensive tactics course, 5 days committed entirely to strengthening pistol fundamentals, improving mechanical efficiency, and sharpening decision-making under stress.

The second was the call he responded to shortly after returning home. A call that demanded every ounce of physical conditioning, mental clarity, problem-solving, and skill he had built. Together, these stories illustrate a truth often spoken in training circles but rarely illustrated so clearly:

When the moment comes, you don’t rise to the level of the situation. You fall back to the level of your training.

## THE CALL

The 2nd part of the story is when a call came in to the 9-1-1 dispatch as night settled in over a quiet South Florida lake community - cul-de-sacs asleep, sprinklers hissing, humidity thick enough to feel. The calm was broken by a whisper: a person dialing 9-1-1 from inside a bathroom upstairs. His mom was in trouble.

## THE RESPONSE

The dispatcher broadcasted an occupied burglary in progress. Patrol units rolled immediately. A K-9 SWAT officer and a third unit accelerated across the district. The timer started the moment wheels began turning.

All three responding officers carried their department-issued GLOCK 21 pistols, mounted with SureFire weapon lights and secured in Safariland® duty holsters.

Officers located the residence and formed a small entry team to safely clear the home. Using standard training and equipment, they moved methodically through the lower level while additional units checked the upper floor. The juvenile was quickly found unharmed upstairs, the suspect was contained, and the family was safely reunited.

## WHY TRAINING WAS THE DIFFERENCE

What made this story stand out wasn’t just the successful outcome. It was the officer’s insight when connecting the call with the training he had completed just weeks earlier.

He described it like a shift, a noticeable recalibration in confidence and mindset.

Firearms training isn’t merely about sight alignment and trigger press. It’s about:

- Stress inoculation
- Cognitive load management
- Efficient movement and economy of motion
- Problem-solving under time pressure
- Environmental condition management
- Conditioning the body to support tactical decision-making
- Repetition until confidence becomes second nature

He realized during that course that competence wasn’t a luxury. It was a responsibility. During the interview, he described several specific ways training altered his mindset:

### Faster recognition meant faster decisions.

He recognized the urgency and diverted immediately. No second-guessing. No hesitation.

### Physical conditioning supported tactical decisions.

His physical conditioning had a direct, positive effect on the outcome of the call.

### Mastery of equipment.

Because he trusted his GLOCK 21 pistol and knew it intimately, his brain was free to focus on the task at hand. The firearm wasn’t a distraction, it was simply an extension of his training.

### Confidence under stress.

Confidence under stress helps officers stay steady and think clearly, allowing them to make sound decisions that keep people safe. Confidence doesn’t remove stress or uncertainty, but it keeps those factors from controlling the moment.

## THE EQUIPMENT FACTOR

Newton’s department issued GLOCK 21 pistol was the tool he relied on every day. After years of carrying it, he knew the feel, performance, and reliability, and he trusted it because all his training was done with the same equipment he used on duty.

He emphasized something that often gets overlooked:

“You can’t separate mindset, training, and equipment. They work together.”

## WHY THIS STORY MATTERS

Josh Newton didn’t share this incident for recognition, but to highlight a simple reality: competence is a professional responsibility. The public often only sees the final outcome—a safe resolution and a reunited family—but not the extensive training that makes those moments possible. Every step of the response, from the approach to the search to the final decision-making, was efficient because it had been practiced countless times. The time saved in those moments came directly from preparation, and it couldn’t have been created any other way.

## THE PROFESSIONAL MINDSET

Newton reflects a professional mindset built on confidence in both his preparation and his equipment. He didn’t train just to pass a qualification—he trained for whatever situation he might face. That confidence came from repetition, discipline, and carrying a sidearm he knew would perform when it counted. In the end, preparation turns uncertainty into action, because when the moment arrives, you respond with what you’ve practiced. In John’s case, he arrived with confidence by his side.

*Deep gratitude to the men and women across the nation and around the world who train, respond, and protect our communities.*





# MEMPHIS P.D. GOES TO GLOCK® PISTOLS

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Memphis, TN is a storied “river city” on the banks of the Mississippi whose history dates back almost 200 years. It is the second largest city in the Volunteer State by population, and is famous for its food (BBQ), music (blues and jazz), and a major transportation hub. A big city also needs a competent and well-equipped police department to protect its citizens, and a primary tool for the law enforcement officer is the handgun. It is with him or her throughout the shift, both to defend themselves and the citizens they have sworn to protect. The Memphis Police Department (M.P.D.) is in the process of receiving one of the very best options current technologies has to offer. M.P.D. has moved away from legacy designed pistols-i.e. metal frames and iron sights-to GLOCK pistols outfitted with a direct mounted red dot optic package.

GLOCK has had now for several years law enforcement packages which combine specific GLOCK models with a designated red dot sight for agency purchase. The red dot is mounted to a precisely machined slide which fits the footprint of the optical sight perfectly with no need for an adapter plate! The M.P.D. specific setup is a G47 MOS pistol with an Aimpoint ACRO P2 sight and backup iron sights. This is known as the MOS7 option, and there are other sights available which have their own designation. The G47 MOS model needs little introduction; originally designed for U.S. Federal Law Enforcement agencies, it has become one of GLOCK’s most popular models in law enforcement and civilian sales. It is very close in size to the legendary G17 pistol. Major components are interchangeable with the compact G19, and it



has the GLOCK Marksman Barrel (GMB), ambidextrous slide stop lever, and reversible magazine catch. The trigger action has been praised by serious users and in concert with the marksman barrel produces remarkable accuracy. The Aimpoint ACRO red dot sight is considered to be the original enclosed red dot. It set the standard for ruggedness and reliability and is used by serious operators worldwide. A single cell weapon mounted light completes the package.

We spoke to M.P.D. staff who worked on the transition to GLOCK. Deputy Chief S. Hines, Lt. E. Dobbins and Second Lieutenant Z. Clark all had positive perspectives on the process. In the initial exploration, they had around 100 officers shoot various timed and scored exercises and calculated which combination had the best hit factor. The officers had varying degrees of skill and experiences and were representative of the population of the department. Everyone needed to understand and be on board with a project of this size and complexity. Officer G. Lush spearheaded the project, putting hours in on the evaluation and then the transition to GLOCK pistols and red dot optics. The tests included drawing from duty holsters, target transitions, emergency reloads, and a host of other tasks that an officer may have to perform in a critical emergency. M.P.D. also trains other agencies and used those contacts for information. At evaluation's end, the decision was to go with the MOS7 package. GLOCK Professional's training division also provided armorer and live-fire training to assist the department.

A full 2-day transition training program of instruction was put together. Lieutenants Dobbins and Clark, along with Officer Lush, began the intense work of switching around two thousand officers to the new GLOCK pistols and the associated equipment. As of this report, around 1800 officers have transitioned and the results are extremely gratifying. Scores on shooting evaluations are way up into the 95th percentile. Perhaps as important, the failure rate, where cadets and officers don't qualify and must go into remedial training and cannot work "on the street," has been reduced. With the older pistols and calibers, the failure rate was around 20% in some instances.

Now, with training, GLOCK pistols, and a red dot optic, only a handful of individuals have required additional instruction. With some younger cadet classes, there has been almost no need for extra, time-consuming work.

Deputy Chief Hines has seen a great deal in his decades with M.P.D. He has gone from steel framed pistols with different trigger actions to different calibers and at least two different styles of iron sights. From his perspective, he believes one of the most important results of this department-wide transition is the amount of confidence that has been instilled in the men and women of M.P.D. GLOCK pistols are safe, yet efficient in operation and the red dot sight has helped to improve performance and awareness. Confident officers take care of themselves, their partners, and the community they serve. Memphis is a safer and better place for it.





# THE LAWMEN OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Hillsborough County, New Hampshire is an 870 square mile area that contains both of New Hampshire's two largest cities and 29 towns, many of which typify the quintessential Colonial New England village.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, first established in 1772, is responsible for providing a myriad of law enforcement services to the county's 430,000 residents. Unique to the Sheriff's Office, deputies have authority in all the cities and towns across the county and have the authority to enforce the law throughout the state of New Hampshire. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has 30 full-time deputies and 10 part-time deputies that fulfill many diverse roles such as patrol, service of civil process, transportation of prisoners to and from correctional facilities, security of the courts and criminal investigations.

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for apprehending fugitives, many of which have fled the state. It is not uncommon for deputies to travel across the U.S. to extradite fugitives to New Hampshire to stand trial. The Criminal Investi-

gation Division is also a highly active participant in the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has K9 Unit that included K9 Niko, who is specially trained to detect electronic storage devices, which are frequently involved with ICAC investigations. K9 Niko is the only K9 in the county trained in that manner.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office also has a full-time community services deputy, who spends 100% of his time either assisting with the Police Athletic Leagues or assisting with the elderly in some of the county's more rural areas.

In 2022, the sheriff's office decided that their then current issued sidearm, a traditional double action/single action .40 caliber pistol, was no longer adequate to protect the deputies and the citizens of the county. Many of the deputies advocated for a transition to GLOCK pistols due to their experience with GLOCK at other law enforcement agencies. Many of them personally owned GLOCK pistols. There was also keen interest in making a transition to the 9mm cartridge, pistol mounted optics, and a weapon



mounted light - all things that their then current pistols could not accommodate.

With input from the office's firearms' instructors and rank-file deputies, the decision was made to adopt the GLOCK 45 model, chambered in 9mm Luger, with a red dot optic and weapon mounted light. It was observed by the firearms' instructors that upon adoption of the G45 pistol, qualification scores immediately went up, reliability was noticeably enhanced, and the confidence the deputies had in their sidearm was obvious.

Because of the success the Sheriff's Office had in equipping the deputies with the G45 pistol, the decision was made in 2025 to equip all the Sheriff's Offices' forty-five Court Security Officers (CSO's) with the same model. The Court Security Officers previously had to supply their on duty sidearm via an Individual Officer Purchase (IOP) program. Many of the CSO's took advantage of GLOCK's Blue Label program to source their duty pistol, but there were many CSO's that carried different handguns in several different allowable calibers. This sometimes caused ammu-

nition supply chain issues, and it meant the firearms instructors had to be intimately familiar with numerous pistols. Transitioning the entire staff to GLOCK pistols simplified procurement logistics, policies, procedures, and training.

The simplicity and reliability of GLOCK pistols combined with the uncompromising quality and customer service standards gives law enforcement officers the confidence they need to keep their communities safe.

**“As a long-time user and GLOCK Armorer, I can honestly say that GLOCK pistols are the safest and most reliable duty gun. It's the gun I carry on duty to protect my community and the gun I choose to carry off duty to protect my family.”**

**- Sgt. Dan Grant**





# OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL RIDES WITH GLOCK® PISTOLS

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The Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) has chosen GLOCK pistols for their troopers to carry when they cover the highways and byways of the state of Oklahoma. In this article, you will find the process that led the patrol to pick GLOCK pistols, and their experiences with products and the GLOCK company. I had the pleasure of an in-depth interview with Lt. Jason Ross of the OHP, who is based at Troop T, with the OHP Gun Shop and Firearms Training Unit. I also spoke with GLOCK personnel who had a hand in the transition.

The OHP has a nearly 90-year history of protecting the citizens of Oklahoma. It was formed in 1937 by the Governor at the time, E.W. Marland, and the state legislature. Today the OHP patrols 111,994 miles of roads across the state. Like many highway patrols and state police, OHP carried heavy caliber revolvers for years. Several years ago, they began carrying semi-automatic pistols with iron sights. The OHP prides itself on adopting the latest technology to assist troopers in their law enforcement duties. With the rise of red dot sights mounted directly to pistol slides (the design of which GLOCK was a leader in), the patrol began to look at a new sidearm for troopers for efficiency and safety.

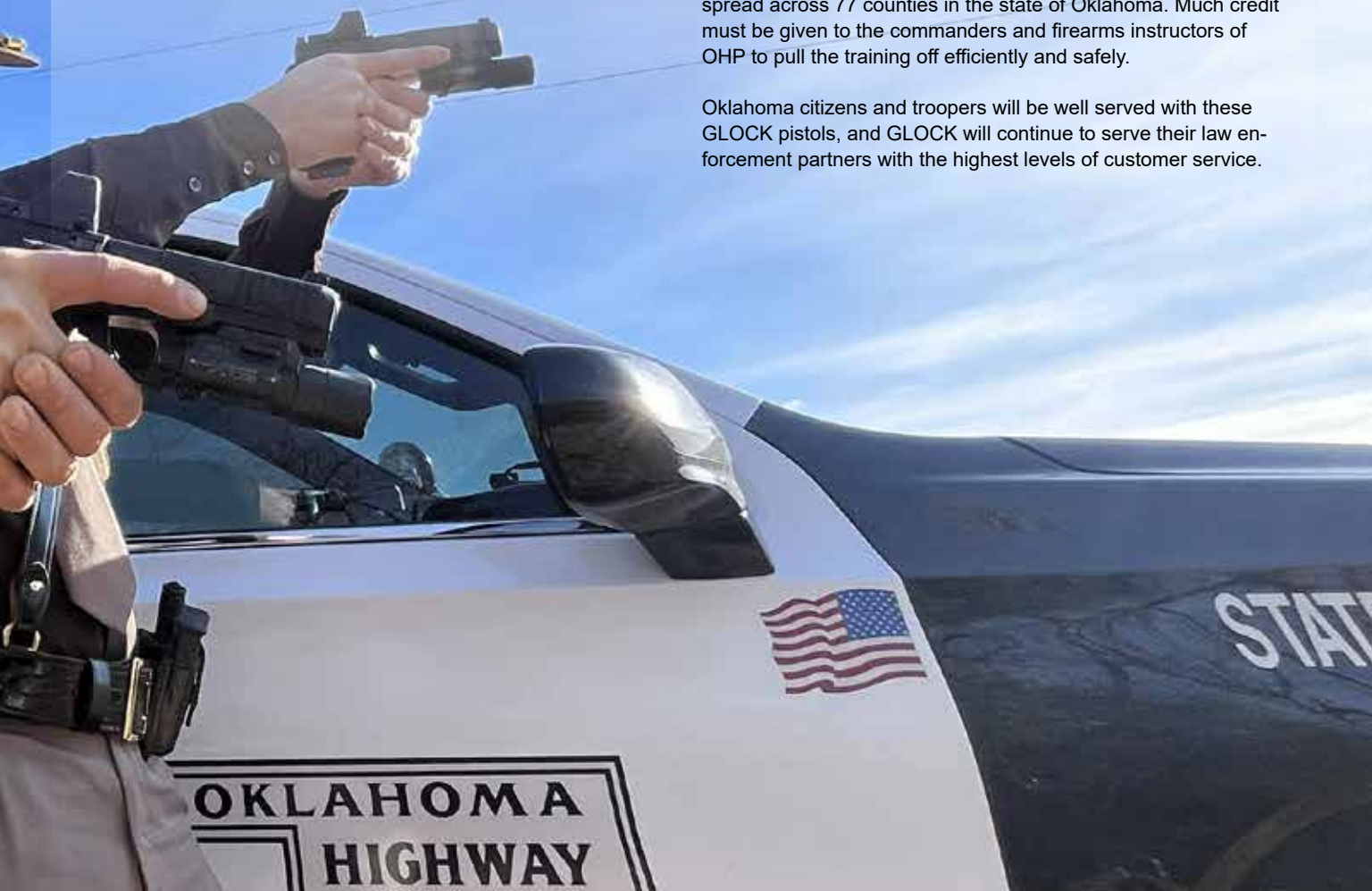
Commissioner Tim Tipton brought together the chief, command staff and troopers in early 2024 for a stakeholder meeting to address procuring a new pistol. Upon canvassing this group, it was found that a large majority of those present preferred GLOCK pistols, which had been authorized for use. This is where Jason Ross, a trooper at the time, began his work. He coordinated a range day where personnel from across Oklahoma came and

fired various GLOCK pistols with different optics. Some 300 to 400 rounds were shot by each person to determine which was best in terms of accuracy, speed and target acquisition. This range day was an excellent way to obtain consensus amongst the department. The combination they decided upon was the GLOCK 47 MOS5: a direct-cut package available only to law enforcement with a factory installed GLOCK Performance Trigger and a Trijicon® RMR “HD” red dot sight. It was desirable for an initial shipment to be received by the OHP for an academy class at the end of 2024, and with diligent work by all that objective was achieved.

It was noted with a few of the initial units that a few fasteners for the sights would loosen in training. GLOCK customer service swung into action, and in consultation with the sight manufacturer determined new procedures and standards for mounting the sights. As the combination of pistol and sights were already “in the field” GLOCK factory and local representatives travelled to Oklahoma to ensure that all units were up to the expected standard. This dedication to customer satisfaction is something GLOCK is justifiably famous for, and the patrol is very satisfied with their GLOCK pistols. The final configuration that the Oklahoma Troopers carry on duty is the G47 MOS5 with factory installed GLOCK Performance Trigger, Trijicon RMR HD, backup iron sights with tritium dot front, and Surefire® X300 Turbo weapon light, carried in a Safariland® level 3 holster.

With this equipment delivered, OHP was able to transition 800 of its personnel through a two-day, 1,000 round transition course in just 12 weeks. This is remarkable given that the troopers were spread across 77 counties in the state of Oklahoma. Much credit must be given to the commanders and firearms instructors of OHP to pull the training off efficiently and safely.

Oklahoma citizens and troopers will be well served with these GLOCK pistols, and GLOCK will continue to serve their law enforcement partners with the highest levels of customer service.







# THE ONTARIO TACTICAL ADVISORY BODY

## STRENGTH IN UNITY

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Created in the wake of a 1987 Coroner's inquest recommendation in Ontario, Canada, the Ontario Tactical Advisory Body (OTAB) was formed to provide tactical law enforcement units across the province with a collective voice and a structure for shared training and resources. As a branch of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, OTAB represents 40 Tactical Teams that range from six-member containment teams to 90-member hostage rescue teams, and it has expanded to include Tactical Teams from other provinces in Canada. The Canadian Sales Manager at GLOCK Inc., James R. Cassells, was a founding member and past Chairman of OTAB and GLOCK continues to be a strong partner of OTAB.

The OTAB executive board brings a cross section of experienced individuals currently serving tactical officers that volunteer their time.

- OTAB President Joseph Shangi of the Toronto Police Emergency Task Force
- OTAB Vice President Greg Briggs of Bruce Power Nuclear Response Team
- OTAB East Director Mark Clement of Ottawa Tactical Unit
- OTAB West Director Marco Carbone of Windsor Emergency Services Unit
- OTAB Greater Toronto Area Director Eric Reimer of the Toronto Emergency Task Force
- OTAB North Director Dave Wickware of the Ontario Provincial Police Tactical Rescue Unit

### A Shared Mandate

OTAB serves as the voice of the Ontario tactical community, aiming to elevate standards through:

- Communication and collaboration: fostering connections across policing units through quarterly meetings, sharing the most recent case law, sitting on government committees, and advocating for our tactical community.
- Knowledge exchange: offering cost-effective training and lessons from major incident responses.
- Events and training: organizing the annual Canadian Tactical Conference and hands-on tactical courses delivered by the best subject matter experts.

## **OTAB in Action: Conferences, Courses and Community**

### *Annual Tactical Conference and Trade Expo*

Hosted in Collingwood, Ontario, OTAB's multi-day Canadian Tactical Conference combines debrief sessions, training, and networking with vendors and supporters. This event attracts tactical officers, K9 teams, investigative units, instructors, psychiatrists, nurses, researchers, military personnel, incident commanders and many more vocations that work closely with the tactical community, featuring both classroom and practical components.

#### **Highlights of the annual conference include:**

- Mechanical Breaching – an intensive 2-day certification course
- Tactical Team Leadership – a 3-day course
- Defensive Tactics courses
- Pistol Mounted Optics Instructor Course (PMOI)
- Less Lethal Munitions Course
- Debriefs of Critical Incidents
- Legal Panel consisting of lawyers and judges
- Trade show with the latest technologies and equipment

OTAB ensures quality speakers from within Canada and international regions present valuable content for the members. Next year OTAB is honored to host "Officer A," Ben Besant, of New South Wales Tactical Operations Unit. Ben shot the terrorist during the hostage rescue operation at the Lindt Café in Melbourne, Australia in 2014. Ben was subject to a ban on speaking about the incident for 10 years. The ban has been lifted, and we are excited to hear Ben's debrief and his story from a boots-on-ground perspective.

#### **Realistic Tactical Training**

Complementing the conference, OTAB also facilitates immersive field courses. For instance, in May 2025, a two-day Defensive Tactics and Firearms course offered both range-based (pistol and carbine drills, transitions, barricade shooting) and mat-based (edge-weapon defense, grappling, team challenges) instruction. The program emphasized realism and friendly competition.

#### **Conference Culture and Community Impact**

OTAB doesn't just train – it builds camaraderie. At the Canadian Tactical Conference, attendees mingle with vendors, attend evening social events, and push their limits with the "Run to the Summit," a charity mountain run benefiting Wounded Warriors Canada.

#### **Why OTAB Matters**

In today's evolving security and geopolitical landscape, tactical units face complex threats from active attacker scenarios to hostage crises. A provincial body like OTAB ensures consistent training, rapid knowledge transfer, and shared best practices across jurisdictions. Collaboration breeds innovation and creativity, and when lives hang in the balance, excellence is non-negotiable.

By uniting small containment teams, large hostage rescue teams, and armed security services under a shared banner, OTAB fosters efficiency, connectivity, and professional growth that elevates Ontario's tactical readiness. This in turn supports greater public and officer safety.

OTAB represents an essential node in Ontario's tactical ecosystem - a collective that builds safer communities through shared skill, compassion, and strategy. Although OTAB represents our tactical community, our conference is designed to benefit all attendees from frontline officers to policymakers.







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# ENGINEERED FOR DUTY

# THE BIRTH OF A GLOCK® MOVEMENT IN PANAMA

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## Under the Tropical Sun

March 2025 brought clear skies and heavy anticipation to the Balboa Shooting Club in Panama City. The IPSC Panama Open, a Level III competition, gathered nearly 160 shooters from across the region. Competitors traveled from Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the United States, each ready to test their skill under Panama's tropical sun.

The event carried more than the promise of medals. It was the coming together of athletes who shared the same respect for discipline, performance, and each other.

## Where Steel Meets Brotherhood

Among the visiting shooters were Team GLOCK Brasil members, Guilherme Klaime and team captain Mauro Thompson. Their focus and consistency drew attention from across the range. Soon they connected with Daniel Siraze of Guatemala, David Vallcarnas of Costa Rica, and Joseline Pinto of Panama — shooters also driven by the GLOCK standard of excellence.

## Precision Beyond the Target

Their results confirmed the strength of that unity. Four GLOCK pistol shooters finished within the top three of their divisions, and three earned first-place titles. Each result demonstrated the power of focus and preparation, but also the camaraderie that had developed among them.

Victories on paper were secondary to the sense of purpose that emerged. A bond had formed — one grounded in respect, dedication, and a common goal to elevate the sport across Latin America.

## One Word, One Purpose

What began as introductions on the range has grown into the connecting of shooters from multiple nations with one thing in common - GLOCK. United by precision. Driven by passion. Inspired by one word: GLOCK.





# GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCHANGE

A GLOBAL BRIDGE IN PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) is an international peer-to-peer training and exchange program housed in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Its mission centers on creating opportunities for law-enforcement leaders from Georgia, other U.S. jurisdictions and partner countries to engage, observe, exchange practices, and learn from one another in real-world contexts.

Founded in 1992, GILEE has grown into a respected venue for executive and command-level officers, offering training not just domestically but across international borders, with the belief that meaningful improvement in policing and public safety often comes through exposure to diverse operational models and cultural perspectives.

GILEE organizes training visits, law enforcement education exchanges, seminars and workshops where participants from Georgia and abroad engage in structured sessions, often hosted by foreign partner agencies or international law-enforcement counterparts. The programming emphasizes leadership development, community-policing strategies, homeland-security awareness and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. For example: during its 30th anniversary, GILEE noted how it helps local agencies to “*learn from police around the world.*” GILEE also publishes research, builds partnerships and supports policy dialogue through its roots in academia, connecting practitioners to scholarship in policing, public safety and global security.



In an era where public safety challenges cross borders, GILEE's model offers several benefits:

- It enables law-enforcement executives to reflect on how different legal systems, cultures and organizational structures handle issues like community trust, technology integration and crisis response.
- By learning through external exchanges, participants can bring fresh insights back to their home agencies, sparking innovation or refinements in policy and practice.
- The peer-to-peer nature fosters relationships across jurisdictions which can pay dividends when collaboration or mutual assistance is needed.

**The Recent Exchange to Austria & Visit to GLOCK Ges.m.b.H**  
Recently, a delegation supported by GILEE traveled to Austria for an executive exchange program. One of the standout moments of the visit was a stop at the headquarters of GLOCK Ges.m.b.H in Deutsch Wagram, Austria, which offered a unique convergence of law enforcement, industry, and global perspective.

During the visit, delegates had the opportunity to tour the facility and gain insight into the engineering, ergonomic design and manufacturing process of GLOCK firearms. Delegates also engaged in discussions with company leadership and product experts about how design, user-experience, and performance considerations align with operational needs in law enforcement.

"The visit to the GLOCK factory provided an insight to exceptional quality control and commitment to excellence. The majority of police departments in GA carry GLOCK pistols." - GILEE

GLOCK's involvement in the exchange reflects its support for peer-to-peer training and professional development within the global law-enforcement community. By hosting the delegation in Austria, GLOCK helped create space for open conversation, shared experience, and a clearer understanding of how agencies around the world prepare for large-scale public-safety challenges. The partnership shows the alignment in mission to create safe communities across the world and showed the value of collaboration between law enforcement.



GILEE exchange members gather at GLOCK headquarters in Austria.

**"I was most impressed by the precision and consistency built into every step of their manufacturing and quality-control process. As a law-enforcement professional, seeing that level of discipline and reliability reinforced why their firearms have earned such trust in our industry."**

**- Ken DeSimone, Sandy Springs Police Chief of Police**





GLOCK staff kick off the range safety brief at the GLOCK Community Days in Austria.

# FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DAYS HELD IN AUSTRIA

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At the end of May, 2025, just south of Vienna, Austria, something new took shape at Shootingpark Leobersdorf: a weekend dedicated to shooting and celebrating the spirit of the GLOCK community.

## Bringing People Together

The first ever Austrian GLOCK Community Days brought together fans and enthusiasts for a hands-on celebration of all things GLOCK. The best part? It wasn't just for seasoned shooters – everyone was welcome, from curious beginners to professional competitors.

From the moment the doors opened, it was clear that this wasn't just an average range day. With a packed program of static and dynamic shooting competitions, live firing demonstrations, GLOCK Training sessions, and a Rookie of the Day challenge, the event delivered a mixture of education, entertainment, and community spirit.

Beyond the gear and the competition, the GLOCK Community Days were about connection. First-timers stood shoulder to shoulder with experienced shooters. Veterans traded stories with young rookies. GLOCK staff, including trainers with special forces backgrounds, offered insights, shared techniques, and helped deepen the appreciation of what the brand stands for.

## From Training to Trophies

The competitions were a standout, with participants showcasing skills, focus, and sportsmanship across both static 10-meter target shooting and dynamic disciplines. Special prizes awaited the winners, including brand-new GLOCK pistols, personalized field knives, and GLOCK trophies.

Next up was the GLOCK Training – professionally led and pre-booked sessions where participants sharpened their skills under the guidance of experienced GLOCK instructors. The training offered valuable insights into safe and effective handling, for both beginners and seasoned shooters.



Between stations, attendees explored displays of the latest and most iconic GLOCK products and chatted with GLOCK technicians about all things precision and innovation.

At the trial shooting stations, visitors had the chance to try out a wide range of GLOCK pistols with some visitors getting their very first feel for what sets the pistols apart. First-timers were automatically entered into the Rookie of the Day contest, where one standout newcomer was recognized each day and awarded a special prize.

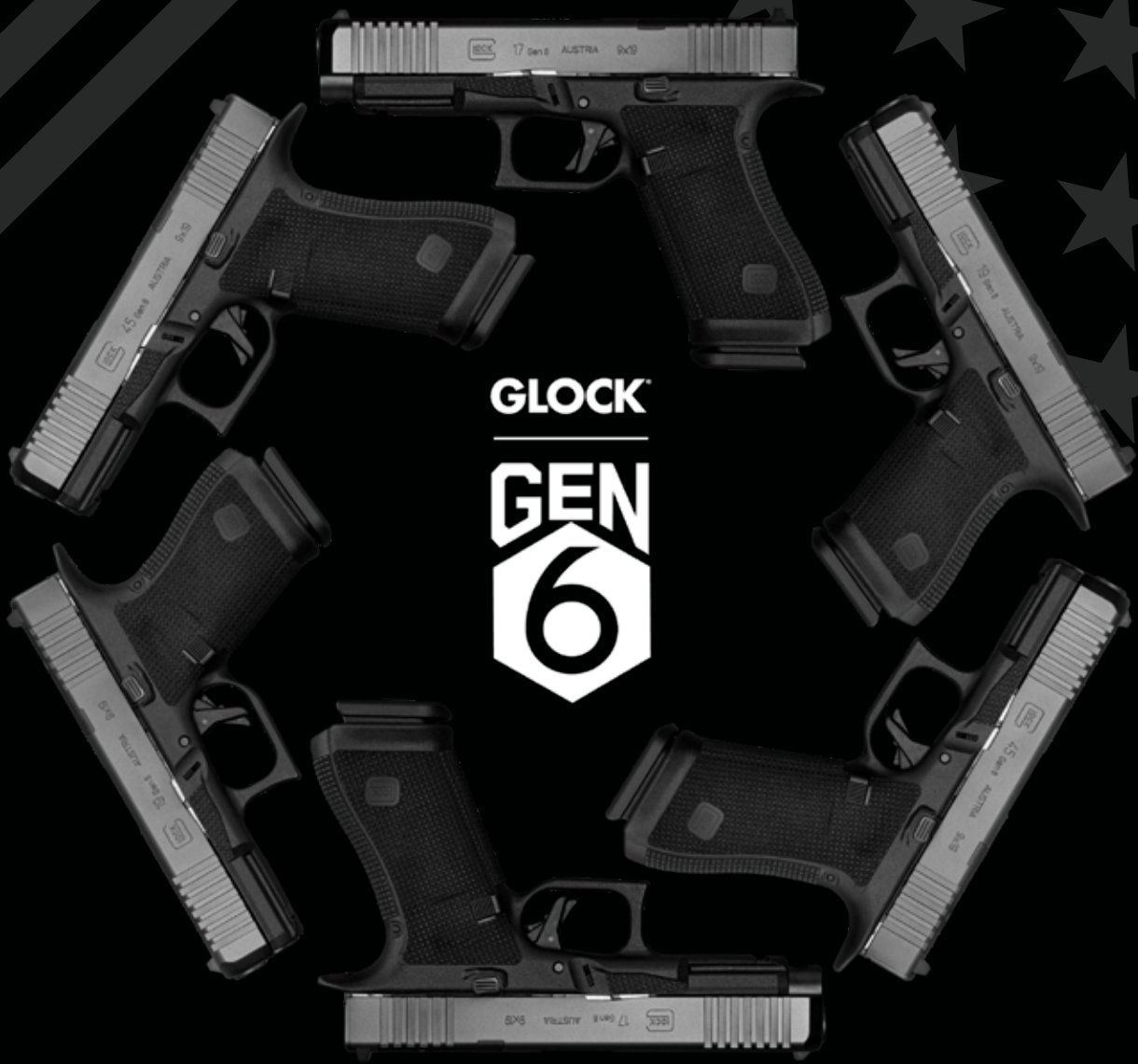
#### **The GLOCK Sense of Community**

By Sunday evening, it was clear that the first GLOCK Community Days were the launching pad for something lasting. The space was designed to bring the GLOCK community together to learn, compete, and connect. It reflects a shared experience that goes beyond time on the range.

As the final raffle winners celebrated, one thing was clear: the GLOCK community doesn't just shoot together - it sticks together.







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