



Tip of the Week: March 23, 2026

### **The Gun On Your Hip is NOT Your Plan.**

The bottom line — Responsible armed citizens do not go looking for a fight; they go about building their lives in such a way that they make themselves difficult to target, and even more difficult to trap.

–Carrying a gun is not a method of self-defense; it is merely an option for use as a final resort.

–Your real defensive strategy lies in developing an awareness of your surroundings (knowing what is around you), choosing your position (where you will be), and making decisions regarding how you react in those situations.

–If your overall plan begins with “I’ll pull my gun,” then you have already fallen behind the curve.

–Most fights are won before they begin, based upon the person’s ability to avoid the conflict.

–Distance from potential threats, having alternative options or ways to move through your environment, and knowing multiple exit strategies, can all play a much larger role in protecting yourself than simply carrying a large enough caliber handgun.

–Your ultimate objective is simple: Get out of contact. Get back home. Survive.

–The gun is used as a means of defending yourself, only when everything else has failed.