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Smart Firearms was created in 2013 out of a need to reduce firearms accidents and increase proficiency among our nation’s police officers and private citizens. These folks have created a unique non-firing training system that models used a simple photosensor with a timer to set off the alarm anytime a finger was on the trigger for more than approximately two seconds. However, the company’s newest products utilize accelerometers and inertial reference units that tell the alarm system how the gun is oriented before it goes off. This allows for a bit more tolerance during presentations, accommodating shooting from retention or well-aimed shots. On the other end, there is nearly zero tolerance for finger placement during reholstering, as this is when most negligent discharges occur. Altogether, this suite allows every practice session to be a skill-builder by not allowing a single violation to slip by. The fact that the weapons are conspicuously inert and incapable of chambering a round increases the number of possible locations for training events. These
guns have found their way into regular buildings and neighborhoods, and have helped entire police departments achieve the most realistic training possible.

The company’s pistols come in several styles and will fit holsters for the Glock 17, 19, 22 and 23, Smith & Wesson's M&P series or, new for 2020, the Sig Sauer P320. All of the pistols are crafted with the same exterior dimensions as their live-fire counterparts and contain realistic triggers with tactile resets. They can also survive being dropped 8 feet onto concrete as well. In addition to handguns, Smart Firearms also makes highly functioning M4s and X2 Tasers to expand their appeal to SWAT teams and security personnel.

Sadly, many police departments lack the funding to provide substantial firearms training to their officers, and most civilians just don't have the means to conduct realistic training sessions. Through the use of Smart Firearms, police and responsible citizens can train for a violent encounter where threats exist in a 360-degree environment. The company’s guns are now in service with more than 120 police departments in the U.S. alone. Sales are open to any organization or individual that is interested in practicing or teaching safe firearms handling. (smartfirearms.us)

**LASER AMMO**

Getting to the range is hard—sometimes really hard. Most ranges aren’t open before typical work hours, and many aren’t open much later after we’ve punched out. Live-fire training is also costly on both the wallet and the shooter. Let’s face it, our budget and our wrists can only soak up so much recoil before we’re no longer practicing the way we should be. This led the owners of Laser Ammo to develop the company’s first product, the SureStrike.

The SureStrike was the first of many products that introduced realistic training to the comfort of your own home. This simple laser cartridge can accept different adapters to be chambered in nearly any firearm. Once the SureStrike is inserted into the chamber, the gun’s firing pin activates it and projects either a visible red laser or an infrared one for less distraction. Using the SureStrike, shooters can simply dry fire on their own target or incorporate any number of reactive targets made by Laser Ammo.

The company’s most popular target is the LaserPET, or Personal Electronic Target. This highly portable device operates in six different modes that allow you to work on drawing, consistency, speed and even malfunction-clearance drills. The newest version of this versatile feedback system can read either a red or infrared laser, helping to future-proof your training plans.

In addition, the company is very well known for its Smokeless Range Shooting Simulator. Using this system, an instructor or homeowner can set up a laser shooting range right in his or her classroom or living room and practice a variety of scenarios. There’s even a software add-on that allows you to make a custom scenario based on your own personal living space, office building or school. For a more affordable and dynamic training session, Laser Ammo also offers its Interactive Multi-Target Training System, or i-MTTS. The three or five targets that comprise this kit are electronically connected and “speak” to each other when hit to offer several different training options that involve movement and transitioning from target to target. Check them out. (laser-ammo.com)