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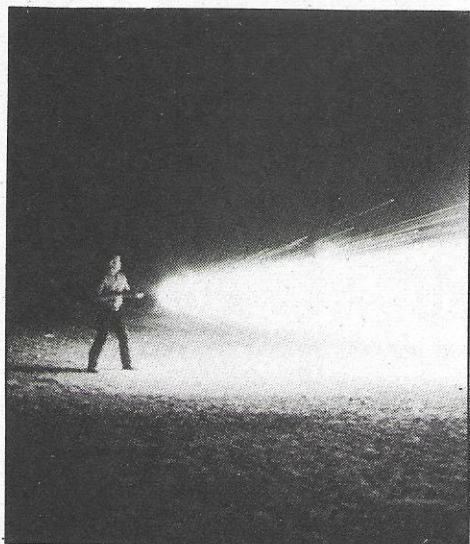
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# GOSHEN ENTERPRISES' TWO-ROUND CARTRIDGE CARRIER/KEEPER

by Paul D. Berkowitz

One of the more gratifying things about being able to publish in a magazine like *S.W.A.T.* is that every once in awhile someone takes your ideas to heart and uses them in the development of a new product.

In "Modern Techniques For The Service Revolver, Part I" (*S.W.A.T. Magazine*, July '87) I lamented the lack of a product that could serve a dual purpose as a keeper for the duty belt and simultaneously, unobtrusively carry two or three rounds in loops in anticipation of a tactical reload. About a year or so ago, I'd discussed this same idea with the people at Goshen Enterprises. Much to my delight, within a matter of weeks of the article's publication, I received a prototype sample of just such a device, produced by this custom leather manufacturer.

The device, as received, is extremely simple in appearance, but exhibits remarkable detail and quality. According to Goshen's co-owner, Timothy Sheehan, they've utilized their "... unique forming process ... to make the rounds low profile, secure, accessible and functional, in that they are properly set up for purchase and insertion into the weapon." That pretty much says it all.

It's amazing how much detail and functional quality they've put into so small a device ... much smaller, in fact, than any other cartridge *loop* design I've seen before. This appears to be accomplished through the molding of what are actually cartridge *pockets*, rather than the traditional loops.

I've been wearing my sample on my duty belt routinely since re-

ceiving it and it performs *exactly* the role I had desired. Tucked immediately between my duty holster and double-handcuff case, it's virtually unnoticeable as it sits concealed behind the revolver stocks. Its profile is low enough so it doesn't interfere in the least with acquisition of a proper shooting grip.

On the downside, my sample does not really lend itself to use as a keeper, since it secures with Velcro™ closures on the backside (read that, against the trouser, underneath the belt), making fastening and removal somewhat awkward. Instead, I've chosen to simply secure the device directly on the duty belt and dispense with the keeper function. This satisfied my needs completely. Still, I'm

sure that it would be a relatively simple matter for Goshen Enterprises to modify their product so that the cartridge pockets are relocated to the fastening end, allowing for a more traditional and convenient securing procedure.

All in all, I'm very pleased with my Goshen two-round cartridge carrier. It fills a legitimate need in the police equipment market, and does so with simplicity and subtlety. It's nice to know that there are manufacturers who are still willing to listen to, and experiment with, new ideas for a specialized market.

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