



Identifying the Threat –

Much has been written and said about the need to properly identify the threats you may be faced with.

After all, that is what planning is all about, preparing to meet an anticipated threat. And how can you plan to meet a threat if you have not figured out what it is?

Obviously throughout this book, we have discussed some general threats like, lack of power, civil unrest, breakdown of law and order, natural disasters, etc.

Now we must discuss specific threats to you personally.

There is one overwhelming source of threat that virtually every one of us faces, and it is this particular threat we are least prepared for.

This threat comes directly from your very own friends and your relatives.

How many times have you been the butt of a joke relating to preparedness?

I know I have been, and I am sure you have been as well.

In any case, you will usually end up in a discussion that ends with...”well, if things get that bad, I know where I am heading...” meaning your little retreat.

The problem is, they will.

If things do get bad, you may expect visits from all your friends and family members, and by that I mean extended family members, cousins, uncles, in-laws and out-laws.

You, by now, understand full well the amount of preparation needed for just your own family unit. Now the neighborhood decides that your place is where they want to be.

Will you willingly share your family’s very limited food with someone who has taken no pains to prepare themselves?

Someone who has thought of all your work preparing as an amusing little joke?

By sharing your resources with those who have chosen to ignore preparation to save themselves, you are dooming yourself and your family to death by starvation.

But what can an honest, good to the core person do?

There are several things to do, but you must start now. If you do not, your life, and the lives of your loved ones are in danger.

First: Keep a low profile. Never advertise that you have stored food, shelter, or ammunition. **Especially among family.**

This is pretty hard to do however, and most close families will know something is up. That’s okay, we will deal with that later. The point here is this – keep this information on a need to know basis only. Avoid all the bumper stickers about shooting terrorists and being the NRA. Become a “gray” man. Indistinguishable from the rest. Just blend in.

Second: For those who need to know – (very close friends, family not living with you) – Let them know in no uncertain terms that you will shoot anyone who approaches your house, especially if they do not come bringing all the food and equipment they need to keep themselves alive.

It sounds very harsh, but it does get the point across. The best time to bring this up is after one of the jokes about them all converging on your ‘bunker’.

It will make them think, and if you say it often enough, they may just believe you.

Third: For those non-confrontational folks, you could always move to a Plan B location and avoid them right from the start. (You haven’t told them about Plan B of course, go back and re-read number one.)

Fourth: Knowing there may very well be a few stragglers who do make it to your place, or maybe got robbed on the way, you could lay aside some extra rations and equipment for just such an occasion.

All these things require doing NOW, not then, when you really have no choice.

After that, It will be very difficult to make a decision. It will be your life or theirs.

By far, this will be the worst attack on your little retreat, and if you can neutralize it now, so much the better.

It is fairly easy to shoot at a raging mob that is shooting back.

On family and friends? God forbid.

