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Top tactical gifts for law officers

This is my favorite time of the year — I get to recommend holiday gifts for that LEO loved one on your Christmas list. This year, I looked at essentials that make the job easier and safer. You can also add your own gift ideas for cops in the comments area below.

FrogLube

While it doesn't break down under extreme stress, FrogLube definitely breaks down the paradigm associated with lubricants. FrogLube is a 100 percent biodegradable lubricant treatment that is bio-based and safer than any petroleum-based product I have encountered. It sort of smells like the embrocation I use occasionally to help my muscles warm up when cycling in cooler weather. It definitely doesn't smell like a petroleum distillate. FrogLube has paroled me from my banishment to the garage when I clean guns because it smells better.

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I got a chance to interview Capt. Larry Lasky, the Navy SEAL (ret.) who first introduced the world to FrogLube. Larry sought new solutions when he was frustrated with product failure, which is the mother of invention. This product has had extensive input from folks who merit the black rectangle over their eyes in group photos.

Here are some of the paradigm busters associated with FrogLube:

While I was a member of a small arms instructional team in the military, we did not teach our soldiers to lubricate their magazines, which was eventually changed to limited lubrication. With FrogLube, one can lubricate them inside and out. I experimented with this whole idea, including some tests to see if it would cause primers or powder to fail. I can easily demonstrate cartridge failure with most common lubricants. I could not demonstrate cartridge failure with FrogLube.

- 1.) Lubricated magazines and similar products have a tendency to be dust magnets. With FrogLube, I found the amount of dust that accumulated on metal surfaces was the same as a bare metal surface and less than several oils I used in the test.
- 2.) FrogLube works best when the metal is treated with it first, then used in a normal manner. This may confuse some of us who clean their guns after shooting. When I "FrogLubed" (yes, I am coining a new word here) my guns with it, I found I could dry patch the barrels afterward and wipe down all areas.
- 3.) FrogLube discourages leading. This is quite tangible on the range with a quick side by side comparison of lubricants.

I began testing FrogLube on everything I shoot and use for gear. As soon as I got a sample, I field stripped my entire inventory, then cleaned and treated every gun. I felt that I could not give our readers a good assessment of the product unless I trusted it completely. Yes, I used FrogLube on my 1938 Colt.

FrogLube worked fine on my AR-15 and a piston-driven carbine throughout several shooting sessions. I didn't expect it to change the amount of carbon deposit and it didn't. The barrels and actions took much less time to clean, which amounted to wiping them down with a microfiber cloth. I was able to clean the cloth also, which I never do.

If a person ants to test a protectant, use salt water or body fluids. I carry a high carbon blade when I work out. It stays in the waistband of my running shorts and usually has a thin line of oxidation at the end of a few good workouts. After a month, the FrogLube treatment completely interrupted the oxidation.

I shot lead bullets through treated barrels, including bullets I poured myself. I even experimented with using it as a bullet lube. As a gun and knife lubricant, it preformed rather well, especially when using combinations where galling can occur. For example, I am in the middle of a gun test with a non-anodized aluminum frame and a steel slide, where an inferior lube would be evident. FrogLube seems to prevail here.

FrogLube is made in the USA and the parent company — Audemous Inc — is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business. It has a MSDS data sheet that makes the product so environmentally "green" and hazard safe that it comes with its own halo.

What's the downside of FrogLube? Apparently, it smells like food to my pets. It's not as if they can get in my safe anyway, but it has caused me to rethink where I am hiding my portable safes.

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