

THE TUBE PARADIGM SHIFT FIRST-LIGHT'S LIBERATOR AND TOMAHAWK



I don't read instructions until I'm totally frustrated and I like things simple — especially under stress. I've said it before; the KISS principle was made for me: Keep It Simple Sammy.

When I first put my paws on the First-Light Liberator, I didn't bother to look at the instructions or call Clyde Caceres, friend and President of First-Light. I

fumbled and pressed buttons to my complete frustration. I put the light on my desk and there it sat.

About a week later I saw Clyde at an LE Show and told him I had no idea how to use the Liberator. In less than ten minutes, I had the light properly fitted to my hand and was comfortable in its operation. Something about quality training

was ringing in my ears.

The light worked as advertised, it stayed where it was supposed to and gave me the freedom to use my hands to operate firearms, climb, or simply use both hands without having to put my standard flashlight under my arm or worse, in my mouth. Go ahead and lie — say you haven't done it.

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One question kept nagging me; where do you put it when it's not on your hand? Simple, you don't put it away. It stays on your hand all the time. This requires a paradigm shift in how we've used flashlights our whole career. We're tube flashlight world and we've adapted to the tube not the other way around. The Liberator and its new brother, the Tomahawk, still have tubes, but the folks at First-Light have adapted the tube to us.



Rule #1

Use the light when walking my dogs and like being able to use both hands on the leash — every K9 handler should be using a Liberator.

The weapon-mounted light is nice when you're on a threat, but using a "loaded" light to watch your dog, partner or someone you don't want to shoot can have disastrous results. "Never point your weapon at anything you don't want to destroy." Sound familiar? I also keep one on the nightstand. One less thing to hold while your heart rate is over 170, at O-Dark Thirty and the dog is going nuts, can be a good thing.

The Liberator and Tomahawk are available in several models and configurations to suite your needs. If you need or desire a strobe feature, they got it, you like a clip for your MOLLE gear — got one of those too.



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