

# Handgun Trouble-Shooting Formula

## **SHOOTER**

*90% of the problem*

- [1] observe the shooter firing – problem may not be the pistol's fault.
- [2] identify the specific malfunction and consider possible causes
- [3] instructor should fire the shooter's handgun to determine if the malfunction occurs to all shooters or is limited to just one shooter.

## **AMMUNITION OR MAGAZINE**

*8% of the problem*

- [1] use same ammunition in another type handgun of same caliber
- [2] use another magazine to determine if all magazines create the same malfunction
- [3] use a different brand/type of same caliber ammunition to see if same results are obtained.

## **FIREARM**

*2% of the problem*

- [1] inspect the function of the firearm while unloaded and disassembled
- [2] look for cracks in frame, worn or missing parts.
- [3] repair or replace parts as needed
- [4] take defective handgun out of service
- [5] clean and lubricate pistol before re-assembly

