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**Smith & Wesson® Expands M&P®22 Compact Pistol Series with
New Cerakote®-Flat Dark Earth Frame Finish**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (May 20 2016) --- Smith & Wesson Corp. announced today that it has added a new model to the company's line of M&P polymer pistols with the introduction of the M&P22 Compact pistol in durable Cerakote Flat Dark Earth (FDE) frame finish. Engineered to professional standards, this tactical rimfire pistol incorporates a variety of features inherent to the design of the full size M&P centerfire pistol in a smaller scale version. The American-made M&P22 Compact .22 LR pistol delivers M&P accuracy and reliability in a fun-to-shoot, compact profile.

“This new M&P22 Compact model sports a desirable Cerakote flat dark earth frame finish. The Cerakote polymer-ceramic-composite coating on the frame provides a durable finish and enhances the appearance of this popular M&P22 rimfire pistol,” said Jan Mladek, General Manager of the M&P Brand. “Target shooters and recreational shooting enthusiasts will appreciate having a new finish option in this compact, two-tone finished M&P .22 LR semi-automatic pistol.”

Designed to be 15% smaller than the full-size M&P 9/40, the M&P22 Compact pistol is lightweight, comfortable in the hand and conveniently carried. Like its centerfire sibling, the M&P22 Compact pistol accommodates the needs of both left and right-handed shooters with its ambidextrous manual safety and reversible magazine release. Its Picatinny-style accessory rail underneath the barrel easily accommodates after-market lights and laser sights when using in various light conditions and sporting activities. This pistol is suppressor ready and is standard with a 1/2 inch x 28 threaded barrel with muzzle cap for easy accessorizing. Shooters of all experience levels will appreciate the crisp, trigger pull with reset which makes shooting the M&P22 Compact FDE pistol accurate, easy and fun.

The M&P22 Compact FDE pistol has an MSRP of \$429 and ships complete with two 10-round capacity magazines. For more information on the new M&P22 Compact pistol and its accessories, visit www.smith-wesson.com/mp22compact.

M&P22 Compact FDE Specifications:

- Barrel Length: 3.56”
- Overall Length: 7.25”
- Overall Width: 1.48”
- Overall Height: 5.03”
- Weight: 15.3 oz.
- Barrel Material: Carbon Steel
- Slide Material: Aluminum Alloy
- Frame Material: Polymer
- Frame Finish: Cerakote-FDE
- Front Sight: White Dot
- Rear Sight: White 2-Dot – Screw Adjustable for Windage & Elevation
- Capacity: 10+1

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