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LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES DIVISION



## Casual Observer

By Sam Baiocco

With over 40 years of experience in competitive handgun shooting, including recent participation in an NRA Action Pistol Louisiana State Championship, I decided to check out the National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) in Jackson, Mississippi, to see first-hand what all of the buzz was about.

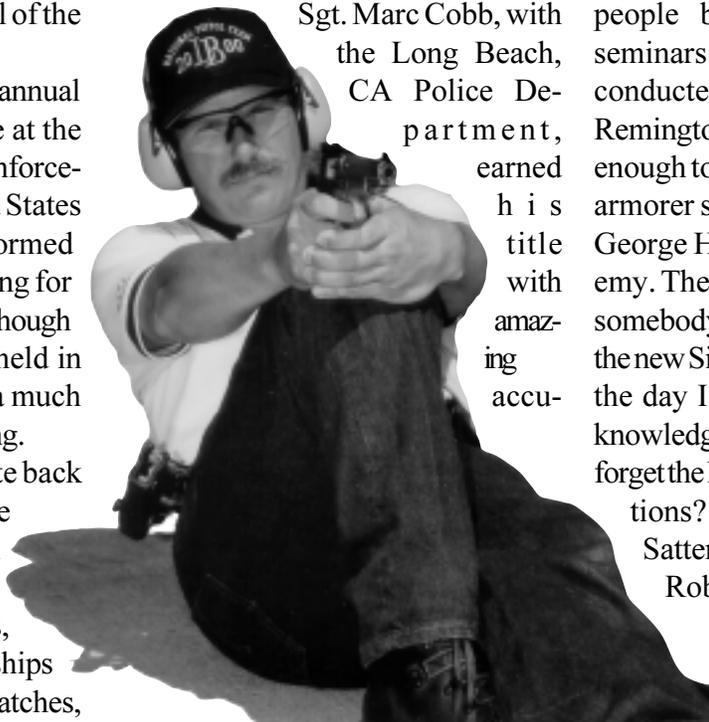
This year marked the 39th annual NPSC, and also my first time at the competition. Nearly 500 law enforcement officers from the United States and five foreign countries stormed Jackson Sept. 25-29, competing for individual and team honors. Although the matches have only been held in Jackson since 1989, there is a much deeper history worth mentioning.

The roots of the NPSC date back to the 1920s, where they were conducted as part of the NRA National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. In the late 1950s, the police shooting championships separated from the National Matches, and moved to Bloomington, Indiana. The NPSC, as we know it today, got its start in Bloomington in 1962, when the National Rifle Association became the sponsor. The first NPSC was born! The city of Jackson will host the championships until at least 2004, when the contract runs out.

The competitions are grueling—individual matches require officers to fire seven different handgun matches

and a shotgun match over a five-day period. In addition, two- and four-man team matches comprise the other half of the NPSC. The X-Team Challenge, a new team event, was added this year and was a big success.

This year's winner, Sgt. Marc Cobb, with the Long Beach, CA Police Department, earned his title with amazing accuracy



Sgt. Marc Cobb of the Long Beach, CA Police Department is the 2000 National Police Shooting Champion. (All NPSC photos by J.B. Roberts, Jr.)

racy, shooting a 2984-182X out of a total possible 3000-300X. Sgt. Cobb, who also won the individual honors in 1989, was extremely pleased with his victory. "The obvious goal as an individual is to come back and win the overall championship," Sgt. Cobb said. "I'm one of the few who can say I've done it multiple times. It means

something to me." As far as future plans for Cobb, he added that "It's my plan to be right back here [next year.] I always enjoy coming back here."

While the focus of the NPSC is on competitions, there were plenty of other events and activities to keep people busy. Numerous training seminars and armorer schools were conducted by Glock, H&K, S&W, Remington, and Sigarms. I was lucky enough to be able to attend a Sigarms armorer school, taught by instructor George Harris, from Sigarms Academy. The school covered everything somebody would need to know about the new Sig Pro handgun. By the end of the day I had an excellent working knowledge of the pistol. And who can forget the high-energy shooting exhibitions? Shooting champion John Satterwhite and world champion

Rob Leatham, wowed spectators with their shooting prowess. When each day was complete, we were treated to complimentary dinner receptions hosted by Armor Holding/Safariland, Beretta, NRA, and the Jackson Police Department.

My visit to the range on the first match day reminded me of my first visit to Camp Perry for the National Matches in the 1960s, when I was a

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## Southern States Police Benevolent Association

Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (Southern States PBA), is a nonprofit professional association composed of more than 18,000 law enforcement officers and support personnel employed by federal, state, county, and municipal governments. The purpose of the association is to provide support for law enforcement personnel through legal, disciplinary, and legislative representation for its members.

Southern States PBA members reside in eleven southeastern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Leadership at all levels consists of active or retired law enforcement officers. The president of the association is Jack L. Roberts, a sixteen-year veteran of the Tallahassee (FL) Police Department.

Legal representation is among the key benefits which Southern States PBA provides to its members. The association provides attorney services (1) if members are named as defendants in civil or criminal action

resulting from their duties, and (2) to represent members at the scene of all on-duty shootings or serious injuries. The association also supports local chapters which assist members with disciplinary and grievance proceedings. Should those situations advance to a level where legal assistance is necessary, the Southern States PBA legal department may assist in these matters as well, upon the local chapter's approval.

In addition to legal services, Southern States PBA is active in lobbying legislators at the local, state, and national level. Other benefits include an accidental death benefit and professional staff on hand to provide consultation on matters such as pensions and salary issues. The association compiles an annual salary and benefits survey of agencies throughout the Southeast, which is available to the public.

Surveys of Southern States PBA membership have consistently indicated that law enforcement officer members of the association are strongly opposed to gun control. A

survey of over 200 of the association's chapter leaders was conducted earlier this year and revealed that a majority of officers believe in the rights of firearm owners and are opposed to increased gun control laws. In response to the statement, "Based on my own experience, if the laws on handgun ownership were stricter than they are now, the overall number of violent crimes would be reduced," 84.1 percent of the respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed. This response mirrors the results of a survey conducted of all Southern States PBA members several years ago.

Southern States PBA is funded through membership dues and citizen contributions. The association is not affiliated with any national or international organization and prohibits members from engaging in or condoning any strike or work stoppage by law enforcement officers.

For additional information on Southern States PBA, please contact Jonie Fletcher at (800) 233-3506 or (770) 389-5391.

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Program

The NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award recognizes exceptional valor, public service, and dedication to the principles of our constitutional heritage. Nominations for the 2001 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year are now being accepted and must be postmarked by September 1, 2001. If you know of an officer who qualifies for this prestigious award, call Emma Bailiff at (703) 267-1649, for a nomination application.

The 2001 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year will be officially recognized at NRA's Annual Member's Meeting scheduled for May 18-22 in Kansas City, Missouri. The winner will be presented an award and a \$1,500 cash prize. The winner will also be invited to attend and participate in the 2001 National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) as NRA's guest (expenses paid). The 2001 NPSC is scheduled for September 24-28, in

Jackson, Mississippi. NRA will also feature this individual and his/her accomplishments on a one-page flier that is distributed nationally, as well as being featured in several nationally ranked law enforcement publications.

Don't miss this opportunity to acknowledge your fellow officers for their valor, public service or dedication to the principles of our constitutional heritage.

## NRA Hires New Manager For Law Enforcement Training

Glen Hoyer is a 25-year law enforcement veteran, retiring from the Lexington County (SC) Sheriff's Department as a Captain. Earlier in his career, he worked for a city police department and a smaller sheriff's department, which helped round out his experience. Glen has received numerous awards during his career including Meritorious Conduct, Officer of the Year, Life Saving, Tactical Operations Contribution, Major Case Contribution, and has also received commendations from the South Carolina State Senate and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Glen has been a firearm instructor for 15 years, certified by the NRA in handgun, shotgun, select fire firearms, patrol rifle, as well as a tactical instructor. He is also certified



*Glen Hoyer, NRA's New Manager of Law Enforcement Training*

by the Smith & Wesson Academy as a submachine gun instructor and by the state of South Carolina as a Civilian Concealed Carry Instructor. Glen has been to armorer schools for Colt, Glock, Smith & Wesson, and Sig/Sauer. In addition, he has served as a

member of a tactical team, been a competitive shooter, and attended school for the investigation of officer-involved shootings.

Glen has testified before the South Carolina State House and Senate committees and sub-committees on firearms and police matters. He was hired as an NRA adjunct instructor in 1996. He is also an NRA Endowment member and a member of International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, National Tactical Officer's Association, and American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers.

"The Law Enforcement Activities Division has had many positive changes in the past two years and I am looking forward to being a part of this progressive evolution," Glen said.

## Springfield Armory Teams With NRA for Membership Promotion

Springfield Armory, "The Oldest Name in American Firearms," has announced a new program in cooperation with America's premier gun rights organization, the National Rifle Association, to raise awareness among firearm owners while increasing participation in the NRA.

For a limited time, with every purchase of a Springfield Armory M1A .308 caliber semi-automatic rifle, Springfield will provide a one-year membership to the NRA. The membership may be used by the

purchaser or may be given to a friend or family member.

In the past year, membership in the NRA has risen to all-time record levels, surpassing the 4 million mark for the first time in its history.

The M1A/M14 is a symbol of American freedom in its own right. With nearly four decades of active duty, the M1A continues to rank first in tradition and history. With unsurpassed workmanship, attention to detail and a unique rugged beauty, the M1A is backed by the industry's

strongest lifetime warranty.

"The important thing is to give someone who is not already an NRA member the opportunity to become involved in the organization doing the most to protect our Second Amendment rights," said Dennis Reese, Springfield Armory Co-Chairman.

For more information on the M1A/NRA promotion and the entire line of Springfield products, contact your Springfield dealer or Springfield, Inc. at (309) 944-5631 or visit our website at: [www.springfieldarmory.com](http://www.springfieldarmory.com).





# NRA-Hosted Law Enforcement Tuition-Free Schools

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The National Rifle Association's (NRA) Law Enforcement Activities Division (LEAD), in conjunction with Benelli U.S.A., Beretta U.S.A., Colt, Glock, Inc., Heckler & Koch, O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Remington Arms Inc., SIG Arms Academy, Sturm Ruger & Co., Smith & Wesson Academy, Gunsite Academy, Blackwater Training Center, and InSights Training Center, will be hosting the following complimentary armorer/shooting schools during 2001. Each tuition-free school will be held at NRA Headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia, and is limited to twenty-five law enforcement officers. Participants will be responsible for all other expenses. As our 2001 schedule finalizes, other armorer and/or shooting schools will be added.

These courses, seminars, and training schools are being donated by each of these companies as a way of giving back to our law enforcement officers. Some of them cost upwards of \$1,000 normally. If you are selected to attend one and circumstances occur preventing your attendance, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can make that slot available to someone else. More schools are expected to be added from other manufacturers and training academies during the course of the year.

There are no official entry forms for this training. Participants will be selected by drawings. Please write on a 3 x 5 card, your name, rank, assignment, agency affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail address where you may be reached and where

your law enforcement status can be verified. You must indicate on the card which school you are interested in; separate entries are required for each school, but all cards may be mailed together. **(Only one entry per person per school will be accepted. Mail cards to:)**

*National Rifle Association  
Law Enforcement Activities Div.  
11250 Waples Mill Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030-9400  
Attn: Dave Gledhill*

The drawing for each school will take place after the entry deadline. Winners will be notified by phone/mail. NRA membership is not a requirement for participation in any of these schools. For more information, please call the Law Enforcement Activities Division at (703) 267-1640.

DATES	MFGR./CO.	SUBJECT	ENTRY DEADLINE
April 16-18, 2001	InSights Training Center	Law Enforcement Intensive Handgun Skills	March 2, 2001
May 22-24, 2001	Ruger	Min-14/Police Carbine Armorer/Live Fire	April 6, 2001
August 13-17, 2001	Blackwater Training Center	Tactical Handgun/Shotgun Shooting	June 29, 2001
August 27-28, 2001	Benelli	Super-90 Shotgun Armorer	July 13, 2001
September 5-7, 2001	SIGArms	Armorer/Advanced Pistol Tactics	July 20, 2001

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# 2001 NRA Law Enforcement Instructor Schools



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**Handgun/Shotgun Instructor**

Jan. 15-19, 2001 San Fernando, CA  
 Mar. 5-9, 2001 Toccoa, GA  
 Mar. 19-23, 2001 Moyock, NC (Blackwater)  
 Apr. 16-20, 2001 Grants Pass, OR  
 Apr. 23-27, 2001 Pearl, MS  
 Apr. 23-27, 2001 Washington, DC  
 May 7-11, 2001 Cheshire, CT  
 May 21-25, 2001 Knoxville, TN  
 June 4-8, 2001 Allentown, PA  
 June 4-8, 2001 Fredericksburg, VA  
 August 6-10, 2001 Rochester, MN  
 Sept. 10-14, 2001 Topeka, KS  
 Oct. 8-13, 2001 Las Vegas, NV  
 Oct. 15-19, 2001 Baton Rouge, LA  
 Oct. 15-19, 2001 Evansville, IN  
 Oct. 22-26, 2001 St. Charles, MO  
 Nov. 5-9, 2001 Pearl, MS  
 Nov. 5-9, 2001 Washington, DC

**Tactical Handgun Instructor**

Mar. 12-16, 2001 Toccoa, GA  
 Mar. 26-30, 2001 Moyock, NC (Blackwater)  
 Apr. 9-13, 2001 Boise, ID  
 Apr. 16-20, 2001 Castle Rock, CO  
 Apr. 23-27, 2001 Fairbanks, AK  
 Apr. 23-27, 2001 Fairfax, VA  
 May 7-11, 2001 Selma, AL  
 May 7-11, 2001 Vancouver, WA  
 June 11-5, 2001 Parchman, MS  
 Sept. 17-21, 2001 Topeka, KS

Sept. 24-28, 2001 Fredericksburg, VA  
 Oct. 8-12, 2001 Canton, MI  
 Nov. 5-9, 2001 Phoenix, AZ  
 Nov. 12-16, 2001 Las Vegas, NV

**Handgun Instructor**

June 11-15, 2001 Castle Rock, CO  
 Sept. 10-14, 2001 Phoenix, AZ

**Tactical Shotgun Instructor**

Apr. 2-6, 2001 Parchman, MS  
 June 18-22, 2001 Castle Rock, CO  
 July 16-20, 2001 Vancouver, WA  
 Sept. 17-21, 2001 Phoenix, AZ

**Patrol Rifle Instructor**

Apr. 2-6, 2001 Boise, ID  
 May 21-25, 2001 Fredericksburg, VA  
 June 4-8, 2001 Pearl, MS  
 Aug. 6-10, 2001 Castle Rock, CO  
 Sept. 17-21, 2001 Fredericksburg, VA  
 Nov. 5-9, 2001 Las Vegas, NV

**Precision Rifle (Scoped) Instructor**

Apr. 9-13, 2001 Parchman, MS  
 May 14-18, 2001 Fredericksburg, VA  
 Aug. 13-17, 2001 Castle Rock, CO  
 Dec. 3-7, 2001 Las Vegas, NV

**Select-Fire Instructor**

April 23-27, 2001 Phoenix, AZ

**Several schools have undertaken name changes:**

Submachine Gun Instructor is now called **Select Fire**, Long-Range Rifle Instructor is now called **Precision Rifle (Scoped)**, Firearms Instructor is now called **Handgun/Shotgun Instructor**, and Shotgun is now called **Tactical Shotgun**.

DATES	MFGR./CO.	SUBJECT	ENTRY DEADLINE
Sept. 10-12, 2001	Remington	870/11-87/700 P Armorer	July 27, 2001
Sept. 17-21, 2001	Beretta	Pistol Armorer/Tactical Shooting	August 3, 2001
Nov. 12-16, 2001	Heckler&Koch	MP5/Trigger Groups/ Rifles/USP Pistol Armorer	Sept. 28, 2001



# Supports Law Enforcement With More Than \$500,000 in Grants

*Friends of NRA* is an exciting grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement, raises money, and gives 100 percent of the net proceeds to qualified local, state, and national programs. Working with NRA's field staff, thousands of volunteers nationwide are participating in the program by helping to organize committees and plan local events.

*Friends of NRA* events typically include a great dinner followed by live auctions and special drawings for unique and collectible merchandise. All net proceeds benefit The NRA Foundation, and half of the funds are allocated to support projects within the state where the money was raised. The other half of the money is used to fund

similar projects on a national level.

Numerous law enforcement agencies across the country have received grant money to help fund programs in their area. Among many worthwhile projects that *Friends of NRA* supports are law enforcement achievement awards, firearm training, the purchase of Eddie Eagle GunSafe™ program mascot costumes, training aids, college scholarships for the children of law enforcement officers, and travel expenses for law enforcement competitions. Over \$110,000 in grant money has been awarded to various law enforcement agencies around the nation to date. In addition, over \$450,000 in grant money has been awarded to the Eddie Eagle GunSafe™

program to provide materials free of charge to law enforcement agencies.

"I'm glad that *Friends of NRA* works to provide us with grants for the Eddie Eagle program," says Patrolman Randall Dixon of the Cleveland, TN, police department. "The Friends grant that we receive helps us to reach nearly 3,000 schoolchildren every year—it's a wonderful thing that they do."

For information on applying for a grant or to find out when the next *Friends of NRA* event will be held in your area, contact your local NRA Field Representative. Call (800) NRA-3888, ext. 1354 to find your local representative, or log onto [www.nrahq.org/shooting/directory/index.shtml](http://www.nrahq.org/shooting/directory/index.shtml).

## Refuse To Be A Victim® Needs You!

Refuse To Be A Victim® is a 3-4 hour crime prevention seminar that teaches mental preparedness, safety, and avoidance of criminal attack. Since the program's inception in 1993, it has reached over 26,000 people, largely due to the support of law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Currently, there are nearly one hundred agencies represented; though this is a significant amount, we are continually seeking support from the law enforcement community. Including Refuse To Be A Victim® in your community outreach programs will empower members of your community by encouraging them to be *actively* involved in their own personal safety.

The certification process for active duty law enforcement personnel

interested in becoming Refuse To Be A Victim® certified instructors begins with completing an application. The next step is participating in an instructor development workshop. The workshop concentrates on technical aspects of the program, certification guidelines, speaking techniques, presentation skills, and seminar promotion. The tuition fee for active law enforcement officers is \$47.50, half of the fee charged to the general public.

As part of our effort to support the law enforcement community, NRA will provide seminar materials free of charge for a limited time, to law enforcement officers who use the program as part of their community outreach efforts.

For more information about

attending a seminar or becoming a certified instructor, please call (800) 861-1166 or visit [www.nrahq.org/safety/rtbav](http://www.nrahq.org/safety/rtbav).

### Seminars:\*

#### January

Puyallup, WA	1/6
Berkley, MI	1/8
Berkley, NJ	1/9
Palestine, TX	1/13
Friendswood, TX	1/17
Tinton Falls, NJ	1/21

#### February

Puyallup, WA	2/3
Palestine, TX	2/17
Auburn Hills, MI	2/26



\*Dates are as of December, 2000.

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member of the Navy Shooting Team. Just like at Perry, many officers had their team tents up with their city or state flags flying; some teams had rented motor homes that served as their operations center. For car buffs like me the NPSC was like a car show; every possible version of the latest police car was visible. As Murphy's Law might dictate, a cold and rain front swept through during the first day of competitions, dropping temperatures into the 50s. The shooters, of course, were unfazed.

The second day of competitions saw sunshine and warmer temperatures. Not surprisingly, scores appeared to rise dramatically with the improved weather. I also got a chance to observe my friend Lt. Philip Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol on the line. Lt. Hemphill, who was disappointed with his previous day's scores, rebounded like a lion. He shot an amazing 1498-122X out of a possible 1500-150X, winning the Semi-Automatic Pistol 1500 Aggre-



**FBI Agent Cathy Schroeder, Atlanta Office, is the 2000 Woman National Police Shooting Champion.**

gate, and also shot a 600-50X out of a possible 600-60X, winning the semi-automatic pistol NRA National Police Match. Both scores are new national records! If you know Lt. Hemphill, you know that he is a friendly person, engaging in conversation, and always involved in old-fashioned ribbing and friendly competition. About his wins, however, he was almost speechless.

"It feels good," he said. "It's awesome."

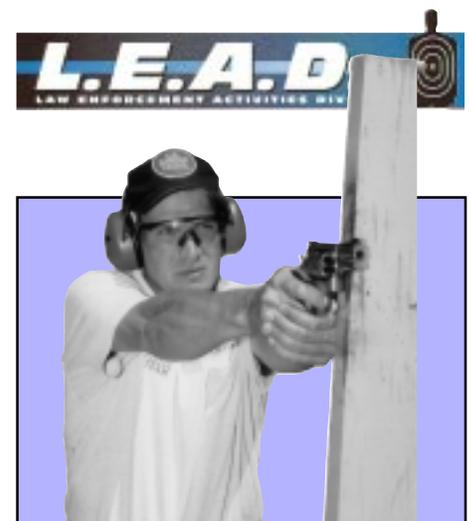
Unfortunately, I had to leave the NPSC early, so I missed the final three days of competitions, but all the same, it was a very rewarding experience. Besides renewing old acquaintances and making many new ones, it provided me an opportunity to observe an exciting shooting competition that I had never seen before. The NRA should be commended for sponsoring and running an excellent match. The 108 various industrial and organizations should be commended for their generosity in providing the services and awards that are so important for a competition of this magnitude. And finally, we should salute the nearly 500 police competitors who once a year come to this event to be the best that they can be. The hard work and dedication that they put forth to enhance their handgun proficiency most certainly has made them better prepared to serve and protect their communities, a quality that we should be grateful for.



**Third place winner of the 2000 National Police Shooting Championships, Lt. Philip Hemphill, MS Highway Patrol, proudly shows off his targets that broke two records.**



**Officers shoot from seven yards during the 2000 National Police Shooting Championships.**



**Agent Clay Tippit, US Border Patrol, Fort Davis, Texas, placed second in the 2000 National Police Shooting Championships, and also won numerous awards for victories in several matches.**

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