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## NRA's National Police Shooting Championships Returning to Albuquerque, N.M.

After a successful debut in 2006, the National Rifle Association will hold its 45th National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) at Shooting Range Park in Albuquerque, N.M., October 1 – 4, 2007, with a practice day scheduled for September 30.

More than 400 law enforcement officers from federal, state, municipal and private agencies, as well as five foreign countries, are expected to compete in this year's tournament, which will include two new team matches and a new tactical event.

"NRA is very happy to bring NPSC back to Albuquerque after the tremendous reception we received last year," said NRA President and retired Police Captain John Sigler. "New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez and Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schultz should be commended for their fine efforts in hosting this championship, and for recognizing the value of well-trained police officers. There is no better test of a police officer's skills than NPSC."

New to this year's tournament will be a pair of team matches, the Two-Officer and Four-Officer Stock Semi-Auto Matches. A police tactical event is also in the works, which will be fired on an action and reaction-type course using multiple firearms and multiple targets. This event will be held in addition to the overall championship.

The value of NPSC rests in the fact that it tests police shooting skills. Competitors start with guns holstered and fire timed matches with both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols from varying distances and positions

to simulate real-life law enforcement scenarios. The aggregate scores from the revolver and semi-automatic pistol matches are used to crown a national champion. The defending NPSC champion is Philip Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol; he has four consecutive NPSC titles to his credit, and eight overall in the event.

NPSC enjoys tremendous sponsor support, allowing NRA to offer match and category winners one of the finest prize tables in all of law enforcement competitive shooting. Major championship sponsors include: Brownells, Davidson's, Beretta, Blackhawk, Colt, FNH, Glock, Heckler & Koch, Otis, Remington, Ruger, Sigarms, and Smith & Wesson.

Held since 1962, NPSC is just one of many programs directed by NRA's Law Enforcement Activities Division. These programs are supported by the Davidson's Law Enforcement Endowment and the Law Enforcement Training Endowment of The NRA Foundation, which includes a generous \$251,000 donation from Brownells, Inc., as well as more than 100 other firearm and equipment manufacturers and businesses.

For more information about NPSC, or to register for the competition, go to [www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp), call (703) 267-1629, or send an e-mail to [bhughes@nrahq.org](mailto:bhughes@nrahq.org).



*Eight-time NPSC National Champion Philip Hemphill (left) of the Mississippi Highway Patrol receives his 2006 championship award from NRA President and former NPSC Chief Referee John Sigler.*





# On the Line at NPSC '06



Agent Gina Hernandez (right), 2006 NPSC Women's Champion, punches paper with her U.S. Border Patrol team during last year's event. Hernandez' victory was her second overall and first since 2002.

NPSC is the most comprehensive and prestigious police shooting competition in the world, testing officers' skills from a variety of distances and positions.



NPSC is truly an international competition. Competitors ventured to Albuquerque in 2006 from five foreign countries, including Canada, Venezuela, Russia, the Czech Republic, and Germany (pictured).

Revolvers and semi-automatic pistols aren't the only firearms used at NPSC. A shotgun event (pictured) is also held to measure long gun accuracy.

## Shooting Range Park: Under Construction

The ballistics wall (1) at Albuquerque's Shooting Range Park has been modified in advance of the 2007 championships, making it easier for competitors to score targets during competition. A new building is also being constructed (2) to house awards, stats, and vendor space at the range.



(1)



(2)

# 2007 NPSC Host Hotel

NRA is delighted to announce that the 2007 National Police Shooting Championships will be headquartered at the Fairfield Inn University in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Visit the Fairfield Inn web site at [www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/abqfi](http://www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/abqfi), or contact them at:

Fairfield Inn University  
1760 Menaul Boulevard, N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(800) 228-2800 (reservations)  
(505) 889-4000 (hotel direct line)

Reservations should be telephoned directly to the Hotel Reservation Department by the cutoff date of 9/4/2007. Competitors are urged to contact the hotel directly at (505) 889-4000 or (800) 228-2800, preferably between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time. Reservations may also be sent via fax to (505) 872-3094.

In order to receive the preferred group rates for which NRA has contracted, individuals must identify themselves with the 2007 National Police Shooting Championships. Rates cannot be changed at the time of check-in or check-out if guests fail to identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is requested.

A room block has been established that will be in effect from September 24-October 7.

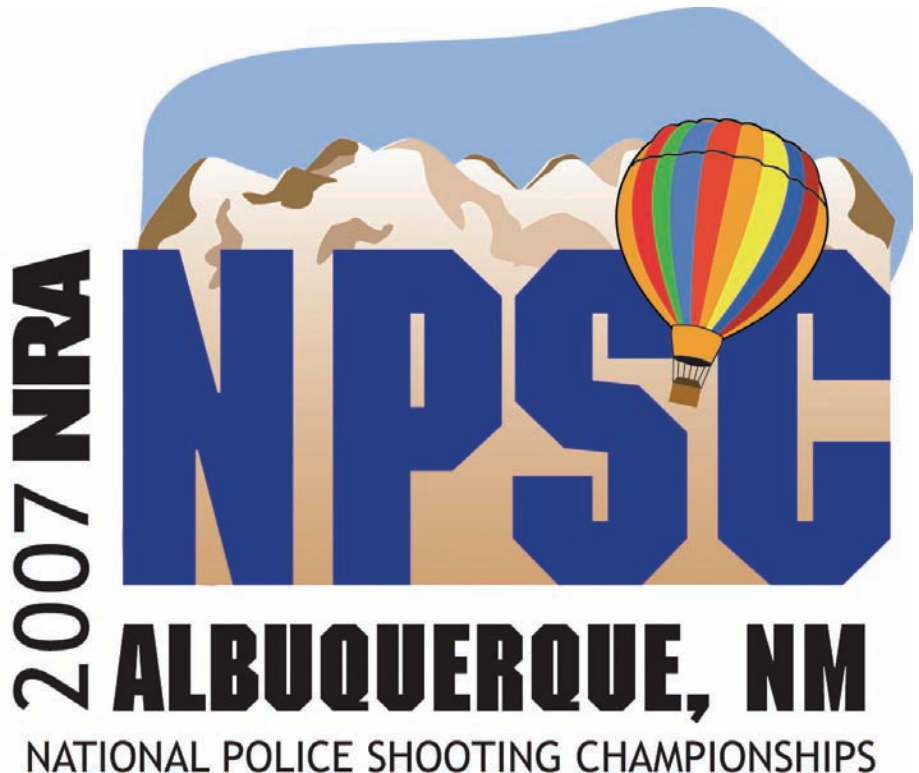
**RATE:** \$61 plus tax per night.  
Hotel check-in time is 3:00 p.m.  
Check-out is 12:00 noon.

**COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:** Is offered daily at the Fairfield Inn University from: Monday-Thursday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and Friday-Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**EARLY DEPARTURE:** If a guest who has requested a room within the NPSC block checks out prior to the reserved check-out date, the hotel will add an early

departure fee of \$50 to that guest's individual account. Guests wishing to avoid an early departure fee should advise the hotel at or prior to check in of any changes.

**NOTE:** Cleaning rags (gun rags) will be issued to competitors by hotel staff during check-in. Competitors are not to use hotel linens to clean their guns.



**DIRECTIONS: From Airport/I-25 Northbound:** Sunport Blvd. to I-25 North, Exit 225 (Lomas). Continue on North Frontage Road to Menaul. Go right on Menaul, then right onto Fairfield Drive.

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# Study Assesses Hit Probability Of Attacks on Officers

By Chuck Remsberg

Early results from a long-range study of hit probability in handgun attacks on police present some surprising and unnerving implications for street officers.

Conducted recently by the Force Science Research Center (FSRC), headed by Dr. Bill Lewinski of Minnesota State University-Mankato, tests on more than 100 volunteers reveal, among other things, that:

- Even naïve shooters, untrained and unpracticed with handguns, are amazingly accurate in making head shots at close range, and tend to shoot for the head instinctively.
- Shots intended for an officer's armored area often end up in unprotected vital parts of the body because of a suspect's poor gun control.
- The speed with which an officer may need to defend him/herself, even from assailants who have no expertise with firearms, is startling.

"These findings deepen our understanding of the true dynamics of a gunfight," Lewinski explains. "We've now established that even unskilled offenders, to the shock of everyone involved in these experiments, are capable of

much faster and more accurate shooting at close range than previously believed. This raises a very challenging question for trainers: How can we get officers to respond faster without compromising good decision-making?"

FSRC's study, encompassing multiple phases across several years, is intended to:

- Document the probable accuracy of attackers and officers trying to deliver

sudden on-target rounds from various distances within the time frame of most officer-involved shootings.

- To identify effective tactical options for officer protection.
- To determine what type of training can best increase an officer's skill in making fight-stopping hits.

NRA member Ron Avery, an FSRC technical advisor, a world-class shooter, and president of The Practical Shooting Academy, Inc., helped Lewinski design the project and is in charge of all field testing.

The phase concerning attacker-shooting performance predominately tested male subjects who, in terms of age, gender, and physical ability, were "very representative of the felon pool" that attacks

peace officers, Avery says. Over one-third had "never fired a handgun and only a few had more than a passing exposure" to sidearms.

Naïve shooters are important, Avery explains, "because they give us baseline data for human ability, without bias being introduced by training experience."

Each shooter started from a series of four

postures, reflecting how offenders commonly are carrying guns when confronted by officers. From those positions, each fired three handgun rounds as quickly as possible at nine different distances. They were told to try to hit an anatomical target "wherever you feel is best," Avery explains. "We wanted them to get the first round off in under one second and to complete all three shots within 1.7 seconds."

Resulting highlights:

- At one to three yards, more than half the simulated offenders shot at the head without being told to and had a very high hit probability with at least one of their shots, Avery notes. "It was astounding how they could keep the pattern in the head."
- At five to seven yards, many shooters "directed fire at a bigger part of the body, usually the chest, but a significant number of shots still hit the head, neck, and upper chest above the level of a bullet-resistant vest," Avery says, apparently because of the guns climbing uncontrolled in recoil.
- A strong majority fired all three rounds within one to 1.5 seconds, including their reaction time in responding to the timer signal. An actual assailant, deciding when to shoot without waiting for an auditory cue, could be expected to get a first round off even faster.
- Shooters who missed the intended target altogether often produced "collateral hits on a side target as far as four feet away," Avery says. This has implications for officers who tend to cluster together.
- At one yard, specks of unburned powder from muzzle blast frequently covered the whole head of the target and some targets were blown apart. "Without adequate eye protection, an officer risks being flash-banged and flash-blinded, probably out to three yards, even with near misses," Avery says.

These and other findings, Lewinski says, "are certain to have significant impact on officer-survival training." More specifics will be developed in future phases of the study.

For more information on the work of the Force Science Research Center and to register for its free biweekly electronic newsletter, visit:

[www.forcesciencenews.com](http://www.forcesciencenews.com) or  
[www.forcescience.org](http://www.forcescience.org)

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# NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Manuals and Training Aids

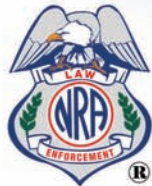


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**Handgun Handgun/Shotgun  
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Sales of these items are restricted to NRA Certified Instructors, sworn Law Enforcement Officers, bona fide Law enforcement agencies, armed security companies, and the U.S. military. Once your order is received, you may be contacted by a member of the Law Enforcement Activities Division to verify eligibility.

## **NRA Sanctioned Regional PPC Matches**

The National Rifle Association offers Regional PPC Tournaments all across the country in advance of the National Police Shooting Championships. Contact a regional PPC in your area to sign-up today, or bring a new member of your department out to the range so they too can learn the value of PPC.

To conduct an NRA Regional PPC Tournament of your own, please complete an application at: [www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/regionals.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/regionals.asp). You may complete the forms as they appear on your computer prior to printing them out. You may then fax, mail, or e-mail them to NRA Headquarters. Please fax them to (703) 267-3834, e-mail them to Police Competitions at [lead@nrahq.org](mailto:lead@nrahq.org), or mail them to 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, Attn: Police Competitions.

<b>2007 Regional Tournaments</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsored By</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Aug. 16-17	Norman, OK	Oklahoma Law Enforcement Shooting Assn.	Harold Nicholson 2125 Meridian Drive Norman, OK 73071 (405) 329-8210 <a href="mailto:OLESA1@cox.net">OLESA1@cox.net</a>
Sep. 22	Scituate, RI	Rhode Island Police Pistol Combat League	George Pesare 680 Douglas Ave. Providence, RI 02908 (401) 272-8929 <a href="mailto:gpesare7@hotmail.com">gpesare7@hotmail.com</a>



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(New schools are added often. Check WEB SITE frequently for current Training Schedule.)

➤Range Fee, if any, is payable to some hosting agencies, amount varies.◀

➤NRA Tuition = \$525 per person◀

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Aug 20-24      Philippi, WV  
 Aug 27-31      Cañon City, CO  
 Aug 27-31      Rochester, MN  
 Sept 17-21     Greenville, TX  
 Sept 24-28     Brandywine, MD  
 Oct 1-5        Leechburg, PA (west)  
 Oct 1-5        York, PA (east) – **FULL**  
 Oct 15-19     Las Vegas, NV <sup>2</sup> (public LE only)  
 Oct 15-19     Defiance, MO (near St Charles)  
 Oct 22-26     Memphis, TN  
 Nov 19-23     Evansville, IN  
 Dec 3-7        Panama City, FL

### **HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR**

Sept 10-14     Castle Rock, CO <sup>1</sup> (public LE only)  
 Oct 15-19     Lusby, MD  
 May 19-23 '08 Ontario, CA

### **PRECISION RIFLE INSTRUCTOR**

Sept 24-28     Jackson, NJ  
 Oct 29-Nov 2   Pittsburgh, PA  
 Nov 26-30     Las Vegas, NV <sup>2</sup> (public LE only)  
 March 10-14 '08 Greenville, TX  
 March 10-14 '08 Meridian, MS

### **SELECT-FIRE INSTRUCTOR**

Aug 13-17     Castle Rock, CO <sup>1</sup> (public LE only)  
 Nov 12-16     Florence, AL  
 Feb 11-15 '08 Meridian, MS

### **PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR**

Aug 13-17     Allentown, PA (east)  
 Aug 13-17     Rangely, CO  
 Aug 20-24     Florence, AL  
 Aug 20-24     Smithton, PA (west)  
 Sept 10-14     Bethlehem, PA (east)  
 Sept 10-14     Topeka, KS  
 Sept 17-21     Castle Rock, CO <sup>1</sup> (public LE only)  
 Sept 17-21     Jackson, NJ  
 Oct 22-26     Lusby, MD  
 Oct 29-Nov 2   DFW Airport, TX  
 Nov 5-9        Las Vegas, NV <sup>2</sup> (public LE only)  
 Nov 12-16     Greenville, TX  
 Mar 31-Apr 4 '08 Ontario, CA  
 May 5-9 '08    Epping, NH (SIGARMS Academy)

### **TACTICAL SHOTGUN INSTRUCTOR**

Oct 8-12        Gastonia, NC  
 Oct 29-Nov 2   Tuscaloosa, AL  
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 Sept 15-19 '08 Ontario, CA

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**To apply to footnoted Instructor Schools, call:**

<sup>1</sup> Castle Rock, CO – Audra (303) 660-7593

<sup>2</sup> Las Vegas, NV – Vern Zuleger (702) 828-4291





# 2007 NRA National Police Shooting Championships

October 1-4 • Albuquerque, New Mexico

**BRING A PARTNER PROGRAM**  
SPONSORED BY  
**HECKLER & KOCH, INC.**

We're pleased to announce that the annual National Police Shooting Championships will return to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Competitors are encouraged to participate in the Bring A Partner Program as a means to increase participation. Heckler & Koch is sponsoring the program again this year, and they've donated two firearms to be presented in a drawing for Bring A Partner participants!

Here are the details:

- A new competitor is someone who has not participated in the NSPC in the last three years.
- Your new shooter does not have to be from your department.
- Your partner **MUST** be declared by **Sunday, September 30th** to be eligible for this program.



The NRA proudly sponsors this premier training event, which serves as an accurate indicator of an officer's skill level while practicing the safe use and handling of firearms. Officers, both public and private, novice to experienced, will compete for top honors in individual and team challenges. Donated merchandise and prizes exceeding \$100,000 will be awarded to officers competing at all levels of expertise.



*The NPSC is supported by the Brownells Endowment and Davidson's Law Enforcement Endowment as well as more than 100 firearm and equipment manufacturers and businesses.*

For more information on the National Police Shooting Championships, or to request a match program, email [LEAD@nrahq.org](mailto:LEAD@nrahq.org), call 703-267-1629, or visit [www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp)





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