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2009 National Police Shooting Championships

The smoke has cleared and the 2009 National Police Shooting Championships are in the history books. Over 434 shooters participated in the shooting events of the Championships with 120 of them being New Shooters to the Police Pistol Combat portion! "It is refreshing to see so many new shooters joining our competition," said Glen Hoyer, the Director of the Law Enforcement Division.

The most popular event of the Championships was the Stock Semi-automatic match with 325 shooters. When asked about this, Hoyer said, "It is not surprising, as most of the officers are able to shoot this match with the gun and equipment they carry on duty. They do not have to invest in a special gun or equipment."

Philip Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol secured his 10th National Police Shooting Championship title this year (see article on page 2).

Other Championship titles were won by: Enoch Smith of the US Border Patrol captured the coveted National Police Shooting Championships Grand Aggregate Championship title; Gina Hernandez of the US Border Patrol took the High Woman Awards in the NPSC Grand Aggregate Championship, Open Class 3000 Aggregate Championship, Open Class Revolver 1500 Championship, and the Off Duty Handgun

Championship; Kevin Worrell of the US Border Patrol fired a near perfect score of 480-46x to take the Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship; George Kevanian of IRS Criminal Investigations Division won the Service Revolver Championship; Enoch Smith of the US Border Patrol captured the Off-Duty Handgun Championship; Phillip Hemphill of the Mississippi Highway Patrol won the Open Class Revolver and Semi-Automatic Championships; and Michael Dowd of Colorado State Parks/Law Enforcement won the NPSC Police Shotgun Championship by firing a new National Record score of 550-6x.

The NRA's new Tactical Police Competition held at the Championships, took place on Saturday and Sunday. "This new competition mirrors modern day training and equipment and is an outstanding success," said Marc Lipp, the Law Enforcement Competitions Manager. "We had well over 100 competitors participate in this event, and they all seemed to have fun and learned some things too," Marc added.

The winners of the NPSC Tactical Police Competition were Ting Sun of the McKinney Texas Police Department who took the Patrol Division Championship, and Charles Moots from the Department of Energy who won the Tactical Division Championship.

Back by popular demand were the tuition-free armorer schools available to the competitors. These schools were conducted by Glock, SIG SAUER, and Smith & Wesson.

Over \$170,000 in firearms were given away as prizes, as well as tens of thousands of dollars in other prizes, and thousands of award trophies. "We couldn't



2009 NPSC Special Aggregate Winner Enoch Smith, of the U.S. Border Patrol, with NRA President Ronald L. Schmeits and NRA General Operations Executive Director Kayne Robinson.

do it without our generous sponsors and exhibitors," Hoyer said. "I extend an extra round of applause to FNH-USA, Remington Outdoor Foundation, Smith & Wesson, Beretta USA, Remington Law Enforcement, and Brownell's Inc."

NRA News broadcasted live from Shooting Range Park on Monday and Tuesday during the Championships. Hoyer and Albuquerque Assistant Chief of Police Mike Castro served as informal co-hosts of the show, which featured a wide array of competitors, supporters, match staff, and spectators.

"The support of the Albuquerque Police Department goes a long way in making the National Police Shooting Championships successful for our competitors," Hoyer said.

Also attending the Championships was R. Lee Ermey, aka "the gunny." He visited the range and spoke to many competitors, and always had time to sign an autograph or pose for a picture. The gunny was also guest speaker at the Wednesday night awards banquet.

Make plans to attend the 2010 National Police Shooting Championships scheduled for September 19-23 in Albuquerque. For more information, visit our web site at www.nrahq.org/law/npsc.asp.



2009 Woman Champion Gina Hernandez, also of the U.S. Border Patrol, with Schmeits and Robinson.

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Philip Hemphill secures his tenth National Police Shooting Championship title

BY DANIELLE STURGIS

Police Captain Philip Hemphill secured his tenth National Police Shooting Championship title this year by winning the 1500 Aggregate, at the National Police Shooting Championships.

Hemphill won his first National Police Shooting Championships in 1988. His next eight came in 1990, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2007. He served as a referee in 2008.

With a cumulative score of 2989-215x at this year's match, Hemphill hit hard. His 2009 score is his highest yet.

"No one is all that surprised," Law Enforcement Division Director Glen Hoyer said. "When we heard [Hemphill]

was going after a 10th title we figured he wouldn't rest until he got it."

Phillip, whom NRA Executive Director Kayne Robinson calls "one of the top 10 shooters in the world across all disciplines," has had a good deal of time to master the mental games that accompany any competition. He has served on the Mississippi Highway Patrol since 1980, and he currently serves as Range Director, teaching new recruits to shoot.

Hemphill quoted his wife after winning the 2009 Championships. "Pam looked at me one night and, out of nowhere, says, 'Why nine, Philip? Why not ten?'" Hemphill told the crowd of participants at the annual Award Ceremony.

"I guess Brett Favre kind of led the way for me," Hemphill said. "I'm back!"

In addition to serving as a legend in the NRA's law enforcement competition community, Hemphill has long acted as an ambassador of the NRA to his fellow law enforcement officers. He cites the credibility the NRA law enforcement training to the field. "If you go to John Doe's Shooting School and then train your people, and one of your officers is involved in a shooting, they'll subpoena the shooting records," Hemphill said. "They will have to establish your credibility. With the NRA you don't have to establish your credibility. It's been established."



TACTICAL POLICE COMPETITION

NRA's new Tactical Police Competition continues to grow. Started in 2008, the competition mirrors modern-day law enforcement training and firearms. The various courses of fire may involve decisions on whether or not to engage a target, movement, firearm transition, use of cover and general tactics.

Over 100 competitors participated in the Tactical Police Competition match held in conjunction with the National Police Shooting Championships. The following is a breakdown of the high scorers in each division.



PATROL DIVISION:

- 1 Ting Sun, McKinney Police Department, TX
- 2 Jay Bodnar, Perry Nuclear Power Plant, OH
- 3 Mark Quintana, Department of Energy
- 4 Daniel Earnest, San Antonio Police Department, TX
- 5 Ken Naffziger, Lewisville Police Department, TX
- 6 Richard Donaghe, Albuquerque Police Department, NM
- 7 Jerry Tuscano, Perry Nuclear Power Plant, OH
- 8 Jack Ragsdale, Tampa Police Department (Retired), FL
- 9 Mike Lane, Lewisville Police Department, TX
- 10 Robert Conrad, Iowa State Patrol, IA

TACTICAL DIVISION:

- 1 Charles Moots, Department of Energy, NM
- 2 Michael Dowd, Colorado State Parks, CO
- 3 Fermin Ortega, Department of Energy,
- 4 Larry Houck, Department of the Army, NM
- 5 Doc Ellis, Corpus Christi Police Department, TX
- 6 Tim Gonterman, Albuquerque Police Department, NM
- 7 Kent Spencer, Midland Police Department, TX
- 8 David Moody, U.S. Border Patrol, NM
- 9 Mark Nunley, Las Cruces Police Department, NM
- 10 Pat Doyle, Las Cruces Police Department, NM



The New Mexico Challenge



Seventy-one officers came to the range to see what NRA Law enforcement Competition was all about.

The officers were from diverse backgrounds: city police, sheriff deputies, and state police, several from Motor Transportation Unit and Air Force Security forces. The atmosphere was casual and relaxed.

These officers came together to shoot a fun match, to find out if they were interested in police competitive shooting. The course of fire was the NRA's Police Pistol Combat, Stock Semi-Automatic course, a simple 48-round course that probably mimicked their agencies' qualification course.

The *New Mexico Challenge* is an easy way for officers to experience competitive shooting. It has many benefits as firearm competition is an extension of training. The more officers practice with their firearms, the better shot they will be and the better their handling skills. All of this equates to officers being better able to defend themselves in a deadly force confrontation. Not to mention they can compete with their pistols and equipment they use on duty.

Although this was a "fun match," it was obvious that many officers were taking this very seriously and had some rivalries and scores to settle!

The officers also became familiar with the range, range commands, course of fire, scoring, and a host of other things. All of which made them more at ease if they decided to participate in the NRA National Police Shooting Championships or other tournaments.

Everyone had a good time, and several positive comments were received,

like the one from Detective Jodi Gonterman. Jodi said, "My husband Tim was a participant who suggested I shoot the New Mexico Challenge. Well, I was addicted after that!"

"We believe that offering police officers an easy, low-key, inexpensive means to get involved in firearm competition is the best way to introduce them to the benefits of the sport," says Glen Hoyer, Director of NRA's Law Enforcement Division. "Those benefits are improved marksmanship and handling skills, and it is fun too," he added.

This year's overall winner was Alex Horcasitas of the New Mexico State Police. The High Woman winner was Elizabeth Whitfield, also with the NMSP.

Others who won were Major Jason Beers, US Air Force Security; Fermin Ortega, Department of Energy; Victor Castillo, Belen Police Department; James Woods, New Mexico State Police; Brandon Levonious, US Air Force Security; Gregory Brachle, Albuquerque Police Department; John Stocum, Torrance County Sheriff's Department; Larry Hall, New Mexico DPS; Michael Callaway, Albuquerque Police Department; Jaime Chavez, New Mexico State University; Jason Waller, New Mexico State Police; Doug Johnson, West Region Academy.

Eleven firearms were given away as prizes and in raffle drawings, as well as 96 trophies. "The program will definitely continue," says Hoyer. "It is too beneficial to the law enforcement community to let it stop."



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This program will provide information on the history and policy relating to the LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed & Assaulted) Program. The emphasis of the presentation will be focused on the final companion study which was concluded in 2006, and resulted

in a publication titled *Violent Encounters*. This study examines 40 incidents where police officers survived life threatening attacks. Demographic and behavioral descriptors for the victim officers and the offenders were developed and will be presented. The findings and resulting training issues will be presented. Also provided are analyses between research projects resulting in three publications over twenty-years: *Killed in the Line of Duty*, *In the Line of Fire*, and *Violent Encounters*. The objectives of these studies were to identify elements in certain situations which led to the ultimate felonious deaths and serious injuries of police officers. Demographic and behavioral

descriptors for the victim officers and the offenders were developed and will be presented. Findings and safety training issues will be presented.

If you are in the Washington, D.C. area, or will be in the area at that time, please attend. For more information please visit our web site at www.nrahq.org/law and follow the training links to the "Tuition-free" training site.

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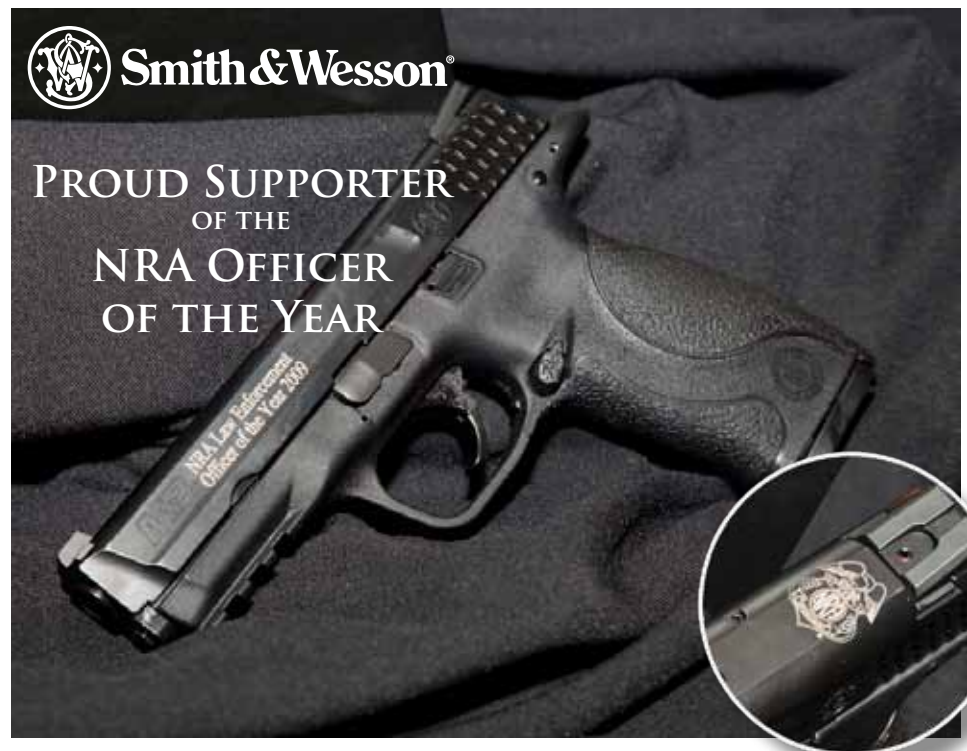
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