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*It's almost time for the
National Police Shooting Championships!*



It hardly seems like a year is about to pass since the last National Police Shooting Championships, but that is a fact! The 2009 NPSC will take place from September 20-24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

One of the most prestigious police shooting events in the world will be conducted next month in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with hundreds of thousands of dollars in prizes and trophies up for grabs.

There are plenty of events happening to include a Regional Tournament hosted

by the Albuquerque Police Department, Tactical Police Competition, the *New Mexico Challenge*, tuition-free armorer schools and more. For a complete listing, or to register for the NPSC, visit our website at www.nrahq.org/law/npsc.asp.

Our scheduled guest speaker at the banquet will again be R. Lee Ermey. Those who were present last year know what a great time it was having the "Gunny" there.

If you have not already planned to attend, please do so in a hurry – time is drawing near!



R. Lee Ermey is scheduled to speak at the 2009 NPSC Banquet



Valuable prizes and trophies will be awarded at the 2009 NPSC



CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Regional Match	Sept. 17-18
Tactical Police Competition	Sept. 19-20
Armorer Schools	Sept. 19
Referee Clinic	Sept. 19
New Mexico Challenge	Sept. 19
NPSC Practice Day	Sept. 20
Shotgun Match Begins	Sept. 20
Championships	Sept 20-24

Dealing with gun and ammo problems during training

BY ROY BERGMAN
NRA STAFF INSTRUCTOR

Chiefs, Sheriffs and Police Commanders expect you to make good use of the on-duty time that is scheduled for training, and much time can be wasted unnecessarily by instructors who are not properly prepared to handle firearm stoppages that occur during training. All of us, as firearm instructors, have experienced long delays during law enforcement firearm training and qualifications due to stoppages. When a malfunction occurs, our attention is drawn to that particular officer, and we approach closely to determine the cause. Many times, we (and our officers) become frustrated, because all of the shooters are waiting while we take the necessary steps to make the line ready. Chronic gun problems may indicate a defect in the firearms that are being used. Usually, this is not the cause of the problem. More often, the malfunctions are caused by improperly maintained firearms (cleaning and lubrication) and defective ammunition.

How should we prepare so that malfunctions and stoppages are held to a minimum? First, be sure that all officers clean and lubricate their firearms according

to manufacturer's specifications. It is our responsibility to supervise the cleaning and maintenance of firearms after each session. Make sure that the necessary supplies are available, and a safe cleaning area is designated. Manufacturers have special instructions for proper cleaning and lubrication of their handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The disassembly charts and instructions should be posted in your cleaning area. Also, make sure that NO AMMUNITION IS ALLOWED IN THE CLEANING AREA.

Semi-automatic firearms are sensitive to ammunition and magazines. Different bullet nose shapes can cause loading problems. Be sure to test fire all new lots of ammunition in your particular firearms to assure functional reliability. Beware of "after market" magazines that are not made by the manufacturer. Some of them will work just fine, but you should test fire them ahead of scheduled training to



Malfunctions should be a part of training – but not due to poor maintenance.

to make it easier to pull. Do not perform "accuracy jobs" to lighten the action in any duty firearm to a weight that is lighter than the manufacturer's recommended standards. Even though it will make the trigger easier to pull, it would be inviting a possible disaster for an officer to use a firearm with such a lightened trigger action on police duty. There is a good chance that the firearm might misfire when it is needed the most. Duty type firearms should have that extra energy which is needed to detonate ammunition primers in all kinds of weather/temperature conditions. In other words, only make modifications to duty-type firearms that are recommended by the manufacturer.

avoid wasting the trainees' time.

One of the main reasons for this article is to give advice to the instructors as to how far we should go in repairing firearms. Law enforcement instructors should make no repairs to firearms unless they have been trained as Armorer by that particular manufacturer. Many officers will complain about their "heavy" double-action trigger pull, and ask you

The Law Enforcement Division of the National Rifle Association has scheduled Tuition-Free Armorer Training Schools at NRA Headquarters and at the NRA/NPSC Matches in Albuquerque, New Mexico. These schools are provided by the manufacturers at no tuition cost to the student. The only costs are travel, meals, and lodging expenses. The NRA handles the administration on these schools.

We encourage all firearm instructors to complete the Armorer training that is offered by the NRA and major firearm manufacturers. When you have stoppages that cause delays in your departmental training, you will be qualified and authorized to take corrective action and fix the problems. Please contact the NRA website, www.nrahq.org/law or call (703)267-1640 for further information on Armorer schools that may be convenient for you to attend.



Roy Bergman is a retired Missouri State trooper with over 37 years of law enforcement experience. After a brief military career in the U.S. Army, Roy joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, working his way from trooper to Division Director of the Research & Development Division. He spent time as an instructor and assistant director of the department's training division and academy, as well as commanding Troop F in Jefferson City, MO. After retiring, Roy was named the interim Chief of Police of the Wentzville, Missouri police department until a permanent chief could be retained. Roy has been teaching firearms-related classes to law enforcement officers for over 30 years. He holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice Administration from Lincoln University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 82nd session.



- *One of these officers stopped a deranged gunman.*
- *One of these officers rescued a wounded fellow officer while a gunfight raged around them.*
- *One of these officers took a grenade from a robbery suspect and held it while he waited over 20 minutes for a bomb disposal unit.*

Each of these officers is an NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



Do you know an outstanding officer who deserves to be NRA's next Law Enforcement Officer of the Year?

NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award was established in 1993 and recognizes exceptional valor, public service, and dedication to the principles of our Constitutional heritage.

To obtain an entry form for nominating a candidate for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award, visit www.nrahq.org/law/officer_of_the_year.asp or call (703) 267-1649. Entry forms must be submitted by September 1. The candidate does not need to be an NRA member.

For more information, call (703) 267-1649 or email ebailiff@nrahq.org.

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Refuse To Be A Victim Executive Counselor Lt. Edward C. O'Carroll presents a Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar in Fairfax, VA.

BY RUTHANN SPRAGUE

Is your agency looking for a ready and easy to use, comprehensive and relevant crime prevention program for your community? If so, let the National Rifle Association serve you. Refuse To Be A Victim®, the crime prevention and personal safety program of the NRA, offers vital and current information to groups as diverse as high school or college students, to senior citizens or the physically handicapped. A Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminar provides the public with essential information for their safety.

Refuse To Be A Victim® is a four hour seminar that teaches methods to promote awareness, avoid dangerous situations and prevent criminal confrontations. Experts agree that the most important factor in surviving a criminal attack is to have an overall safety strategy before you need it. Seminar topics include home, automobile, phone, technology, travel and personal security. Participants are presented with a variety of common-sense crime prevention and personal safety strategies and devices they may integrate into their daily lives.

The advantage for law enforcement agencies is that Refuse To Be A Victim® has compiled, written and published all the materials for you. All instructor materials are in a complete package, the Instructor Development Workshop Kit, and for students there is the Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminar Student Packet that contains all the seminar materials. Certified Instructors are provided with

a PowerPoint presentation for seminars. There is a promotion folder containing marketing ideas and templates to assist the instructor in presenting a successful seminar. Refuse To Be A Victim® truly is a "turn key" crime prevention class. As an added incentive to agencies, officers who conduct seminars as part of their official duties are eligible to receive limited numbers of Seminar Student Packets free of charge.

Many law enforcement agencies use the Refuse To Be A Victim® program as part of their community policing initiatives. Some of the law enforcement agencies using the program are: Summit County Sheriff's Department, Summit County, Ohio; Front Royal Police Department, Front Royal, VA; Glendale Police Department, Glendale, AZ; Vacaville Police Department, Vacaville, CA; South Pittsburg Police

Department, Pittsburg, TN; and Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado Springs, CO. University and college police agencies are using the program on campuses such as Longwood University in Virginia, Mississippi University for Women, University of Houston, Mississippi State University, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Refuse To Be A Victim® was developed by the NRA in 1993. Since one of the Association's goals, as cited in Article II of its bylaws, is "To promote public safety, law and order and the national defense," the development of such a program was a natural fit. There are now over sixteen hundred instructors in the United States, Canada and in the Caribbean. Seminars have been presented in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago and Canada. Over 69,000 men and women have benefited from the program's lifesaving message.

Officers interested in becoming certified instructors, or agencies wanting to host Instructor Development Workshops, should contact the Refuse To Be A Victim® office at 800-861-1166 or email refuse@nrahq.org.

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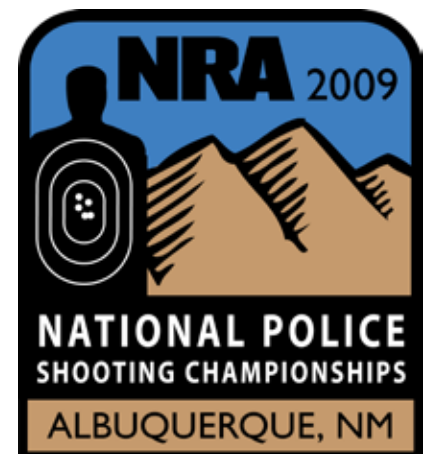
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Going to be attending the
National Police Shooting
Championships?

If you are an experienced PPC
shooter and have thought
about being a referee, plan
on attending the clinic being
held on Saturday, September
19 at the Hilton Hotel, 1901
University Boulevard NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102,
which adjoins the Fairfield Inn,
our host hotel.

The class will start at 8:00 AM
and end around 5:00 PM.

Although you do not have to
attend this school to become
an NRA Official Referee, it is
recommended that you attend
if you are seriously interested
in being a referee for PPC.

For more information and to
download the application to
attend, visit [www.nrahq.org/
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GUNSAFE® NOTES

Law Enforcement Partners in Safety

Last year, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program received a call from Rockford, IL Police Officer Mark Honzel. Officer Honzel went on to tell of a horrible tragedy in his town and explained that he wanted to do his best to ensure that such a thing would never happen again. Program staff immediately sent Officer Honzel materials and has worked with him ever since to get Eddie Eagle's Safety Message to the children in Rockford.

Below is an article from the Rockford Register Star. It tells of this tragic – yet now positive – story.

BY CORINA CURRY

On a sunny Sunday afternoon last summer, Rockford police officers Mark Honzel and Susan Bubik came across a crime scene like none other in their 16 and 17 years in law enforcement.

An 8-year-old boy, Taevius “Tay” Coleman, lay motionless against a fence line, a large gunshot wound to the side of his chest. People were gathering around, some were screaming. A pistol-grip shotgun was on the ground nearby. The officers checked the boy for a pulse. They performed CPR until an ambulance came and took the boy away.

Moments later, news would come that the Haskell Year-Round Academy third-grader was dead.

Officers also would learn that the accidental shooter was another 9-year-old boy, a friend of Taevius who found the gun hidden under a plastic bag near a Dumpster where the two boys were playing. It was left there by a man, police said, who had been kicked out of his apartment that morning and planned to come back for it later.

That night at home, Honzel, the father of two young daughters, sat in front of his computer trying to make sense of the tragedy. He typed in the words “gun safety education” into a search engine.

On Friday, eight months and \$2,700 later, Honzel and Bubik were at Haskell Year-Round Academy in front of Taevius’ classmates presenting the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program in honor of Taevius, and to educate other children on what to do if they find a gun in their homes or outside. To their knowledge and that of community services Sgt. Marc Welsh, no such program has been presented to Rockford area children in more than a decade.

The children received worksheets and an activity book before the day of the presentation and watched a video about gun safety that taught them Eddie Eagle’s signature dance and message: “Stop. Don’t Touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult.”

On Friday, they shared what they learned and got a special visit from Eddie Eagle, Bubik in the official Eddie Eagle costume.

“I liked his feathers. They were so comfortable. Like a bed,” said Jason Grimmer, a third-grader at Haskell. Grimmer, 9, said he likes doing the Eddie Eagle dance and that he’s learned a lot about guns in the past week.

“You shouldn’t touch them because they could go off,” he said.

Classmate Nyquolis Coley said he remembers the day last summer when he saw Taevius’ name in the newspaper. It made him want to cry.

“He was a good friend,” Coley said. “It made me sad.”

Coley said he was so excited to meet Eddie Eagle he almost fell over.

“It was so cool,” he said. “I can do the whole dance.”

The students’ teacher, Shawn Galvin, said he’s pleased with the way his students have responded to the lesson. Many still talk about Taevius, he said.

“Taevius was a great kid. He was a great student,” Galvin said. “They wanted to do well on their ISAT tests for Taevius because he was such a top student, and they didn’t want to let him down. ... I think it’s good to try to help the children learn from what happened and try to stop it from happening again.”

Honzel and Bubik spent the day visiting classes at Haskell Year-Round Academy. They hope to give the presentation to other schools and groups.

The program is all but paid for now. Police and fire unions, medical facilities, area churches and service clubs helped raise the \$2,700 to buy the eagle costume. So far, the materials, which were supposed to cost a nominal fee, have been sent for free, Honzel said.

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2009 NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Development Schools

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New schools are added often.

Check website frequently for current Training Schedule.

Range fee, if any, is payable to some hosting agencies; amount varies.

NRA Tuition = \$525 per person

HANDGUN & SHOTGUN

Aug 10-14 Canon City, CO
 Aug 10-14 Florence, AL
 Sep 28 - Oct 2 Las Vegas,NV* (pub LE only)
 Sep 28 - Oct 2 Smithton, PA (west)
 Oct 12-16 Charleston, SC
 Oct 12-16 Pearl, MS
 Oct 19-23 Defiance, MO (pub LE only)
 Nov 16-20 Memphis, TN
 Dec 7-11 Florence, AL
 Dec 7-11 Panama City, FL
 Jan 25-29 2010 Punta Gorda, FL
 Mar 8-12 2010 Myrtle Beach, SC
 Mar 15-19 2010 Ford City, PA (west)
 July 26-30 2010 Baton Rouge, LA
 Oct 4-8 2010 Ford City, PA (west)

HANDGUN

July 27-31 Boise, ID
 Aug 10-14 Castle Rock,CO (pub LE only)
 Oct 12-16 Lusby, MD

PATROL RIFLE

Aug 3-7 Goddard, KS
 Aug 17-21 Castle Rock,CO (pub LE only)
 Aug 24-28 Fairfax, VA (pub LE only)
 Aug 24-28 Smithton, PA (west)
 Aug 31-Sep 4 Gunnison, CO
 Sept 14-18 York, PA (east)
 Sept 28-Oct 2 Punta Gorda, FL
 Oct 5-9 Athens, AL
 Oct 5-9 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Oct 5-9 Ford City, PA (west)
 Oct 12-16 Rolla, MO
 Oct 19-23 Lusby, MD
 Oct 26-30 Stennis Space Center, MS
 Nov 2-6 Panama City, FL
 Nov 2-6 Pearl, MS
 Nov 16-20 Anderson, SC
 Nov 16-20 Las Vegas,NV* (pub LE only)
 Nov 30-Dec 4 White Sands, NM
 Apr 12-16 2010 Ford City, PA (west)
 Sep 20-24 2010 Ford City, PA (west)

PRECISION RIFLE

Sep 28-Oct 2 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Oct 19-23 Buckeye, AZ
 Oct 19-23 Florence, AL
 Nov 2-6 Las Vegas,NV* (pub LE only)
 Dec 7-11 White Sands, NM

SELECT-FIRE

Aug 31-Sep 4 Lewisburg, PA (central)
 Nov 16-20 White Sands, NM
 May 10-14 2010 Ford City, PA (west)
 Oct 4-8 2010 Covington, TN

TACTICAL SHOOTING

Aug 31 - Sep 4 Hibbing, MN
 Sept 14-18 Castle Rock,CO (pub LE only)
 Sept 21-25 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Sept 28 - Oct 2 Monticello, IA
 Oct 5-9 Ontario, Calif.
 Oct 12-16 Norman, OK
 Oct 19-23 Las Vegas,NV* (pub LE only)
 Oct 26-30 Epping, NH
 Oct 26-30 Charleston, SC
 Nov 2-6 Stennis Space Center, MS
 Nov 2-6 Pittsburgh, PA (west)
 April 12-16 2010 Baton Rouge, LA
 June 7-11 2010 Alamosa, CO

TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Aug 24-28 Windom, MN
 Sept 14-18 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Sept 21-25 Florence, AL
 Nov 9-13 Anderson, SC
 Sep 13-17 2010 Ford City, PA (west)

* To apply to Instructor Schools in Las Vegas, marked with an asterisk, call Vern Zuleger, (702) 828-4291.

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The *NRA Endorsed Insurance Program* understands not all instructors need the same level of insurance coverage. Not only do they offer variable levels of insurance coverage, but they now offer expanded coverages with better options for professional liability! Whether you instruct a class once a week or once a year, there is a choice of plans designed to meet your specific needs.

Here's a look at the plans offered through the *NRA Endorsed Insurance Program*:

The **Instructor Plan** is designed to supplement any existing coverage you may have and will provide excess coverage over and above any other valid and collectible insurance. The coverage is for general liability only and covers bodily injury and/or property damage caused while acting as an instructor during the lesson.

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For additional information about the plans or to download an application, please visit www.NRAEndorsedInsurance.com. If you prefer, contact the *NRA Endorsed Insurance Program* toll-free at (877) 672-3006 and select option 3.

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