



# NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

## PAWS ON PATROL

Kristi Schiller's foundation K9s4COPs aids law enforcement agencies and school districts with the procurement of highly trained K9s.



Born with an instinct to protect and serve the pack, K9s are invaluable assets to public safety. They help keep drugs out of schools and illegal munitions off the streets. Most important, they help our law enforcement officers go home to their loved ones at night.

K9s4COPs, a charitable foundation created by NRA member Kristi Schiller of Houston, Texas, is keeping paws on patrol by gifting these prized K9s to cash-strapped law enforcement agencies and school districts across the country. Since June 2010, K9s4COPs has placed more than 50 K9s on patrol.

"I don't think the public truly knows how important K9s are when it comes to protecting our communities," says Schiller, noting that K9s4COPs-

donated K9s have confiscated more than 80 firearms and stashes of cocaine and marijuana worth more than \$36.5 million, discovered more than \$3 million in cash and assisted in more than 350 arrests as of late last fall.

K9s4COPs owes its existence to the tragic loss of K9 Blek, who was killed in action late December 2009.

"K9s would, could and do give their lives, not only for their handlers and other officers, but also the public in general," says Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Ted Dahlin, who credits K9 Blek with saving his life. "There is no machine yet invented that does what these selfless animals are asked to do. K9s in police work are force multipliers. Much like we will never know exactly

how much crime is prevented by the presence of a police officer in a marked car, we can never be sure of the number of times the presence of a trained police dog has prevented something bad from happening or kept a bad situation from becoming worse."

Officer Chris Dubois, a former K9 handler with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department, says in some situations K9s are an officer's only backup.

"In a rural county, like Brazoria, your backup can be 20-30 minutes away and having that dog in the patrol car is a great peace of mind," he says. "I know my wife slept better at night knowing I had that dog with me."

Just two weeks after his K9 partner



was retired, Dubois suffered a near career-ending injury that he believes could have been avoided had his K9 still been on duty.

“I got into a really bad fight in a bar parking lot and had I had my dog with me,” he recalls. “When I got in trouble, I kept pushing the button to deploy the dog, but there wasn’t a dog. Just the presence of that dog kept me out of so much trouble.”

Today, Dubois serves the Angleton ISD Police Department, which was the first beneficiary of Schiller’s newest initiative through K9s4COPs—K9s4KIDs.

The tragedy of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting hit too close to home for Schiller, whose young daughter is in grade school, and it prompted her to launch K9s4KIDs to provide K9s for schools in the fall of 2013.

“Teachers aren’t in the business of reading, writing and Remingtons,” quips Schiller, an avid marksman with concealed carry permit. “As a parent and someone that has a healthy respect for firearms, whether hunting or personal protection, a handgun cannot decipher if it falls into inappropriate hands. A 9MM cannot detect ‘Stranger Danger’ like trained K9s can.”

Dubois says the presence of K9s4KIDs donated K9 Bal-he (whom the students call “Bali”) has been a game-changer on campus in some of the most unexpected ways.

“It’s an entirely different side of K9,” he says. “There are kids that are withdrawn and insecure, and they’re drawn out when they see that dog and they want to talk. They start telling you things that are going on around campus. I would not have that connection without that dog.”

The presence of a K9, much like the marked police car to which Dahlin referred, also keeps the students on the straight-and-narrow.

“Even though Bal-he is only trained in detection, he still gives you that intimidation factor,” says Dubois of the 90-pound German Shepherd. “People not knowing what the dog does on campus gives you an added measure of security that a lot of people aren’t anticipating. It puts a lot of people on check. Especially on our

high-risk campus, the students are little more conscious of their actions, they’re mellower, knowing they’ve got a Shepherd on campus. He calms the environment.”

In addition to providing K9s like Bal-he, K9s4COPs has educated the public to the work of these fine animals and their handlers.

“We have educated and informed so many people about the great work K9s do and have raised the awareness of community law enforcement,” says Schiller. “People have embraced K9s4COPs as an avenue to show their unbridled support of law enforcement, by providing a trusted way for individuals, corporations, professional athletes and foundations to foster a relationship with those in uniform who keep our communities a safer place.”

The vast number of worthy applicants for K9s is a testament to the void filled by K9s4COPs.

“I’m eternally grateful to the corporations and individuals that have supported K9s4COPs,” says Schiller. “Our mission wouldn’t be possible without them. We are hopeful that through continual awareness K9s4COPs will be able to continue to provide these gallant animals to help keep our communities and school safe.”

To help support K9s4COPs, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, please visit [K9s4COPs.org](http://K9s4COPs.org) or call 713-523-COPS.

## THE GUNNY IS COMING



R. Lee Erme is scheduled to appear at the 2014 NPSC.

### NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

We are currently accepting nominations for the NRA’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year program.

NRA’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award was established in 1993 and recognizes an exceptional act or service by a law enforcement officer and is administered by the NRA Law Enforcement Division. Nominations are accepted from anyone having knowledge of the nominee’s actions. This includes, but is not limited to, the nominee’s agency head, other law enforcement officials, elected officials, fellow officers, community leaders, interested citizens, and NRA members.

For more information, or to obtain a nomination form, visit our web site at <http://le.nra.org/officer-of-the-year.aspx>

Nominations can be sent at any time throughout the year, but must be received by October 15th. You may call 703-267-1649 or send an e-mail to [ebailiff@nrahq.org](mailto:ebailiff@nrahq.org) for more information.

# NRA Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year

The NRA Law Enforcement Division announces the NRA Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year award given by the Division to acknowledge an NRA Law Enforcement Instructor who has gone above and beyond in their instruction and dedication.

The recipient will be selected by the Law Enforcement Division staff based on submission to the division. The nominee must be a currently certified NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor and the person making the nomination must articulate the reasons for the nomination.

The deadline for submission has been extended to November 1, and the winner will be announced in the last newsletter of the year. The winner will receive a plaque and a firearm recognizing their achievement.

Nomination forms are available on our web site at <http://le.nra.org/training/nra-law-enforcement-instructor-of-the-year.aspx>.

## Refuse To Be A Victim® (RTBAV) Training Grants for Law Enforcement

Grant funding is currently available to law enforcement officers who wish to become Refuse To Be A Victim Instructors. Training can be done online in our new RTBAV Online Instructor Course or current NRA Law Enforcement Instructors can home validate. RTBAV training will teach you everything needed in order to hold RTBAV seminars for your community.

Many law enforcement agencies across the country present Refuse To Be A Victim seminars for their communities on a regular basis. RTBAV provides a valuable public service, is a useful crime prevention community outreach tool, and empowers the members of your community with safety information. Topics include home security, automobile security, cyber security, and much more.

The NRA provides **FREE** student packets for seminars held on behalf of law enforcement agencies. If you would like information and to see if you qualify for grant funding please email RTBAV at [refuse@nrahq.org](mailto:refuse@nrahq.org) or call the RTBAV Program at 800-861-1166.



## Retired and Off-Duty Officer Self-Defense Insurance

The NRA Endorsed Insurance Program is proud to recognize the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers. To show their appreciation, the program is offering a discounted self-defense coverage for retired law enforcement officers and off-duty police officers who are NRA members. The coverage starts at only \$50 annually and is designed to affordably protect retired and off-duty officers. With limits up to \$250,000, officers can receive coverage for criminal and civil defense costs, the cost of civil suit defense, and criminal defense reimbursement.

Purchasing this coverage is easy! Simply visit [www.lawenforcementselfdefense.com](http://www.lawenforcementselfdefense.com) and select the option to purchase coverage on the right. For more information or to speak directly to a representative call the NRA Endorsed Insurance Program toll-free at 877.672.3006.

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# REVOLVERS – REVISITED

BY KEVIN MCPHERSON

When I started in 1987, cops carried revolvers. Shortly thereafter, the wonder-nine craze struck nationwide and we collectively swapped for semi-autos, virtually overnight. Autos have lots of checks in the positive column, but that doesn't negate revolvers as effective fighting tools.

I made it onto the New Mexico State Police in 1991 when lots of guys still carried issued revolvers. At that time, we had a common sense firearms policy that let officers carry side arms from an approved caliber list. My coach officer and sergeant both carried S&W 686's and shot them well. They ran those Smiths as fast as most officers could manipulate autos on qualifications, too.

I accepted the position of armorer for NMSP in 1994, making me the primary steward of our firearms training. I continued allowing troops to carry what they liked because it made sense. Our officers typically worked alone; confidence outweighed ammunition compatibility when the closest State Policeman might be 60 miles away. There was always a steady stream of older officers electing to carry their trusted revolvers, a trickle of enlightened youngsters also.

We were ahead of the curve with respect to patrol rifles, issuing an AR15 rifle to every officer beginning in 1990. Troops also had a Remington 870 with 00 buckshot and slugs. They were trained to deploy either long gun at their discretion in high risk situations. The handgun was truly an emergency "I need it right now" type firearm for us. The fact that revolvers held only six rounds didn't seem like much of a handicap when you were going to a fight with a 30 round magazine in your rifle.

Shortly after earning a spot on our tactical team, my good friend Mike Row had a violent encounter that left him in the ICU unit. Mike was a go-

getter who caught lots of bad guys on patrol. One evening, a vehicle pursuit turned foot pursuit found him fighting for his life after being struck in the head with a large rock. Ambushed by the fleeing felon, Row was able to draw his 1911 while face down in the mud. The ensuing struggle for his pistol pushed the slide open and it became fouled to the point it wouldn't return to battery. Mike repeatedly met a slack trigger as he tried to shoot his assailant. Mike survived by willpower alone, eventually winning the fight. When he recovered and returned to duty, Mike asked for a departmental 686 – a request I gladly obliged. His experience made a good case for carrying a revolver, which he did for a long time after that.

Like Mike, most officers that carried revolvers did so because they trusted them more and/or shot them better than semi-autos. In 2003, our newly appointed chief mandated that the State Police carry issue firearms only. He told me his conscience wouldn't allow him to send officers into harm's way with the limited ammunition capacity inherent with revolvers; even if that's what the officer wanted to carry.

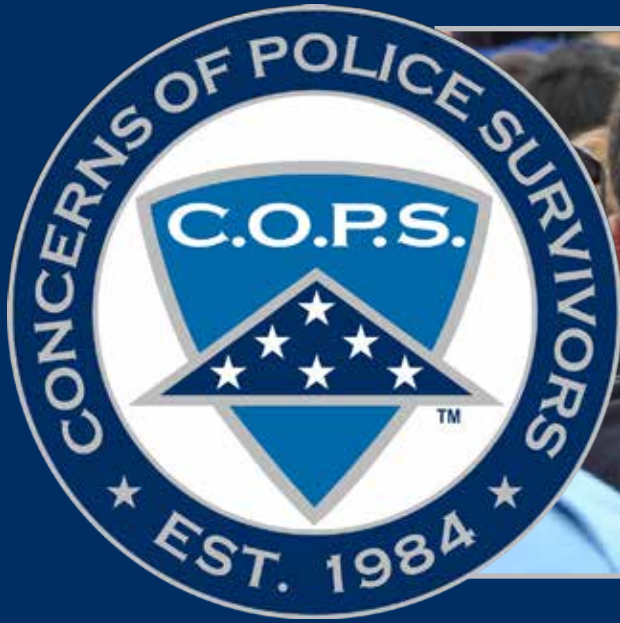
The National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) showed up in my backyard in 2006, I was able to start competing in 2008. PPC shooting threw gasoline on the smoldering embers of my "revolver fetish." It reminded me how well revolvers could shoot, how good they ran with practice, and how much I just liked them. We had another new chief who allowed for revolver carry off duty, but held firm to issue firearms for duty carry.

In 2011, a new administration arrived and allowed that they would consider another personal firearm policy. I provided a draft that again permitted officers to carry personal firearms, including revolvers up to 45 Caliber. The officer had to provide leather, support gear, and approved ammunition. I finished my tour of duty carrying my S&W 629 Mountain Gun although the policy hadn't quite cleared the bureaucracy. Chief Robert Shilling jokingly threatened to write me up for the infraction. Thanks to Chief Shilling for prioritizing morale over agency liability – I know officers who are truly grateful, myself included. If you pass through New Mexico or come shoot the NPSC, you just might see a uniformed NMSP officer wearing a revolver again like they did in the good old days.



Kevin McPherson retired from the New Mexico State Police in 2011 after a 23 ½-year career in law enforcement. Kevin served 10 years on the NMSP tactical team and was the counter sniper team leader when he stepped down to honor family commitments. He served as the armorer for the state police for 13 years. He got the NMSP pistol team back up and running in 2009 and continues to compete with the team as a retiree. The only high master classification he has earned to date is with the stock revolver. He is an NRA Life Member and a NMDPS Master instructor who now instructs firearms classes for the NMLEA as a contractor and NMCCW as a partner in Sentinel Firearms Training, LC. He enjoys hunting, shooting, reloading and spending time with his wife and kids.

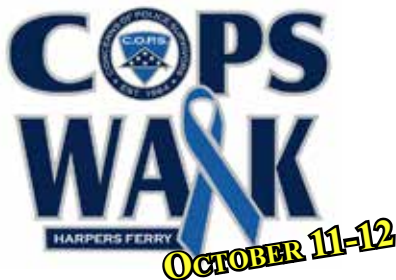
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# NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Albuquerque, New Mexico • September 13-18, 2014

The 2014 National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC) will be held at the NPSC Police Pistol Combat ranges at Shooting Range Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. You do not have to have a PPC Classification to register and there are no qualifying requirements.

Open to any eligible law enforcement member, the Championships will begin with a NRA Tactical Police Competition event on Saturday & Sunday, September 13th and 14th (shoot one of the two days). NPSC on-site competitor check-in will be on Sunday the 14th, and the NPSC Shotgun Championship Match will begin on Sunday and continue through Wednesday afternoon.

Individual NPSC Handgun Championship matches will begin after opening ceremonies on Monday, September 15 and continue through Wednesday, September 17. Team matches will be fired on Thursday, September 18. Competitors can select to fire in just one match or fire in all of the Championship match events.

### NPSC HOST HOTEL

Once again, the Host Hotel for the National Police Shooting Championships will be the Fairfield Inn University in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Fairfield Inn University  
1760 Menaul Boulevard, N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102  
505.889.4000 = Hotel Direct Line

**Reservations:** Reservations must be telephoned directly to the Hotel Reservation Department by the **cutoff date of August 31st**.

Competitors must **contact the hotel directly at 505.889.4000 or 800.228.2800**, preferably between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Mountain Standard Time.

In order to receive the preferred rates for which NRA is contracted, individuals must identify themselves with 2014 National Police Shooting Championships. Rates cannot be changed at the time of check in or check out for guests who fail to identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is requested. Again, all reservations must be made prior to the cut-off date, August 31, 2014.

**Room Block:** A room block has been established that will run from September 8th to September 20th. The number of rooms is set and offered on a first come-first served basis. **Once the blocked rooms are gone, regular rates apply.**

**Rate:** \$74 plus tax per night and includes the breakfast bar.

**Check In – Check Out:** Hotel check in time is 3:00 pm. Check out time is 12:00 noon.



# 2014 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 = \$595 per person**

## HANDGUN & SHOTGUN

Aug 4-8 Topeka, KS  
 Aug 4-8 Memphis, TN  
 Aug 4-8 San Diego CA  
 Aug 11-15 York, PA  
 Aug 18-22 Columbia, MO  
 Sep 8-12 Ft. Wayne, IN  
 Sep 8-12 Boonville, IN  
 Sep 8-12 San Diego, CA  
 Sep 8-12 Poteau, OK  
 Sep 15-19 Bethlehem, PA  
 Sep 15-19 Mineral Point, PA  
 Sep 15-19 Lexington, KY  
 Sep 22-26 Florence, AL  
 Sep 22-26 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)  
 Oct 6-10 Deland, FL  
 Oct 6-10 Lords Valley, PA  
 Oct 13-17 Tupelo, MS  
 Oct 20-24 Defiance, MO  
 Oct 20-24 Southport, FL  
 Nov 3-7 Abilene, TX  
 Nov 3-7 Savannah, GA  
 Nov 17-21 Pearl, MS  
 Dec 1-5 Palm Bay, FL  
 Dec 1-5 San Antonio, TX  
 Dec 1-5 Florence, AL  
 Dec 8-12 Autryville, NC  
 Jan 12-16 2015 Richmond, CA  
 Feb 09-13 2015 Appling, GA  
 Feb 23-27 2015 Florence, AL  
 Apr 20-24 2015 Florence, AL  
 June 15-19 2015 Coden, AL  
 Sep 14-18 2015 Florence, AL  
 Nov 16-20 2015 Florence, AL

## HANDGUN

Aug 25-29 Deland, FL  
 Sep 15-19 Southport, FL  
 Oct 13-17 San Antonio, TX  
 Oct 13-17 Issaquah, WA  
 Oct 20-24 Lusby, MD  
 Oct 27-31 Milan, IL  
 May 11-15 2015 Coden, AL

## PATROL RIFLE

Aug 11-15 Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Aug 18-22 Southport, FL  
 Aug 25-29 Pittsburgh, PA  
 Sep 8-12 Savannah, GA  
 Sep 15-19 Horton, KS  
 Sep 15-19 Bedford, PA  
 Sep 29-Oct 3 Summerville, SC  
 Sep 29-Oct 3 Bethlehem, PA  
 Oct 6-10 Florence, AL  
 Oct 13-17 Mineral Point, PA  
 Oct 20-24 Pearl, MS  
 Oct 27-31 Lusby, MD  
 Nov 3-7 Staunton, VA  
 Nov 3-7 San Antonio, TX  
 Nov 17-21 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)  
 Nov 17-21 Deland, FL  
 Nov 17-21 Dahlonga, GA  
 Jan 26-30 2015 Abilene, TX  
 Feb 23-27 2015 Autryville, NC  
 Mar 9-13 2015 Florence, AL  
 Apr 6-10 2015 Columbus, GA  
 May 18-22 2015 Defiance, MO  
 Aug 17-21 2015 Coden, AL  
 Oct 19-23 2015 Florence, AL

## PRECISION RIFLE

Sep 29-Oct 3 Littleton, CO  
 Dec 1-5 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)  
 Dec 8-12 Pearl, MS  
 May 11-15 2015 Florence, AL  
 Jul 20-24 2015 Coden, AL

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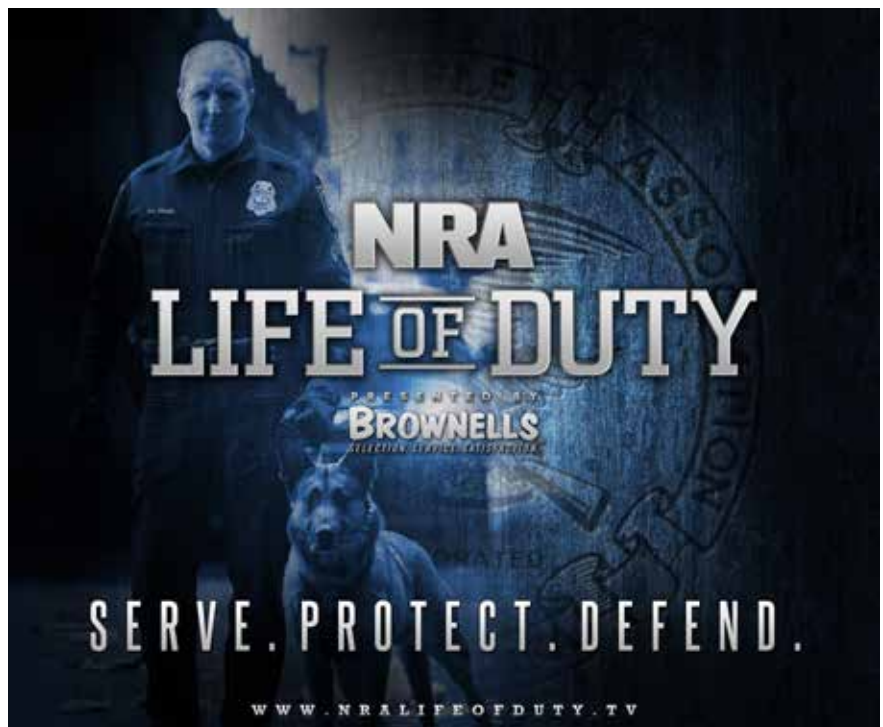
Aug 4-8 Mineral Point, PA  
 Oct 27-31 Florence, AL  
 Jan 26-30 2015 Autryville, NC  
 Dec 7-11 2015 Florence, AL

## TACTICAL SHOOTING

Aug 4-8 Egg Harbor TWP, NJ  
 Aug 4-8 Coden, AL  
 Sep 8-12 Howell, NJ  
 Sep 22-26 Bethlehem, PA  
 Sep 22-26 Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Sep 29-Oct 3 Garden Plain, KS  
 Oct 6-10 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)  
 Oct 27-31 Summerville, SC  
 Nov 17-21 Florence, AL  
 Nov 17-21 Westhampton, NJ  
 Dec 1-5 San Diego, CA  
 Jan 12-16 2015 Jensen Beach, FL  
 Feb 23-27 2015 Richmond, CA  
 Mar 23-27 2015 Autryville, NC

## TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Aug 18-22 Littleton, CO  
 Nov 3-7 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)  
 Sep 14-18 2015 Coden, AL





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