



# NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

## 2015 National Police Shooting Championships

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COMPETITIONS

If you weren't at 2015 National Police Shooting Championships in Albuquerque, what's your alibi for not being there? Make plans now for next year by marking your calendar, and get your leave slip in for September 18-21, 2016.

This was another great year for our Police Pistol Combat Program and the annual National Police Shooting Championships.

You missed:

- Perfect weather for the NPSC Practice and Zeroing Day.
- Getting to attend one of the four Tuition Free Armorer Courses offered.
- A chance to fire 25 Individual and



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Team Championship Matches and three Aggregate Championships.

- Meeting fellow PPC competitors from 32 different states and three countries.
- Being one of the 272 competitors who fired a total of over 97,000 rounds on over 7,000 cardboard B-27 targets.
- A chance to be recognized for your shooting skills by being eligible for any of the 1,955 Overall, Class, Category and Class/Category Award Trophies, 316 Sponsor Prizes, and 103 Firearm Awards.
- Being one of the 42 competitors who picked up Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol and Distinguished Revolver Points.
- Seeing products and interacting with our Police Pistol Combat program sponsors during the Law Enforcement Equipment Exposition.
- Shooting any of the four new Invitational Team Matches for competitors who are at NPSC without an agency teammate.
- The NPSC Awards Banquet to recognize the 2015 National Champions and hear NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre's Blue Lives Matter speech and hear about the NRA's unyielding support for America's law enforcement.

Since you missed the NPSC Banquet, let's get to the best part - this year's NRA Roll Call of Champions of the 2015 National Police Shooting Championships.

As expected, Robert Vadasz of the U.S. Border Patrol did a fantastic job and after three days of shooting took his seventh 2015 NPSC Grand Aggregate Championship. He also claimed 7 other National Titles including: Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Aggregate Champion, his fifth in a row; Open Class Semi-

Automatic Pistol Champion for Matches 9, 10, & 12; Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Champion; Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Champion, his fifth; and the NPSC Service Handgun Aggregate Champion, also for the fifth time.

We had three Double Title Champions this year. Tony Simmons of the U.S. Border Patrol not only took the Match 3 Championship but became the 2015 Open Class Revolver Aggregate Champion as well. George Kevanian of the U.S. Treasury Criminal Investigations is the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Champion and the Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 8 Champion. The third Double Title Champion is Benito Martinez of the Albuquerque Police Department who took the Distinguished Revolver Championship and the President's Distinguished Championship.

Other National Titles went to:

- Sean Vasquez of Homeland Security Investigations: Open Class Revolver Match 1 Champion.
- Dean Geiger of the U.S. Border Patrol: Open Class Revolver Match 2 Champion.
- Estevan Estrada from the Los Angeles Police Department: Open Class Revolver Match 4 Champion.
- Stefanie Diaz of the Los Angeles Police Department: Open Class Revolver Match 5 Champion.
- Sean Foote of the Los Angeles Police Department: Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Match 11 Champion.
- Steven Voigt of the Hanford Patrol: For the third year in a row he is the Stock Service Revolver Champion.
- Ben Morrow from the U.S. Border Patrol: Off Duty Sidearm Champion.

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- Jack Ragsdale, who retired from the Tampa Police Department: NRA Law Enforcement Shotgun Champion.

### High Woman Competitor Honors:

- Cathy Schroeder, FBI retired: NPSC Grand Aggregate Championship; Stock Service Revolver Championship, Off Duty Sidearm Championship, Service Handgun Aggregate Championship, and the NRA Law Enforcement Shotgun Championship.
- Stefanie Diaz of the Los Angeles Police Department: Open Class Revolver Championship, Distinguished Revolver Championship, Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship, and the President's Distinguished Championship.
- Rosa Cadena from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship.
- Dorcia Meador, retired from the Fort Worth Police Department: Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship.
- Gina Hernandez retired and representing the U.S. Border Patrol: Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship.

### High International Competitor Honors:

- Axel Manthei from the Bavarian State Bureau of Investigation: NPSC Grand Aggregate Championship.
- Johann Wizosky of BDMP Germany: Open Class Revolver Aggregate Championship; Stock Service Semi-

Automatic Pistol Championship; Off Duty Sidearm Championship; Service Handgun Aggregate Championship; Distinguished Revolver Championship; Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship; President's Distinguished Championship; and the Production Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship.

- Jose Luis Rodrigues Deandrade: Stock Service Revolver Championship; Open Class Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship;
- Karim Bernoti of Federation Venezolana De Tiro: NRA Law Enforcement Shotgun Championship.

Wednesday evening brought the Championships to an end with the Awards Banquet at the Albuquerque Embassy Suites, the new NPSC host hotel. After some socializing, the dinner kicked off with Presentation of the Colors and welcoming remarks from Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry. NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre joined us for the Awards Banquet and gave a speech emphasizing the NRA's commitment to our brave brothers and sisters in law enforcement. Wayne's message that "Blue Lives Do Matter" and that the NRA will continue to stand fully behind every woman and man in blue was very much appreciated by those present. He also showed several new NRA commercials that have since aired on national TV demonstrating NRA's commitment to law enforcement.

Then came the calling of the 2015 National Police Shooting Championships Roll Call of Champions and presentation of awards to the Champions by Mr. LaPi-

erre and NRA Law Enforcement Division Director Glen Hoyer. Because of the new NPSC shooting schedule change, the First Place Team Champions were also recognized at the Awards Banquet, a first ever.

To bring a great end to the night and the 2015 National Police Shooting Championships, the winners of the NRA Law Enforcement Competitions Support Raffle conducted by The NRA Foundation were drawn. Of the nine winners, Tony Miller was obviously the most excited as he won the all American-made Republic Forge Custom 1911 provided by Dale Pancake. Unfortunately, first-time NPSC shooter Molly Stearns from the Green Mountain Falls Police Department, whose name was drawn from the First Time NPSC Shooter tickets, could not attend the Awards Banquet, but she was very excited and happy when she was notified.

There is just nothing in the world to compare with attending the NRA National Police Shooting Championships. I think the importance and value of challenging yourself to come to NPSC next year can be best summed up by an e-mail I recently received from one of this year's NPSC competitors, who wrote: "The comradery, brotherhood and spirit of competition between all LEOs: that is what it is all about. We all work together for the greater good and safety of our nation."

So mark your 2016 calendar now for September 18-21, save up that leave time and start snapping in over the winter. Remember, dry fire and live fire practice and shooting a local Police Pistol Combat Tournament may just save your life!



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- April 25-27, 2016 - Cincinnati, Ohio

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## SCENES FROM THE 2015 NPSC

1. The line gets ready.
2. The shotgun championship is still one of the competitors' favorite events.
3. A tactical police competitor heads for the entrance.
4. The new production match had the second most entries.



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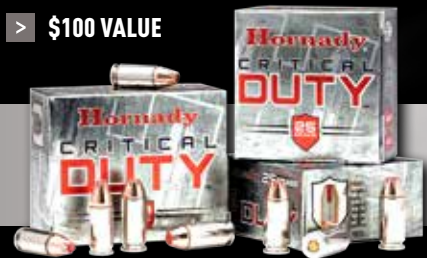
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## HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL *Flying With Guns*

**BY TIM LOSE  
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TRAINING**

In my job as a staff firearms instructor for the NRA Law Enforcement Division, I often get questions from students as to how to take their guns when they fly. I frequently fly to school locations with my own guns and generally it isn't that hard as long as you know, and follow, the rules.

There are three sets of rules and regulations that you need to be familiar with: TSA regulations, the airline regulations, and the laws of the jurisdiction you are traveling to. Being prepared will make things easier for you.

If you're new at this, you should go to the websites of the airline and the TSA and read what they have to say about transporting guns. TSA regulations are actually fairly simple and straightforward. The Code of Federal Regulations Title 49 part 1544.203 require that guns are:

1. Unloaded
2. In a locked hard side case
3. Declared when you check in at the counter (you cannot use curbside check in when checking guns).

If your gun case is small, like a pistol case, it may be placed inside another piece of checked luggage, but the case itself must be locked regardless of whether your luggage is locked. Make sure the gun case is accessible, because you will have to open it when checking in. On the TSA site under "Frequently Asked Questions" it states that TSA locks are acceptable for gun cases. Due to my own security concerns, I never use them on a gun case, but it's your choice.

If the case is large it may be checked as a separate piece of luggage. The TSA does not put any limit on the number of guns in checked luggage, but bear in mind your airline's weight limits. TSA also states that, "Firearms magazines and ammunition clips must be securely boxed or included within a hard-sided case containing an unloaded firearm". Gun parts (including magazines) are not allowed in your carry-on and must be in your checked luggage also.

Ammunition may be in the case with the guns or in your checked luggage. Using the original ammo box is probably simplest, but you may use other containers designed to carry ammunition. The specific wording on the TSA web site is, "Small arms ammunitions for personal use must be securely packed in fiber, wood or metal boxes or other packaging specifically designed to carry small

amounts of ammunition." This includes magazines. The usual weight limit for ammunition is 11 lbs.

Most airline regulations are fairly similar, but don't assume that an airline you've never flown on will be the same as every other one. If there's someone directing passengers when you're lining up to check in, I find it best to tell them then that I'm checking guns. It may make a difference which line you end up in, since you have to deal with an actual person, not just an automated kiosk.

When you check in there will usually be a card to fill out on which you state that the guns are unloaded. Some include information such as your name, contact information, and where you're flying from and to. The card goes inside a gun case that is checked as luggage, but may be either inside or attached to the outside of a pistol case that is inside a suitcase, at the whim of the airline.

Generally, it's best to be polite and patient with airline personnel, though sometimes you have to stand on your rights. Realize that you may be more familiar with the rules than they are. I was recently checking in with a rifle case and the ticket agent demanded that I take the ammunition out of the case. I patiently explained that by both TSA regulations and airline regs, properly packaged ammunition in a gun case was fine. Eventually I had to insist that they call a supervisor, who confirmed that it was okay. Stand on your rights when you need to, but a smile and a kind word will help smooth your path.

Different airports may have different ways of dealing with checked guns. Allowing a little extra time for check in is always a good idea if you're unfamiliar with the airport you're using.

If you are unsure of the gun laws where you're travelling to you can check the NRA Institute for Legislative Action web site ([www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org)). Click on the "Gun Laws" link. There's a wealth of information about the laws in various states.

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# Introducing Eddie Eagle and the Wing Team

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“Stop! Don’t touch. Run away. Tell a grown up.” While this phrase might sound familiar it has a whole new tune after the unveiling of The National Rifle Association’s updated video for its Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program. The video features the familiar face of Eddie Eagle, a cartoon character who’s delivered a crucial message to nearly 28 million children since 1988.

Eddie has a modernized look and some new friends known as the Wing Team. Together, they learn the right thing to do if they ever come across a gun: STOP! Don’t touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up. The video also features a discussion between the Wing Team, parents and law enforcement to answer questions children might have in such a situation.

“It’s about safety – nothing more, nothing less,” said Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President. “And when it comes to our children, nothing is more important.”



The new video is the result of a year-long research and development process involving focus groups in cities across the country. With input from parents, children, teachers, and principals, Eddie Eagle’s storylines and songs reflect today’s generation.

Eddie’s *Tree House* allows children to discover Eddie’s video and lesson individually, or it can provide an interactive element for groups and families to discuss together. The kid-friendly website featuring the new Eddie Eagle animated short, sing-along songs and additional activities, can be found at [eddieeagle.com](http://eddieeagle.com).

The modernized program includes resources for parents and children, including curriculum guides, sing-alongs, coloring pages, discussion

questions, games and more. Visit <http://eddieeagle.nra.org> to download the activity books.

Grant funding through the *Friends of NRA* Program and the local State Fund Committees of The NRA Foundation is available nationwide. Schools, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, daycare centers, and libraries in these states are eligible to receive program materials free of charge. All of the new activity books and program materials are downloadable online at <http://eddieeagle.nra.org> and will be available in print by January 2016.

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 Mar 14-18 Athens, GA  
 Mar 14-18 Summerville, SC  
 Mar 28-Apr 01 Columbus, MS  
 Mar 28-Apr 01 Sewickley, PA  
 Mar 28-Apr 01 San Diego, CA  
 Apr 04-08 Bethlehem, PA  
 Apr 04-08 Ballwin, MO  
 Apr 11-15 Stapleton, AL  
 Apr 11-15 Pass Christian, MS  
 May 09-13 Davidsonville, MD  
 May 16-20 Florence, AL  
 May 23-27 San Antonio, TX  
 June 6-10 Garden Plain, KS  
 June 6-10 Cuyler, NY  
 Aug 29-Sep 02 Tupelo, MS  
 Sep 12-16 Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Sep 12-16 Valhalla, NY(pub LE)  
 Sep 19-23 Las Vegas, NV  
 Sep 26-30 Frederick, MD  
 Oct 10-14 Horton, KS  
 Oct 10-14 Bethlehem, PA  
 Oct 17-21 Defiance, MO (pub LE)  
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Mar 14-18 Garden Plain, KS  
 Mar 21-25 Sopchoppy, FL  
 Apr 11-15 Littleton, CO  
 Apr 25-29 Sopchoppy, FL  
 May 02-06 Richland, WA  
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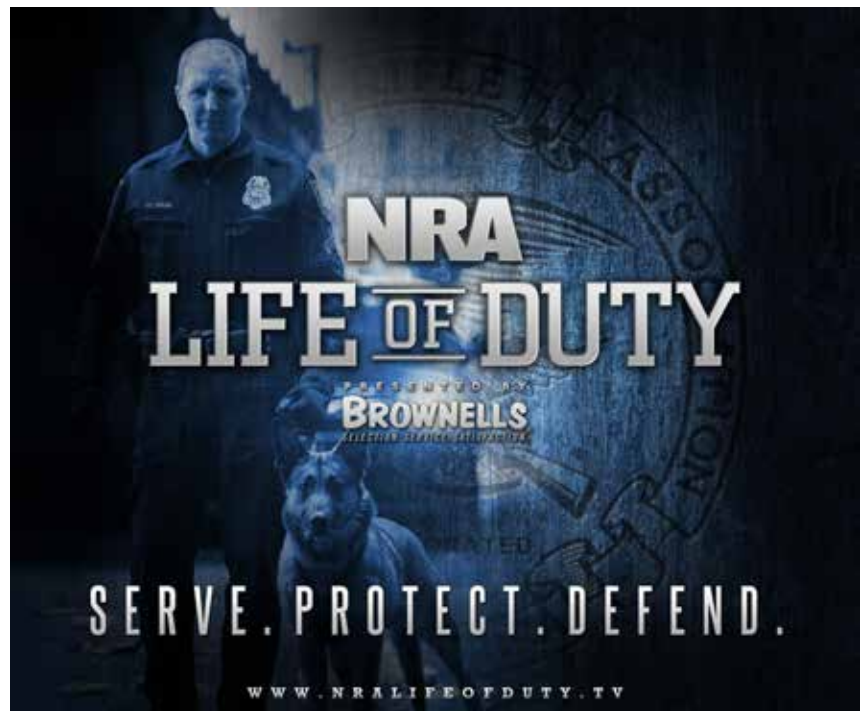
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