



NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

2014 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Mark Vaughan
*Oklahoma County
Sheriff's Department*

Forms for nominating candidates for the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award may be downloaded at <http://le.nra.org/documents/pdf/law/leoy.pdf>.

For more information about NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and its Law Enforcement Division, call (703) 267-1632 or send an e-mail to LE@nrahq.org.

On September 25, 2014, an employee with a commercial fresh foods distributor in Moore, Oklahoma, was suspended after an investigation into violation of work rules and harassment of employees. After leaving the company's human resources office, the employee drove to his apartment, where he retrieved an 8-inch-long serrated knife, drove back to the business, and crashed his car into a car parked in front of the business. He then entered the main office and attacked Colleen Hufford, the first employee he came upon, and murdered her by decapitation.

Hearing screams and the commotion of the attack, Mark Vaughan, CEO of the business and an off-duty reserve deputy with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, decided he needed to take swift and immediate action. Quickly evaluating the tactical needs of the incident, he knew he could best respond if he had his patrol rifle. He retrieved it and sought out the suspect.

While Deputy Vaughan was moving into action, the perpetrator had moved on and sought another victim to attack. Finding Traci Johnson, he immediately attacked her and cut across her throat and the side of her face. Now within view of the suspect, Deputy Vaughan saw the ongoing attack and, with his rifle, shot the suspect and ended the attack.

There is no doubt that without the immediate valorous actions of Deputy Vaughan, the suspect would have claimed the lives of others. This was perhaps best summarized by Sheriff

John Whetsel, who stated, "Mark put an end to the threat by shooting the suspect and saving the life of the second victim who was being actively attacked by the suspect. There is every reason to believe that the lives of untold others were saved who would have been targeted by the suspect if it had not been for Deputy Vaughan's actions."

Deputy Vaughan's heroic actions under the most stressful and confusing circumstances – and his decision to intervene and neutralize the suspect, even though it placed him in great personal danger – are a credit to himself, his department, and the community he serves, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement. As such, it is with great honor and pride that the National Rifle Association recognizes Deputy Vaughan of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office for his valorous actions by naming him the 2014 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

"The actions of Deputy Vaughan on September 25th were nothing short of heroic," said NRA President James W. Porter II. "Thinking quickly and clearly, he put an end to an unspeakable rampage. The National Rifle Association is honored to name Deputy Vaughan as NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

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.



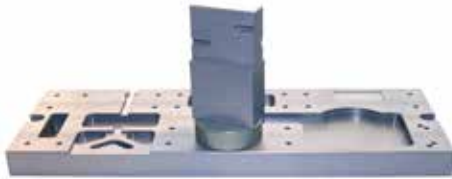


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C.O.P.S. National Conference on Law Enforcement Wellness & Trauma



November 13-15, 2015 - Grapevine, Texas (Dallas Metro Area)

The **C.O.P.S. National Conference on Officer Trauma and Wellness** is coming up on November 13-15, 2015, in the Dallas, Texas area! We hope every agency is able to take advantage of this much needed focus on officer wellness and the need to proactively address the cumulative stresses that can occur over an officer's career.

We recognize that every law enforcement officer is subjected to crisis and tragedy as a part of their job. They see the most unthinkable acts of criminal behavior in our society. But are we doing a good job helping these officers navigate these events over a course of a twenty to thirty year career?

We continue to see officers suffering from PTSD in growing numbers. Divorce rates continue to be higher for officers than the general public, and, tragically, too many officers choose to end their own lives each year.

This 3-day conference will offer session topics such as: peer support programs; social media during a crisis; the injured officer and coming back from a critical incident; preparing for a line-of-duty death; law enforcement officer benefits; navigating the stresses of a law enforcement career; leadership during a crisis; and officer fitness and nutrition...just to name a few.

There will also be speakers who are national experts in the topics of police suicide and appropriate coping strategies for law enforcement. This inexpensive conference with comprehensive topics on officer wellness and traumas has never been offered before.

C.O.P.S. hopes your agency will take advantage of the expert speakers in a number of topics very relevant to today's officers.

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Whether you need thick, comfortable socks, while on your feet all day on the range, or a multi-tool, check out our instructor and law enforcement related products at the online Program Materials Center (<http://materials.nrahq.org>).

One of our new products at our Program Material site is an OD Green Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor cap. This cap features a Velcro size adjustment on the back, a smooth top (no button) for your comfort with hearing protection muffs and a subdued American flag with the thin blue line on it.

We also have belt medical kits for major trauma injuries. Every instructor should have an emergency medical kit like this Z-MEDICA Kit at the range or on their person.





AmericanSnipers.org

BY MARK HARTWELL

Brian “BK” Sain and some of his fellow law enforcement friends started the nonprofit group AmericanSnipers.org to support a military sniper deployed in combat who couldn’t get some essential gear he needed. From humble beginnings over 10 years ago, AmericanSnipers.org currently supports over 150 deployed (and rotating) sniper platoons.

AmericanSnipers.org is 100% unpaid volunteers, so everything it collects goes downrange to support those snipers in need. Its mantra is, “It’s not about us, it’s about THEM.” AmericanSnipers.org’s members are vets or cops (or both) who go about their regular jobs and volunteer their time working at various local gun shows and larger national shows, to gather donations for this important mission. AmericanSnipers.org is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Rifle Project

BK wanted to do something special for his friend, the legendary SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle. They met up and discussed doing a custom rifle project, but it never came to fruition. During SHOT Show 2013, Chris ran into BK, and they again discussed getting the project rolling. They both felt bad that their busy schedules had gotten in the way. BK said, “We have the rest of our lives to do this.” Three weeks later, Chris was gone.

BK never stopped thinking about the

project and made it his mission to get the rifle built and raffled, now for Taya (Chris’ widow). Fast forward to SHOT Show 2015; BK had secured a beautiful 338 Lapua, built and donated by McMillan, the team who built Chris’ 338 with which he deployed in combat. As if this wasn’t enough, George Gardner (GA Precision) built and donated a bolt action 300 WIN MAG, Mark LaRue (LaRue Tactical) donated a 7.62 OBR AND a 5.56 OBR, and SIG donated a 9mm pistol.

In the last few months, over 6,000 raffle tickets were purchased online, and in person at SHOT Show 2015. Taya Kyle signed the rifle and added “God Bless you! Micah 6:8.” She was 100% supportive of AmericanSnipers.org doing this raffle. Taya did not realize that BK had a surprise for her. On the last day of SHOT Show 2015, Taya Kyle and Debbie Lee, mother of KIA SEAL Marc Lee, arrived at the AmericanSnipers.org Booth to draw the five winning numbers. BK made the announcement that over \$60,000 had been raised with the rifle raffles, and that “every dime” was going to Taya. Taya fought back the tears as she expressed her gratitude.

In addition to the \$62,000 raised for Taya Kyle, AmericanSnipers.org raised over \$30,000 in just four days of SHOT Show in one 10x10 booth selling small items and raffle tickets for another donated rifle. That money will be used to buy mission essential gear for several deploying sniper platoons.



Police Supporter is taking the lead in promoting National Thank A Cop Day, which will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 during National Police Week.

May 13, 2015 has a special meaning, since that is when a candlelight vigil will be taking place at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

That vigil will honor 275 enforcement heroes, 116 officers for 2014 and 159 names missing from prior years added to the Memorial’s walls for 2014.

Craig Floyd, Executive Director of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund states, “We’re glad to see Police Supporter take this important lead in saluting the courage of the nation’s law enforcement officers by thanking them.”

Police Supporter is working with police associations, community groups and schools in order to thank and support, in person and through letters, their local men and women of law enforcement for their efforts in serving and protecting the public.

For more information, visit www.PoliceSupporter.org.



THE NEW NORMAL

**BY CHRISTOPHER ALLEN
HUNTING FOR HEROES**

In 2010, I founded an organization called Hunting for Heroes (H4H). It's a nonprofit organization that provides recreational therapy and counseling services to disabled law enforcement officers.

When this organization was founded, our mission was to connect injured officers with other injured officers who were also suffering life-changing circumstances. Our goal was to establish a hunting camp environment where everyone could relax, bond and escape the daily grind of their recovery.

What I didn't expect was the impact H4H would have on the lives of the disabled officers and their families. I have spoken to scores of families since the inception of Hunting for Heroes about the results of our programs. Many have reported that Hunting for Heroes was the turning point in their recovery. Our heroes reported battling serious bouts of depression and thoughts of suicide after their injury. They were often abandoned by their co-workers and departments once reality set in that they would not heal and return to duty. We were shocked to see how our fellow brothers and sisters were treated in the wake of a critical incident. It's almost as if cops think PTSD or traumatic brain injuries are contagious.

That is where Hunting for Heroes and our support network step in. At the one-year mark of the recovery process, families start to embrace the fact that the healing process is likely over and the adaptation process is beginning. This is the hardest transition for many, as they have to learn how to live a new life and discover their

"new normal." To me, the new normal symbolizes their acceptance of their new life. It symbolizes that they are not going to be disabled by their injury, and that they have the strength and the courage to overcome their disability and live their lives to the fullest.

H4H contributes to this recovery in many ways. We provide an all-expense-paid retreat for an injured officer and his or her family. We host five to seven families per event. The families can connect and share stories of success and hardship. They gain strength from each other, as they see others coping with similar hardships.

We provide a relaxed environment full of the law enforcement brotherhood they so desperately seek. Many of these heroes miss being cops. These brave men and women were once the pillars of their families and leaders in their communities. To others, they were simply known as a cop. However, at the moment of their injuries, their lives, their careers and their

identities were taken from them. That's a hard pill for these heroes to swallow, and we strive to help them find peace in their journey down their road of recovery.

As Hunting for Heroes enters into its fourth year, it has changed a lot of lives. It has also saved a lot of lives and with your support, it can continue to do good work. Contact Hunting for Heroes and find out how you can get involved. It is a national organization that is growing every day, with many opportunities to get involved. It is seeking volunteers to find those heroes who have fallen through the cracks. The organization seeks those who can help challenge fraternal organizations to support H4H financially. H4H is seeking those who want to give back to an organization that will be there for you if you or someone you care about happens to become disabled in the line of duty. Visit www.huntingforheroes.org to find out how you can support H4H and its mission.



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The new Appendix Reversible Carry (A.R.C.) Inside the Waistband (IWB) Holster from BLACKHAWK! is designed for both civilian and law enforcement concealed carry. It is crafted to be extremely versatile and comfortable for those users who prefer the appendix carry position.

The A.R.C. IWB Holster is designed to be as comfortable as it is functional. The Urban Grey holster body is constructed of a soft, yet durable, injection-molded polymer material for all-day comfort. The fully reversible and ambidextrous holster accommodates left and right-handed users and is packaged with two cant and ride height adjustment belt clips for 1.5- and 1.75-inch belts.

A passive retention detent with adjustment screw allows users to vary the amount of friction for personalized firearm security. The holster can be used in conjunction with pistols featuring rear-mounted red dot sights. The new A.R.C. IWB Holster presents both law enforcement and civilians with a deep concealment holster at an economic price.

The first models available will fit a variety of full-size and compact Glock pistol models and will be followed by holster models for the Smith & Wesson Shield and Glock 42. The A.R.C. IWB Holster is made in the USA and has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$22.45.



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 Apr 20-24 San Diego, CA
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 June 1-5 Bedford, PA
 June 8-12 Great Falls, MT (pub LE)
 June 15-19 Coden, AL
 June 15-19 Lamar, CO
 June 22-26 San Antonio, TX
 July 13-17 Henryetta, OK
 July 20-24 San Diego, CA
 July 20-24 York, PA
 July 20-24 Mineral Point, PA
 Aug 10-14 Chehalis, WA
 Aug 17-21 London, OH
 Sep 14-18 Las Vegas, NV
 Sep 14-18 Florence, AL
 Sep 14-18 Valhalla, NY
 Sep 14-18 New Smyrna Beach, FL
 Sep 21-25 Mineral Point, PA
 Sep 21-25 Memphis, TN
 Oct 5-9 Bethlehem, PA
 Oct 12-16 San Antonio, TX
 Oct 12-16 Pearl, MS
 Oct 19-23 Tuscaloosa, AL
 Oct 19-23 Defiance, MO (pub LE)
 Oct 19-23 Dahlonega, GA
 Nov 2-6 San Diego, CA
 Nov 16-20 Florence, AL
 Mar 7-11, 2016 Florence, AL
 May 16-20, 2016 Florence, AL
 Oct 17-21, 2016 Florence, AL

Aug 3-7 Henryetta, OK
 Aug 10-14 North Chicago, IL (pub LE)
 Aug 17-21 Coden, AL
 Aug 24-28 Monroeville, PA (pub LE)
 Sep 14-18 Bethlehem, PA
 Sep 21-25 Summerville, SC
 Sep 28-Oct 2 Cuyler, NY
 Oct 5-9 Clarion, PA
 Oct 5-9 Memphis, TN
 Oct 12-16 Cottonport, LA
 Oct 12-16 Issaquah, WA
 Oct 19-23 Florence, AL
 Oct 19-23 Palm Bay, FL
 Nov 2-6 Manchester, NJ
 Nov 2-6 Honolulu, HI
 Nov 16-20 Las Vegas, NV
 Nov 16-20 Pearl, MS
 Nov 30-Dec 4 San Antonio, TX
 Mar 21-25, 2016 Florence, AL
 Sep 19-23, 2016 Florence, AL

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June 15-19 Mexico, MO
 July 13-17 Canon City, CO (pub LE)
 Sep 28-Oct 3 Bethlehem, PA
 Oct 5-9 Littleton, CO
 Dec 7-11 Florence, AL
 Nov 14-18, 2016 Florence, AL

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June 1-5 Lewisburg, PA
 Aug 17-21 Littleton, CO
 Aug 24-28 Palm Bay, FL
 Aug 31-Sep 4 Clarion, PA
 Sep 21-25 Marana, AZ
 Sep 21-25 Bethlehem, PA
 Oct 5-9 Las Vegas, NV
 Oct 19-23 Summerville, SC
 Nov 2-6 Staunton, VA
 Nov 16-20 Prescott Valley, AZ
 Dec 5-9, 2016 Florence, AL

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May 11-15 Florence, AL
 June 22-26 Garden Plain, KS
 Jul 20-24 Coden, AL
 Aug 10-14 Elizabethtown, PA
 Aug 31-Sep 04 Montrose, CO (pub LE only)
 Oct 26-30 Dallas, TX
 Dec 7-11 Las Vegas, NV
 Apr 4-8, 2016 Prescott, AZ
 Apr 18-22, 2016 Florence, AL

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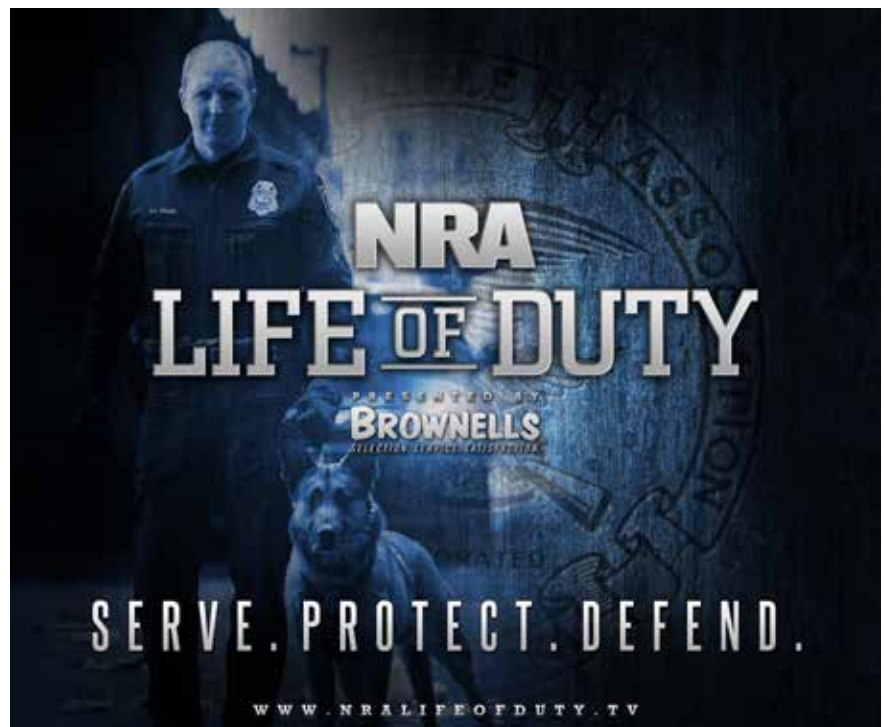
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 Oct 26-30 Las Vegas, NV
 Nov 16-20 San Diego, CA
 Dec 7-11 Richmond, CA

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May 11-15 Coden, AL
 May 11-15 New Smyrna Beach, FL
 May 18-22 Meridian, ID
 July 20-24 Egg Harbor Twp, NJ
 July 20-24 Palm Bay, FL
 Aug 24-28 Prescott Valley, AZ
 Sep 28-Oct 2 Kansas City, KS
 Sep 28-Oct 2 Richmond, CA
 Oct 5-9 Jordan, MN
 Oct 26-30 New Smyrna Beach, FL
 Nov 2-6 San Antonio, TX
 Nov 30-Dec 4 Mesa, AZ (pub LE only)

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 June 8-12 Rexburg, ID
 June 8-12 Valhalla, NY
 June 8-12 Pearl, MS
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