



NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor of the Year

Officer Brian C. Smith of the Steger, Illinois Police Department is the first recipient of the NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor of the Year Award. This award acknowledges an NRA Law Enforcement Instructor who has gone above and beyond in their instruction and dedication to public service.

Officer Brian Smith is a current certified NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor, and Training Counselor. With over 30 years in firearms training, Officer Brian continues to instruct not only for his department, but to the area public and private law enforcement agencies. As the founder of "Metropolitan Police Self-Defense Institute, a private training group, it is estimated that approximately 8,000 people have been trained since its inception in 1981.

In addition, Officer Smith initiated a Basic Pistol Fundamental for Police Wives program which teaches police officers' wives how to shoot a handgun for self-defense. Within 5 years, approximately 700 police wives have completed this program. In response to the new Illinois Concealed Carry Law, Officer Smith developed a How to Render a Handgun Safe program, which was well-received in the community and was a proactive approach for the local fire department paramedics who may encounter a concealed carry holder while assisting or transporting a patient.

Officer Smith's long record of service, his dedication to public safety and his personal commitment to preserve the Second Amendment represent the finest qualities. NRA is honored to recognize him as the Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year.

Brian will receive a Smith & Wesson M&P pistol, donated by Smith & Wesson, as well as, plaque indicating his achievement.

To nominate someone for the 2015 NRA Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year please visit our web site at: <http://le.nra.org/training/nra-law-enforcement-instructor-of-the-year.aspx>



"I began my law enforcement career in 1978 when firearms and officer survival training was minimal. From that time to the present there have been great strides in developing training programs, teaching tactics and techniques to prepare the law enforcement officer for that armed encounter. I feel honored and privileged to have even made a small contribution to the programs that have been created to teach our police officers the skills to enhance their chance for survival."

"I am a firm believer that professional training will breed professional development."

**Officer Brian C. Smith,
Steger (IL) Police Department**



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INSTRUCTOR

A New Association for Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors

BY JASON WUESTENBERG

In January 2015, the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (NLEFIA) officially launched. NLEFIA is dedicated to the development of professional firearms instructors from the law enforcement, military, and private sector communities.

NLEFIA provides a network of information sharing, continuing education and training, and advanced certifications. NLEFIA was created to further the knowledge and skills of professional firearms instructors, to take them to the next level so they can take their students to the next level.

There are various levels of membership: law enforcement (\$50 annually), military (\$40 annually), retired LE / military (\$35 annually), and private sector (\$60 annually). Membership benefits include a monthly newsletter, a quarterly publication, eligibility to attend the Annual Training Conference and other training courses, access to resources in the members area, access to the members forum, access to a searchable members directory for networking, access to product and service discounts, and more.

NLEFIA provides advanced instructor certifications in areas that are not covered in standard firearms instructor courses due to time restrictions. The instructor certifications offered are: Advanced Firearms Instructor (drill development), Live-Fire CQB / Shoot House Instructor, Low Light Shooting Instructor, Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor (for undercover and off-duty officers), and Close Protection Firearms Instructor for those individuals tasked with providing firearms training for dignitary protection programs.

The leadership within NLEFIA is progressive: an executive director who is still active duty law enforcement and a highly experienced firearms and tactics instructor, and a Board of Advisors comprised of some of the top trainers in the nation with various backgrounds, philosophies, and training methodologies. This diversity within the Board of Advisors will ensure NLEFIA is always on the cutting edge of information and training.

If you're looking for an association where new instructors can go for continuing development and where veteran instructors can go to pass on their knowledge and experiences to the next



generation, then NLEFIA is the organization for you. And, while the organization is new, the leadership is not. I encourage all law enforcement firearms instructors to check out the association website at www.nlefia.org and consider becoming a member.

Train hard and stay safe!

Jason Wuestenberg has been in law enforcement since 1994 with a major agency in Arizona, has been a certified firearms instructor since 1997, and is the Executive Director of the National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association (NLEFIA).

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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 a OD Green Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor cap (item LE160000). 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.



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To make reservation online please use the link below, or visit the NRA's Law Enforcement Division Competitions web site and follow the links.
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Make your reservations early, and we look forward to seeing you there!

CO-WORKER LODD GRIEF

C.O.P.S. Adds Additional Programs for Affected Co-Workers

BY SARA SLONE
C.O.P.S. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
RELATIONS

As the years passed, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) realized there was a key group of survivors that needed help coping with a line-of-duty death: co-workers.

Officer Rob King of the St. Louis Metro Police Department lost his partner, Officer David Haynes, in the line of duty on March 24, 2010.

After the funeral was over, Rob and his fellow officers were expected to get back to the focus of their jobs. "I hated it. I constantly thought that my life was more important to my children than the citizens I was serving," says Rob.

Rob's wife Jamie agrees. "After that time, my husband became angry and jaded at work. He hated going to work, but he didn't want to be home. He was completely lost."

Not coping, being stuck in a state of disbelief and denial, are among the most common symptoms of grief in co-workers. There is a common misconception of needing to "stay strong" and be there for everyone else.

Rob attended the C.O.P.S. Co-Workers Retreat in 2011. For the first time, Rob was with other men and women of law enforcement that had been through similar tragedies and grief that he was suffering from. "There isn't just one thing about the retreat that helped. It's the whole retreat: the mental health professionals, the activities, and just talking to people who get it," says Rob.

The following year, he attended again and found even more support. "I could tell my grieving wasn't out of my control anymore," says Rob. "The year before I just went through the motions, but now I stand up and welcome others and encourage them to come back."

C.O.P.S. Co-Workers Retreat gives co-workers the opportunity to attend grief sessions specifically designed for their needs, participate in outdoor activities, receive support from peers who understand, and have a great time in a



beautiful setting that is removed from the stresses of everyday life.

"No matter how good you think you feel after going, come back!" Rob says. "Even when I retire, I will be at C.O.P.S. Co-Workers Retreat."

C.O.P.S. is proud to announce the addition of another Co-Workers Retreat in 2015 that will allow co-workers and their spouses to attend the retreat together. The addition of this retreat will also allow officers two different retreat dates to better fit their schedules.

"I'm so excited for this retreat. There are so many spouses of affected officers that need this," says Jamie.

Rob is excited to attend with Jamie by his side. He says, "She needs to be able to reap the benefits of even just a portion of what C.O.P.S. has done for me."

If you have officers in your agency that could benefit from the help provided at C.O.P.S. Co-Workers Retreat, please call (573)346-4911 or visit the Hands-On Programs tab at www.nationalcops.org.

Above, Officer Rob King and his wife, Jamie; below, his former partner, Officer David Haynes, who was killed in the line of duty in 2010.



Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund

Offering Legal Assistance to Law Enforcement Officers

Shaun Cowley, a married father of two young children and an Army veteran, was a journeyman police officer serving in West Valley City, Utah. On November 2, 2012, he was working with a partner, a decorated Marine who'd been injured in Fallujah, Iraq. The judgment, dedication, and heroic service of the two officers wouldn't immunize them from the difficulties that would soon come.

On that sunny afternoon, the officers approached a suspected drug buyer in the parking lot of an apartment complex where they believed drug activity supporting white supremacists was occurring. After identifying themselves and asking the suspect to roll down her window or open her locked doors, the driver refused.

Officer Cowley started walking back to his car to retrieve a tool to break the suspect's window and detain her. Moving behind the car parked next to the suspect's, he heard the squeal of tires and turned to see the suspect backing her car rapidly toward him. Fearing for their lives and each other's, both officers fired their weapons, Officer Cowley just as the rear bumper of the fleeing vehicle was striking him. One of his two rounds fatally struck the driver, who died at the scene.

One might think the facts above would result in a brief internal affairs/shooting incident investigation that would be quickly disposed of with neither disciplinary action nor the threat of prosecution. But that was not to be. Despite the wealth of evidence pointing to a reasonable and

necessary use of deadly force, almost 18 months after the shooting, the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office obtained an indictment of Shaun Cowley, charging him with second degree manslaughter, punishable by up to 15 years in jail.

The DA had commissioned expert review and analysis of bullet trajectories, ejection patterns, and other data and concluded that the decision made by the young officer in the space of two seconds was the wrong one. Of course, that DA never stood anywhere near the speeding car, one that was moving so fast and in such a tight circle that it struck the SUV parked next to it and moved the parked two-ton vehicle 90 degrees.

The Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund (LELDF), in Alexandria, Virginia, was alerted to the indictment and closely reviewed the allegations as well as other relevant information. We contacted local counsel for Shaun Cowley and offered to help. We were not the only ones - a former Federal judge and current law professor also reviewed the facts and was so appalled he asked to join the defense team.

The defense of Shaun Cowley was, if the case went to trial, expected to cost tens of thousands of dollars, a sum no officer can afford. That's where the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund can help.

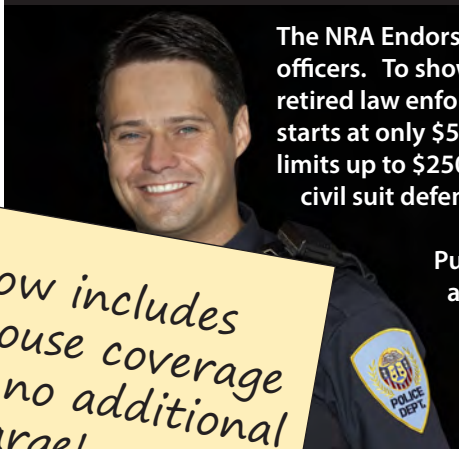
The LELDF is a small non-profit with a board and executive staff composed of former Department of Justice and FBI senior leaders. The organization is over twenty years old and has committed mil-



lions to the defense of on-duty law enforcement officers at all levels of government who find themselves facing criminal charges for doing their sworn duty. In this era when law enforcement is under attack, whether from violent subjects or from a liberal media fanning flames of public discord. The LELDF has been and will continue to be a loud voice in defending the legitimate actions of our law enforcement professionals.

The case of Shaun Cowley has been victorious, in a significant way - in October, a Utah judge held a preliminary hearing and dismissed the charges, finding the lack of evidence to support them. The district attorney sought an appeal of the dismissal and the Utah Attorney General's office declined to support the request, bringing an end to the criminal case. Unfortunately, the costs of defending Shaun have already piled up and civil proceedings will almost certainly follow. A young officer's life is forever changed. Learn more and support the LELDF at www.led.org.

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 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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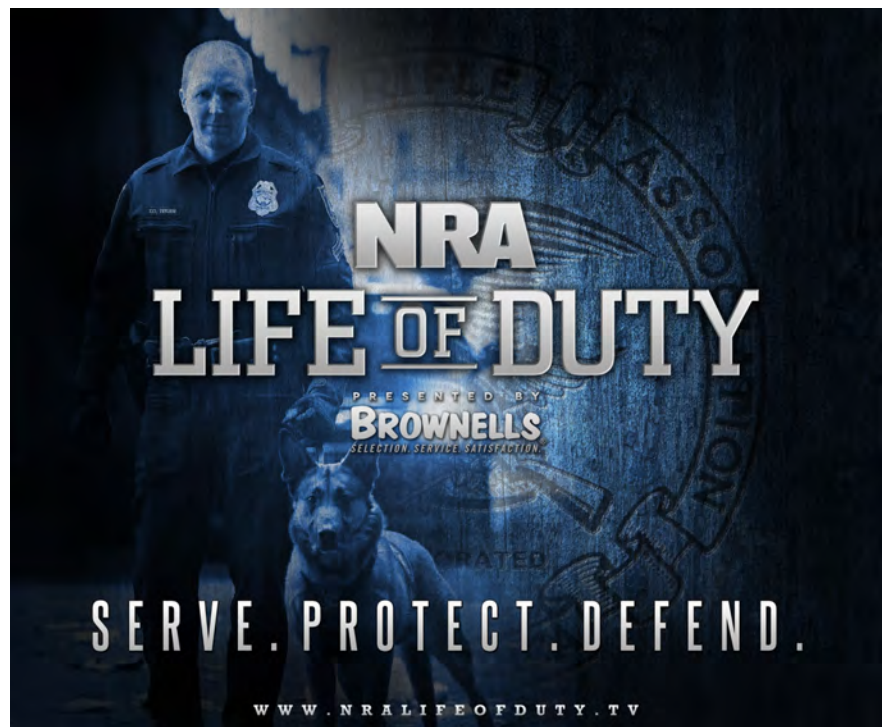
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