



NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

2011 NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

How to describe the 2011 National Police Shooting Championships in one word? "Fantastic!"

"We had competitors from around the world," said Glen Hoyer, Director of the NRA's Law Enforcement Division. From Venezuela to Germany, Australia, Russia, and the former Republic of Czechoslovakia, as well as from across the United States, they came to compete. "It was a record attendance, with over 550 individual competitors participating in the events of the National Police Shooting Championships," added Hoyer.

For the fourth year in a row, the Stock Semiautomatic Pistol Match was the most entered event by a wide margin. "It is not surprising, as it allows officers to competitively shoot the firearm they carry on duty. Competition is an extension of training, shouldn't you train with the same equipment you use on duty?" Hoyer commented. "Training budgets are tight, it is refreshing to see officers training on their own by competing."

While the Police Pistol Combat

(PPC) segment of the National Police Shooting Championships is an accuracy competition, the new Tactical Police Competition (TPC) tests the officer's accuracy, tactics, decision-making and multiple target engagement.

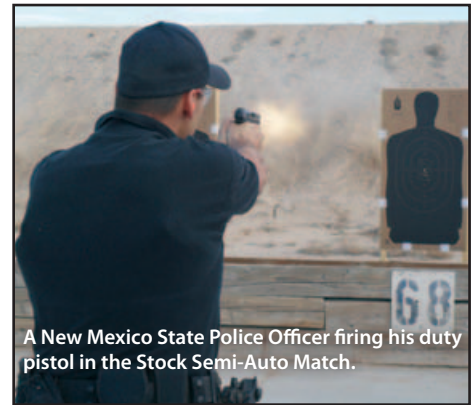
The TPC has been growing since its inception in 2008. The officers test their skills in various scenario-based stages. The scenarios truly reflect modern law enforcement training in scenarios an officer could actually experience in the line of duty.

The New Mexico Challenge, a match for law enforcement new shooters from New Mexico to experience police firearm competition, was a tremendous success, with 100 officers participating. The New Mexico State Police had the largest contingent of shooters and took many trophies. Other participants were from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, Albuquerque Police, Kirtland Air Force Base Security forces, and many, many other departments from across the state. Our thanks to Remington Law Enforcement, which supported the New Mexico Challenge by providing free ammunition for the competitors, and also to SIG SAUER for providing pistols for prizes. The competitors had a great time!

The shotgun match flowed smoothly, with 325 competitors testing their skills with buckshot and slugs out to 50 yards from the target. This challenging match has been growing each year.

The Wednesday evening awards banquet featured keynote speaker Andrew Wilkow. Andrew is host of the "The Wilkow Majority," and the pro-gun, pro-law enforcement conservative talk show best heard on SiriusXM Patriot 125.

We also heard from R. Lee Ermey,



A New Mexico State Police Officer firing his duty pistol in the Stock Semi-Auto Match.

"The Gunny," who closed out our banquet. The Gunny not only was at the banquet, but hung out at the range on Wednesday, talking with competitors, signing autographs and posing for photos. Gunny is also a member of the NRA Board of Directors.

Join us next year September 15-20, 2012, in Albuquerque for the 50th Anniversary of the National Police Shooting Championships!

A member of the German team fires in the 1500 Semi-Auto Match.



Andrew Wilkow, host of the "Wilkow Majority" on SiriusXM, delivers the keynote address at the banquet.



2011 NPSC: These Are The Champions

There was every reason for Robert Vadasz not to win. With two National Police Shooting Championship titles under his belt, there's no longer the pressure to prove he's the best. Fellow Border Patrol Agents Enoch Smith and Kevin Worrell were performing well enough to win. Why keep pushing? Because he still has a desire to be the best.

"Clay Tippett was a mentor of mine back when I joined the Pistol Team," said Vadasz. "He is the only other Border Patrol Agent to win more than two National Police Shooting Championship titles – that's what keeps me coming back, and that's what motivates me to go after title number four."

With a final score of 6147-413x, Vadasz took this year's Championship by the slightest of margins. Enoch Smith also shot a 6147, but his X count of 380 left the title just out of reach.

"I really thought Enoch might take it this year," said the Florida-based Vadasz.

Stephanie Diaz of the Los Angeles Police Department was named Women's Champion after firing a 6057-295X. LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Aron Hastings won the High New Shooter category with a total score of 5674-142x while Alberto Demacedo of Policia Judicial Venezuela shot a 5976-234x to take home the High Non-U.S. Citizen title.

The National Police Shooting Championships are made up of various components. Two other events, the New Mexico Challenge and a Tactical Police Competition, are also a part of the Championships as competitors take part in additional opportunities to test their skills.

"The New Mexico Challenge is a great way to introduce officers in New Mexico to the sport," explained NRA Law Enforcement Director Glen Hoyer. "This match is based on our Stock Semi-Automatic course of fire and is similar to what the officers may fire in their regular qualifications. It helps to reinforce that competition is an extension of training."

Restricted to New Mexico officers without a permanent Police Pistol Combat (PPC) Classification, the Challenge is a 48-round competition at 3, 7, 15 and 25 yards. And thanks to Remington Law Enforcement, they didn't even have to supply their own ammunition. The experience was enough for some to give the National Championship a try.

"I signed up for a few events in the National Police Shooting Championship after shooting the Challenge," said Joseph Tran of the Albuquerque Police Department. "The off-duty pistol, the 1500 semi-auto and a couple others. I didn't win, but I bet I learned a lot."

At the Tactical Police Competition, it was Marc Scroggins and Jay Bodnar who walked away with the Patrol and Tactical Division titles. But it wasn't an easy trip through the berms.

"NRA's tactical competitions are always challenging," said Scroggins. "They had one course where everyone, including me, didn't fare all that well. You just kick yourself after you're done. But it gives you another objective to focus on while training for the job."

Returning to Albuquerque in September, the 2012 competition marks the 50th Anniversary of the National Police Shooting Championships. Fifty years of law enforcement marksmen from around the globe coming together to test their mettle against the best of the best, all made possible by the continued hard work of the NRA's Law Enforcement Division and their sponsors.

"There's a lot of people helping to make this happen," said Hoyer. "The men and women of this division, all our wonderful volunteers, as well as the many companies who support us. Without them the National Police Shooting Championship wouldn't be possible. I couldn't be more proud."

R. Lee Erme (at left) and NRA General Operations Executive Director Kayne Robinson (at right) congratulate Robert Vadasz of the U.S. Border Patrol on winning the 2011 Grand Champion Aggregate.



Vadasz also won the Open Class Division 3000 Aggregate.



Dorcia Meador is the High Woman in the Open Class 3000 Aggregate.



Stefanie Diaz of LAPD captured High Woman honors in the Grand Championship Aggregate.



New Mexico Challenge



The New Mexico Challenge has entered its fourth year and its success continues. It is a low-key competition designed specifically to encourage police officers to participate in competitive shooting without incurring the cost of additional or specialized firearms. The course is fired using standard-issue police duty handguns and gear.

“We firmly believe that firearm competition is an extension of training and you cannot get enough training,” said Glen Hoyer, Director of NRA’s Law Enforcement Division. “When you can use your duty pistol and holster in competition it really helps with familiarity, handling skills and marksmanship. This directly transfers to your ability to protect yourself and others on the street,” Hoyer added.

“We are trying to get more officers involved with competition as there is never enough training time,” remarked Hoyer. “I want to thank SIG SAUER and Remington Law Enforcement for their support. I hope that police combat leagues around the country will offer orientation clinics, or trial matches, based on the stock semi-auto course of fire, to help encourage officer involvement.”

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National Police Shooting Championships Tactical Police Competition

The Tactical Police Competition continues to grow as the competition is not only fun, but the scenarios mirror modern-day law enforcement training.

The number of participants in this year’s Tactical Police Competition Multi-gun event grew for the fourth consecutive year. We had over 150 competitors for the two-day competition. This competition brings in competitors from all across the United States, and has become so popular that we have begun to gather a following of repeat competitors at many of our different venues where these competitions are held.

Completing another successful year at NPSC, the Tactical Police Competition’s list of top ten competitors for each Division are as follows:

PATROL DIVISION

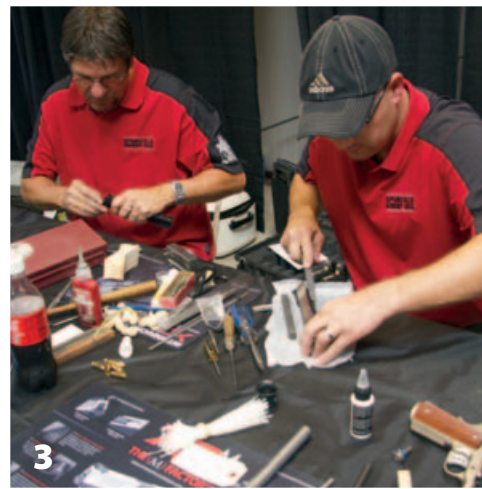
- 1 M. Scroggins, Omnisecc
- 2 D. Binkley, Omnisecc
- 3 T. Sun, McKinney Police Department
- 4 J. Ragsdale, Tampa Police Department
- 5 K. Naffziger, Lewisville Police Department
- 6 P. Cicero, Jackson County Sheriff’s Department
- 7 K. Billings, Dorchester County Sheriff’s Department
- 8 H. Clevenger, York County Sheriff’s Department
- 9 I. Roeske, Fairfax County Police Department
- 10 M. Quintana, Department of Energy



TACTICAL DIVISION

- 1 J. Bodnar, Perry Nuclear Power Plant
- 2 F. Ortega, Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Dept.
- 3 M. Miller, U.S. Border Patrol
- 4 B. Buller, Customs and Border Protection
- 5 R. Donaghe, Albuquerque Police Department
- 6 C. Brotherston, U.S. Army
- 7 M. Meneses, San Antonio Police Department
- 8 J. Harris, McKinney Police Department
- 9 B. Miller, U.S. Air force
- 10 D. Earnest, San Antonio Police Department





- (1) *Glen Hoyer with New Mexico's First Gentleman, Chuck Franco, a law enforcement officer.*
- (2) *Opening ceremony for the 2011 National Police Shooting Championships.*
- (3) *Gunsmiths hard at work with a competitor's firearm at the Springfield Armory booth.*
- (4) *A good stage!*
- (5) *Competitors came from as far away as Australia.*
- (6) *A competitor at the Shotgun Championships. The winner of the Shotgun Championship was Jack Ragsdale.*
- (7) *Keeping it clean.*
- (8) *A representative from SOG Knife shows off some of their product line to NPSC competitors.*
- (9) *R. Lee Ermey ("The Gunny"), a member of the NRA Board of Directors, closes out the NPSC banquet.*

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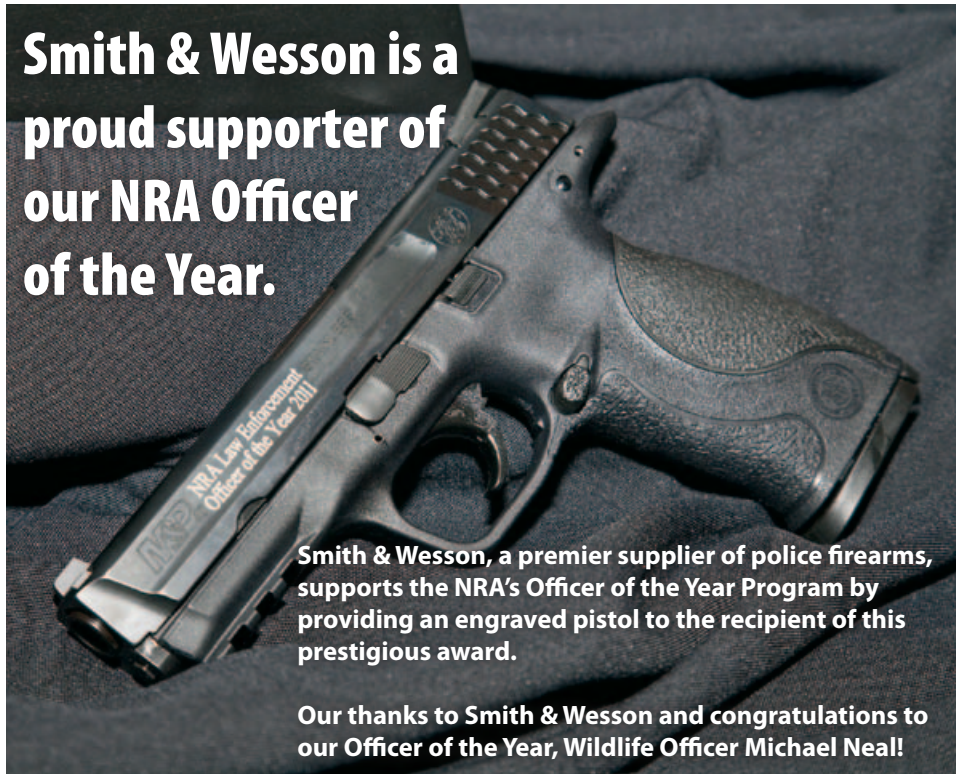
A frequent problem encountered by qualified retired law enforcement officers attempting to meet the statutory requirements of LEOSA is the inability to obtain the required firearms certification from their former agency. Limited range time, false assumptions regarding liability, and the refusal of most states to certify non-agency instructors has caused hardship for many.

In the state of Washington, certification is a non-issue. Under RCW 36.28A.090, the necessary LEOSA firearms certification may be obtained from "either a law enforcement agency or an individual or entity certified to provide firearms training."

Using the standards established by the criminal justice training commission for "firearms qualification for the basic law enforcement training academy in the state," the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs created an electronically-available model certificate (waspc.org) that NRA Certified Firearms Instructors in the state may issue to retirees that have been found qualified or otherwise meet the CJTC standards.

A certificate issued and acknowledged by an NRA certified firearms instructor satisfies LEOSA's firearms certification requirements.

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Our journey will start in the scenic South Mountain Park and continue along the Salt River Project Canals, into Papago Park and other scenic and urban areas of Tempe and Phoenix, AZ. The goal is to raise funds so C.O.P.S. can continue helping to rebuild the shattered lives of those who lost a loved one in the line of duty. The walk provides a physical challenge and the opportunity to spend time with other survivors and friends walking in memory of loved ones.

Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss. C.O.P.S. provides resources to help them rebuild their shattered lives. There is no membership fee to join C.O.P.S., for the price paid is already too high.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Friend, Development Assistant, at 573-346-4911 or send an email to patty_friend@nationalcops.org. C.O.P.S. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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 Dec 12-16 San Antonio, TX
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 Apr 2-6 Bethlehem, PA
 Apr 2-6 Florence, AL
 Apr 23-27 Horton, KS
 May 7-11 Smithton, PA
 May 21-25 Shreveport, LA
 Oct 1-5 Littleton, CO
 Jun 4-8 Trinidad, CO
 Jul 9-13 Rochester, MN
 Jul 30-Aug 3 Mineral Point, PA
 Sep 24-28 Bethlehem, PA
 Oct 29-Nov 2 Florence, AL
 Nov 5-9 Pittsburgh, PA

HANDGUN

Oct 24-28 Davidsonville, MD
 Nov 7-11 Sopchoppy FL
 Nov 28-Dec 2 Altha, FL
 Dec 5-9 Sopchoppy, FL
 Dec 12-26 Umatilla, FL
 Feb 13-17 Umatilla, FL
 Mar 5-9 East Camden, AR
 Mar 19-23 Umatilla, FL
 Apr 9-11 Littleton CO
 Apr 16-20 Appling, GA
 May 14-18 Pinella Park, FL
 Oct 15-19 Lusby, MD
 Oct 29-Nov 2 Palm Bay, FL

PATROL RIFLE

Oct 31-Nov 4 North Chicago, IL
 Oct 31-Nov 4 Palm Bay, FL
 Oct 31-Nov 4 Reno, NV
 Nov 7-11 Pittsburgh, PA
 Nov 14-18 Altha, FL
 Nov 14-18 Fort Supply, OK
 Nov 14-18 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)
 Nov 14-18 Pearl, MS
 Nov 14-18 Southampton, NY
 Jan 23-27 San Antonio, TX
 Jan 30-Feb 3 Sopchoppy, FL
 Feb 27-Mar 2 Florence AL
 Mar 12-16 Largo, FL
 Apr 16-20 East Camden, AR
 Apr 23-27 Largo, FL
 Apr 30-May 4 Littleton CO
 May 14-18 Pittsburgh, PA
 May 21-25 Horton, KS
 Jul 16-20 Smithton, PA
 Jul 23-27 Trinidad, CO
 Aug 6-10 Rochester, MN
 Sep 24-28 Florence, AL
 Oct 22-26 Lusby, MD
 Dec 3-7 Franklin, TN

PRECISION RIFLE

Jan 30-Feb 3 Palm Bay, FL
 Mar 26-30 Abilene, TX
 Apr 9-13 Bethlehem, PA
 Apr 16-20 Florence, AL
 Sep 10-14 San Antonio, TX
 Sep 10-14 Shreveport, LA
 Oct 1-5 Littleton, CO
 Oct 22-26 Langhorne, PA

SELECT-FIRE

Nov 28-Dec 2 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)
 Mar 12-16 San Antonio, TX
 Apr 16-20 Bethlehem, PA
 Apr 30-May 4 Palm Bay, FL
 May 7-11 Highspire, PA
 Sep 17-21 Bethlehem, PA

TACTICAL SHOOTING

Nov 7-11 Charleston, SC
 Feb 13-17 San Antonio, TX
 Mar 19-23 Florence, AL
 Apr 16-20 Abilene, TX
 May 7-11 Shoshone, ID
 May 14-18 Mineral Point, PA
 May 21-25 East Camden, AR
 Jun 18-22 Pittsburgh, PA
 Jul 9-13 Dover, PA
 Jul 30-Aug 3 Palm Bay, FL
 Sep 17-21 Smithton, PA
 Oct 15-19 Florence, AL

TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Mar 12-16 Memphis, TN
 Apr 23-27 Bethlehem, PA
 May 21-25 Baton Rouge, LA
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NRA Law Enforcement Division's New Badge

The NRA Law Enforcement Division has released a new law enforcement badge.

The new badge is similar to the very popular 50th Anniversary badge that was released last year to commemorate the division's history. "We had many requests to make available a non-anniversary edition of the NRA Law Enforcement Division badge," said Glen Hoyer, the Division Director.

Smith & Warren makes this beautifully-handcrafted badge, which is die-struck from solid brass, cloisonné enameled, highly polished and then coated with a pure 24 karat gold electroplate. Each badge comes with a heavy-duty pin and safety catch attachment on its rear, and is mounted in a black velvet display box featuring the official NRA logo.

The new badge is available through the NRA Program Materials Center website at <http://materials.nrahq.org> for \$69.95, plus shipping & handling and sales tax where required.

For a limited time, we will make available a custom badge to those who wish to have a badge number (up to 4 numbers) of their choice on the badge. The custom-numbered badges will only be available through the division by contacting Patrick Gallivan at PGallivan@nrahq.org for an order form. The custom numbered badges will be \$79.95 plus appropriate tax and shipping and will take 8-10 weeks for delivery, as they are made to order.

"The custom numbered badges are great for a promotion or retirement gift, as well as, for those who collect badges and like particular numbers," added Hoyer.



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