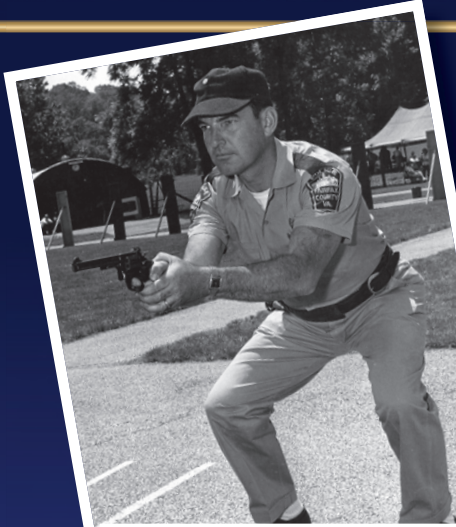




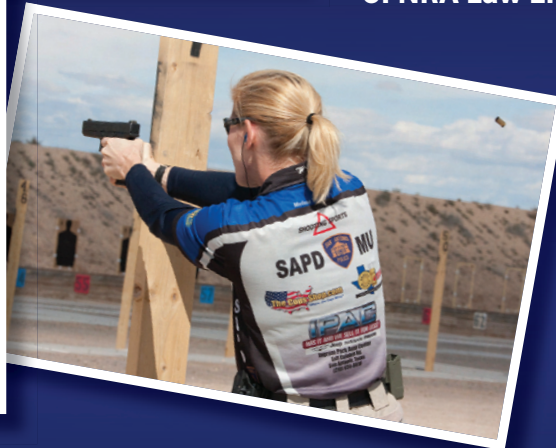
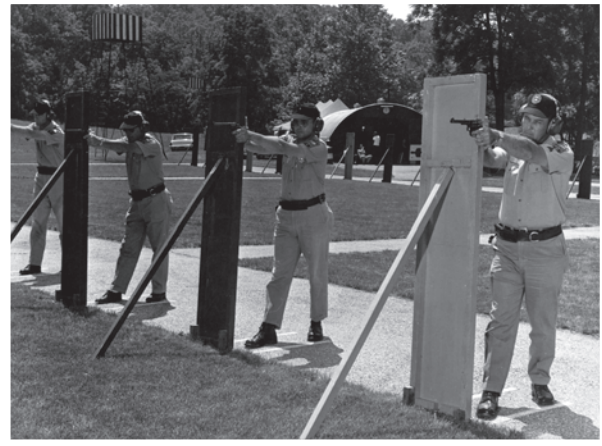
NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE



50 YEARS

See page 2 for a brief history of NRA Law Enforcement.



HR 218 + Virginia = Success!

BY GLEN HOYER, DIRECTOR
NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

One of the greatest benefits for law enforcement officers took effect in July of 2004 when President Bush signed into law a bill known as the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, commonly called H.R. 218. Not only did this law clear up the previous confusion for active, on duty officers who had to travel to other jurisdictions in the line of duty, but gave retired officers the right to carry a concealed firearm. This law not only allowed retired officers to protect themselves from criminals who may still hold a grudge, but put tens of

thousands of armed and well-trained people on the street.

That was the good news. The bad news was many agencies and states have struggled with implementation of the law. With far too many believing there is liability associated with issuing retirement credentials and qualifying retired officers. This is not true.

Some agencies and states have even ignored the law, not wishing to put forth any effort to implement the requirements for their retired officers. Worse yet are retired officers like myself who retired in one state and moved to another. But I was lucky, I moved to Virginia.

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Timeline of NRA's Law Enforcement Division

1916: The earliest record found of NRA interest in law enforcement comes from an article in the November 23, 1916 issue of *Arms and the Man* magazine, the predecessor to the NRA's *American Rifleman*.

The article, written by Frank J. Kahrs, states that extensive training is necessary in teaching the policeman to shoot. Kahrs' article proposed that a systematic program of instruction be made a part of the original training of every policeman. Regular practice at standard paper targets should be held at least once a month.

1920: In 1920, the NRA conducted a survey of all cities over 25,000 in population. Only three reported firearm training.

The National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice held a special Police School as a part of the Annual Small Arms Firing School of the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. A Hogan's Alley, running man, and judo instruction were included in the school.

1925: E.C. Crossman, a writer for the *American Rifleman*, helped Chief R. Lee Heath, of the Los Angeles Police Department, to build a range. The Los Angeles Police Department began a pay shoot. Those officers who qualified as expert received \$12.50 a month, sharpshooters \$8.00 per month, and marksman \$5.00 a month.

The firearm was a .45 caliber auto rim Colt, or a Smith & Wesson revolver with a trigger pull of not less than four pounds, with fixed sights. The course of fire was 30 rounds (10 rounds slow fire, 10 rounds timed fire and 10 rounds rapid fire) on a standard American target. All firing was from 25 yards.

1929: The NRA's effort to promote firearm training and competition to the law enforcement community had taken hold. In 1929, the police school at the National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio, had 140 officers and 17 four-man teams in competition.

Interest in police training and competition waned for several reasons – including the Depression and World War II.

1956: With renewed interest, the NRA provided three or more instructors for an annual Special Police School at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The school was devoted exclusively to firearm instruction. Officers from every type of law enforcement agency and departments were in attendance.

1960: In 1960, the NRA inaugurated a new complete police shooting program. For the first time, police officers were offered the opportunity to become certified as NRA Police Firearm Instructors.

Also for the first time, police agencies were offered NRA sanction for training courses and qualification courses.

1960 was the birth of the NRA's Law Enforcement Division as we know it today. The programs started in 1960 and grew through the years, forming into departments, and ultimately became the Law Enforcement Division.

2010: Since 1960, the Law Enforcement Division has trained over 50,000 law enforcement and military firearm instructors.

We have thousands of law enforcement competitors in our Police Pistol Competition and our new Tactical Police Competition. We still conduct the National Police Shooting Championships, the premier law enforcement competition event, drawing officers from around the world.

The Eddie Eagle Gunsafe® Program is now part of the Law Enforcement Division, and has reached well over 23 million children with its lifesaving message.

We look forward to the future and our continuing relationship with the law enforcement officers of the United States, as well as the U.S. Military.

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Virginia to the Rescue

The Commonwealth of Virginia was very quick to establish a procedure for retired officers who lived in Virginia to obtain a qualification. It did not matter if you retired from an agency in Virginia, or from another state, they had a solution.

Not only did Virginia act quickly, the officials in their Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) made it remarkably simple. Any DCJS Certified Private Security Firearm Instructor who works for a DCJS

certified Private Security Training School, or your agency's DCJS certified firearm instructors, if you retired in Virginia, could administer the retired officer qualification. They even made the forms and criteria available online for simple download.

All a retired officer had to do was locate an appropriate DCJS Certified Private Security Firearm Instructor, download the forms, successfully qualify, mail the completed forms to the DCJS

office in Richmond, Virginia, and a few days later they would have a qualification card. This card, in conjunction with your agency-issued retirement credentials, was all that was needed.

At times, it could be difficult to locate an appropriate DCJS Certified Private Security Firearm Instructor. With the large number of retired law enforcement officers who live in Virginia, especially the Northern Virginia area near Washington, D.C., was it possible for the Commonwealth of Virginia to make it even more convenient to get your retired qualification?

It just got easier

Virginia has just made it even easier. As of January 1, 2010, the Department of Criminal Justice Services will allow NRA Certified Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors to administer the retired officer qualification, in addition to the previously accepted DCJS Certified Private Security Firearm Instructor, or a DCJS Certified Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor.

This means there are now hundreds of additional instructors available to administer the qualification to retired officers in Virginia. How much easier could it be?

The Commonwealth of Virginia has what I believe to be the best program in the United States. Their program should be a model for other states to follow.

There are approximately 12,000 NRA Certified Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors across the United States. Imagine how much easier it would be for retired officers to get qualified if every state allowed NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors to administer their qualification?

Kudos to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for their progressive program. May other states follow in their footsteps. If you would like more information on the Commonwealth of Virginia's program, contact Leon Baker at Leon.Baker@dcjs.virginia.gov.

50th Anniversary Commemorative Items

You can own a piece of our history with our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Items. We have badges, lapel pins, patches and decals.

The badges are handcrafted and 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.

Collectors may also be interested in purchasing one of the limited number of badges being made available with the badge numbers "714" and "2211" – both badge numbers are highly sought after by badge and memorabilia collectors.

The lapel pins are a miniature of the full size badge and are approximately one inch tall.

These items are only available during our anniversary year of 2010.

To order, visit our program materials website at <http://materials.nrahq.org>



GUNSAFE® NOTES

Universal Coin & Bullion Sponsors Eddie Eagle Spanish DVD

A generous gift has recently allowed the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program to release a new Spanish version of the Eddie Eagle DVD. In an effort to equip law enforcement officers, teachers and safety activists to teach gun safety to children across America, Universal Coin & Bullion of Beaumont, TX graciously supported the effort to translate, duplicate and distribute Eddie Eagle DVDs in Spanish.

“As a former teacher, I believe in our company mission of supporting important educational programs like the Eddie Eagle program,” said Mike Fuljenz, President of Universal Coin. “Its safety successes are self-evident, and we are honored to be involved and making a real difference in young lives with this project.”

Thanks to Universal Coin & Bullion’s support, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program will expand its reach, offering even more Spanish language materials



than ever before. Eric Lipp, Eddie Eagle Program Manager, said, “We offer them our most sincere thanks for partnering with our program to save lives.”

The new updated Eddie Eagle Spanish DVD is now available and may be available through state grants. For more information, visit www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie or call the Eddie Eagle Program at (800) 231-0752.



The International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, Inc.® (IALEFI) will be conducting its 30th Annual Training Conference (ATC) on May 23–28, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas.

This five and a half day training conference will have available over 55 different training courses consisting of range, classroom and armorers ... something for everyone! IALEFI is a “Trainer of Trainers” membership organization comprised of members from around the world who represent all facets of law enforcement: corrections, federal, state, and local firearms trainers. Our training staff will be coming from all four corners of the US to present our extremely diversified courses.

So don’t miss out on this valuable and timely educational opportunity in the great state of Texas.



South Carolina Palmetto State Regional NRA Police Combat Match

**BY LT. MIKE BECKLEY (Retired)
NASSAU COUNTY (NY) POLICE DEPT**

The South Carolina Police Combat League conducted its Palmetto State Regional Police Combat Match at the Charleston Police Department Firing Range in Moncks Corner, South Carolina on the first and second of May, 2009.

The League experienced its best turnout ever, with 84 shooters from 17 states showing up to compete. The competitors came from Pennsylvania, California, South Carolina, Vermont, New York, Florida, Michigan, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

The grand aggregate winner was Jack Ragsdale of Tampa, Florida. Second

place went to Keith Ferguson of New Orleans, and third place went to Doug Goff, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. The League awarded 26 firearms and trophies to match winners.

The Palmetto Regional is one of the most successful regional competitions in the country, largely due to the way the League members conduct the match. Range Master Craig Farr of the Charleston Police Department and his staff does an outstanding job of making the competitors feel at home. Saturday evening after the match, the League invited the competitors and their guests to a free southern barbecue, followed by the presentation of the awards.

Eighty-four competitors competed in the Stock Semi-auto Pistol Match. Marion Baker, representing the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division,

took top honors with a score of 477-27X. There were eighty-four competitors firing the Service Revolver match showing that there are still a lot of revolvers out there. Keith Ferguson of the New Orleans Police Department won with a score of 477-35X.

The Stock Semi-automatic and Service Revolver matches are limited to handguns normally carried by officers while on duty. The purpose of the service matches is to provide an opportunity for an officer to test his or her skills in the art of "shot placement" and safe gun handling. Distances vary from three yards close combat, all the way out to 25 yards.

I have competed in PPC matches since 1972, and have shot many regionals – and I can say that the Palmetto State Regional ranks as one of the best.

Lieutenant Beckley served with the Nassau County Police Department on Long Island, New York for over forty years and was the Commanding Officer of the Firearms Training Unit. During this time he developed the "Decision Course" which involved tactical responses to shooting scenarios.

He helped establish the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors in 1981 and served as President for nine years.

He currently serves on the NRA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee and has competed in the NRA PPC competition since 1972.





Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Competition

BY GLEN HOYER, DIRECTOR
NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Recently, there has been a very strong interest in the Stock Semi-Automatic pistol competition. As a matter of fact, for the past two years, the Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Match was the most entered match at the National Police Shooting Championships.

It is not surprising that the interest in competing with your duty gun and gear is increasing, since officers are realizing that competition is an extension of training – and you can't have enough training! Being able to use your duty pistol means you do not have to buy a special gun, holster, or other equipment

to give competition a try. Not to mention the course of fire is probably similar to what you already shoot for your qualification course, so it will seem familiar to you.

I urge our tournament hosts to offer a trial, or fun, stock semi-automatic match for new shooters to give it a try. The score can just be for fun and without a classification or category. Once an officer has tried it, the fear of the unknown will be gone, and the interest will grow.

Competition is not only fun, but it does hone your life-saving firearm skills. After all, how many of us are as good of a shot as we should be?

Off-Duty Carry Considerations

Every law enforcement officer who can carry a firearm off-duty, or when retired, should! We know from experience that violence can happen to anyone, anytime – and we are not immune.

Carrying a firearm off-duty has special considerations. First, no one can recognize us as a law enforcement officer, or even a retired officer, so we need to remember that we can be mistaken as a “bad guy” by a responding officer.

Considerations for an off-duty holster:

- Securely attached to the body
- Handgun retained while running and jumping
- Same retention as on-duty holster
- Allow quick access and one-hand draw
- Use holster designed specifically for that model of handgun
- Concealability
- Comfort

Clothing:

- Larger pant & belt size for IWB holsters
- Cuffs, width of leg opening for ankle holsters
- Features that could inhibit draw
- Sturdy belt
- Off-Duty Firearm Selection
- Recommend keeping the same action style and trigger system as duty gun

Other considerations:

- Additional ammunition/reloads?
- Handcuffs?
- Flashlight?

Habits to avoid:

- Printing of your gun against your clothing
- Exposing your gun
- Forgetting you are armed

It is essential that you carry your law enforcement or retired credentials with you. It is highly recommended that you carry two wallets: one is your identification credentials and badge, the other is your personal wallet that has your money, credit cards, etc. in it. Obviously, if you are a victim of a robbery, you would hand over your personal wallet, and not the one that would identify you as a police officer, or a retired officer.

Stay alert, stay safe.

POLICE PISTOL COMBAT RULE CHANGES

If you are a competitor, or interested in Police Pistol Combat (PPC), check out the rule changes posted online at www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/ppc/ppcrules.pdf.

2010 NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Development Schools

www.nrahq.org/law/training • lead@nrahq.org • (703) 267-1640

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 = \$525 per person

HANDGUN & SHOTGUN

March 1-5 Panama City, FL
 March 8-12 Myrtle Beach, SC
 March 15-19 Leechburg, PA (west)
 March 22-26 Goddard, KS (public LE only)
 March 22-26 Jackson, LA
 Apr 12-16 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Apr 19-23 Sapulpa, OK
 Apr 26-30 Hutchinson, MN
 May 3-7 Canon City, CO
 May 3-7 Pearl, MS
 May 17-21 Amarillo, TX
 May 17-21 Pittsburgh, PA (west)
 May 24-28 Mesa, AZ
 May 24-28 Roanoke, IN
 May 31 - Jun 4 Trinidad, CO
 June 7-11 White Sands, NM
 June 7-11 Allentown, PA (east)
 June 14-18 Allentown, PA (east)
 June 21-25 Mexico, MO
 June 28 - Jul 2 Roanoke, IN
 July 12-16 Salt Lake City, UT
 July 19-23 Maryville, TN
 July 26-30 Baton Rouge, LA
 July 26-30 Smithton, PA (west)
 Sep 27 - Oct 1 Ft Wayne, IN
 Sep 27 - Oct 1 Panama City, FL
 Aug 2-6 Roanoke, IN
 Aug 9-13 Robinson, TX
 Oct 4-8 Leechburg, PA (west)
 Oct 11-15 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)
 Oct 18-22 Defiance, MO (public LE only)
 Nov 1-5 Pearl, MS
 Nov 8-12 Sheffield, AL

March 1-5 Ontario, Calif.
 May 3-7 York, SC
 May 10-14 Castle Rock, CO (public LE only)
 Oct 11-15 Lusby, MD

PATROL RIFLE

Apr 5-9 Draper, UT
 Apr 12-16 Leechburg, PA (west)
 Apr 12-16 Lithia Springs, GA
 Apr 19-23 York, SC
 Apr 19-23 Sheffield, AL
 Apr 26-30 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 May 3-7 Goddard, KS (public LE only)
 May 10-14 Charleston, SC
 May 17-21 Castle Rock, CO (public LE only)
 May 17-21 Clearwater, FL
 May 24-28 Canton, MS
 June 21-25 Pittsburgh, PA (west)
 July 12-16 Lansing, KS
 July 12-16 Memphis, TN
 July 19-23 Egg Harbor Twp, NJ
 July 26-30 Trinidad, CO
 Aug 16-20 Canon City, CO
 Aug 23-27 Smithton, PA (west)
 Aug 30 - Sep 3 White Sands, NM
 Sep 20-24 Leechburg, PA (west)
 Oct 4-8 Robinson, TX
 Oct 11-15 Pearl, MS
 Oct 18-22 Lusby, MD
 Oct 25-29 Ontario, Calif.
 Nov 1-5 Panama City, FL
 Nov 1-5 Salt Lake City, UT
 Nov 29 - Dec 3 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)

PRECISION RIFLE

Apr 19-23 Pearl, MS
 Apr 26-30 Little Falls, MN (public LE only)
 July 19-23 Salt Lake City, UT
 Aug 2-6 Albuquerque, NM
 Sep 27 - Oct 1 Roanoke, IN
 Oct 4-8 Epping, NH
 Nov 1-5 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)
 Dec 6-10 White Sands, NM

SELECT-FIRE

Mar 29 - Apr 2 York, SC
 May 10-14 Leechburg, PA (west)
 June 28 - Jul 2 Independence, MO
 July 19-23 Castle Rock, CO (public LE only)
 Sep 27 - Oct 1 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Oct 4-8 Covington, TN
 Oct 18-22 Sheffield, AL

TACTICAL SHOOTING

March 22-26 Charleston, SC
 Apr 12-16 Baton Rouge, LA
 Apr 26-30 Panama City, FL
 June 7-11 Goddard, KS (public LE only)
 July 5-9 Allentown, PA (east)
 Aug 16-20 Lansing, KS
 Aug 23-27 Robinson, TX
 Sep 13-17 Castle Rock, CO (public LE only)
 Oct 11-15 Smithton, PA (west)
 Oct 18-22 York, SC
 Oct 25-29 Las Vegas, NV (public LE only)
 Nov 1-5 Charleston, SC

TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Apr 19-23 Bethlehem, PA (east)
 Aug 9-13 Castle Rock, CO (public LE only)
 Sep 13-17 Leechburg, PA (west)
 Oct 25-29 Memphis, TN
 Nov 15-19 Goddard, KS (public LE only)
 Nov 29 - Dec 3 Ontario, Calif.

Tuition-Free Schools

Our Tuition-Free school schedule is being confirmed for 2010. We currently have:

July 22 Glock Pistol Armorer
August 23-24 Beretta 90 Series Pistol & PX4 Pistol Armorer
August 25 Beretta M1/M2 Shotgun Armorer
December 13-14 Sig Sauer "P" Series Pistol Armorer

Keep an eye on our website as we will be adding more schools.

www.nrahq.org/law/training/armorerschools.asp

NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Manuals and Training Aids



To order training aids and materials on CD:
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DISCIPLINES AVAILABLE:
Handgun Handgun/Shotgun
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