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Mayor of Albuquerque Welcomes NPSC Participants

Dear NPSC Participants:

On behalf of Albuquerque and all of New Mexico, I want to extend to you a warm – and dry – Land of Enchantment welcome.

Here in Albuquerque, we consider public safety job one, and that the proper training and equipment for our men and women on the front lines needs to be second to none.

So it is a great honor and privilege for our community to host the NRA's National Police Shooting Championships. You represent the best of the best in law enforcement competitive shooters, and your commitment and dedication are very much appreciated here.

Likewise, Albuquerque is a city fast moving up the rankings. From a recent *Forbes* magazine rating as America's best city for 'business and career,' to *In Style* magazine's listing of us as a top arts destination, we too are striving to be the best of the best.



I hope your visit will afford you some time to get out and see some of what Albuquerque has to offer. From the Sandia Peak Tram to exploring Old Town, and the restaurants of Nob Hill to the 3000-acre city park we call the 'Bosque,' with its world class Zoo, Aquarium and Botanical Gardens, Albuquerque is, for much of America, an undiscovered jewel in the heart of old Route 66.

You may also notice a few hot air balloons each morning, part of the International Balloon Fiesta – the world's most photographed event. The launch area, near the Balloon Museum, is at the north end of town and they enjoy showing off for visitors.

So again, a hearty 'Bienvenidos' welcome to Albuquerque, and the very best for your competition and your stay.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Chavez

Albuquerque PPC Regional to Precede NPSC

The Albuquerque Police Department will host a Police Pistol Combat Regional prior to NPSC. This event will take place on the same range as NPSC at Shooting Range State Park. Officers are encouraged to attend this event to prepare for NPSC, especially if they are looking for distinguished points!

Practice Day: September 28
Competition Days: September 29-30

Matches to be offered: Revolver 1500; Revolver Team (2&4-Officer); Revolver Distinguished; Semi-Automatic Pistol 1500; Semi-Automatic Pistol Team (2&4-Officer); and Semi-Automatic Pistol Distinguished.

For additional information on this event, please contact:

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REGISTER ONLINE FOR NPSC

You may register ONLINE for NPSC up until FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2006. After this date, the online registration process for NPSC will cease. Visit the NPSC website at www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp to register or find out more about the shooting competition.

Registrations may also be submitted on the entry card that is part of the match program or on-site at the range. Take note – entries received beginning Saturday, September 30th will incur a \$2 late fee per match.

You may now use additional forms of payment at NPSC such as credit cards and money orders. We apologize, but purchase orders will not be accepted.

As a reminder, you can always use NRA Award Points to pay for entry fees or merchandise sold at the NRA Sales Booth.

For additional information please contact the Police Competitions Department at (703) 267-1632, 1635 or 1621, or email LEAD@nrahq.org.





New City, New Range: What to Expect at NPSC

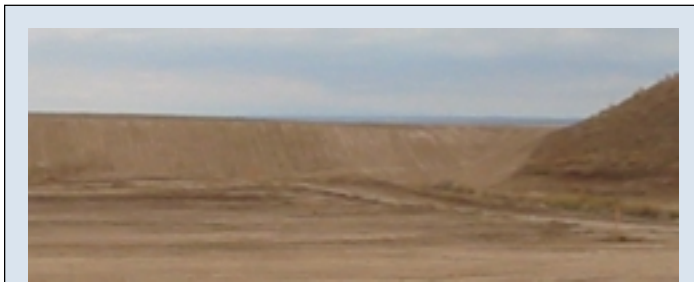
By Jorge Amselle

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the NRA National Police Shooting Championships are changing venues. The move to Albuquerque, NM, will require the training of new range officers and the construction of new facilities and ranges. Fortunately, NRA officers and staff have received the enthusiastic support of New Mexico officials from the Governor on down.

Late last year the New Mexico state legislature, with Governor Bill Richardson's support, appropriated \$1.4 million toward the construction of a suitable range to host the NPSC competition. The best option turned out to be to expand Shooting Range State Park, which combines both public and police ranges.

The expansion is an ambitious undertaking but proceeding very well. "Construction began June 12th, and should end on August 14th," said Lt. Todd Parkins of the Albuquerque Police Department.

"The new range complex we are building will be much larger than what NPSC competitors are used to," he added. In addition to supervising all the construction, Parkins will be in charge of the city-issued competitor awards, local vendors and all the legal, financial and contractual hurdles that must be jumped.

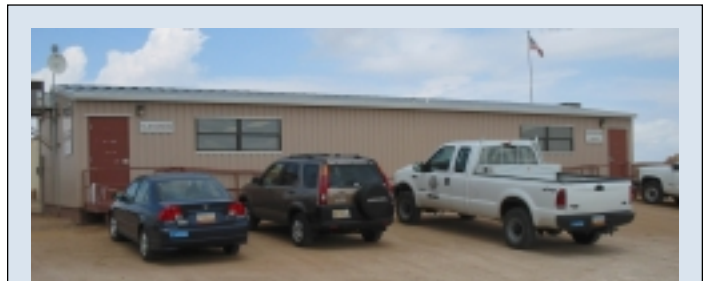


A berm nearly 20 feet high will enclose three-quarters of the range. Grading and construction are proceeding on schedule. Shotgun fields (top of page) are already up and running.

"This is a huge project, involving everyone from our Mayor, Martin Chavez, and my Chief, Ray Schultz, to Bernalillo County Sheriff Darren White, the Director of Parks and Recreation Jay Hart, and Albuquerque Public Safety Director Nick Bakas," said Parkins.

"We are building a brand new, north facing, 102 point, turning target, 200 yard range, (600 feet by 600 feet)," Parkins said, "with each target six feet off of center and high berms so the competitors should not be able to see any sky. We will also be able to use the old range as a shotgun range with 25 turning targets, to enable five shooters at a time," he added.

According to Parkins, a large, air-conditioned vendor building is being constructed, which will also house the NRA Store and Press Office. The parking lot will have 500 spaces, with room for buses, RVs and trailers. Already construction crews are putting the final touches on a nearly 20-foot high berm that stretches three quarters around the range. One end of the range will feature a covered and elevated area with electrical outlets and water fountains.



The Stat and Awards offices will be housed in new buildings like the one above. The adjoining parking lot will have 500 spaces and accommodate buses, RVs and trailers.

"This is a huge facility with a lot of room to grow," said Parkins. "Once we complete this building project, I would like to see the rest of the range utilized in the future with skeet and trap ranges, an additional 10 shotgun turners and covered shotgun ranges. Maybe we could hold a police steel combat shoot along with patrol rifle and precision matches in the years to come."

"The most common question I have heard from competitors has been about our weather out here," he added. "The fact is that early October is about the best time of the year to be in Albuquerque, we have cool mornings in the lower 50's and warm afternoons in the mid-80's and almost no wind." Competitors should come prepared to deal with the possibility of dehydration from the extreme low humidity and high elevation (over a mile). Also, don't expect to see any trees or much shade; this is high desert all the way.

"I hope shooters come early and stay late and really get a chance to enjoy what Albuquerque has to offer. I am working with the Visitors Bureau to get competitors information on area attractions and discounts with local police supply and other vendors," said Parkins. "Immediately after NPSC is the start of the international hot air balloon festival here and that is truly a sight not to miss," he added.

Regional Rehearsals

Albuquerque P.D. Uses Regionals to Prepare for NPSC

By Jorge Amselle

Call it a baptism by fire. This is how Lt. Todd Parkins of the Albuquerque Police Department in New Mexico was introduced to Police Pistol Combat competition. Parkins' first experience with PPC was at the regional matches in Ft. Worth, TX, in June, but he is picking it up very quickly. A good thing, considering that he was pulled from his normal duty as a watch commander to become the city's go-to-guy for the biggest law enforcement event they have ever hosted - the NRA National Police Shooting Championships - and the preceding regional match.

"Watching the regional matches in Ft. Worth was extremely helpful, and it was a pleasure to meet the competitors out there, all of whom I hope to see in Albuquerque for our regionals and NPSC," said Parkins. "Dorcia Meador (Ft. Worth Police Department and current Women's National PPC Champion) was particularly helpful in treating us very well, making us feel welcome, and spending the time during this busy event to answer all the questions we posed to her. She was invaluable."

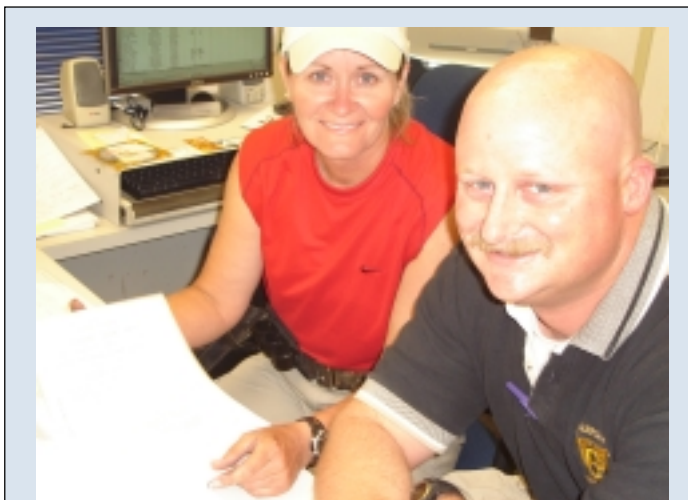
At press time, Parkins also planned to attend another

regional match, the Rocky Mountain Nationals, July 14-15 at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM, for another opportunity to observe and prepare.

"Unfortunately, we really don't have a lot of PPC shooters in New Mexico and most of the officers I talk to around here are not familiar with it," said Parkins. "I see this really as an outreach and education year for local law enforcement and I am encouraging as many local officers as possible to come out to the regional match and NPSC to observe and become familiar with the course of fire," he added. "I think once they see what a great event this is and what an outstanding facility we will have built here, they will recognize the benefit of PPC competition and really turn out in large numbers."

According to Lt. Parkins, having a regional match right before the start of the nationals is absolutely essential, not only because of the additional practice and familiar-

ization that competitors will gain but also because the entire facility is brand new, everything from the target turners to the firing line and exhibit hall. "The regional match gives us a great opportunity to test all the new systems in an actual competition. I fully expect everything to work perfectly, but if it doesn't we can fix it before the nationals," said Parkins.



Lt. Todd Parkins, the Albuquerque P.D.'s top man for the NPSC, visited the Ft. Worth, Texas regionals to gain more experience in PPC shooting. NPSC Women's Champ Dorcia Meador, of the Ft. Worth P.D. gave him valuable assistance.



NPSC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 1

This is the official practice day for NPSC. Please refer to Practice Match Details for information on cost and courses of fire offered.

Practice Day:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Statistical Office Opens:	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bring a Partner Program: <i>(Registration Opens)</i>	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Shotgun Championship:	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <i>(for record)</i>

Monday, October 2

Statistical Office Opens:	7:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremony:	7:30 a.m.
Open Revolver 1500 Aggregate: <i>(Matches #1-#5 & #6)</i>	Immediately following Opening Ceremony
Service Revolver Championship: <i>(Match #7)</i>	Immediately following Match #5
Shotgun Championship: <i>(Match #20)</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>(Will conclude when the last relay of Match #7 has been fired.)</i>
X-Team Challenge Deadline: <i>(Match #23)</i>	Registration closes at noon.
Smith & Wesson Demonstration:	See match program for details.

Tuesday, October 3

Statistical Office Opens:	7:30 a.m.
Revolver Distinguished Match: <i>(Match #17)</i>	8:00 a.m.
Off-Duty Sidearm Championship: <i>(Match #15)</i>	Immediately following Match #17.
Semi-Automatic Pistol Distinguished Match: <i>(Match #18)</i>	Immediately following Match #15.
X-Team Challenge: <i>(Match #23)</i>	Immediately following Match #18.
Shotgun Championship: <i>(Match #20)</i>	8:00 a.m. - <i>conclude when the last relay of Match #23 has been fired.</i>
John Satterwhite Demonstration:	10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Smith & Wesson Demonstration:	To begin at the conclusion of Match #23.

Wednesday, October 4

Statistical Office Opens:	7:30 a.m.
Semi-Automatic Pistol 1500 Aggregate: <i>(Matches #8-#12 & #13)</i>	8:00 a.m.
Stock Semi-Automatic Pistol Championship: <i>(Match #14)</i>	Immediately following Match #12.
Shotgun Championship:	8:00 a.m. - <i>conclude when the last relay of Match #14 has been fired.</i>
Deadline for Team Matches:	4:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony/Dinner:	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

Statistical Office Opens:	7:30 a.m.
Team Captains' Meeting:	7:30 a.m.
Revolver 4-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #30)</i>	8:00 a.m.
Revolver 2-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #31)</i>	Immediately following Match #30.
Semi-Automatic Pistol 4-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #32)</i>	Immediately following Match #31.
Semi-Automatic Pistol 2-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #33)</i>	Immediately following Match #32.
World 4-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #34)</i>	Immediately following Match #33.
World 2-Officer Team Match: <i>(Match #35)</i>	Immediately following Match #34.
Shotgun Championship:	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony:	4:00 p.m. (may be sooner)



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Oct 30-Nov 3	Knox, TN
Nov 13-17	Pearl, MS ²

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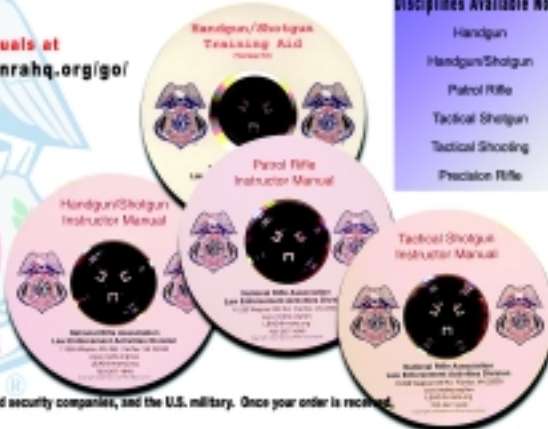


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