For the past 13 years I have enjoyed the honor of serving as an NPSC Referee, and as your NPSC Chief Referee for the last eight years. During that time I have had the pleasure of watching the continuing evolution of our sport and the many positive changes that evolutionary process has brought. Throughout my tenure, the NPSC Referee Crew and the staff of the NRA Law Enforcement Activities Division have worked very hard to ensure a level playing field upon which all can safely compete and to ensure consistency among the individual referees as well as consistency from one competitive year to the next. Likewise, the NRA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee has done its best to assure that changes in the Rules were kept to a minimum so as to provide a sense of stability upon which the competitors could rely.

With my election as your new NRA 1st Vice President, I have reached that time when I must step down as your Chief Referee. One of the true benefits of having served as an NPSC referee for so long has been the opportunity to work with so many great people and, for the record, all of the NPSC referees with whom I have served over the years are great people—all equally dedicated to making the NPSC a truly memorable event year after year. That means that there will be a new sheriff in town, or in this case, a Sheriff’s Deputy.

The new NPSC Chief Referee is Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy (Retired), Dwight D. Van Horn. Dwight is a long-time PPC competitor who holds NRA Police Distinguished badges in both Revolver and Semi-Auto Pistol, and he has served as the Vice Chairman of the NRA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee. He also holds a High Master PPC classification, is a member of the 1490 Club and has been a firing member of two National Championship Two-Man Teams. He has served as a line referee at the NPSC for the past seven years and as a member of the NRA Board of Directors for the past six years. Dwight has also served as Chairman of the Action Pistol Committee, as Vice Chair of the conventional Pistol Committee; and as a member of the Competitions Rules & Programs Committee, the Sport Shooting Committee and the Jeanne E. Bray Memorial Scholarship Committee. This was Dwight’s first year as a referee for the Pistol phase at Camp Perry. Now that he is retired, Dwight works part-time as a Firearms Examiner for the Idaho State Police Crime Laboratory.

Dwight’s NPSC Referee Crew will consist of many people with whom you are already familiar, including: Sgt. Harry Bauman of Clarkstown (NY) PD; Officer Terry Beckman (Ret) of Mississippi Dept. of Fish & Game; Capt. Roy Bergman (Ret), Missouri State Highway Patrol; Capt. Jess Gibson (Ret) and Tpr. Tom Gentry both of the Colorado State Patrol; Sgt. Ken Heimgarten (Ret), Iowa State Patrol; Cpl. Jeff Henderson (Ret) Prince Georges County (MD) Police; Det. Sgt. Jim Hosfelt, City of Dover Police Dept. (DE); Border Patrol Supervisor John C. Ketzler (Ret); Gary Mohrbacher, New Brighton, PA; and a newly elected member of the NRA Board of Directors, Lt. Dennis Willing (Ret), Michigan State Police. Returning to the ranks of NPSC referees after an absence of almost 10 years is two-time National Champion Lt. Jim Collins (Ret), Alabama State Police.

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All of these individuals have years of competitive shooting experience. Most are “Distinguished” in one or more disciplines, all are instructors and all have years of experience as national-level referees, either at the NPSC, Camp Perry, or both. As in the past, the NRA is indeed fortunate to have the services of this fine group of officials to assist in the making of another safe year at Jackson.

Other staffing changes for the 2005 NPSC include the retirement of John Grubar as Match Director and the transfer of Sgt. Larry Mead (Ret), Columbus PD (OH) from Tower Talker to NPSC Match Director. Many of you will remember Larry as the very first NPSC Champion in 1962.

Replacing Larry Mead in The Tower will be Officer Carl Rattay (Ret.), Washington, D.C. Metro Police, who will join Boone County (MO) Deputy John Gordon (Ret.), who is returning to the NPSC again this year.

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HR-218 Update:
Glimmers of light through a haze of confusion

By Christopher A. Conte,
NRA/Institute for Legislative Counsel

This article picks up from the last LEAD newsletter, wherein we laid out the broad problems and looked at possible solutions to implementing the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) also known as “HR-218” codified at 18 U.S.C. 926B and 926C. This article looks more closely at what is happening in different parts of the country on core issues. It is not a thorough review but a “compare and contrast,” as one of the biggest problems with implementation is getting a grip on how other jurisdictions are dealing with the law.

Statewide Standards and Administration

Last issue we discussed how HR-218 was built on the presumption that statewide standards and integrated administrative policies already existed when they did not.

Many states ignored key language in the law and set about creating unnecessarily cumbersome administrative standards. Others took a closer look and are starting to move to more realistic policies. There are issues of definition and application that may never be fully worked out — but they are frankly of less than secondary importance. The three practical things all officers should concern themselves with are: Qualification Standards, Documentation Standards, and Implementation Standards. These three need to be focused on if for no other reason than to keep counsel, politicians and administrative types from doing further damage.

Qualification Standards

The only reference for standards in handling a firearm for active duty officers are found at 926B(c)(4): “meets standards, if any, established by the agency which require the employee to regularly qualify in the use of a firearm” (emphasis added). For retired officers the requirements are set forth at 926C(c)(5): “during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the State’s standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms” (emphasis added).

Finally, the Protest Committee will have a new look as well. While Lt. Col. Mitch McNeese (Ret), Mississippi Highway Patrol, will be returning once again to serve on the Protest Committee, he will be joined by long-time competitive shooter and instructor Special Agent Bill Vanderpool (Ret), FBI, and I will assume a new role, that of Protest Committee Chairman.

With your help, 2005 should be a very successful and very safe year for the NPSC. I hope that you will all give Dwight Van Horn and his NPSC Referee Crew the respect, cooperation and assistance they so richly deserve as they take on the truly daunting task of making the 2005 National Police Shooting Championships a huge success.

I look forward to seeing you all in Jackson, MS, at the 2005 National Police Shooting Championships on September 10th through September 16th. And, please remember – Think Safety First!

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added). Read together with training requirements for active and retired officers, the retired officer need only carry documentation issued by the state indicating he or she is in compliance. This brings the “if any” clause from the active duty standard into the retired standard. Retired officers have no requirement to document compliance with any of the law’s other prerequisites.

On January 31, 2005 the U.S. Attorney General gave guidance to federal law enforcement on this point: “...the Department considers a valid “U.S. Government Employee” photographic identification card or a Department-issued credential to constitute “the photographic identification issued by the governmental agency for which the individual is employed as a law enforcement officer.” Note the federal identification standard expressly accepts current existing identification and does not even require identification as a law enforcement officer.

Implementation Standards
As addressed previously, this is where most jurisdictions have failed to adequately provide guidance. Remember, as a federal preemption HR-218 gives a statutorily created right to qualified officers and retirees, the violation of which can be grounds for a civil rights action.

One policy worth singling out comes from Honolulu, Hawaii. When an individual who is not doing anything for which they would otherwise be taken into custody is found in possession of a handgun and produces out of state law enforcement identification, the local officer is to copy the identification information, file a miscellaneous incident report and not detain the individual further. Following these simple rules, the officer is in no way prevented from detaining or arresting a real suspect. They can monitor the visitor’s presence unobtrusively and they are insulated against suit for wrongful detainor.

NRA is committed to a clear, simple and broad implementation of HR-218 and continues to work toward that goal. Look for more specific details and examples in the next newsletter.

REFEE CORNER: A New Match & A New Rule

By Dwight Van Horn
NPSC Chief Referee

Hello and welcome to my first “Referee’s Corner” article. It is an honor to be your Chief Referee at the National Police Shooting Championships and to be able to continue the long friendships that started with my very first NPSC at Jackson in 1977, through the Des Moines years and back to Jackson.

This will be my seventh year as a referee; prior to that I was shooting. I would like to thank NRA 1st Vice President John Sigler for having the confidence to choose me for this position. Thanks also to the rest of the referee crew who are all coming back to help make your NPSC an enjoyable experience. Over the years we have strived to work as a team and be consistent so that everyone competes on a level playing field. I hope you agree that’s the case. Many thanks are also due to the crew of the Law Enforcement Activities Division for putting on a superb National Championship. Rest assured their planning for the 2006 NPSC has already started.

THE NEW MATCH
Over the years we have tried to add some fun side matches to the NPSC, the most successful being the X-Team Challenge. This year we are adding the NPSC Speed Eliminator Event match that involves shooting on multiple targets, bullseye targets. It is a single elimination event that will be shot at the 3, 5, 7, 15 and 25 yard lines. The 2005 NPSC Program and entry form will have a complete description of the course of fire, firearm and ammo. Check your program and sign up early; only the first 33 competitors from each classification will get to shoot the match.

THE NEW RULE
Having served on the NRA Law Enforcement Committee since 1988 and as Past President and a former longtime member of the Board of Directors of the California Police Pistol Association, it seems that both groups spent a lot of time dealing with the problem of “sandbagging.” It seems that no matter what rules exist or are enacted some enterprising individual(s) will still find a way to circumvent them. The “success” gained by “sandbagging” always comes at the expense of a fellow competitor and in our sport, that fellow competitor is a brother or sister law enforcement officer. Off the range, we rally around our fellow officers to make sure no one does them harm or takes advantage of them. Shouldn’t we at least do the same between the 7 and 50 yard lines? We have enacted a new rule for the NPSC this year. Let’s say you show up at the NPSC with a Marksmen classification. You shoot your first 1500 and you shoot a Master Score. You will immediately be reclassified to Expert, and will shoot all remaining NPSC matches in the Expert Class. Because this is an NPSC rule only, please look for the exact wording of this new rule in your NPSC Program.

SCORING
It seems that every year at NPSC there are some avoidable problems in the scoring pits that unnecessarily cost shooters the points they are entitled to. Here are some useful tips:

* Never sign your scorecard until you are sure the number of hits is correct.
* Never make an erasure mark on a scorecard. If someone has made an erasure mark on your scorecard bring this to the attention of a referee immediately!
* If one of the scoring officers in the pits places a plug in your target and you still do not agree with the decision of the scorer, make sure the plug remains in the target until scored by a referee. Holes will not be replugged.

I’ll look forward to seeing you in Jackson. If there is anything that I, or any of your referees can do for you, please don’t hesitate to ask us. Our job is to make sure that you have a safe, enjoyable match.

For NPSC information, visit: www.nrahq.org/law/competitions/npsc/npsc.asp
Two Dozen Officers Earn Distinguished Badges

The NRA Distinguished Revolver and Semi-Automatic Pistol programs are similar to the Distinguished Program operated by the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety (Civilian Marksmanship Program). NRA Distinguished Matches are conducted at both the Regional and National levels of competition where officers compete to earn a total of 30 points to obtain the Distinguished rating. These matches are service-oriented in that the firearms and ammunition requirements are more stringent than in normal competition. The following officers earned their Distinguished Badges during the 2004-2005 shooting season.

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National Records

National Records may be tied or broken during NRA Outdoor Registered PPC Tournaments. Records must be submitted to NRA by the tournament sponsor on the appropriate reporting form. If you have tied or broken a PPC National Record and have not received recognition for it, please contact Patty Zollman at (703) 267-1632 or pzollman@nrahq.org for assistance.

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Semi-Automatic Pistol 4-Officer Team: NRA National Police Course (Perfect score 2400-240X)

U. S. Border Patrol 2382-155X 6/10/05
This program began in 1992. A state’s Postal Team is comprised of the top six competitor scores as shot at their State Championship. A competitor must reside in the state whose team he/she is a member of. At the end of the year, the highest scoring State Postal Team is announced. Each state team participant receives an engraved pin and brassard to recognize their participation. The winning team receives the NRA Police Pistol Combat State Team Medal, which is engraved. Results from the 2004 NRA Police Pistol Combat State Team Postal Match follow:

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### Notice To NRA Match Sponsors

Your club received a letter from the NRA General Counsel’s office regarding the use of NRA Official Targets for sanctioned NRA tournaments. This letter does not alter target exclusions listed under rule 4.1 in NRA Official Rulebooks.

The following letter was mailed to all clubs which sponsor NRA sanctioned tournaments as a reminder to abide by Section 4, paragraph 4.1, Official Targets:

> In a 2004 competition, it was discovered that several matches had been shot using targets not licensed by NRA and which did not have the Official Competition target seal. Rule 4.1, for all shooting disciplines governed by the NRA, requires that only targets printed by NRA licensed manufacturers, bearing the NRA Official Competition seal, be used in NRA sanctioned competitions. As a result, NRA refused to record scores fired on the unauthorized targets.

Be advised that NRA will not record scores fired on targets which are not printed by a licensed manufacturer and which do not contain the Official Competition target seal. Further, regardless of the seal, NRA will not recognize scores fired on targets purchased from Speedwell Corporation after Dec. 31, 2004. Call (703) 267-1256 if you have any questions.
NRA has special programs for law enforcement officers acknowledging excellence in competitive shooting. This newsletter includes listings of officers who have excelled in Police Pistol Combat during 2005 and the later part of 2004. Apologies go out to those officers who may have been omitted due to unreported tournaments or printing deadlines.

### Regional Results

**Location:** Memphis, TN  
**Date:** April 21-23, 2005  
**1st Place:** Mark Owensby  
**2nd Place:** Rene Dominguez  
**3rd Place:** Sam Conway

**Location:** Charleston, SC  
**Date:** May 6-7, 2005  
**1st Place:** Jack Ragsdale  
**2nd Place:** John Kilgore  
**3rd Place:** James Hogg

**Location:** El Dorado, AR  
**Date:** May 20-21, 2005  
**1st Place:** Philip Hemphill  
**2nd Place:** Dan Rawlinson  
**3rd Place:** David Venables

**Location:** Boise, ID  
**Date:** June 4, 2005  
**1st Place:** Jerry Eason  
**2nd Place:** Alan Culbertson  
**3rd Place:** Gary Crane

**Location:** Florence, TX  
**Date:** June 8-9, 2005  
**1st Place:** Clay Tippit  
**2nd Place:** Robert Vadasz  
**3rd Place:** Rene Dominguez

**Location:** Savannah, GA  
**Date:** June 17-18  
**1st Place:** Philip Hemphill  
**2nd Place:** Jack Ragsdale  
**3rd Place:** Sam Nixon

We would like to thank the following departments, organizations and pistol teams for hosting NRA Sanctioned Police Pistol Combat Tournaments during the 2005 shooting season. *We greatly appreciate all the hard work and effort put into conducting these events and look forward to working with each of you again next year!*

- Alabama Police Pistol Association
- Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs
- Bridge and Tunnel Police Combat League
- California Police Pistol Association
- City of Tulsa Security
- Dallas Police Pistol Team
- Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Association
- El Dorado Police Pistol Team
- Fairfield Sportsmen’s Association
- Florida Police Combat League
- Fort Worth Police Pistol Team
- Georgia Police Marksmanship League
- Glendale Police Department
- Hanford Patrol Pistol Team
- Hole in the Wall
- Idaho Police Revolver League
- Illinois State Rifle Association
- Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police
- Iowa Department of Corrections Shooting Team
- Iowa Police Combat League
- Lebanon County Police Combat Pistol Club
- Lincoln Police Department
- Louisiana Police Marksman Association
- Maryland Police Combat Association
- Memphis Police Pistol Team
- Mississippi Police Marksmen’s Association
- New York Police Combat Association
- New York Police Department Pistol Team
- North Carolina Police Combat Pistol League
- Pennsylvania Police Combat Association
- Piedmont Sportsman Club
- Pioneer Gun Club
- Raleigh County Sheriff’s Department
- Rocky Mountain/Great Plains PPC Shooters
- Rhode Island Police Pistol Combat League
- Seattle Police Athletic Association
- South Carolina Police Combat League
- Spokane Police Combat Pistol Club
- Tenafly Rifle and Pistol Club
- Tennessee Police Pistol Association
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Public Safety Pistol Team
- Vermont Police Pistol Combat League
- Virginia Police Marksmanship Association
2004 Governor’s Twenty

Strong, nationwide participation continues in the NRA Governor’s Twenty Program for law enforcement officers. Officers compete, within their respective state, during a year-long series of NRA sanctioned Police Pistol Combat tournaments. At the end of each year the sponsoring club submits their top shooter to NRA for official recognition. Below is a list of winners and the states they represented in the NRA’s 2004 Governor’s Twenty Program.

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