

2013 NRA National Police Shooting Championships

It takes three days to win the National Police Shooting Championships. Three days under a high New Mexico sun battling the nerves, the elements and the more than 400 competitors waiting for a chance at the title. Held at Albuquerque's Shooting Range Park since 2006, it is the premiere law enforcement firearm competition in the world.

"This is where the best come to compete," said NRA Law Enforcement Director Glen Hoyer. "We have officers from Germany, Venezuela and all over the United States come here to stake their claim. If you're a good shot, or want to become a better shot and you wear a badge, then you should join us in Albuquerque."

The action starts Saturday with two events: the New Mexico Challenge and an NRA Tactical Police Competition.

The New Mexico Challenge is geared towards new shooters and helps remove any apprehension inexperienced shooters might have about entering a Police Pistol Combat tournament. You shoot the Stock Semi-Automatic course of fire, which is probably like your agency's qualification course and you are shooting your duty pistol. "You get to shoot your duty pistol, on a familiar course of fire using your duty equipment," said Hoyer. You do not have to buy anything to get involved with competition, bring what you use on duty. Hopefully, once you get a taste for competition, you're going to want more.

"It's not as tough as we initially thought," said Jeff MacFarlane, winner of this year's challenge. "After the challenge, a number of us decided to give NPSC a try."

The Tactical Police Competition is a



little different. A 3-Gun style event, the six-stage match calls on competitors to think on the run while engaging targets with their duty pistols, rifles and shotguns. Each stage is based on a real-life encounter. With targets hidden behind barriers, blockades and no-shoot silhouettes, you're scored on accuracy, tactics, firearms, and skills.

"There's a huge amount of strategy involved in tactical competitions," explained Albuquerque Police Department's Rich Donaghe. "You game it on the course the same way you game it on the job. It's about the ability to make quick decisions in a stressful setting. I know my shooting has improved five or six fold since I started competing."

The Tactical Police Competition runs through Sunday. That's when the

big show begins.

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Competitors show up at the range on Sunday, with last-minute registrants making their way to the Stats Office, jotting their names on the dotted line and heading out for a practice round. Some are happy with the results, others, not so much. Tonight everyone is at zero, but tomorrow is another story.

The 2013 National Police Shooting Championships kick off Monday morning with a welcome from Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry. The sun peaks over the berm as a color guard approaches from the west. As the first relay is called, competitors wait outside the referee's

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tent for an ammo inspection and trigger weighing. Soon, the first shots for record will be recorded.

A hundred men and women eagerly stand shoulder-to-shoulder at the seven-yard line. A quick turn of the targets and it's off. Draw, aim, fire. Pops and bangs join a cloud of smoke that lazily saunters down the line. Round one is done. A voice from the loud speakers declares the line clear. Competitors move to the 15-yard line and wait for it all to begin again.

The championships are divided into four separate categories: Open Class, Semi-Automatic Pistol, Open Class Revolver, Stock Service Semi-Automatic Pistol, Stock Service Revolver, and Shotgun. For the sixth year in a row, the number one entered event was the Stock Semi-Automatic match. The number two event, for the second year in a row, was the Shotgun Championship.

"Those are the firearms most police officers use on the job," said Mark Fricke, range master of the Shotgun Championship. "A semi-automatic in your holster and a shotgun in your patrol car.

In the end, it came down to consistency, finishing near or at the top in each of the four categories. The officer standing at the top of the heap on Wednesday afternoon was Robert Vadasz, Senior Agent for the United States Border Patrol.

His fifth title in six years, Vadasz ended the championships with a final score of 6149-413x (X stands for bullseye). Five points ahead of teammate Enoch Smith, he credits the win to his performance in the semi-auto stage.

"I had it in my head that my 1500 Semi-Auto was going to be a big score. I had the confidence to do it. My job was to trust the gear and the gun and drive it."

Other winners include High Woman Stefanie Diaz of the LAPD (6085-306x), High First-Time NPSC Shooter Robert Gowan, and High International Shooter Karim Bernoti of Venezuela.

The first National Police Shooting Championships took place in 1962. Since then, thousands of law enforcement personnel have taken part in the competition. With competitors coming from as far as Europe, Australia, and South America, it has truly become an international championship – one the NRA is proud to hold for those who serve.





TACTICAL POLICE COMPETITION AT THE NATIONAL POLICE SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

And the rains came – and so did the competitors. Just like in a real world gunfight, you can't choose the when, where or weather.

And the winners are:

Patrol Division

Ortega	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department / NM	435
Cicero	Jackson County Sheriff's Department / OR	454.82
Gregory, J.	U.S. Border Patrol / TX	457.48
Moore	Dorchester County Sheriff's Department / SC	457.9
Roeske	Fairfax County Police Department / VA	459.94
Perdue	Fairfax County Police Department / VA	464.4
Shaw	Lancaster County Sheriff's Office / SC	476.79
Brotherston	U.S. Army Reserves / CO	478.02
Talbert	Richmond Police Department / VA	494.05
Sloan	Fairfax County Police Department / VA	502.78

Tactical Division

Clevenger	York County Sheriff's Department / SC	400.41
Ambrose	U.S. Border Patrol / TX	422.42
Brown	York County Sheriff's Department / SC	434.35
Seely	U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement / CA	451.17
Gregory, P.	Adams County Sheriff's Office / CO	478.63
Aleman	U.S. Border Patrol / TX	484.14
Biegert	San Antonio Police Department / TX	485.69
Sanchez	U.S. Marine Corps / NM	505.02
Bowling	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department / NM	511.77
Pinkston	ADF-SW / NM	511.93

For results from all TPC matches or information about upcoming matches, see <u>http://TPC.NRA.org</u>.

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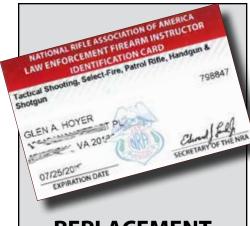
A few photos of the action at the 2013 NRA National Police Shooting Championships.











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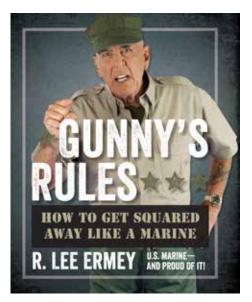
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Put down your remote! Get up off your backside! Drop and give me twenty! Life is about courage, honor, and commitment—and it's time you got some. Gunnery Sergeant Lee Ermey is here to show you how with *Gunny's Rules*.

In *Gunny's Rules*, former Marine Corps Drill Instructor, iconic film actor (*Full Metal Jacket*), and television host (*Mail Call* and *Lock N' Load*) "The Gunny" R. Lee Ermey reveals how he got squared away as a Marine and then used his combathoned skills to succeed in the movie business—and how you can follow your own dream to success by doing things the Marine Corps way.



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Range fee, if any, is payable to some hosting agencies; amount varies.

NRA Tuition = \$595 per person

HANDGUN & SHOTGUN

Dec 9-13	Statesboro, GA
Jan 6-10	San Diego, CA
Mar 3-7	Florence, AL
Mar 3-7	Valhalla, NY
Mar 10-14	Lewisberry, PA
Mar 17-21	Garden Plain, KS
Mar 24-28	Columbus, GA
Mar 31-Apr 4	San Diego, CA
Mar 31-Apr 4	Summerville, SC
Mar 31-Apr 4	New Iberia, LA
Apr 7-11	Howell, NJ
Apr 7-11	Bethlehem, PA
Apr 14-18	Henryetta, OK
Apr 21-25	Horton, KS
Jun 2-6	Deland, FL
Jun 2-6	Garden Plain, KS
Aug 11-15	York, PA
Aug 18-22	Columbia, MO
Sep 15-19	Bethlehem, PA
Sep 22-26	Florence, AL
Sep 22-26	Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
Oct 6-10	Deland, FL
Nov 3-7	Savannah, GA

HANDGUN

Apr 21-25 May 5-9 May 12-16 Aug 25-29 Oct 20-24

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PATROL RIFLE

Dec 9-13	Salem, OR (pub LE only)
Jan 27-31	Harrisburg, PA
Mar 17-21	Henryetta, OK
Mar 17-21	Sopchoppy, FL
Mar 24-28	Florence, AL
Mar 24-28	Homestead, FL
Apr 7-11	Defiance, MO
Apr 14-18	Bethlehem, PA
Apr 14-18	Garden Plain, KS
Apr 21-25	Wenatchee, WA
Apr 28-May 2	Greeley, CO
May 5-9	New Iberia, LA
May 12-16	Howell, NJ
May 12-16	Richland, WA
June 9-13	Lewisberry, PA
June 16-20	Valhalla, NY
Jul 14-18	Garden Plain, KS
Sep 8-12	Savannah, GA
Sep 15-19	Horton, KS
Sep 29-Oct 3	Summerville, SC
Sep 29-Oct 3	Bethlehem, PA
Oct 6-10	Florence, AL
Oct 27-31	Lusby, MD
Nov 17-21	Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only
Nov 17-21	Deland, FL

PRECISION RIFLE

Apr 14-18	Florence, AL
Jun 23-27	Sopchoppy, FL
Dec 1-5	Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)

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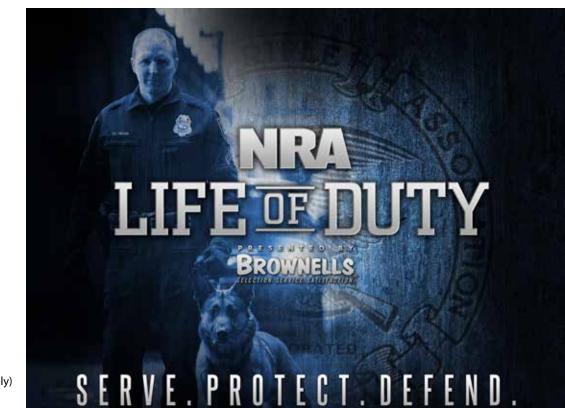
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Apr 28-May 2	Bethlehem, PA
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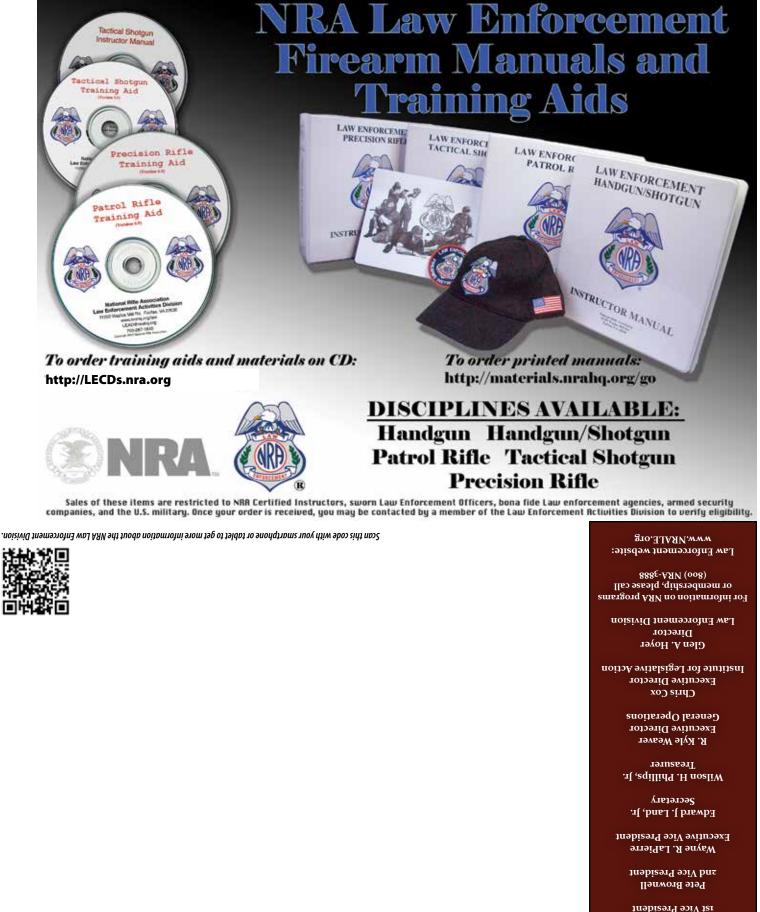
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Dec 2-6	Deland, FL
Mar 3-7	Savannah, GA
Apr 21-25	Bethlehem, PA
Apr 21-25	Sopchoppy, FL
Apr 21-25	New Iberia, LA
Apr 28-May 2	Stapleton, AL
May 5-9	Florence, AL
Sep 8-12	Howell, NJ
Sep 22-26	Bethlehem, PA
Sep 29-Oct 3	Garden Plain, KS
Oct 6-10	Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
Oct 27-31	Summerville, SC
Nov 17-21	Florence, AL

TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Dec 9-13	Maxwell, TX
Jan 13-17	San Diego, CA
Apr 7-11	San Diego, CA
May 5-9	Angola, NY
May 19-23	Sopchoppy, FL
Jun 2-6	New Iberia, LA
Nov 3-7	Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)





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