



NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY

2012 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Detective David McCarley
City of Pearl Mississippi Police Department

“Detective McCarley’s story is an incredible testament to his bravery, commitment to his fellow officers and willingness to risk his own life to take out a deadly criminal,” said NRA President David Keene. “A true hero, Detective McCarley was an easy choice as this year’s NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.”

On May 1st, 2012, a group of Pearl Mississippi Police Department detectives arrived at an apartment in order to serve search and arrest warrants for a suspect wanted for sexual battery and child molestation. After no answer to knocks at the door they announced themselves, entered, and began a slow and methodical search for persons inside. As they reached the master bedroom, they found the suspect hiding in the shower area separated by a wall from the main bathroom. After the suspect repeatedly ignored commands to come out and give up peacefully, Detective Mike Walter decided to attempt to use his less-lethal TASER to safely apprehend the suspect. As he leaned into the bathroom to discharge the TASER the suspect darted out from behind the wall and began firing a handgun. The gunman’s first two shots struck Detective Walter in the face and neck and he fell to the floor. The gunman then turned and fired on another officer, Detective David McCarley, with the first round striking him in the right hand as he was bringing his handgun sights to bear on the gunman. The round almost severed his middle finger and destroyed his duty handgun. The next round entered his leg just above the ankle and went completely through his leg. Despite being shot twice and bleeding profusely, Detective McCarley managed to move to the corner of the bedroom and pull a chest of drawers in front of him to use as cover. At the same time, other detectives returned fire while withdrawing to cover outside the bedroom.

The apartment was now a hellish scene with bullet holes in the walls, a thick curtain of gunsmoke hung in the air and because of the noise from the volume of gunfire in the small enclosed area almost everyone was temporarily deaf. Despite being shot, the gunman forced the bedroom door closed and barricaded himself inside with the two gunshot detectives.

After a few minutes, the wounded gunman, now sitting at the foot of the bed, partially regained his senses and took aim at Detective McCarley after he saw that he was still alive in the corner of the bedroom. Even though wounded and under the threat of immediate death, Detective McCarley calmly managed to begin a dialogue with the shooter and assured him that a surrender resolution was still a possibility. The gunman’s attention became distracted from Detective McCarley because he was trying to look at responding officers outside the bedroom window and by the abandoned police radios blaring on the bedroom floor. Detective McCarley saw the gunman’s distraction as an opportunity to begin moving inch by inch towards his fallen comrade in order to give him aid.

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Forms for nominating candidates for the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award may be downloaded at <http://le.nra.org/documents/pdf/law/leoy.pdf>.

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The shooter, realizing that Detective McCarley had almost made it across the room, began screaming at him and threatened to kill him. Detective McCarley managed to convince the suspect that he only wanted to check on his wounded friend. Fortunately, the gunman was distracted again by officers outside the apartment and the scream of sirens from responding emergency vehicles, so Detective McCarley decided to risk his own safety and, once again, began to move toward the wounded detective. When he reached him, there were no vital signs and Detective McCarley knew his friend's only chance to survive depended on his ability to receive immediate medical attention. He also found that Detective Walter's handgun was still in his holster.

As time passed, the gunman became more distracted and outraged by the responding officers outside the apartment and the detectives just outside the bedroom door. Taking full advantage of the gunman's distraction, Detective McCarley moved his body in an attempt to block the shooter's view and pretended to render first aid to the fallen detective while actually easing his friend's handgun from the holster using his severely injured gun hand. Although he managed to successfully draw the handgun, he knew it would be impossible to grip and fire the gun with his normal shooting hand since it had been shot and would have to use his support hand instead. Despite the fact that the shooter continued to glance at him every few seconds Detective McCarley was able to slowly move the pistol onto his partner's chest and rotate it enough in order to get the handgun into his support hand.

Using his last bit of energy and will-power, Detective McCarley whirled around and began to shoot at the gunman. Seeing the rapid movement in his peripheral vision the gunman turned and also fired but one of Detective McCarley's rounds struck the gunman squarely in the head and the gunman fell dead.



Detective McCarley then called out to the detectives outside the bedroom, who rushed in, secured the scene, and rendered immediate medical assistance. Although CPR started Detective Walter's heart again, he tragically passed away shortly after being airlifted to the trauma center. Detective McCarley has since returned to duty, but continues to undergo reconstructive hand surgery and physical therapy.

Detective McCarley willingly took grave risk to his own life in order to aid his fallen comrade. His ability to remain cool headed and to form a tactical

plan that quickly ended the gunman's actions ensured the safety of both his fellow officers and the apartment building's residents. His heroic actions under stressful and confusing circumstances is a credit to him, his department, and the community he serves and are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement. As such, it is with great honor and pride that the National Rifle Association names Detective David McCarley, of the City of Pearl Mississippi Police Department, as the 2012 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police held a conference near NRA's Headquarters, and the officers attending had tours of the National Firearm Museum. They also brought with them a restored paddy wagon.

NRA Law Enforcement Has a New Training Manager!

Tim Lose Has Been Promoted

Tim began his formal firearms training in 1984 when he joined the US Army National Guard. After Cavalry Scout training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he later attended the Small Arms Instruction and Range Operations Course and the Master Marksmanship Training Course. He was a member of the Maryland National Guard rifle team for 6 years and the pistol team for 3 years. Other military experience included the Foreign Weapons Familiarization Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, commanding a Weapon Storage Site Inspection Team while on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mountain Warfare School, and OPFOR assignments at the Army Special Warfare Training Center in North Carolina and at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany. Awards included the Excellence in Competition Badge (Bronze) for both rifle and handgun. He retired from the Army in 2005 with 21 years service.

In 1990, Tim became a police officer with the Anne Arundel County (Maryland) Police Department. Tim served in patrol as an officer and

a corporal, was a CID detective in the Career Criminal Unit and the Robbery Squad, was a member of the department Quick Response Team, and was assigned to the training academy as a firearms and defensive tactics instructor and armorer. He was instrumental in starting the department's patrol rifle program. He is a certified handgun instructor, shotgun instructor, patrol rifle instructor, precision rifle instructor, select fire weapons instructor, less lethal weapons instructor, and TASER instructor. Tim is an armorer for Glock and SIG-Sauer handguns, AR15 and M16 rifles, and Remington shotguns. He also served as a hostage negotiator on the Conflict Negotiation Team. He is also a graduate of the US Secret Service Firearms Instructor Training Course, the BATFE Advanced Explosives Investigative Techniques Course, the FBI Defensive Tactics Instructor course, New Mexico Tech EMRTC Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings course and the Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents course, and the DoD Anti-Terrorism Awareness Training Course. Tim is a member of



the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA), the Mid Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network (MARGIN) and was a state representative to the Eastern Armed Robbery Conference. Tim is a member and an active competitor in the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and has had articles published in the USPSA magazine, *Front Sight*. Tim is a life member of the National Rifle Association. He may be reached at (703) 267-1629 or at TLose@nrahq.org.

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Dry Practice

BY JEFF HALL
RETIRED ALASKA STATE TROOPER

Proper dry practice is the foundation for good shooting, good gun handling, and safety. It is not necessary to shoot hundreds of rounds per week to become very good; two hours of proper dry practice, over five days, followed by 50 rounds of ammunition, will improve performance dramatically. Live fire simply verifies that the dry practice was perfect; if all of the steps were followed, there should be hits where they are supposed to be. When your student complains that he can't get any better due to lack of ammunition, get him to dry practice. The best shooters dry practice regularly.

As with any firearm training activity, there are rules that must be followed. If these rules are followed, there is no chance for a negligent discharge, and the student's shooting will improve quickly.

Same place, same time

Dry practice takes place at a scheduled time and location. The police officer might practice before going on shift, the private citizen prior to leaving his home or office; in addition to practicing manipulation, it helps move him from white to yellow on the color code. Presentations from the holster, speed and tac loads, sight picture and trigger press, etc. help prepare the fighter for the upcoming shift. The fighter might practice each day after shift, in the garage at home, while his family watched television. If the practice takes place on a schedule, it gets done and it gets done safely.

The location should be quiet, secure, and allow for no interruptions. There should be no radio, television, telephone, etc. to distract the student. If interrupted during practice, the practice starts over!

Ballistic protection is highly advisable. Tape an old vest panel on the wall, put a target over it, and the student can proceed safely. If there are no old panels available, place the duty body armor on a chair and place a target in front of it.

The backstop must be able to stop penetration of whatever round is fired at it. Negligence does occur, and the rounds must be contained.

Avoid using the TV as a dry practice target. It is too distracting to concentrate on the actual training that is being done, and televisions don't stop bullets.

No live ammunition allowed!

Live ammunition must be totally absent from the dry practice area. Unload all of the magazines, replace the live ammunition with dummy rounds, and then go to the practice area. Leave all of the live ammunition in another area of the room, or, preferably, in another room altogether.

The mental shift

Go into dry practice mode. The student might say, aloud, "Dry practice, dry practice, dry practice"; this sets up the proper mindset and mental image of the serious training that is about to begin. Focus, concentrate, and clear the mind.

Practice

Set a defined time limit for the practice. Most shooters find attention begins to lag after 30 minutes. Once attention lags, the proper practice falls by the wayside and playtime begins. Most shooters find that 20 to 30 minutes are enough, done two to four days per week.

Start at 10% speed. Do the presentation slowly and perfectly, scan, then re-holster reluctantly. Make certain that the form is perfect, repeat at least ten times, then begin to increase speed. Starting immediately at full speed quick-

ly becomes frustrating and develops bad habits.

If the shooter makes a mistake, he should stop, go back, and do it over, correctly. Do not shrug off the mistake and ignore it.

In addition to practicing the presentation, the shooter should incorporate weapon manipulation. Speed and tactical reloads, malfunction clearances, proper trigger press, scanning, the safety circle, etc., should all be incorporated into the dry practice session.

End the session

Once the time has elapsed or interest begins to lag, end the session. The student then makes another mental shift, possibly saying aloud, three times, "dry practice is over..."

It is critical that once the dry practice ends, it is over! There are countless incidents of a shooter leaving the dry practice area, then deciding to try it "just once more"; this inevitably results in shot televisions or refrigerators.

There is often the desire to return to dry practice later in the day. Unfortunately, this often happens after dinner, after the children have gone to bed, whenever. It is a serious mistake to return to dry practice a second time, after a host of distractions, and at a different time than what is normally used. Don't do it!

Alcohol and guns don't mix! Never conduct any dry practice after any alcohol use!

Dry practice is the key to proficiency, just like any other kata. Make dry practice a weekly part of training!

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Smartphone Apps for Firearms Instructors

For a long time, I resisted getting a smartphone. After I succumbed, however, I decided to try to get the most use from it that I could. I've discovered several applications that can be useful to me in my job as a firearms instructor. Some of the basic smartphone apps, like the camera and calculator, come in handy, but I wanted to see what else is available that a shooter or instructor can use. I'm going to concentrate on Android apps (especially free apps), since I have an Android-powered phone. I'm sure there are equivalent apps for the iPhone.

A stopwatch is something I use all the time when running drills. As the saying goes, there's an app for that. I downloaded Ultrachron Lite, a free app, which can act as both a stopwatch and a countdown timer. It has large controls and is simple to use and set. It also talks to you periodically during a countdown to tell you how much time is left. I also downloaded another app called Stopwatch & Timer, also free, which gives the option of lap times. It works fine as a stopwatch, but I've found no way to do countdown timing with it.

I also use a whistle to start and stop drills. I was surprised to find how many free whistling apps are available. I downloaded one that's simply called "Whistle Sounds," which has a few kinds of whistles. I haven't actually tried this one in action yet, but at least I'll have it if I forget my real whistle.

One device that I use at all the classes I teach is a shot timer. There are several shot timer apps available for free also. I downloaded IPSC Shot Timer (Beta), which does most of what my Pocket Pro does. It counts the shots, shows the time of each shot, gives the split times (i.e., time between shots) and will display a table of the shots fired. It doesn't have a start delay function, which is very useful

for self-training. It does display ads also. That's sometimes the price of a free app, but it's not terribly intrusive in this case.

For rifle classes, it's often useful to have access to ballistics tables. I find Strelak to be very useful and also accurate. It allows the user to enter all of the necessary data for basic ballistics calculations, including cartridge data (bullet weight, ballistic coefficient, and muzzle velocity), scope data (including zero distance, scope height, type of scope adjustments and reticle type) and weather data (temperature, barometric pressure and elevation). I entered data from my Remington SPS varmint rifle with Federal 50 grain .223 hollowpoint ammunition, and the scope settings the program gave were exactly what I had determined on the range.

On the down side, you do need to know the ballistic coefficient for the bullet you're using when you enter the data. The program has the ability to save several sets of base data, so assuming you're going to enter it prior to going to the field this should not be a problem, though a library of bullets in the program would be nice.

Precision rifle shooters know that shooting up or down a slope presents several problems, one of which is determining what the slope is. There are several methods to approximate it, but I've downloaded Xclinometer, which is very useful for this. I set the app so 0 degrees is up when the phone is horizontal, then I place the side of the phone parallel with my rifle barrel. When I look through my scope at the target, the app reads the angle. It's much more accurate than using a plastic protractor and a plumb bob.

I don't know if I'd get a smartphone just to have these apps, but since I do have one, I'm using it to make my job easier.



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Concerns of Police Survivors Hands-On Programs



Concerns of Police Survivors is gearing up for their Hands-On Programs in 2013. Each year, C.O.P.S. puts together several retreats for survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty as determined by federal criteria. These programs provide an opportunity for survivors to bond with and find support from others who have lost an officer in the line of duty.



One of the most recently added retreats is specific to coworkers who have lost a fellow officer in the line of duty. Losing a friend and coworker in the line of duty ranks high in the traumatic experiences officers face during their career. Survivor guilt is one of the main issues officers experience after the loss of a coworker and dealing with survivor guilt will be addressed during the retreat. The weekend will provide strong peer support, professional counseling, and physical challenges.

In addition to the Coworker Retreat, C.O.P.S. hosts a kids' summer camp for surviving children ages 6-14, an Outward Bound® experience for surviving teens ages 15-20, and weekend retreats for adult children, siblings, spouses, in-laws, parents, and fiancés/significant others. The programs are provided at no cost to survivors, as they have already paid too high a price.

Concerns of Police Survivors is a nationwide not-for-profit organization with 53 Chapters around the country. Members of C.O.P.S. are always prepared to help survivors when they need it, where they need it. The organization's mission has always been to "rebuild shattered lives" of the survivors. C.O.P.S. has a membership comprised of more than 35,000 people who have identified themselves as survivors nationwide. Unfortunately, that membership continues to grow as 140-160 law enforcement officers are killed every year in the line of duty.

For more information on Hands-On Programs or the organization, please visit www.nationalcops.org.

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 May 6-10 Smithton, PA
 May 13-17 Gunnison, CO
 May 13-17 Memphis, TN
 May 20-24 Sackets Harbor, NY
 Jun 3-7 Harrisburg, PA
 Jun 3-7 Winchester, VA
 Jun 17-21 Pittsburgh, PA
 Jun 24-28 Mexico, MO
 Jun 24-28 Stapleton, AL
 Jul 8-12 Manchester, NJ
 Jul 15-19 Deland, FL
 Jul 15-19 Topeka, KS
 Aug 5-9 Mineral Point, PA
 Aug 26-30 Darlington, SC
 Aug 26-30 Maxwell, TX
 Sep 9-13 Bethlehem, PA
 Sep 9-13 Owatonna, MN
 Sep 16-20 Garden Plain, KS
 Sep 23-27 Alton, VA
 Sep 23-27 Cuyler, NY
 Sep 23-27 Florence, AL
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
 Oct 7-11 Arnett, OK
 Oct 7-11 Dahlonega, GA
 Oct 21-25 Defiance, MO (pub LE only)
 Oct 28-Nov 1 Colts Neck, NJ
 Nov 4-8 Mineral Point, PA
 Nov 11-15 Pearl, MS
 Nov 18-22 Horton, KS
 Dec 2-6 Palm Bay, FL

HANDGUN

May 20-24 Deland, FL
 Jun 3-7 St Petersburg, FL
 Jun 10-14 Valhalla, NY
 Jun 17-21 Palm Bay, FL
 Aug 5-9 Maryville, TN
 Sep 16-20 Salem, OR (pub LE only)
 Sep 23-27 Deland, FL
 Oct 14-18 Berea, KY
 Oct 14-18 Lusby, MD
 Nov 4-8 Deland, FL

PATROL RIFLE

May 13-17 Bedford, PA
 May 13-17 Littleton, CO (pub LE only)
 Jun 3-7 Mineral Point, PA
 Jun 10-14 Garden Plain, KS
 Jun 24-28 Memphis, TN
 Jul 15-19 Smithton, PA
 Jul 22-26 Egg Harbor Twp, NJ
 Aug 5-9 Topeka, KS
 Aug 12-16 Chino, CA
 Aug 12-16 Wright City, MO
 Sep 9-13 Dahlonega, GA
 Sep 9-13 Mineral Point, PA
 Sep 23-27 Maxwell, TX
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Manchester, NJ

Sep 30-Oct 4 Summerville, SC
 Oct 7-11 Deland, FL
 Oct 7-11 Florence, AL
 Oct 7-11 Garden Plain, KS
 Oct 14-18 Owatonna, MN
 Oct 21-25 Harrisburg, PA
 Oct 21-25 Lusby, MD
 Nov 4-8 Darlington, SC
 Nov 4-8 Pittsburgh, PA
 Nov 18-22 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
 Dec 9-13 Salem, OR (pub LE only)

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Jul 15-19 Memphis, TN
 Jul 22-26 Pittsburgh, PA
 Sep 16-20 Bethlehem, PA
 Sep 16-20 W. Palm Bch, FL (pub LE only)
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Henryetta, OK
 Oct 7-11 Phoenix, AZ (pub LE only)
 Oct 14-18 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
 Oct 21-25 Florence, AL
 Dec 2-6 Garden Plain, KS
 Dec 2-6 Pearl, MS

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Jun 3-7 Henryetta, OK
 Jul 22-26 Mineral Point, PA
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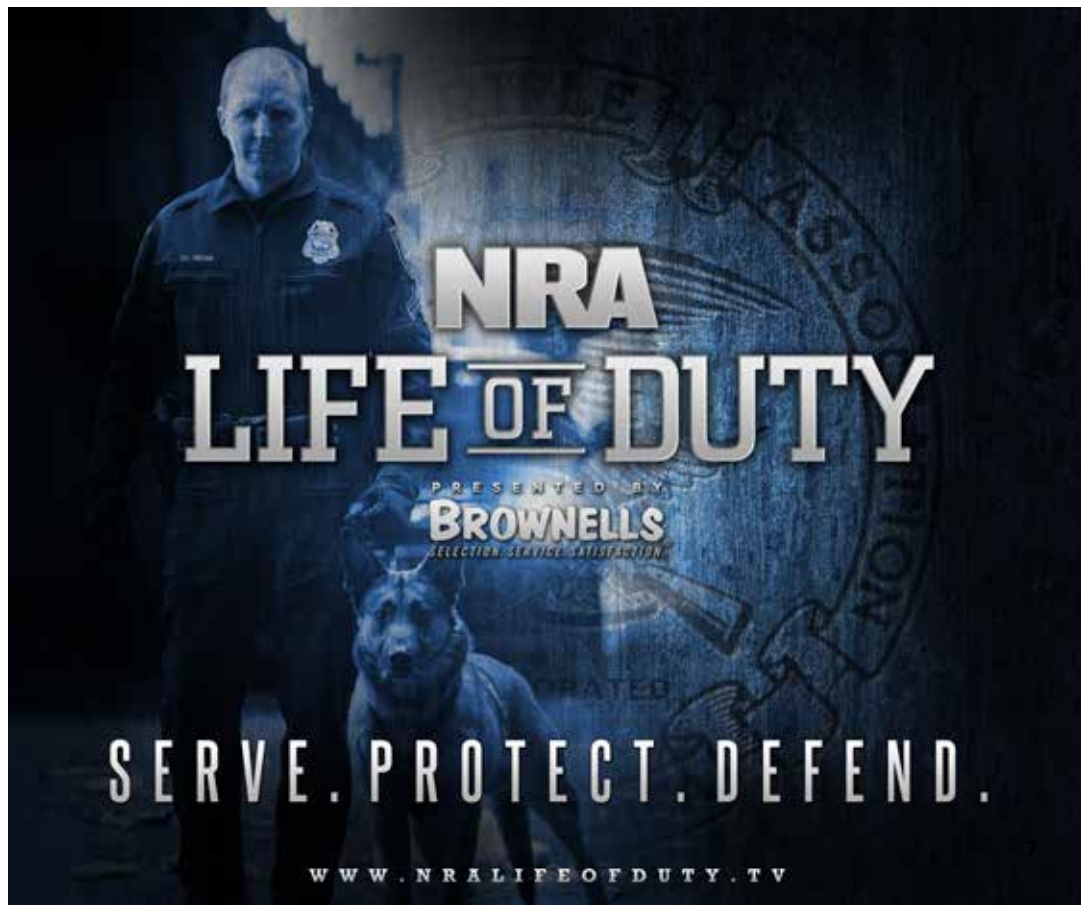
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 Jul 22-26 Pearl, MS
 Jul 22-26 Prescott Valley, AZ
 Jul 29-Aug 2 Egg Harbor Twp, NJ
 Aug 19-23 Jordan, MN
 Aug 19-23 Littleton, CO (pub LE only)
 Sep 9-13 Tupelo, MS
 Sep 16-20 Smithton, PA
 Sep 23-27 Marana, AZ
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Bethlehem, PA
 Sep 30-Oct 4 Topeka, KS
 Oct 28-Nov 1 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
 Oct 28-Nov 1 Summerville, SC
 Nov 4-8 Florence, AL
 Nov 11-15 Maxwell, TX
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 Jun 24-28 Alamosa, CO
 Aug 26-30 Idaho Falls, ID
 Sep 23-27 Bethlehem, PA
 Oct 7-11 Mineral Point, PA
 Nov 4-8 Las Vegas, NV (pub LE only)
 Dec 9-13 Maxwell, TX



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