



## **ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Background:** The pistol competition associated with the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference has been held since the first conference was conducted in 1979. The original intent of this event was to make it the preeminent pistol competition for Law Enforcement Explorers at a national level. In the 1980's this event was billed as the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference Pistol Championship.

Over the years, the event morphed into an "all welcomed" activity wherein a minimal level of firearms and marksmanship training was required. Any Explorer participating in the national conference could register on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Although the pistol competition enjoys a spectacular safety record, there have been a number of participants who have shot the ground in front of the target and/or not ever hit the target even though their Post Advisor or Firearms Instructor attested to their demonstration of safe and proficient handling of firearms prior to participation in the event.

**What's New?** As a result of the keen interest from Law Enforcement Explorer Posts to participate in the Individual Pistol Competition associated with the biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference, the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee (NLEEC) recently approved the establishment of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Pistol Championship (NLEEPC).

The NLEEPC will replace the Individual Pistol Competition beginning with the 2016 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference as the premier marksmanship event for Law Enforcement Exploring. It is the intent of the NLEEC to conduct this event on an annual basis, not just in conjunction with the national conference. Semi-automatic service-type pistols will continue to be the firearm used for this event.

Effective January 1, 2016 the format for participation in the pistol competition will change from an open registration to a competitive registration process for the championship. This means that every Law Enforcement Explorer (hereafter referred to as Explorer) who desires to compete in the NLEEPC must first demonstrate he/she has met all preliminary requirements for basic firearms safety and marksmanship as well as have shot at least one course of fire for score using a service caliber semi-automatic pistol as witnessed by a certified firearms instructor. The course of fire will be the National Rifle Association (NRA) Law Enforcement Exploring Center Fire Pistol Competition (LEECFPC) created in cooperation with Law Enforcement Exploring. The score must then be forwarded to the NRA Law Enforcement Explorer Marksmanship Qualification Program (LEEMQP) via the internet website.

Law Enforcement Posts must be enrolled in the LEEMQP hosted by the NRA in order to upload scores. There is no cost or fee for enrollment in the LEEMQP for registered Posts. Enrollment provides the Post with resources to establish, sustain, and grow individual post firearms safety and marksmanship programs.

Membership in the NRA is encouraged, but not required for participation in the LEEMQP.

**Event Description:** Entry in the 2016 NLEEPC Championship will be limited to those shooters attending the 2016 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference, as determined by ranking the highest scores achieved on the LEECFPC and submitted to the LEEMQP no later than June 1, 2016.

Explorers will be placed on the roster to shoot in rank order, highest to lowest, based on the score they have achieved on the LEECFPC. Individual scores will be posted for public view on the LEEMQP website commencing January 1, 2016. The number of Explorers permitted to compete in the NLEEPC will be determined by the capacity of the range to be used for the event. This venue may change from year to year.

Participation in the LEEMQP ensures that each Explorer registrant has met the competitor certification requirements as attested to by a qualified firearms instructor certified by a federal, state, county, or municipal government or the NRA.

Competitors will be accepted from highest to lowest score achieved on the LEECFPC. Registrations received after the shooter limit has been met will be placed on a waiting list and so notified.

#### NRA Law Enforcement **Exploring Center Fire Pistol Competition** (LEECFPC):

##### **Course of Fire**

This event is conducted at 25 yards using the official National Rifle Association, 25-yard, timed or rapid-fire bull's-eye target (B-8) paper. The course will be fired in three stages consisting of two strings each. An Explorer will fire 10 rounds in each stage, five rounds per string. The Explorer must fire all stages during his or her assigned range time only. NRA rules will govern except as modified by the program.

Match	Range	Type Fire	Shot String	Strings	Target	Possible Score
No. 1	25 yards	Safe-Action	5 Minutes	2 (5 shots)	B-8	100
No. 2	25 yards	Safe-Action	20 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-8	100
No. 3	25 yards	Safe-Action	10 Seconds	2 (5 shots)	B-8	100

No. 4 Aggregate Match (Unfired): The total of the scores fired in Matches 1, 2, and 3 will be the score submitted to the LEEMQP to determine eligibility to compete in the NLEEPC.

**Summary:** The Law Enforcement Explorer Qualification Program (LEEMQP) is meant to be a development tool for young shooters to educate Explorers in the safe and proficient handling of firearms and marksmanship skills that are essential elements to successful performance in the law enforcement profession. The LEEMQP provides a

comprehensive method for presenting these skills to Explorers in a disciplined manner that nurtures firearms safety, respect, and proficiency.

The addition of a requirement for Explorers to be ranked through prior demonstration of marksmanship ability will raise the competitive standard of the event and encourage Posts to start and/or enhance their own marksmanship programs. The LEEMQP will assist participating Posts to obtain the resources to establish, sustain, and grow their marksmanship and firearms safety programs.

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Thank you all for your professionalism and support to Law Enforcement Exploring,

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