



NPCA 2009 News Letter

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT: Terry Anderson

Hello Everyone,

Hope you enjoyed the Easter Holiday with your family and that this message finds you doing well. As you know the 2008 National Seminar was cancelled due to hurricane IKE. Although we survived the storm, some of us are still feeling the effects. However, I am happy to announce that our 2009 National Seminar is being hosted by the Northeast Region in Delaware. Mark Tobin, the Northeast Regional Director, is already planning the event and I know that it is going to be great. Check the NPCA website for more information.

Speaking of our website, it is always in a continuous update mode. You can now pay for training events, memberships and certifications on line as well as purchase items from our merchandise. I want to say a special thanks to Tim Norton for all his hard work on NPCA merchandise. He always has new products that sell and increase our funding. Great Job Tim!

In addition to the new updates to the website, several new links have been added. SWGDOG and NEDCAB are two new links recently added. Most of you are, or at least should be, familiar with SWGDOG and what their mission and goals are for the detection dog industry. SWGDOG's work for our industry is continuing to evolve and they are seeking your input. Members now have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the work that has already been done as well as provide feedback on what they are currently developing. If you do not get involved, you will not have a chance to be heard. I am one of SWGDOG's members and my goal is to represent NPCA members to the best of my ability. Go to the

SWGDOG web site and apply for membership and let your viewpoints be heard.

NEDCAB, some of you know it as NCI, is the progression of the ATF initiative that NPCA helped develop in 2007. It is for handler detection and the evaluators of explosive canines. Let me say this, NEDCAB is growing and developing based on SWGDOG guidelines. Our intent is to develop the charter and obtain the federal funding to support the mission and ultimately better our industry. Department of Homeland Security is directly involved and it is very possible that federal funding will increase and be funneled through the NEDCAB initiative. There will be a time when the NPCA Board of Directors increases and allows other law enforcement agencies to become more directly involved in the development of the guidelines and "certification process".

Finally, NPCA recognizes that the economy is suffering, which has a serious effect on local agencies funding for training and equipment. NPCA is dedicated to our members and we will strive to meet the needs. If your agencies program is suffering from budgetary restraints and cannot attend NPCA scheduled training events, please contact your Regional Directors and have them assist you in bringing training to your area.

NPCA has grown, and as of right now our membership is at 944. Our goal is to continue growing. Please get involved and let's make NPCA even stronger.

Stay safe and God Bless you and your families.

Terry Anderson, President NPCA



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Message from Secretary: Greg Thomas

Greetings fellow NPCA members,

Although I have served on the Executive Board of this organization for almost two years, I still consider myself the “new guy.” I have been a member of NPCA for a dozen or so years and, until a couple years ago, lived comfortably ignorant to the work being done by the leadership. I am not speaking only of those currently serving in leadership positions, but those who have dedicated so much time and effort to this association. Serving on the Standards Committee and now the Executive Board has opened my eyes to the enormous time and effort spent by people dedicated to NPCA. The purpose of this introductory paragraph is not to garner praise for the Executive Board – quite the contrary. The purpose is to invite motivated members to seek a role promoting and growing your organization. Among other duties, the Secretary is responsible for conducting the organization’s elections. Two year terms of office are the norms, with alternating offices (i.e., President, Treasurer, and Region Director) being elected annually. Elections for 2009 will be centered on the National Seminar in Delaware. NPCA has a very dedicated leadership all striving to leave this canine profession “better than we found it.” If this sounds like your personal philosophy, consider getting involved with the organization by running for elected office! If you have questions about the election process or any other NPCA matter, never hesitate to e-mail me at K9otto@yahoo.com.

As part of our effort to improve communication with the membership – which has been a topic of

discussion for years – we are trying several new tactics. First, the NPCA website has been completely revamped and is being updated consistently. Second, all NPCA training events are being submitted to Police K-9 Magazine and will be listed in the Calendar section of the magazine. Lastly, all meeting minutes, including subcommittees, are posted on the website. Please take the time to peruse the meeting minutes. It is a great way to see how your elected officials are working for the organization. Keeping abreast of association matters may also help you identify ways to get involved. If you have ideas to improve communication within the organization, we are always open to suggestions.

Sincerely,

Greg Thomas
NPCA Secretary
Gilbert Police Department (AZ)



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Message from Treasurer: Mark Green

Greetings fellow NPCA Members

I want to take a minute and share with you where we were, where we currently are and where we are going as an organization.

Last year we had a total of 900 members. Our 2009 membership is already at 937.

We have the following in our accounts:
Checking--\$29, 000.00
CD--\$11,346.63

I also want to thank everyone who has been working hard to promote our organization, your dedication and support is truly appreciated.

Tim Norton, the director of merchandising and sales has continued to rise to the occasion in identifying and obtaining new merchandise items that are good sellers, he has even designed some t shirts that were hot items at the recent Las Vegas "Law Dog" seminar. Tim has saved the organization a considerable amount of money by streamlining the merchandise and keeping the costs as low as possible therefore increasing the profit margin. Thank You again Tim and extend our appreciation to your wife Shari, as well.

With the money brought in by membership and certification fees, along with the merchandise sales, NPCA will be able to continue to give back to the membership and afford us the opportunity to provide some of the best training available in the country.

We are currently in the process of forming a Training division that will provide even more training in the near future. I won't spill all of the

beans on this topic and I will let President Terry Anderson discuss the concept in future communications.

Mark Green
NPCA Treasurer

Message from Administrative Assistant: Katy Farnsworth

Hello Members,

I just want to thank everyone that is using the website to pay for membership dues and certifications. This tool has come in very handy for us. However, I want to remind you that when you pay for memberships online, I am still needing you to download a membership application and fax or email that back to me.

I also want to remind you that we have the 2009 National Seminar information on the website. You can download the registration form and fax that in as well. We will be adding more information about the seminar in the near future.

Stay safe and as always if you need to contact me, you can email or phone.

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