



Northwest Law Enforcement Academy

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Congratulations!



Victor Popow

On May 1, 2014 Victor Popow (Our Featured Instructor in Issue #35) was appointed as **Chief Executive Officer** of Northwest Law Enforcement Academy.

This appointment was announced by Mr. Herb Stephen, the Academy President (WPS Chief of Police – Retired).

Welcome & Good Luck Mr. Popow!

“Constable Randy Serkes Memorial Scholarship”



Herb Stephen (Chief of Police, Retired) President of the Northwest Law Enforcement Academy in Winnipeg is pleased to announce the presentation of the **“Constable Randy Serkes Memorial Scholarship”** to a

Grade XII graduate at the École Powerview School. The presentation was made to the student Sam Schwartz at the school graduation in Powerview on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Scholarship Background

This annual full scholarship is for a 648 hour Diploma Program to prepare students for a career in law enforcement. It is presented in memory of Constable Randy Serkes who was one of the first students to graduate with Honours. He then successfully completed his Royal Canadian Mounted Police training in Regina.

Constable Serkes was posted from 2000 to 2006 at Grand Marais and from 2006 until his sudden passing on September 29, 2009 at the Powerview Detachment.

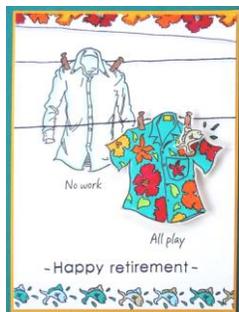
Our “Academy” staff was extremely proud of Randy’s accomplishments during his law enforcement career and for this reason we established this scholarship in his honour for a successful graduate from the École Powerview School.



Herb Stephen, Sam Schwartz, Cst. Brent Woodworth, (RCMP, Powerview, MB Detachment)

Happy Retirement

The Management, Staff and Students at the Academy are sad to say good bye to **Stan Payne** and **Ron Morier** after many dedicated years of service by both of these gentlemen. Both of these gentlemen were part of the founding partners of the Academy.



Stan Payne was the Managing Director, Registrar, Controller and an Instructor at the Academy. To say he was a busy man here at the Academy is an understatement. He has left very big shoes

for our new CEO Victor Popow to fill.

Ron Morier was the Dean of Admissions and an Instructor at the Academy. Many of you will remember that he also visited as many high schools as he could, as well as hosting the Academy’s booth at various career fairs.



If anyone wishes to send a Congratulatory Message to either Mr. Payne or Mr. Morier, please mail them to the Academy or email to Susan.Wellman@NorthWestLaw.ca and we will be happy to pass them along to them.

Gentlemen:

Remember the past with fondness;
Look to the future with eagerness;
Live each moment to the fullest.

Wishing You All the Best in Your Retirement!
– Your NWLEA Family of Friends

“Learn from the Best”

Featured Instructor

Dave Brown



As many of you know, our Instructors almost always have some form of a law enforcement background, but Dave Brown is one of our exceptions.

That being said, he is also someone who grew up with a father who was a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer which started his connection to law enforcement. Dave furthered his connection by receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice and Law Enforcement from the University of Winnipeg.

But his love of firearms has reinforced his connection to law enforcement in a more fundamental way. He is a Certified Master Instructor in both the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course, which were created in 1994. Dave Brown was one of the individuals who was consulted on the development of these programs which were developed in partnership with the provinces and territories, national organizations with an ongoing interest in firearms safety, and many firearms and hunter education course instructors from across Canada.

Mr. Brown is a Glock Police Transitional Pistol Instructor, and a factory trained Glock Police Armourer. He is also a Master-class shooter in the Canadian Police Combat Association Competitions.

Over and above the Canadian Firearms Safety Course and the Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course, Dave Brown is a training specialist for a number of specialized firearms courses which include *Safety in Bear Country, Train-the-Trainer/Public Speaking Course, Mental Skills for Competition Shooting, Patrol Shotgun Workshop* and *Advanced Pistol Workshops*.

Mr. Brown's expertise has been recognized by the Manitoba Department of Justice. He has designed and delivered advanced firearms courses for numerous Police Departments as well as the Department of National Defence, Canada Border Service Agency, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, and Manitoba Corrections to name a few.

In 1998 Dave Brown was named the Tactical Firearms Editor for the **Blue Line Law Enforcement Magazine**, Canada's largest police publication (www.blueline.ca). He has contributed over 80 feature magazine articles on police weapons training, law enforcement technology, police vehicles and officer survival.

In 1996 Mr. Brown's career took on the added dimension of being a Firearms Safety Coordinator advising on film and theatre productions. He has served as the Firearms Safety Coordinator (credited and uncredited) on over 70 movies, rubbing shoulders with actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, Greg Kinnear, Anne Heche, Adam Beach, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and the late Robin Williams to name a few. He even has 5 acting credits as well.

Being a Firearms Safety Coordinator has led to his leading specialized training workshops relevant to film and theatre. They are *Firearms Safety in Film and Television Production* and the *Firearms Safety and Handling Actors Workshop*. He has also been a keynote speaker at the 2002 Halifax conference on Safety in the Film Industry.

Dave Brown is one of the original group of Instructors at Northwest Law Enforcement Academy, and has been teaching Firearms Training here since Class 1 back in 2001. In October 2012 with Class 36, he undertook the additional duties of teaching Public Speaking to the Academy students as well. We are not sure how he manages to fit everything in but he seems to be able to do so.

As you read this, he will have put Class 42 through their paces with the 'Firearms Training,' and they all will hopefully have met the National Standards of 80% to pass. Firearms Training is something Mr. Brown takes very seriously; and students would do well to listen in his classes as he is a very strict taskmaster. Even I can tell you that if you want to pass this course **do not** point the firearm at the instructor and **do not** put your finger on the trigger; both actions will cause students to fail the course.

The students will have a more relaxed atmosphere in 'Public Speaking' – that is, after they get over their fear of doing a speech. All of Mr. Brown's instruction teaching and more importantly his on location filming work has provided him with many insights and tricks to become an effective public speaker. One of the components of this class is to know how to speak to the media, and your class mates get to question you after your speech, just

as the media would after any media release. Large municipal police departments or national policing agencies have special media relations officers, but small municipal police department officers may find that they are required to speak to the media – and Mr. Brown will be training our students to be prepared for this eventuality.

We would like to thank Dave Brown for his continued and dedicated years of instruction to the Academy's students, and know that the new classes coming this fall are eager to learn from his specialized expertise.

Note: We should note that the Academy's Firearms Training **does not** include live fire as part of the students' training. They are taught and tested on firearms handling and safety.

Students & Alumni Volunteer!

Summer Music Series at the Lyric Theatre, Assiniboine Park

Emerson Drive

Northwest Law Enforcement Academy was approached and asked to volunteer as ambassadors for the free concert in the park (Emerson Drive) on Friday, July 18th. The entire class attended, as well as two (2) alumni; Bogdan Grabovyi and Rose Sharon Jones (Class 13-39) – not pictured.



This represented the first time baseball caps were worn as part of the uniform for those that wanted.

About 3000 - 4000 people attended the concert, and many positive comments were received from the public about our presence, because of our professional demeanor.

A message was received from the park indicating

"You demonstrated such a positive and friendly attitude all evening and really looked professional in spite of the rain and mosquitoes. A large number of the staff and volunteers commented on what a great job you did! We look forward to having you back again soon."

*- Shaun Leonoff
Coordinator, Volunteer Resources*

As well, I think all those students participating had a positive experience. Thanks everyone!

Randy James, Dean of Student

FOLKLORAMA: Chinese Pavilion

August 3 – 9, 2014

If you thought you might have seen a familiar Academy uniform at Folklorama's Chinese Pavilion, you would be correct. Class 42 was happy to volunteer as Ambassadors for the entire week. I'm told that Taylor (who volunteered for four nights) really enjoyed the Lion Dance.

The Academy has also heard that two of our students are to be commended for the calm and efficient way that they handled the situation when the elevator broke down.

Congratulations to Breanna and Molly!

MTS Prairie Jam Music Festival

August 10, 2014

Held at Investor's Group Stadium, this event was several country music acts, requiring volunteers from 2:00 pm, when the gates opened to 11:30 pm when the gates closed. Only 3 of the class volunteered with Mr. James, to patrol through the stadium and acting as ambassadors for the school, providing a deterrent effect with the presence of the uniform. As well, it offered unique one-on-one training opportunities in situations that would be difficult to replicate.



Well, we hate to say it, but it's that time of year; when parents rejoice as students return to school, whether it is grade school or post-secondary education.

The Management and Staff of the Academy hope that everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer and that our new incoming students are prepared for the upcoming months of concentrated study.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Upcoming Classes

Emergency Services Communicator Certificate Program

(39 Hours)

September 9, 2014

October 28, 2014

Law, Protection and Safety Diploma Program

(648 Hours)

Sept. 8, 2014–Apr. 24, 2015: Mornings

(September Class is Fully Booked)

Oct. 14, 2014–May 29, 2015: Afternoons

(There are still spots available for the October Class.)

April 7 – November 30, 2015: Mornings

(We are accepting applications for this Class.)

Oops!

That's not supposed to happen!

