



# Northwest Law Enforcement Academy

## ON TARGET

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### And the Winner Is...

Northwest Law Enforcement Academy is the proud recipient of one of the Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg Career Symposium awards.



We won the 2015 Award for **"Best Overall Booth."** The statue has been inscribed *"Memorable, Unique, Fun, Amazing and Awesome!"*

This year we had some of our students co-hosting our booth. They looked great in their uniforms and had no problem interacting with the visiting high school students and answering their questions.

### "Learn from the Best"



**Featured Instructor**  
**Craig Boan**

When you ask someone who is thinking about a career in law enforcement where they would like to be working they have, for the most part, only two answers. Their career goal is either to work in the Canine Unit or to be a Forensic Identification Specialist. Although we have never had a former law enforcement officer who was with the Canine Unit here at the Academy, we have definitely had Forensic Identification Specialists.

Mr. Craig Boan had 31 years of experience as a Forensic Identification Specialist with the Winnipeg Police Service and since 2012 he now brings that experience to our students as they learn under his supervision. It is interesting to see his students while they are completing the practical portion of his course. Fingerprint powder somehow manages to get everywhere, or perhaps it is just a competition between the students to see who can get the dirtiest?



While studying under Mr. Boan the students will learn the basics of attending a crime scene to record, collect and preserve evidence. In their mock crime scenes they will be looking for physical evidence such as fingerprints, footprints, trace evidence (hair or fibers). They will also learn how to

photograph the crime scene and the evidence found.

Mr. Boan trained at the Canadian Police College, Winnipeg Police Service Recruit training, and the Institute of Applied Science. Over the years he continued upgrading his skills by attending seminars and workshops in investigation, rape and sexual assault, forensic pathology, taxi-cam video retrieval, ridgeology, and blood splatter recognition to name just a few.

Mr. Boan has his own forensic consulting business, and after retiring from the Winnipeg Police Service he has worked with Manitoba Public Insurance fingerprinting and collecting evidence from stolen vehicles.

In his spare time he designs badges, shoulder patches and challenge coins for different organizations.

### Academy Changes

#### Good Byes!



We are sad to lose **Jim Bell** from our Instructional staff this year. Jim, if you get tired of eating all the pickerel you are catching; I know a few staff members who would be willing to take it off your hands.

We are also losing our Recruitment Liaison Officer **Harry Troche** this year.

*We wish both of them all the best in their retirements.*



#### Welcome!

Northwest Law Enforcement Academy is pleased to welcome two new instructors.

Retired Staff Sgt **Ray Kolstad** who had 37 years with the RCMP as investigator, C. I Analyst, Team Leader of the Emergency Response Team and among other things Unit Commander of the Intelligence/Organized Crime Section.

Ray will be teaching the Criminal Investigations course.

Also new is **Mike Molotkin**. Mike originally joined the RCMP in 1978 and then moved over to the CBSA in 1980 and has served in many capacities as Customs Inspector,

then responsible for Customs Operations in Regina/Moose Jaw which included DND and NFTC centre's/bases. He worked in the Regional Investigations Division and served as a Superintendent of Customs Ground Operations and later Air Cargo Ops in Winnipeg.

Mike will be teaching Officer Safety, Situational Analysis, and the Arrest & Control courses.

### Academy Experiences

We challenged our Instructors, Alumni and Students to give you a few words about their experiences here at the Academy. Here are a few of the responses:

#### From Jim Bell, Retired Instructor:

*"I retired from the Winnipeg Police Training Division in early 2002, equipped with the only transferable skill I wanted to pursue at that stage of my life; teaching the trade of law enforcement.*

*As my luck would have it, that led me to the Northwest Law Enforcement Academy in early 2003, and what a wonderful 12 year ride it has been. I have appreciated the trust and latitude afforded me over the years as I developed the criminal investigation programming, and if I was able to provide our students at NWest with relevant skills to carry into their own careers then the process was mutually beneficial.*

*A two-way street.*

*To the Chief and my staff colleagues, it has been a privilege working with such dedicated professionals. I believe as we have worked hard to provide quality training and perspective for our students, we have also supported and learned from each other.*

*A two-way street.*

*And finally, to each and every student in the 40 classes I have had the honour of working with over the years, thank you. As instructors we stand in front and impart what we know to be pertinent information based on our own career experience. We teach, you learn. But that notion does not accurately reflect what is really happening. In reality we learn from you as well, every day. When you engage in the classroom, connect with the subject matter, and display genuine interest - that is our reward. And what a truly rich experience you make it for us.*

A two-way street.

To those students who have met career goals, congratulations.

To those still striving to do so, keep working and never give up.

To Class 45 still training at NWest, reach high, and remember to never, ever tune in to NFL football, or play wrestle while doing a stake-out.

Take care.

Jim Bell"

#### From Taylor Woodland, Alumni:

"I found that that the course was easier than I had anticipated. I learned a lot of really intense material, but, it was always kept fun. I most definitely believe that it has steered me in the direction of my dream of becoming a K9 (officer). I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in working in a law enforcement field. It's one of a kind!"

#### From Eduard Eugenio, Alumni:

"My experience with NWLEA was very life changing. I never saw myself to be where I am today, or even 5 years from now in the future. I have gained/learned a lot and will continue to use my skills from the academy to further my success in life. I have confidence to say, that NWLEA is the greatest decision of my life. Thank you."

#### From Michael Shokpeka, Alumni:

"If you desire the best training and hands on practical course in law enforcement, NWLEA is your best bet. During my time, I learned the true meaning of teamwork, dedication and above all discipline. All these and more are guaranteed at NWLEA."

#### From Candace Nolin, Student:

"After I had made the decision to follow my dreams later in life at the age of 41, and apply at the Northwest Law Enforcement Academy. I was scared at first until I met everyone and they made me feel welcome and to feel that I belonged there.

Ever since I started classes, every week I become more confident in who I am, my inner strength has surprised me. I have always felt strong and with this course I realized I can be stronger.

This course is not easy, it is a lot of work and you have to be committed. This has been one of my best decisions I have made for myself and my family's future. Mr. Popow makes you feel like you're part of the family and that you belong.

Thank you for the opportunity to better myself and follow my dreams, it's never too late to do what you love. I am living proof that you can do it as long as you work for it, but first you need to try!"

## A Surprise Visitor

The FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015® brought the Academy a surprise visitor all the way from Texas.



James Waters is the Chief of Police for the Princeton Police Department, who just happened to be here to see the USA team play. He was staying at

the Victoria Inn across the street when he noticed our sign. Curiosity had him come over to see what the Academy was about.



Rod Chipping, Chief Waters, Chief Stephen

Chief Waters returned the next morning to speak with our students, and both Chief Waters and our students quickly learned there are some distinct differences between American and Canadian laws.

## Volunteering

At the Academy, we have always tried to impress upon our students the importance of volunteering in our community.

Volunteering can come in many forms, you can volunteer with a foot patrol, a charity, a sports group, or your church group; all with the purpose of giving back to your community. This is something recruiters will be looking for when our graduates start applying for their law enforcement positions.

You might have seen our students out at the **Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon** on May 3<sup>rd</sup> manning a couple of the watering stations. Some of those volunteers are pictures below in front of one of our Academy Director's van.



You may have also seen our students and some staff members at the **Canadian Cancer Society's "Relay for Life"** on May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Some of our students volunteered at **Red River College's Language Training Centre** assisting students with practicing to improve their verbal English.

A few of our students also volunteered at the **Royal Winnipeg Ballet's "Barre After Hours"** on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Have You Seen this Van?

**Doug Jansen**, one of Academy's Directors has graciously allowed the Academy to put signage on his van.

Mr. Jansen travels all over Manitoba to different schools, so if you see him, please say hi. He won't mind, and if you have questions about the Academy, he will be happy to answer those, or refer you to the proper contact here at the Academy.



## Contacting the Academy

Northwest Law Enforcement Academy would be happy to visit your school and do a presentation about our Law, Protection and Safety Diploma Program. We also allow students to visit the Academy and sit in on a class or two as an observer. To arrange either of these, please contact our C.E.O. Victor Popow at:

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204-953-8310

## Upcoming Classes

**Law, Protection and Safety Diploma Program**  
(648 Hours)

**Sept. 8, 2015 – Apr. 29, 2016: Mornings**  
Screening and Acceptances have been completed for this Class.

**Oct. 13, 2015 – May 31, 2016: Afternoons**  
We are now in the process of accepting and screening applicants for this Class.

**April 4 – November 30, 2016: Mornings**



"But, Sarge. It's all he remembers..."

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