

## **Industry Professionals,** **Subject Matter Experts, & Vendors**

### **To whom it may concern,**

Are you interested in getting your knowledge, information, and/or technology in front of current Montana police officers? The Helena Police Department is proud to host this year's Montana Governor's 20 (LE shooting competition/training/conference) August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Helena, MT.

Officers from agencies across the state can send delegates for modern firearms training and compete in the historic NRA PPC pistol competition which challenges officers to shoot their duty weapon with both hands as far back as 50 yards for score. Our modern twist on this historic course of fire encourages participants to bring their past, present, or even "ideal" duty weapon to help drive discussion. This gathering gives officers, instructors, tactical operators, and administrators, a chance to network and share information about the quickly evolving industry.

This year we plan to continue the discussion about the best firearms, accessories, calibers, and munitions to help keep officers and the public they serve safe. Last year we hosted the FBI Ballistic Research Facility for a terminal ballistics course. This year we have a free LPVO and a free Pistol Mounted Optics for Duty Use available. Please consider if you (or your associates) could provide insight that would prove beneficial to the larger discussion.

Some topics of interest always include,

-Optic Equipped Handgun options, proper setup and transition -Blending "Competition" and "Duty" handguns for proficiency and reliability. (compensators, magwells, "gas pedals", extended controls, aftermarket options, etc.) -Current holster compatibility, -Getting a SIM/UTM pistol set up identical to your duty gun selection -Finding the "Ideal Patrol Rifle", caliber, barrel length, twist rate, suppressor configurations, optics/LVPO considerations. -Non-traditional ammo (i.e. -External Hollow Points, Subsonic, Frangible, or even AP "armor piercing" offerings). -Duty lights, night vision, thermal, and IR options. What's ideal now, and what are we trending towards in the coming years. Agencies need help staying up to date and planning for current and future evolutions.

If you would like to join us to continue the ongoing discussion, sponsor, or contribute to the conference in your own way, please reach out to Sergeant Matt Lewis with the Helena Police Department for additional information.

**Sincerely,**

**Sergeant Matt Lewis**

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