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Gastonia Police Department's PUBLIC EVENTS AT WORLD CLASS SNIPER CONFERENCE

Forty teams will test their skills and compete for top honors in Gastonia Police Department's 5th Annual Sniper Conference on Sept. 7th – 10th at the Gastonia Firearms and Tactical Training Center. Teams from across the country from 34 police departments, sheriff offices, and state and federal agencies will compete in 11 events designed to simulate real-world situations professional snipers face.

The Gastonia Police Department will open events to spectators on Sept. 9th & 10th and admission is free. These challenging events test both physical and marksmanship capabilities of law enforcement and military personnel, while they run through grueling obstacles, multiple crisis situations and perform required shots at various elevations and distances.

Police snipers offer long-range intelligence gathering, support to police officers and protection of innocent civilians. The GPD invites you to see for yourself how a first class sniper is one of the single most valuable elements a SWAT Team can have to overcome violence, hostage rescue and terrorism situations.

This year the opportunity for the public to test their skills will be available through four controlled public shooting events for those who wish to participate, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Absolutely no personal weapons or ammunition will be allowed at the event. All weapons and ammunition will be provided as well as required safety equipment. Event information is as follows:

- **Glock Plate Challenge (Age: 21 and older)** – Participants will have a total of eight rounds to knock down six, eight-inch metal plates. Two pistols will be given away: one for civilians and one for police/military. Entry fee to be determined.
- **AR 15 Rifle Event** - Entry fee and sponsors to be determined.
- **22 Caliber Event – FREE.** Sponsored by Gaston Young Guns Shooting Sports, 4H of American and the Gastonia Fire Department. Additional sponsors may be added.

- **Youth Pellet Rifle Match – FREE.** Sponsored by Gaston Young Guns Shooting Sports, 4H of American and the Gastonia Fire Department. Additional sponsors may be added.

Registration for public events will open Saturday morning. Participants for all shooting events must sign a release and assumption of risk form. All participants are required to comply with the North Carolina Felony Firearms Act. Proceeds will benefit the Gastonia Police Foundation and future upgrades to the firing range facility.

Parking will be at the GPD Firearms and Tactical Training Center located off of Tulip Drive in Gastonia. More information is available online at www.gastoniaswat.org or by calling Capt. Steve Duncan at (704) 866-6882 or Sgt. Mike Smith at (704) 842-5119.

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