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Sharp shooters: 5 Lufkin officers bring home 15 medals from Texas Police Games

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Five of Lufkin's finest brought back 15 medals from the Texas Police Games in Conroe last month.

The Police Games, dating back to the early '70s, promote camaraderie and physical fitness among officers. The games offer competition in a variety of events ranging from track and field, K-9 narcotics, archery, to bass fishing and target shooting.



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Five Lufkin officers brought back 15 medals from the Texas Police Games held in Conroe last month. Pictured from the left are Officer Randall Brooks, Sgt. David Thomas, Lt. Alton Lenderman, Sgt. Ronny LaRue and Cpl. David Casper.

Lufkin officers have represented the city for the last several years. This year Lt. Alton Lenderman, Sgt. Ronny LaRue, Sgt. David Thomas, Cpl. David Casper and Officer Randall Brooks proved themselves to be sharp shooters.

In years past the games have been held in family-friendly vacation spots like South Padre Island, but this year's games held in Conroe brought out only the most serious competitors, LaRue said.

"People who shoot casually aren't going to places that aren't vacation spots so this year was a really tough competition," LaRue said.

The five men competed in shooting games from a police pistol combat course to sniper and tactical rifle events.

"This competition is really about sharpening your skills so even if you don't win a trophy it still motivates you to practice," Lenderman said.

One thing the men look forward to every year is seeing fellow officers from other cities. Although the games are highly competitive, at the end of the week they all walk away as friends.

"It's a lot of fun because we've built relationships with some of the guys over the years. We know who we hate to compete against and who to watch out for," LaRue said with a laugh. "We look forward to seeing those guys every year."

In the future LaRue said he would like to see the games held in Lufkin with the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce getting involved.

"I know it would be an outrageously manpower intensive operation, but 3,000 cops and their families coming here for a week would be a big boost to the economy," LaRue said.

Another wish for the future — more officers representing Lufkin in the games, Brooks said.

"I'd like to see more of the guys compete," Brooks said. "I know I'm not the best shooter, here but I've been successful."

Although the men pay their own expenses for the games, they said they couldn't be successful without LPD's support.

"We really want to thank the administration for our training. We attribute all of our success to the police department," LaRue said. "Conroe PD also did a really good job hosting the event. They kept everything moving quickly."

The group is already practicing for next summer's games in South Padre Island.

Medals won:

Lt. Alton Lenderman

Duty semi-automatic B-class — bronze

Sgt. Ronny LaRue

Police pistol combat course — bronze

Individual duty semi-automatic — silver

Individual duty revolver — bronze

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Officer Randall Brooks

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