



Public Information Release

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On August 25th, the Acworth Police Department held its 9th Annual Shoot for the Horizon competition, which raises funding to support the Horizon Field and League. This year's event raised over \$5000.00, which helps to provide for maintenance and resurfacing of the field as well as for uniforms and supplies for the athletes. Over 10 years ago, the Acworth Police Department was inspired to raise funds to create a place where athletes with special needs could enjoy participating in team sports and their families would be able to watch and cheer for them. Horizon Field is the only field in Cobb County that is designed specifically for athletes with physical and developmental disabilities, and it is completely funded by donations to the Special Needs Development Group, Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization.

Personnel from multiple local agencies participated in the competition along with representatives from both the state and federal levels. This year's event was held at Paulding County's Public Safety Training Center. There were three competitive shooting elements in this year's competition involving precision, time, and a single elimination event for Top Gun prize. This year's Top Gun Winner was Chief Mark Wallace from Floyd County Police Department. This event is just one of many examples of multi-agency cooperation and partnerships that result in an outstanding outcome for all.

Prizes were donated by local businesses as well as national distributors and included 4 prize handguns as well as hundreds of pieces of gear and apparel. Chik-Fil-a of Brookstone provided lunch for all of the competitors, their families, and all of the volunteers.



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This was the most successful year of Shoot for the Horizon, and plans are already underway for next year's event in August of 2019. For more information or to donate to the Horizon League, please visit the website at www.shootforthehorizon.com



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