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M&P9 Pro Series Breaks New Ground at 2008 Texas State IDPA Championship
Smith & Wesson Team Member Gordon Carrell Wins SSP/Master Division

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (June 12, 2008) – Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that the company's M&P9 Pro Series pistol was used successfully in its first competitive win at the 2008 Texas State International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Championship. Competing in the Stock Service Pistol (SSP) Division, Team Smith & Wesson member Gordon Carrell placed first overall while also earning first place in the Master Class using the M&P9 Pro Series pistol.

The 2008 Texas State IDPA Championship featured 12 stages of fire with 68 participants competing in the SSP Division. Designed to challenge the speed and accuracy of each shooter, the IDPA stages of fire test each competitor on a variety of defensive shooting skills including drawing from concealment, shooting on the move and engaging a variety of stationary and moving targets. Competing with the new M&P9 Pro Series, Carrell earned top scores in 8 of 12 stages to win the title by over 19 seconds.

"Throughout the match, the M&P pistol worked flawlessly," said Gordon Carrell. "I only had three days of practice with the pistol before leaving for the match, but I had complete confidence in the gun. One of the things I especially like about the M&P9 Pro Series pistol is the longer sight radius. It allowed me to acquire the sights faster and more accurately place shots as I transitioned between the targets. There was a tremendous response to the M&P while at the match as everyone wanted to see the pistol first hand. I believe that Smith & Wesson has developed a great product for the competitive shooter with the M&P9 Pro Series."

Carrell continued, "What made this year's match so challenging was the variety of stages with short to long distance targets. Cody Ray (Match Director) put together a great set of stages that tested all shooting skills. The Texas State Championship is one of the best matches of the year and I plan on being back next year."

Designed with the competitive shooter in mind, the full-size polymer pistol is chambered in 9mm and features a 5-inch barrel with an overall length of 8.5 inches. The M&P9 Pro Series pistol is standard with a dovetail fiber optic green front sight for faster sight acquisition along with a Novak® designed reduced glare rear sight. The increased sight radius allows for a more precise sight alignment necessary in competitive shooting scenarios. The M&P9 Pro Series pistol features a smooth 4 to 5 pound trigger pull and a 17 round magazine capacity.

Carrell plans to compete again with the M&P9 Pro Series pistol later this month at the Carolina Cup.

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