The Tactical Edge Is Evolving

SAME TRUSTED PUBLICATION. A NEW DIGITAL EXPERIENCE.

For more than four decades, *The Tactical Edge* has been a trusted resource for law enforcement and public safety professionals, providing real-world lessons, expert insights, and information to support operational readiness.

As the profession evolves, so do the ways we connect, learn, and share knowledge. The NTOA is taking the next step in that evolution by transitioning *The Tactical Edge* to an exclusively digital format.

The Fall 2026 issue will be our final print edition. Beginning with Winter 2027, *The Tactical Edge* will continue its regular schedule of four digital editions each year.

This transition will make our content easier to access and create new opportunities to share valuable information with the tactical community.

What Members Can Expect

The digital edition isn't new to the NTOA. Most members already enjoy digital access, making this a natural next step for the publication.

Members can look forward to several advantages, including:

- **Convenient access:** Read *The Tactical Edge* on your computer, tablet or smartphone.
- **Searchable content:** Find articles, past issues and topics through the online library.
- **Enhanced content:** Explore opportunities for expanded photography, video, interactive features and direct links to related training and resources.
- **Greater accessibility:** Access the information without the limitations of traditional print distribution.

What won't change is the content you've come to expect. *The Tactical Edge* will continue to deliver after-action reports, case studies, emerging trends, and practical insights from experienced professionals covering tactics, leadership, training, equipment, and technology.

More Than a Magazine: The Value of NTOA Membership

While *The Tactical Edge* is an important membership benefit, it's only one part of what NTOA offers.

Your membership connects you to professional training, educational resources, leadership development, and a nationwide community dedicated to improving operational readiness.

Simplifying Our Membership Structure

As part of this transition, the NTOA is streamlining its membership categories.

The separate Fire/EMS membership category will be integrated into individual membership, providing access to the same benefits as other individual members, subject to applicable eligibility requirements. We will also discontinue print-specific membership options, including retired print memberships.

Members who have prepaid for print memberships that extend beyond the transition received an email outlining their options. Our goal is to ensure that affected members receive appropriate value for their purchase.

Looking Ahead

We recognize that some members will miss receiving a printed copy of *The Tactical Edge*. Although the format is changing, our commitment to providing credible information, practical training resources, and opportunities to exchange knowledge remains unchanged.

This transition is part of our ongoing investment in the resources and services that support our members and the tactical community.

Thank you for your membership, service, and continued commitment to tactical excellence.

Your NTOA Membership at a Glance

BENEFITS VARY BY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

$55 discount on eligible stand-alone courses, complimentary live and on-demand TacTalk webinars, and professional development opportunities.

CONFERENCES

$70 discount on the Law Enforcement Operations Conference, $50 discount on the Crisis Negotiations Conference, and scholarship opportunities for eligible members.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Four digital editions of *The Tactical Edge* annually, access to the online library, intelligence reports, member forums, file shares, and specialized databases.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Opportunities to apply for the Sid Heal Tactical Command College and Member Tested and Recommended Program, plus discounted access to BrainHQ for eligible members.

MEMBERS & FAMILIES

Educational scholarship opportunities for eligible dependent children and additional discounts and promotions through the Member Portal.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Connections and information sharing among professionals in patrol, corrections, crisis negotiation, EMS, SWAT, and special operations.

2026 James Torkar Educational Scholarship Winners

EASTERN REGION

Yexenia Mora-Becerra
Kissimmee, FL



Rose Wheeler
Lexington, SC



CENTRAL REGION

Kennadi Kehoe
Sheboygan Falls, WI



Paityn Koester
Mount Zion, IL



WESTERN REGION

Mason Brambila
Prescott Valley, AZ



Zoie Mead
Hollister, CA



Each recipient of the 2026 Educational Scholarship received $1,500.

The 2027 application period opens on Nov. 1, 2026.

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