

# The National Polygraph Association.

*"A Sensible Advantage for the  
Private Polygraph Examiner"*

I would like to take a moment of your time to welcome you and to explain the **National Polygraph Association (NPA)**.

The **NPA** was originated with the private polygraph examiner in mind. We have been described as the polygraph association that "caters to the private examiner."

In spite of our desire to attend to the needs of the private examiner, most of our members have law enforcement and government backgrounds, with more and more government examiners joining the NPA every day.

We offer our members some outstanding benefits:

- High Quality Training
- Very Affordable Costs
- No "Pomp and Circumstance"
- Great Seminar Location (Las Vegas)
- Always Held Mid-Winter (January)

Let me expand upon the above points.

We offer the highest quality training available in the polygraph profession. All of our speakers are nationally recognized, all of our training is certified and accepted by all of the polygraph associations and our training meets or exceeds ASTM standards.

Take a look at a partial list of our past presenters:

**Stan Abrams, PhD**  
**Antonio Barrio, PhD**  
**Neil Barker (RCMP)**  
**Ronald Decker**  
**Elmer Criswell**  
**Alton Cantrell**  
**Dr. Lawrence Fallwell**  
**Gary Davis**

**James “Ron” Davis**  
**Chris Fausett**  
**Eric Holden**  
**Dr. Frank Horvath**  
**Dr. Charles Honts**  
**John Kaster (RCMP)**  
**James Keefe**  
**John Ketchum**  
**Donald Krapohl**  
**Chip Morgan**  
**Raymond Nelson**  
**Pyron “Pete” Pond**  
**Linda Quinonez**  
**Billy Rakes**  
**Dr. David Raskin**  
**Bruce Robertson**  
**Daniel Sosnowski**  
**Shirley Strum**  
**.....and many others**

Our training seminars are easily the most affordable of the national polygraph seminars. Las Vegas is easy to get to from anywhere in the U.S. and abroad, with cheap airfare. The first-class hotels which host our seminar offer us rates that literally are the cheapest in the industry. Our annual membership costs are the lowest of the polygraph associations and the price of our seminars is at a rock-bottom price. The result? It just costs less to attend training at the NPA annual seminar than any other major organization, usually a lot less.

When I say we have “No Pomp and Circumstance” I am referring to the fact that we don’t spend your membership money on frivolous things, we spend your money on training. If you want to go to fancy banquets, there are plenty of social organizations you may join. If you want no-frills, hard-core polygraph training, come to the NPA seminar.

Our seminar is always held in Las Vegas, by the popular acclaim of our members and their spouses. Literally, there is no place like Las Vegas. Our members appreciate the inexpensive hotel rooms, the great food and the luxurious accommodations. The families of our members love coming to Las Vegas because this city always offers something for family members to

do. There is never a time in Las Vegas that you can't have a quality entertainment experience.

By holding our seminars in January, we position ourselves to avoid conflict with the training seminars of other major polygraph organizations. Most of our members are also members of the American Polygraph Association (APA) and the American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP), not to mention numerous state and local associations. Most of these other associations hold their seminars during the Spring/Summer months, so we position ourselves mid-Winter. It's also a great break for those of us who live in Northern climates to be able to fly to sunny Las Vegas in January!

Next, I would like to provide a little background on National Polygraph Standards:

One of the requirements of any profession that is associated with forensic sciences is that of standardization. The **National Polygraph Association** takes on this task quite seriously to assure its standards are valid.

In a 1998 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Cordoba* case where polygraph testing was an issue, the U.S. District Court declared that polygraph had been extensively tested and had been the subject of extensive peer review and publication.

They agreed that it was even probably accepted in the scientific community as a useful diagnostic or investigative technique. However it also found that in their opinion, polygraph did not have general acceptance for courtroom evidence because it had no controlling standards to ensure proper protocol. It noted that there were associations that had "association standards" (*associations*) but added that these only applied to its own members and do not meet the definition of a uniform standard.

To meet this challenge, a Committee was formed in 1997 within the **American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**, the largest Standards Development group in the world.

The committee, designated as **Committee E-52 Forensic Psychophysiology**, worked diligently over the years to develop consensus standard for the polygraph profession.

This committee has successfully developed “**National**”, and now, “**International Standards**,” and the work will continue.

These standards are recognized throughout the world by the scientific and judicial communities. They include standards for Research, Instrumentation, Quality Control, Education and Training, Polygraph Testing itself, and Ethics.

These published standards apply to law enforcement, federal government and private examiners. They apply to schools and polygraph instrumentation manufacturers as well. These standards are equally important to those who use our services, such as courts, attorneys, private companies, corporations and the public.

Judges and attorneys recognize **ASTM Standards** because they frequently deal with them in civil cases. The standards apply to *every examiner regardless of membership in any polygraph association*.

These standards have become “**The Standards of our Profession**” as opposed to merely an “**Association Standard**.”

To address this profession’s obligation, in 2002, the National Polygraph Association adopted all ASTM Committee E-52 standards on Forensic Psychophysiology as the Standards for the National Polygraph Association.

The National Polygraph Association was the first polygraph association to make this commitment.

So, you can see that the National Polygraph Association is firmly committed to adhering to ASTM standards and offering the highest quality training to our members in furtherance of that goal.

Even though the NPA has focused on offering the highest quality training at the most affordable price, which aids the private examiner, in this time of

“budget- tightening” many law enforcement and government agencies are discovering what a training bargain is represented by the NPA.

I encourage you to try us out. Come to our next training seminar, always in Las Vegas and always in January. If the seminar doesn't offer high quality polygraph training at a reasonable cost, if you aren't thrilled with the NPA, I encourage you to talk with me directly.

The Board of Directors and myself are here for all of our members.

Sincerely,

*Chip Morgan*

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