

Jim Rose (Obstacle/Sensory) – Retired Duluth Police Officer (27 yrs). Involved in Mounted Police work since 1983. Full-time Mounted Police Officer. Mounted Police Instructor and competitor. Other equine activities include cattle work and logging with his draft horse. **Obstacle/Sensory** will focus on working with you and your horse, so that no obstacle or sensory issue will interfere with accomplishing your law enforcement duties.

Jim Hatch (Western Dressage) – Jim has spent a lifetime observing and learning from many horses and riders. He has watched and/or ridden hunters, jumpers, reining horses, cutting horses, western pleasure horses, saddle seat horses, endurance horses and dressage horses. His years of teaching dressage and applying the principles to every horse has given him a better understanding of how a horse works. Jim defines **Western Dressage** simply as “building a horse to do a job, and to last a lifetime”. ALL equine disciplines rely on dressage skills to make it easier for your horse to perform any job, and do it more happily. I have personally taken instruction from Jim, and I would be a pest if I lived any closer to him.

Laura Syring (Formation Riding) – Laura is the Coordinator and Trainer for the Ramsey County Mounted Patrol, established in 2017. Laura's background includes a 20+ year career in Law Enforcement, four years of which were spent as a full-time mounted police instructor and rider. Laura received her mounted patrol instructors certification in 2003, in New Orleans, through Louisiana Mounted Associates. She has trained with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at their HQ in Canada, and has trained under many reputable horse trainers and riding instructors over the years.

Formation Riding is a fundamental core competency necessary for every mounted patrol unit to function well as a team. It strengthens the relationships between horses and riders, between riders/partners and provides skill building to help horses work safely with other horses.

Art Hart (Safety on Patrol) – Retired Minneapolis Police Sergeant (32 yrs). Mounted Patrol, SWAT Team Leader, Decoy Unit Leader, Field Training Officer Program Director, Dignitary Protection, Reserve Mounted Patrol, and all-around nice guy.

Safety on Patrol will include tactics for a safe patrol, situational awareness, and mental conditioning. It will stress radio communications, location awareness, knowledge of pertinent laws and mindset. Knowing the limitations of yourself and your horse, and the use of tools of the trade will be covered.

Terry Nowacki (Urban Search and Rescue) - Over 15 years, Terry has spoken at two National and several State Search and Rescue (SAR) conferences, and has hosted Mounted SAR training clinics across the USA and Canada. He is President of the American Equine Scenting Assoc., professional horse trainer, and founding member of the Marshall Co. Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

Urban Search and Rescue will be primarily a classroom session, and will cover search and rescue principals and techniques applicable to all incidents, and those unique to an urban situation, handled on foot or horseback. You may work in the great north woods, but never know when you'll be called on to work in an urban situation.

Sarah Nowacki (Search Patterns and Equipment) - Sarah is a longtime member of the Marshall Co. Mounted Sheriff's Posse. Her experience includes participation in multi-county mounted search and rescue (MSAR) missions and helping to develop mounted training programs. She has been very fortunate to work with top MSAR individuals from across the U.S. While assisting her father on his MSAR clinics. In **Search Patterns and Equipment** you will learn a whole new twist to many different mounted search patterns. During this course you will learn how to incorporate modern technology into search patterns, tips on working on multi-agency searches, picking team leaders, and horsemanship skills directly related to searching

Briana Visser (Team Challenge) – Briana has been training horses and humans professionally for over 25 years. She is certified in the Certified Horseman's Assoc., American Riding Certification Program, and as a judge and project leader for the 4h Horse Program. She and her husband own and operate the Benvelle Equestrian Center in Pequot Lakes.

Team Challenge will be conducted in a team situation, to improve your communication, balance, and maneuvering skills while your horse plays with desensitization, yielding and speed control. My wife and I have both improved our horsemanship skills under her instruction and guidance.

Michelle Jerry (Preparing your Horse with Groundwork) – Michelle and her husband own and operate Heart & Hooves Horsemanship located in Deer River, MN. Her passion for horses drives her to find new and better ways to teach horses and their humans to develop a more solid partnership.

Michelle's **Groundwork** course will focus on groundwork lessons to gain your horse's respect and getting them ready to perform the job at hand. I have participated in her Basic Groundwork Clinic, and it made an amazing difference in the relationship between my horse and I. I am a believer!

Avis Horton (Equine Skeletal Balancing) – Avis has spent a lifetime in equine activities, mainly gaming, roping and cattle work. For the past 15 years she has developed a passion for studying and practicing the art and science of Equine Skeletal Balancing. The goal of **Skeletal Balancing** is to achieve wellness and structural balance in your mount through a regiment of stretching. This is particularly beneficial if your horse is being used rigorously or if you are using an older mount. She will show you what you can routinely do to help maintain this balance in your horse.