

Paul Jones – AC for New York

Paul Jones has accepted the role of Area Coordinator for the state of New York effective Jan 15, 2018. This will expand his area of responsibility that now includes Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware

Jones has a history with our sport. "I started shooting IDPA in 2008 and just fell in love with the sport and the people. I became more involved with IDPA by becoming a Safety Officer and the interest in helping new shooters understand and enjoy our sport grew. I now travel to Sanctioned Matches and work them all over. I can't imagine a better sport. My home club, Lower Providence Rod & Gun Club in Audubon, PA is fortunate to have approximately 35 Certified Safety Officers which makes IDPA easy for them. I am excited to be the Area Coordinator for my region as it will allow me to get even more involved with IDPA and help the clubs in my area grow. Being an Area Coordinator also gives me an opportunity to learn even more about the sport and IDPA members I love so much."

The AC is happy about a new role to be adopted in the sport. "When I became an Area Coordinator a couple years ago, I had expected I would be able to visit every club in my area but found the expectation virtually impossible to accomplish. IDPA Clubs, Match Directors and Area Coordinators are all volunteer positions and most all of us have full time jobs, lives and families. To date, I have built great relationships with many of the clubs in my area and look forward to expanding the sport even more in by giving clubs the support they need."

"I have reset a few goals for myself in my area and added new ones. I would like to visit each and every IDPA club in my area and shoot their matches but that would be difficult at best given it is a weekend sport and many clubs have their monthly matches on the same weekends. IDPA Area Coordinators will now be able to establish IDPA State Representatives to help distribute the responsibility and give clubs even better service and have their questions answered quickly. Having worked with other experienced Area Coordinators across the country the past couple years has taught me a great deal and I plan on building a solid communication pipeline with everyone in my area by using many of the ideas other Area Coordinators use in their areas."

As for time outside of shooting, "I used to be into Model Railroading but shooting has taken its place and is much more fun and will make many more friends. I enjoy spending time with my daughter, Genevieve, when I can. We enjoy shooting and traveling together. I am very involved with my home club, Lower Providence Rod & Gun Club. We teach the NRA classes to our club members and most of the 35 Safety Officers we have are also NRA Certified Instructors who help teach these classes. I am an NRA Training Counselor and one of my goals at LPRGC is to build up our NRA Instructor base so we can continue teaching these classes to more members. These classes introduce students to IDPA and how beneficial participating in IDPA will help with shooting experience and a Self Defense mindset."

I am very fortunate to work with the many great people at IDPA and clubs that support IDPA. With their help, I know we will be able to help IDPA grow in my area. For those clubs that I haven't been able to spend time with, I appreciate your patience and we will be in touch soon.