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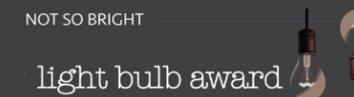
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If it were up to me, I'd...

Our editor Rex Evans says, "we need more positive stories for the August Issue." This entire year has been nothing but doom and gloom not only for Law Enforcement, but everyone for that matter. We started out with senseless and outright attacks on officers, and then here comes this COVID BS which totally screwed us all. Now it's protests and 'defund' the police.

So, here's me being positive. "Oh, shit we hit a log and there's a huge hole in the bottom of the boat and we're taking on water like crazy. But hey, look at the bright side. It's sunny out today, so we can just float out here until we're rescued."

Some would say, well Barron if you're so smart what would you do to make all this better. Okay so if I were in charge in 2020, this is what I'd do:

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COVID: Stop telling us how many people are dying. Not that we don't care and we aren't sympathetic, but there's nothing we can do if they are already dead. Knowing a number doesn't change a damn thing. People die every day in car accidents, and we don't stop driving. Advise us what you suggest and let our doctors treat us with what they believe is the best treatment for each of us. Maybe what works for me isn't what's best for REX. Stop scaring people and let them

get on with their lives. Open everything! If you're concerned about going out, then stay home.

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DEFUNDING THE POLICE: The federal government will now require all cities and municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more people to maintain a

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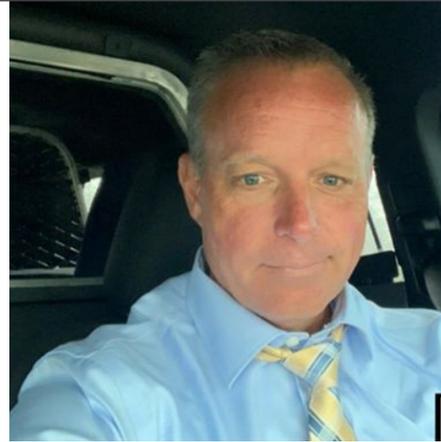
The heat about here has been pretty high. Right along with the humidity. No surprise, it is southeast Texas in July, right? And, thanks to all the politicians arguing with everyone and everything else over this virus, we are all bound to wear a mask, period. You go outside, you gotta have a mask on. You get out on a call, car crash, report call or whatever, you better have your mask on. And, in order to reinforce what the politicians say, many Chiefs are placing written, direct orders putting their Officers and Deputies on notice, YOU SHALL WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON DUTY.

So, the story continues. This chewing, spitting machine of a Deputy was NOT happy about all "this mask bs!" And, it took a side bar conversation with a Sergeant who told him, in no uncertain terms, you will wear your mask, or you will go home! Thus, as we can all guess, this Deputy was on a call whereby he had the opportunity to wear a mask. Granted, it wasn't one of those nice or pretty masks. This was just one of the light blue tinted, temporary kind of masks. As I walked towards this Deputy, I could see his perplexed decision making in his eyes. I say (innocently enough) "Hey *****, how the hell are ya?" And then it happened, a brown discoloration suddenly appeared to the front of the mask the Deputy was wearing.

Aaannnddd, then came the immediate removal of said mask, coupled with the most eloquent flow of curse words I do believe I have heard, in many years. Of course, I tried not to laugh. No, honest. I really did. But, there's just sometimes, ya just can't hide the emotion you're feeling. This was such a time. I busted out laughing, till the tears streamed down my face. Meantime, this Deputy was jumping like a kid jumping rope. Stomping up and down on his tobacco spit stained mask and just a ranting and raving, all a grown man could.

Then, after a few choice words for me, (as of course, it was all my fault for showing up and speaking to him in the first place) we both started laughing and well, for just a simple, brief moment in time the whole pandemic, everyone hating cops, lying politicians, sorry ass supervisors and every other kind of problems only a cop can understand, just faded away into the laughter of the moment. For just that short amount of time, two Brothers wearing a badge, shared a means of relief. All be it at the cost of a disposable mask and a bunch of spit and tobacco all mauled up upon the hot sun scorched ground beneath our dust covered boots.

I am only sharing this moment because...Look, I have been everything from just a Night Shift Deputy, all the way to Chief



of Police, and one thing always remained a constant with me. I fought like hell within myself to never ever forget what it was like to be that young night shift Deputy who worked every weekend, holiday, and special assignment he could. And, the only reason that young man ever did all that was;

Because he loved the job and he loved those whom he worked side by side with. Just like the older version of that man got to do this day. I would encourage anyone who is finding themselves totally drowning in this world full of lies, deceit, and crooked politics; all of which are enshrouded in the veil of this deadly virus (claiming the lives of over 100 of our Brother and Sister Law Enforcement Officers) to stand back up. Look other people in the eye with integrity, sincerity and the same level of devotion we all started this career with, in spite of all the lies and false narratives being spun by our nation's mainstream media.

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your thoughts !!!



In a split moment, three guns were drawn, eight shots were fired, and a protester was tragically killed. This is horrible as is all gun violence. There are too many guns. Our City is shaken and, like so many in our community, I'm heartbroken and stunned.

Let's talk FACTS Austin Mayor Steve Adler!

YOU are responsible for the violence, YOU and the City Council. You allow BLM and Antifa to blatantly violate the laws, take over highways and city streets and encourage them with your rhetoric to continue to commit violence and crime. Then you want to act shocked when law abiding citizens defend themselves.

You are a coward who can't accept responsibility for your failed policies.

Now you want to blame guns???? Let's look at the truth.

Chicago and Houston have similar populations.

Chicago has virtually ZERO dedicated gun stores and it's nearly impossible for a law-abiding citizen to get a concealed carry license there.

Houston has DOZENS upon dozens of gun stores, gun ranges etc.

Thousands of people in Houston have licenses to carry concealed handguns.

In 2018 Chicago had 571 homicides.

In 2018 Houston had 276 homicides.

How can Chicago with such strict gun laws have over DOUBLE the homicides as Houston?

Easy. Failed policies by the Democratic Party that controls the City. A lack of support for the Police Department.

Sound familiar? Exactly what YOU and the Austin City Council are doing here in Austin.

It's not guns, it's YOUR FAILED POLICIES!

It's your shameful support of Marxist and anarchist groups while you DEFUND the Austin Police Department to the tune of over 100 Million dollars.

No Adler, the blood that runs in this City is on YOUR hands and that of your co-conspirators on the City Council.

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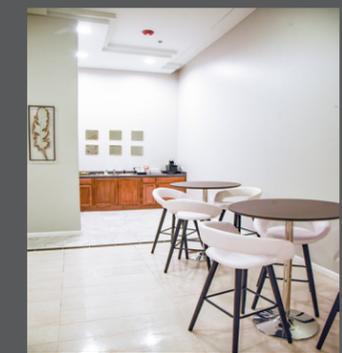
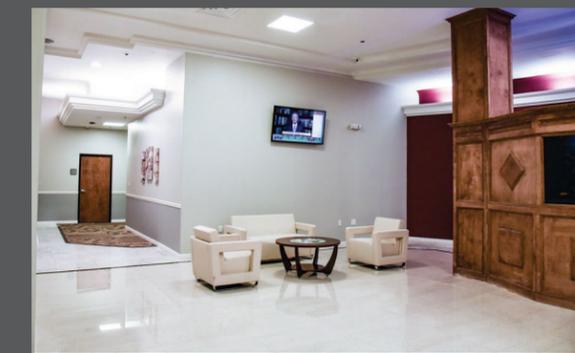
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Michael Barron



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minimum ratio of 1:450 or 225 police officers for every 100,000 citizens. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all federal funding until the correct ratio is met. Want to defund the police, then you pay for everything. Those that pay taxes will move the hell out of your cities and good luck with the asshats that stay behind. OH yeah...if you're the mayor of this lawless city, Federal law says you have to live within the city limits of your lawless city. Good luck with all that.

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CONGRESS: You get paid \$100,000 per year while in office. That's it. That's more than 80% of the elected officials in this country. If you think you're

worth more than a police chief, fire chief, mayor or county official, you're not. Fact is 90% of you suck. If there was a way to eliminate Congress and still run this country, I would do it. I'm sorry but the majority of you just need to go. You have lost sight of what you were elected to do, and you could care less about the citizens that elected you.

NEWS MEDIA: Get rid of Mainstream News Media. You serve no purpose. You don't report the news, you make it up. You craft headlines to meet your agenda. In every story you write, only like 2% is even truthful. The other 98% is just BS. So, I'd shut it all down... FOX, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNBC, and any other combination of BULLSHIT acronyms.

Well in Mike Barron's world that's what you get. Like it or not.

REX EVANS, EDITOR n CHIEF

his thoughts !

Rex Evans



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I can tell you with a lot of certainty, so to a lot of other people. They know we're trying. They know we are fighting all the odds and here we still stand. Those little moments of laugh-

ter, learn to embrace them. Hold onto them and cherish them. For they are far and few between. Now, more than ever. Oh, remember to remove your mask, before you spit. (Law Enforcement 2020 Rule # 12)

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SAT 2020 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

As a decades-long tradition, The Sheriff's Association of Texas (SAT) has held an Annual Training Conference & Expo. The conference is an invaluable time of camaraderie, fellowship, and learning for sheriffs, their families and staff, partner agencies, valued vendors, and others. So, it was with great sadness that the SAT Board of Directors announced last month that due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) they were cancelling the 142nd Annual Training Conference & Expo scheduled for July 25-28, 2020, at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

"It was a tough choice, but we decided that public safety and respect for others, including our partner agencies; vendors; and hotel, convention center, and restaurant staff, outweighed all other concerns," said SAT Staff.

This choice is reflected in other decisions such as the Governor's Proclamation (June 2, 2020) renewed his declaration that the novel coronavirus poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in Texas; his Executive order GA-29 (July 2, 2020) which generally requires face masks in public; and his Proclamation (July 2, 2020) which prohibits many gatherings and groups of more than 10 people. The CDC



still cautions that, "The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus."

"I know that I speak for the entire Board and all the Sheriffs when I say that we will miss the Conference this year. And we can't thank everyone enough for their support during these force majeure events," said Sabine County Sheriff Tom Maddox, the current president of SAT.

BLUES Publisher Michael Barron said he and his team were saddened by the news as they planned to unveil The BLUES' "PEACEMAKER" Jeep at the event.

"We pretty much expected the

announcement and were just waiting for it to become official," said Barron "But we understand that safety is paramount in an event like this. We are definitely looking forward to next year."

The 2021 Conference will be the 143rd Sheriffs' Association of Texas Conference and will be held in San Antonio Sunday August 1-Wednesday August 4, 2021.

More information will be available on the SAT website in the next few months. To place a reservation for 2021 or reserve exhibit space, contact The SAT at: smartinek@txsheriffs.org.



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Grand Prairie Officer Surprised by Wife Returning from Deployment Overseas

Officer Molina with the Grand Prairie (TX) Police Department was conducting a press briefing when his wife of 15 years surprised him after serving a six-month deployment in Iraq.

The agency posted video of the surprise reunion on its FACEBOOK page, saying that former Officer Molina (now Senior Master Sergeant Molina) left Grand Prairie PD in September 2019 to join the United States Air Force.

She recently returned to Texas to surprise her husband, Officer Molina at the Grand

Prairie Police Department.

The social media post said, "She is home for good! They both were hired at GPPD in June of 2017 as lateral police officers. Fun fact: Before they became officers, they applied to police departments separately, and didn't tell each other. Then, on the same day, they shared the news that they

had applied. Two peas in a pod. They've been married 15 years strong."

The post concluded, "It took a village to make this surprise a success and it went off without a hitch!"

It's great to have you back home Senior Master Sergeant Molina.



Houston Grand Jury adds 17 Counts to Six Former HPD Officers

The Jan. 28, 2019, raid came under scrutiny after police alleged then-officer Gerald Goines, who was shot during the raid, lied in a search warrant that a confidential informant had bought heroin at the home. Goines later acknowledged there was no informant and that he bought the drugs himself, authorities said.

His partner at the time, Steven Bryant, 46, is accused of providing false information in a report after the raid that supported Goines' story about a confidential informant.

Killed in the shooting were 58-year-old Rhogena Nicholas and 59-year-old Dennis Tuttle and their dog. Their family and friends have continuously dismissed allegations that the couple sold drugs. Police found small amounts of marijuana and cocaine in the home but no heroin. During the raid, four officers were shot and wounded, and a fifth injured his knee.

Goines had previously been indicted on charges of felony murder and tampering with government records. He was indicted on additional felony counts Thursday. The felony murder charge carries a life sentence.

The district attorney's Friday statement said that hundreds of defendants arrested by Goines have been notified that there

may be problems with their convictions. The defendants have been provided court-appointed lawyers.

Bryant had previously been indicted on charges of tampering with government records.

Three former supervisors and a former senior police officer were also indicted on felony charges Thursday.

"The charges stem from allegations that include using false information to get judges to sign search warrants; falsifying time sheets, putting false information in offense reports and falsifying government documents to steal," according to a statement released by Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg's office Friday.

"These indictments reinforce our decision to prosecute the graft, greed and corruption in this troubled Houston Police division," Ogg said. "We look forward to presenting all of the evidence in a courtroom to a jury and the people of Harris County."

The six officers were initially



Former Officer Gerald Goines



Former Officer Steven Bryant

charged on July 1.

Goines' attorney said the indictment was inconsequential. "There is no new information here," Nicole DeBorde told NBC News. "This time Ogg's announcement is just another opportunity for her to talk to the press about the same thing — not a shred of new information has come out."

"Mr. Goines has been fully compliant with all court orders and is still under house arrest and undergoing corrective surgeries after being shot in the face during the Harding Street investigation," she added, referring to the raid.

Bryant's attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Goines and Bryant were relieved of duty after the shooting and later retired.

Two McAllen Officers Shot & Killed Responding to Family Disturbance

by Dennis Romero

They were at the front door when the suspect opened fire on them before turning the gun on himself, the police chief said.

Two officers in McAllen, Texas, were shot and killed Saturday July 11, 2020 when they walked up to the door of a home where assaults had reportedly taken place, the police chief said.

Edelmiro Garza, Jr. 45, an eight-year veteran of the McAllen Police Department, and Ismael Chavez, 39, a two-year veteran, were killed before the gunman fatally shot himself, said Chief Victor Rodriguez.

"They go to the door of the residence," Rodriguez said in a news conference. "A person who was a suspect of the incident met our officers at the door and shot both officers as they stood there."

Neither Garza nor Chavez had time to radio for help or pull out their guns, he said.

"Our officers did not draw their weapons, did not fire, never



Officer Edelmiro Garza, Jr. EOW 7/11/2020



Officer Ismael Chavez, Jr. EOW 7/11/2020

stood a chance," Rodriguez said.

Other officers who arrived confronted the gunman near the house and ordered him to put his weapon down.

"At that point in time, he raises the gun and shoots himself," Rodriguez said.

He was identified as Aldon Jaramillo, 23, who had a police record for alleged assault, drunk driving, fleeing from officers and possession of marijuana, Rodriguez said.

Before Garza and Chavez reached the house, they had encountered two women, one

reportedly Jaramillo's wife and the other either Jaramillo's mother or mother-in-law, who told them which residence to go to, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez, who paused with emotion, said Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called him to express condolences.

"We serve regardless of the threats to us," the chief said.

U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez, D-Texas, said in a statement, "This is devastating news to our community. My heart breaks for these fallen officers and their families."

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

#Officerofthemoth goes to Deputy Galvan, Harris County Constable Pct. 4

This month's #Officerofthemoth goes to Harris County Constable Precinct 4 Deputy Galvan for having a heart bigger than his badge.

On a recent welfare check Deputy Galvan learned that a 90-year-old lady had not eaten for a few days. The lady said she would be fine and would be able to get some food soon after a few more days. She explained to Deputy Galvan when she gets hungry, she waits a little longer and the feeling goes away.

Deputy Galvan set out and purchased groceries and other items the lady was in need of. Deputy Galvan is a true hero in every sense of the word espe-



cially to this lady.

Nice work Deputy Galvan for having a heart bigger than your badge and showing Texas sized love while performing your duties.



Harris County Constable Mark Herman of Precinct 4, should be commended for his unbelievable staff of Deputies that go the extra mile each and every day,

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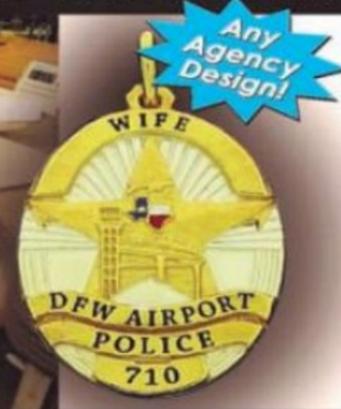
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Seattle, WA – Seattle lawmakers on Friday proposed legislation to abolish the Seattle Police Department and replace it with a “community-led” safety prevention program.

The proposal came just six days after 59 Seattle police officers were hurt during violent riots in the city.

On July 25, rioters blew a hole through the wall of the East Precinct, looted and destroyed businesses in the Capitol Hill area, and set occupied buildings aflame.

The resolution proposed by the blatantly anti-police city council on July 31 said that the Seattle Police Department “perpetuates racism and violence” and upholds “white supremacy culture,” the New York Post reported.

Christopher Rufo, the director of the Discovery’s Institute’s Center on Wealth and Poverty, posted a draft of the proposed legislation on Twitter.

The resolution offered a “blueprint” on how to defund the police and replace them with community groups overseen by a non-profit, civilian-led “Department of Community Safety & Violence Prevention,” according to the New York Post.

Under the proposal, law enforcement would be replaced by “community-led” activities, “culturally-relevant expertise rooted in community connections,” and organizations focused on “housing, food security, and other basic needs.”

SEATTLE ACTUALLY WANTS TO ABOLISH THEIR ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

by Sandy Malone & Holly Matkin



Those groups would have to prove to be “well-versed in de-escalation skills” and “trauma-informed, gender-affirming, anti-racist praxis” and be “committed to hiring staff from the communities they serve” in order to get funding, the New York Post reported.

According to the documents posted by Rufo, the resolution would create the department to replace the police and be ready to start implementation after November of 2021.

The proposal has not yet been scheduled for a vote, but a majority of the Seattle City Council have said they would vote for a plan to defund the police, the New York Post reported.

It was just the latest blow for a police department that has been under siege since 46-year-old George Floyd died in the custody of the Minneapolis police on May 25.

On July 9, a majority of the

Seattle City Council voiced support for a plan to slash the city’s police budget by 50 percent as crime skyrocketed in the city, The Seattle Times reported.

Seven of the nine Seattle City Council members indicated they were in support of the plan, although they provided no clear-cut method regarding what aspects of the police force would be axed under the proposal.

The 50 percent budget-reduction plan was presented by King County Equity Now and Black Lives Matter-inspired Decriminalize Seattle during a Seattle City Council budget committee meeting on July 8, The Seattle Times reported.

The goal of the four-pronged proposal is “defunding the Seattle Police Department and building a world where we trust and believe in community to provide the safety that we need,” Decriminalize Seattle spokesperson Jackie Vaughn said during a

press conference on Thursday.

The groups pushed to defund the Seattle Police Department (SPD) by over \$200 million for 2021, and further argued that the city should take back half of the department’s remaining 2020 budget.

Under the plan, Seattle’s 911 police dispatchers would be removed from SPD management.

King County Equity Now and Decriminalize Seattle said SPD funds should be reallocated towards investing in affordable housing, increasing “community-based solutions” to public safety, and funding a roadmap to “imagine life beyond policing,” The Seattle Times reported.

“I look forward to implementing the proposals outlined by you all,” City Council Budget Committee Chair Teresa Mosqueda told said during a press conference, KIRO reported.

“When millions of people took to the streets to protest excessive use of force and police violence, they were met with excessive use of force and police violence in Seattle and around the country, proving that it’s not just about a few bad actors,” Mosqueda declared. “It is the institution of policing itself that must be dismantled.”

“The status quo is no longer acceptable,” added City Council President Lorena Gonzalez. “We have to take away the things that no longer and should have never belonged to law enforcement in the first place.”



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A RESOLUTION related to policing and public safety establishing the Council’s intent to create a civilian led department of community safety & violence prevention; identifying actions in 2020 to remove certain functions from the Seattle Police Department and provide funding for a community-led process to inform the structure and function of a new department of community safety & violence prevention; requesting modifications to policing practices; requesting reporting to the Council; providing guidance on lay-off decisions; and establishing a work program and timeline for creating a new department.

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WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the nation’s and Seattle’s history of racism and the

current impact of institutional racism and structural racism cause over-policing and underinvestment in communities of color and especially in Black communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to confronting structural and institutional racism as a fundamental step towards addressing the racist institution of policing; and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, Minneapolis police officers murdered George Floyd, setting off nationwide protests against police brutality and for justice for Black victims of police violence; and

WHEREAS, these protests forced many nationwide and in Seattle to confront the racism that has been plaguing the Black community for centuries and spread to other communities of color, the harmful impacts of white supremacy culture, and the Seattle Police Department’s (SPD) role in perpetuating racism and violence; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the protests, thousands of complaints were lodged against SPD for their arrests, threats of arrest, and use of force against City and County residents, including the indiscriminate use of tear gas, blast balls, and rubber bullets; and

WHEREAS, SPD has allegedly used these tactics against legal observers, medical personnel, and journalists; and

2020 BLUEPRINT FOR POLICE DIVESTMENT/COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT *Decriminalize Seattle and King County Equity Now*

The 2020 uprising in Defense of Black Lives has created an opening for immediate change to the way cities across the country generate public safety and well-being. While this moment has created the opening for long-overdue change, years of research, work, and lived experience by Black communities and other communities of color informs the detailed vision in this blueprint. A commitment to the urgent call to defend Black lives requires immediate cuts from the Seattle Police Department budget. The City must make a 180 degree turn away from its long-standing pattern of increasing the police budget, and instead immediately cut the budget to generate real public safety and health. Coupled with the reinvestments listed below, these cuts have the capacity to create transformative change in the city of Seattle to increase alignment with the City’s stated commitments to racial and social justice.

The work to defund SPD and create true public safety and health will happen in phases. Phase one - the initial cuts and reinvestments listed below - will be facilitated by the 2020 budget rebalancing process the city of Seattle will complete by the first week of August 2020. This phase will be followed by deeper cuts to SPD’s budget to come in the 2021 budget cycle, coupled with a participatory budgeting process that will allow the community to determine the direction of deeper investments to generate true public safety and health.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Vice-President Mike Pence tends to 2 injured Pa. officers after motorcade hit by dump truck

Both officers were on motorcycles escorting the vice president's motorcade and sustained non-life-threatening injuries

By John Luciew, The Patriot-News

WHITE OAK, Pa. — Vice President Mike Pence shed that title and acted like an EMT after his western Pa. motorcade was involved in a collision with a dump truck Thursday, injuring two Pittsburgh police officers.

As the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports, the Pittsburgh police department noted in a statement that Pence got off his damaged tour bus "to tend to the officers personally; a gesture that was greatly appreciated by the officers themselves, and by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police."

The police statement goes on: "Pittsburgh Public Safety would like to thank Vice President Pence and members of the United States Secret Service for the concern and attention they showed the two injured officers."

Both officers were on motorcycles escorting the motorcade. They were part of the city's Special Deployment Division and were taken to a hospital where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries, the Post-Gazette reports.

The accident that injured the

officers was actually the second of the day, occurring a few minutes following a minor collision involving Pence's bus and



the dump truck, the Post-Gazette reports.

The motorcade headed to the Greensburg area reportedly came to a standstill around 11 a.m. and was back on the road about a half hour later, according to pool reports.

Pence was not injured and rode in a limousine to complete his campaign rally in Greensburg and tour of the Guy Chemical Co. in Somerset.

Pence did not comment on his



role as an impromptu EMT, but he did acknowledge and thank all police in a Q and A with pool reporters.

"Grateful for all of the law enforcement officers who support us and help get us safely to where we are going each day. Thank you for all you do!" Pence told reporters, according to NBC News. REPRINTED from The Patriot-News. ©2020

President Trump Met with NAPO: "You Have Tremendous Public Support"

President Donald Trump met with the leaders of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) at the White House to show his support for law enforcement.

The president met with the officials for nearly an hour in the Cabinet Room of the White House, listening to their concerns about the recent efforts by Democrats to defund police departments.

Trump praised the police, reminding them they have the support of the "silent majority" of the American people.

"You have tremendous public support," he said.

NAPO endorsed the president on July 15, abandoning its previous support of former Vice President Joe Biden and former President Barack Obama in the 2008 election.

"I was very honored to receive the endorsement," Trump said.

He expressed surprise that Biden had moved so far left on issues of law and order.

"This guy has been dragged so far left. Biden has been taken further left than Bernie ever was," Trump said, noting that the former vice president supported a "manifesto" agenda with socialist Democrat leaders.

The president highlighted his own efforts to sustain law and order in the country, including the ongoing effort by federal officers in Portland to defend a courthouse in the city.

"The ones that were the problem were absolute anarchists, in many cases professionals," Trump said, praising Acting Secretary of Department of Homeland Secretary



Chad Wolf and his agents for their response.

Trump said he was fully prepared to send agents into Seattle to end the Capitol Hill Organized Protest (CHOP or CHAZ) occupation force but that they surrendered before federal forces could be deployed.

"They heard that we were going in. ... By that time, the anarchists were exhausted, and they just raised their hands. They were exhausted and tired, and they had a lot of drugs and a lot of alcohol, and they just gave up. They just raised their hands," he said.

Trump noted that the rioters continued to attack police with Molotov cocktails, large blocks of ice, and even cans of soup.

"As a result of the outrageous attacks on law enforcement, violent crime has surged in certain Democrat-run cities," Trump said.

The president referred to ongoing violence in New York City, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Seattle. He blamed the surge in violence on Democrats criticizing law enforcement and threatening to defund them.

He singled out New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio for failing to support police officers.

"I think the cops in New York have got to get tough again," Trump said.

"They want to," one of the officials responded.

One leader said that local Democrats were taking away their crowd control tools, such as tear gas and police dogs.

The president joked with New Jersey State troopers about being pulled over for speeding.

"I know those great troopers on the highway," he said. "They've pulled me over on occasion for speeding."



WORDS BY SGT. T.F. WOODS

View From Ground ZERO

To begin with, I don't live in Texas and I've never heard of The Blues. But a law enforcement friend of mine does live in Texas and has read The Blues for the past 25 years. When he sent me a link to last month's issue, I read it from cover to cover and related immediately to the War Story about Pct. 8. I was one of the cops on the street that night. I noticed the author didn't use his real name nor the real names of the people involved. And I know why. Because our mayor and police commissioner have completely lost their minds. Rather than back the rank and file, they have joined these left-wing radicals in their quest to dismantle not only our department but cops in general everywhere. This is what it's like in my city, on my shift, in this war zone.

Having served two tours in Iraq, I know what a hot zone looks like. I know the fog of war. I know what death looks like. I know that in battle, your goal is to kill the enemy before they kill you. And to protect the men and women, that serve with you. Everybody goes home. Nobody

gets left behind. Watch your six. I get it and I understand it.

Tonight, as we gear up and get ready to hit the streets, you can see the uncertainty in the eyes of my brother officers. For those of us that served, the M4 a shorter more compact version of the M16 rifle used by most military, feels comfortable. For those that haven't served, I see how nervous they are carrying a rifle as their primary weapon. What pisses me off, we're loaded with rubber bullets and told not to fire at protesters unless your life is threatened. That goes against everything the military or the police academy teaches you.

If your life is in danger, your job is to put the suspect or enemy down. So, what the hell are we doing here. I'm confused as to why we are even lining up against these violent thugs. Now let me just say, getting hit with a rubber bullet fired from a M4 will do more than leave a mark. It's going to hurt like hell. But it isn't going to kill you. And if you are wearing body armor, its barely going to leave a mark. But it is what it is, and if faced with

an armed individual that threatens me or my team, I have still a Glock that will take them out.

While I won't identify myself, I will say that I'm a sergeant and tonight I have 10 men and 2 women officers assigned to my squad. Our assignment is to go downtown and keep several thousand protesters from destroying our city. Out of the thousands that show up, only about 15% are what I call 'paid instigators.' They are being bused into our city, obviously paid by some radical or left-wing group, to infiltrate the peaceful protesters and get them to rally against the police.

And by that, I don't mean yell and scream, and shove "BLM" or "I can't breathe" signs in our face. I mean they are providing water bottles, hammers, wooden stakes, and anything they can find that will injure us to the crowd. They are arming otherwise unarmed protesters and encouraging them to throw everything they have at every cop they can find. In some cases, I've seen smoke and flashbang grenades, as well as tear gas and pep-



per spray cans being used. They come prepared and they come loaded. And our job? Stand there and hold the line. And keep them from taking over city hall, police headquarters, and other prime targets I won't mention.

It's now 12am, and my squad and I have arrived downtown. We met up the evening shift commander and he advised me of what's transpired since this 'event' began at 1700 hrs. Our assignment is to keep the crowd contained between 8th and 9th Avenues and south of Main street. This area is only 2 miles from a major interstate. Under no circumstances are we to allow the crowd to gain access to that freeway.

"The command post is set up at Congress & 7th. They have multiple buses being used for temporary holding and staff on hand to handle the booking process. Just zip up, walk them over and drop 'em off. EMT's, Paramedics and a number of ambu-

lances are also staged behind the CP. Any of your guys get hurt, get them there ASAP."

"And Sarge, tonight we've implemented Operation T.A.G. We've got SWAT snipers located on rooftops all throughout the area. They have UCs on the ground in the crowd. Once they identify a suspect inciting or arming, they will pull them from the crowd, zip 'em and transport to the CP."

Ok Lt. we've got it from here. I briefed my team and we fell in behind the troops already on the front lines. The screaming and yelling is so loud, it's nearly impossible to hear the radio in your ear. In less than 5 minutes, I've already been hit by several dozen water bottles and God knows what else. As I look out over the crowd, I think to myself, we'll at least tonight they're all wearing face coverings. LOL. But I assuming it's not to protect them from COVID, it's so they can't be identified. And tonight's crowd

isn't protesters. These are 100% troublemakers. Their mission is to seek out and destroy everything in their path. Cops, patrol cars, buildings, anything of value.

When you get up close to these people, you can see one of two things in their eyes. Fear or rage. Either they are scared shitless to be here or they hate you and want to kill you. Or at least hurt you. The ones that are scared, probably came down here thinking 'aw it's just a calm protest no big deal. Then all hell broke loose and suddenly they are in the middle of a full-scale riot.

For the next few hours, we move the crowd south, keeping them as far away from city hall and the freeway entrance as possible. The T.A.G squads are working their asses off, as I'm seeing more and more assholes being jerked backwards and then disappearing behind the crowds. I hear status reports ever now

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and then from the CP and they are reporting over 100 in custody. The Sheriff's Dept. transport vans are making regular runs from the CP to Central and I hear booking is a war zone.

By 0400 hrs. you'd think the crowd would be thinning, but it isn't. Then again, we have boxed them into an area 1/3 the size as when we arrived so maybe it's an illusion. But I'm tired, I'm hungry, I'm thirsty and I gotta pee. I'm thinking I'll never bitch again about it being a boring ass night in South District.

At 0445 the sound of gunshots echo throughout the downtown area. It's impossible to tell from what direction they are coming. People are now running in all directions and cops are screaming in my ear. Reports are that a young girl has been shot on 8th avenue, but no officers are hurt. I grabbed five of my guys and headed in that direction. Literally hundreds of people are running in all directions. My only thoughts. Please, please God let there be no sniper. All throughout this entire ordeal, that's really what's been in the back of my mind. We don't need another Dallas here in my city.

I called the SWAT commander and got an update from the rooftop teams. NO evidence of a sniper, just a random shooter. No ID, no description. As I hung up, we arrived at the scene where the victim was supposed to be and all that we found was blood. Lots of blood. As we searched the area, a man armed with a shotgun over his shoulder approached us and advised he was a local merchant who was standing guard inside his store when the shooting occurred.

He said the victim was a young white woman and she was carried off by two black men he described as 'military types.'

"Where did they go," I asked. And he pointed North.

I called SWAT back and they advised a team would search the area and attempt to locate the victim. I gathered my team and headed towards the CP. We needed water and a restroom break. By 05:30 we were back on the active line and I sent my Corporal and the rest of my team to the CP for a break. What was left of the crowd was now just random people milling around. It looked like the bars had just closed and here's a bunch of young people looking for rides home. I guess UBER doesn't do riots.

At 06:30 the incident commander dismissed our squad and set us home. As we walked back to the CP, I half expected our patrol units to be torched. But nope. All just where we left them. My corporal joked "damn I was hoping this piece of crap would have fallen last night. I really need a new shop Sarge." Sorry Dan, maybe you'll get lucky tomorrow. At least there was some humor left in my people.

The sun was just starting to come up as we tossed all our gear in the backs of our units. My small little group gathered around as we began our new after-shift tradition. In the past few days, on the nights we had to go to war, we formed a circle and prayed. I usually took the lead and started, but tonight it was my rookie that led us.

"Heavenly Father, we thank



you for keeping us safe tonight. We thank you for keeping all our brothers and sisters in Blue safe, wherever they might be. We ask that you not only watch over us, but keep everyone safe, even those that would do us harm. Give them guidance and wisdom to know when speak their minds and when to walk away when things turn bad. We also pray Father that the young woman who was injured tonight is safe and in your arms. We ask that you watch over her and heal her wounds. And finally, Father, we pray that someday we all can stand and pray together and that everyone sees that all lives matter regardless of the color of their skin. In God's name we pray for peace. Amen." Amen.

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AFTERMATH

Thin Blue Line LEMC lost four members in a tragic crash near Kerrville Texas.

EDITORS NOTE: When we lose a fellow officer, in this case four officers, there's always two sides to the story. The most important thing is honoring the fallen officers and telling their story. What made them who they were, and the parts they played in this big revolving world of ours. The second, but just as important, is the 'why' it happened and who was responsible. I'm going to cover the why and let Rico Garcia, one of founders of the Thin Blue Line LEMC, honor his fallen brothers in a way only Rico can do.

On Saturday, July 18, 2020, members of the Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club mounted up and rode just like they do on most Saturdays. They were en route to their annual foundation meeting near San Antonio. They were on Hwy 16 near Kerrville Texas, when a drunk driver crossed the center line and plowed into the group head on.

Three of the riders died that

day and a fourth died a week later. Three other riders were critically injured and transported to local hospitals. Killed in the crash were Joseph Paglia, president of the TBLEMC Chicago chapter and a retired Officer with the Niles City Police Dept., Jerry "wings" Harbour, of Houston and a Thin Blue Line ambassador, a Lt. Col. Army (retired) and a retired pilot for Eastern Airlines and Michael White, nicknamed "Psycho" a police officer from Chicago and secretary of the TBLEMC Chicago chapter. The fourth member to die from his injuries was Joseph Lazo, a police sergeant in Niles, Illinois.

In an interview on "Fox & Friends," David Weed the public information officer for the club, told host Brian Kilmeade that Saturday started out like "any other day." Twenty-five of their members were en route to their annual foundation meeting near San Antonio when 28-year-old Ivan Robles Navejas, a Mexican



Ivan Robles Navejas

national living in the U.S. illegally, allegedly plowed into the front of their group. "It's really [an] unfortunate tragedy that happened," Armando Florido said. "We do ride in a formation that is staggered in order to keep us safer. But, this gentleman crossed the middle line and came straight on and hit the first bike. And, it was a dom-

ino effect with an explosion and it was a really sad scene to see." The driver, according to the Kerr County Sheriff's Office, was 28-year-old Ivan Robles Navejas, a Mexican national living in the U.S. illegally. He had protection under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [DACA] policy but it had expired in 2015. Navejas faces four counts of intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle and six counts of intoxicated assault.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents first encountered Navejas after a 2016

DUI arrest but under the Obama administration's "prosecutorial discretion" rules, he was allowed to remain in the U.S.

"He did not meet the agency's enforcement priorities at that time," an ICE official said.

Navejas also was convicted in 2015 of evading and resisting arrest and was currently out on a \$65,000 bond after allegedly beating and running over a patron at a bar and biting off a portion of the victim's ear, according to court records.

"At some point along the line in his criminal history, he should

have been arrested and when they found out he was here illegally he should have been in jail or not in our country," said David Weed, "It is that simple."

"Agency records indicate that Ivan Robles-Navejas was not subject to removal when arrested by Bexar County in 2018 due to his conditional permanent resident status. As a result, ICE did not lodge a detainer on him at that time," ICE told Fox News.

Navejas is being held with bail set at \$500,000 and ICE issued a detainer for deportation should he be released.



**JERRY WAYNE HARBOUR
AKA WINGS**



**JOSEPH PAGLIA
AKA GT**



SGT. JOSEPH LAZO

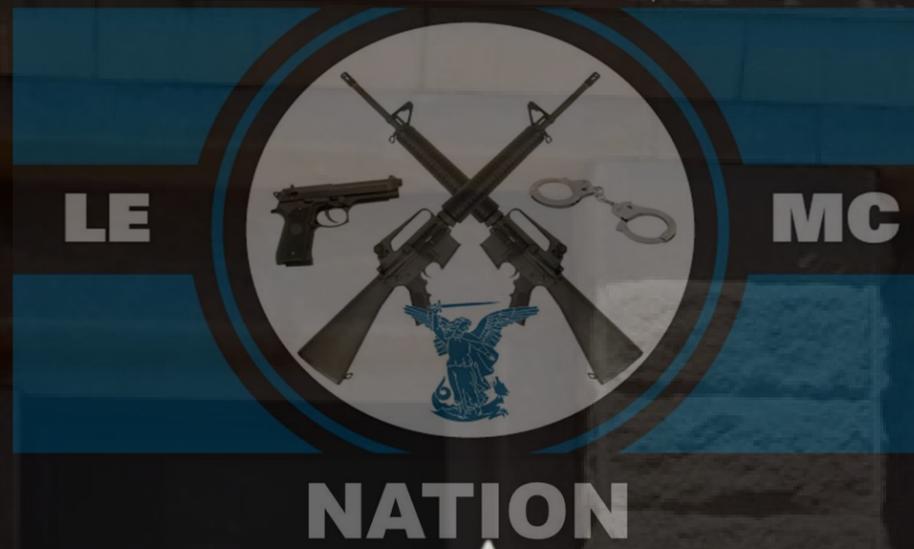


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AKA PSYCHO**



Sgt. Joseph Lazo
E.O.W. JULY 31, 2020

Thin Blue Line



Joseph Paglia
E.O.W. JULY 18, 2020



Jerry Wayne Harbour
E.O.W. JULY 18, 2020



Mike White
E.O.W. JULY 18, 2020

THE FUTURE OF POLICING

The policing innovations shaping the future of law enforcement. New technologies, new methods, and new ideas have brought significant change to law enforcement. Police and law enforcement agencies across the country are driving the change, pioneering creative ideas, adapting to changing contexts, and incorporating insights from officers and community partners. The innovations that are shaping the future of law enforcement begin with emerging technologies that support new concepts of operations, enabling the interventions and relationships that keep society safe

THE NEXT CENTURY OF POLICING

Law enforcement is about keeping society safe. So, it is no surprise that as society has changed, so too has law enforcement. New technologies, new methods, and new ideas have brought significant change to the profession. But at its core, law enforcement requires the same dedication to communities, the same sense of duty and sacrifice, and the same integrity it always has.

As law enforcement continues to evolve, it is important to look back at its history, with resources like the National Law Enforcement museum opening on October 13, to understand where we came from and what we can do to solve our most pressing challenges.¹ To understand those challenges, a museum can be a fantastic tool—allowing visitors to walk in the shoes of an officer and experience the dangers and stresses they face every day—but, we also must look forward at the future trends shaping that officer's day.

Today, the pace of technology is accelerating faster than ever.

New devices and services seem to appear every day. We can now order anything, anywhere—from groceries to software to a ride from a complete stranger—using only a phone. We can reach anyone, or millions of people, in an instant.

Our capacity to learn and to do good, and the capacity of some to do harm, is greater than ever. Technology is changing core aspects of how we interact as a society, and as society changes, so too will the tools, techniques, and concepts the men and women of law enforcement use to keep us safe.

DISTRIBUTED SENSING & VIRTUAL PATROLS – *Combining emerging technologies to gain greater awareness, faster response.*

Every investigative journey begins with collecting facts about the world. Traditionally, this work has been tough. It could mean relying on an officer's memory of a license plate to look out for, or long hours searching for the right pieces of

information. It often means being there, to see, to hear, and to deter—and no department can be everywhere. However, new technologies, like the Internet of Things (IoT) and smart sensors, can be there when needed.

Smart sensors can be used to compile many different types of information to help officers do their jobs faster and more effectively. Two new capabilities can log locations, listen for gunshots, stream video, flag license plates, scan databases, and go on virtual patrol, allowing officers unprecedented awareness in their environments.

These capabilities can provide the raw data which more detailed analytics can use to likely enhance efficiencies and expedite investigations. Most importantly, these technologies can help officers become more efficient.

TECHNOLOGY / YOUR PARTNER IN THE FIELD – *Harnessing digital technologies to improve officer and citizen safety.*

IoT and distributed sensing are

about leveraging new technology to gather information about the world, and point in the right direction. But what should officers do on the scene? New technologies and practices are developing that can help guide action in the world. Advances in areas such as 5G communication, electronics miniaturization, and augmented reality allow people to see, hear, and act in ways that were previously impossible.

For example, an officer arriving at an unfamiliar situation can now use augmented reality glasses to see pertinent information about prior calls for service from this address,

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find exits from a building, or see the recent crime history on the block. With this information an officer could take precautions to protect themselves and even better serve the public.

If an officer first walking up to a house saw that the occupant has a history of medical conditions, she could immediately bring an Automated External Defibrillator saving time and possibly a life. New technology can also provide digital back up in the field. Small autonomous drones, for example, can be programmed to follow officers, scout locations, and provide video streams so that no officer ever has to go into any situation truly alone.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND PREDICTIVE POLICING – Leveraging mountains of data to prevent crime.

We live in a world awash in data. And as many departments deploy technology solutions like augmented reality, body cameras, license plate readers, and smart sensors, they will likely generate more data each day than in their entire analog histories. The success of future law enforcement strategies rests on being able to quickly and efficiently harness these immense volumes of data to support investigations and enforcement actions. But these mountains of data are too vast for any human to comb through, even if they dedicated an entire lifetime to searching.

To gain real insight, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning will be key to future investigations. For example, each

year more than eight million tips on the location of missing children must be analyzed by a team of just 25 investigators. AI is being deployed to help those investigators sift through the data and find the most likely leads to identify exploited children and reunite them with loved ones. AI is already demonstrating its value around the world by helping police in England analyze CCTV video, officers in India find 3,000 missing persons in just four days, and the Dutch to find promising leads in cold cases.

By analyzing patterns, sensor feeds, and databases of records, AI could help law enforcement identify critical places to be, find key linkages between suspects, and explore other insights hidden in a sea of data. However, with civil liberties group already calling for bans on technologies such as predictive policing and facial recognition, law enforcement needs to find uses of AI that are effective but also consistent with community expectations.

EVIDENCE -BASED POLICING – Rigorously testing what works and scaling key insights.

AI and machine learning can help find the clues to target a patrol or forward an investigation, using simple rule sets to test new hypotheses, identify what works, and scale successes. A similar approach—evidence-based policing—can also be applied to the methods of police work itself. Evidence-based policing includes using advanced forensic techniques to extract more information from the same amount of evidence, but it also

goes beyond this to examine the heart of police activities.

Evidence-based policing can analyze data about the outcomes of police interactions to help find the most effective methods and tools while minimizing the use of tactics that tend to make situations worse. In an era when many police officers are being asked to do more and more with fewer and fewer resources, evidence-based policing seeks to pair them with outside assistance, such as academic researchers or computer programmers, to help focus their efforts on the most effective police work. That is exactly what the national police of New Zealand found when they established their Evidence Based Policing Centre.

Researchers are now able to comb through data and identify where enforcement actions could be most effective (for example, targeting drug distribution at the island nation's airports) and when officers' time could be better spent elsewhere (using traditional Māori-led decision-making mechanisms to improve outcomes for young Māori).

Using these methods, police were able to design more effective strategies to combat the most complex safety issues facing society, from domestic violence to cybercrime, while redirecting other issues to com-

munity support structures.

NEW MODES OF CUMMUNITY-INVOLVEMENT – A new beat to walk.

Change is inevitable, but law enforcement agencies can take proactive steps to prepare for the future. Along with these future trends, changing demographics are shifting what the officer of the future will look like and how they will spend their day. Law enforcement leadership must recognize these changes not only to recruit the right personnel, but also to manage them effectively in a world shifting from

bricks and mortar to bits and bytes.

The millennial officer of the future will be the one in uniform as departments struggle to transition today's policing standards to tomorrow's. To make that transition as seamless as possible, one requires not only knowledge of the trends shaping the future, but also a deep understanding of law enforcement's past. By studying the history of law enforcement with resources like the National Law Enforcement museum, and by understanding the innovations that will drive the future, the law

enforcement agencies of tomorrow will potentially be better prepared for change—and use it to their advantage.

And though technologies, methods, and tools may continue to evolve, the core of law enforcement remains the same: tirelessly working to improve community engagement and public safety. Innovation is likely to bring greater insight and safety than ever before, but the same professionalism and discipline that brought law enforcement through the last century will continue to be keys to success in the next one.



TOP 5 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES POLICE AGENCIES CAN'T DO WITHOUT

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Along with good old-fashioned police work, a range of sophisticated technologies are being added to the crime fighting toolkit. Some technologies, such as body worn cameras (BWCs), have already proven their worth, some look very promising, while still others must prove their true value over time. However, there are five technologies already benefiting police:

- drones
- body worn cameras
- case management software (CMS)
- artificial intelligence (AI)
- vr training (Virtual Reality)

• drones

Ever since a gunman massacred 58 people at a Las Vegas music festival in 2017, police have sought new ways to heighten event security. Drones have become a new, effective, and increasingly popular way to put more eyes on the crowd. In fact, The Center for the Study of the Drone at Bard College reports that as of May 2018, 910 U.S. state and local public safety agencies operate drones, 599 of which are law enforcement agencies.

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California, provides an example of how drones boost security. This festival sees more than 125,000 people congregate daily during its nine-day run. Drones provide a cost-effective way to patrol the event, monitor

traffic, and improve response to adverse situations.

But this is just one example of how drones are used. Police departments employ drones to map fatal car crashes.

Officers once mapped and measured a crash scene with surveying tools. This process took many hours. But with a drone, it takes just minutes. With quicker and more accurate results, departments drastically reduce traffic delays after an incident.

Police also use drones to collect aerial data in emergencies. This helps direct resources where they're most needed. The data also provides situational awareness that keeps first responders safe by giving them intelligence about a scene before they arrive.

Agencies also rely on drones to create orthomosaic maps to review a crime scene in detail, long after it is cleaned up. An InterDrone presentation in 2018 documented how an investigator recovered a bloody cell phone after closely examining a crime scene map

made by a drone. The footage helped him identify a suspect in a homicide investigation.

Drones have also demonstrated their worth in everything from bomb scenes to marijuana grows, missing persons to domestics.





- **body worn cameras**

Department adoption of BWCs has grown as fast as public sentiment toward police has plummeted. Highly publicized incidents such as the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer in 2014; and the death of Freddie Gray while in police custody in Baltimore, Maryland; are among the reasons driving BWCs to become standard issue in many agencies. In fact, a 2018 Police Executive Research Forum survey showed over one-third of U.S. law enforcement agencies equip some or all officers with BWCs. The study also found another 50% plan to do so soon.

While some officers may find that BWCs feel like a “Big Brother” intrusion, they have been shown to help resolve citizen complaints and lawsuits alleging excessive use of force and other forms of officer misconduct. Video footage helps corroborate the facts of every encounter and brings cases to a close more quickly.

Agencies find that BWCs enhance transparency and accountability. In some communities, citizens mistrust police and frequently question less-lethal encounters between officers and the public. Captured video footage provides documentation that protects the public from unnecessary use of force and officers from unfounded citizen complaints.

Agencies also report that BWCs provide a civilizing effect during interactions. Citizens will change their behavior toward officers after being informed they are being recorded. This, in turn, can prevent events from escalating to a point where force is used.

• case management software (CMS)

Police officers make the arrests and collect the evidence, while prosecutors present cases in court. Doing this properly requires sophisticated case management tools. Today's investigations are complex and include volumes of forensic and digital information. Officers need a tool that organizes case data in a central location.

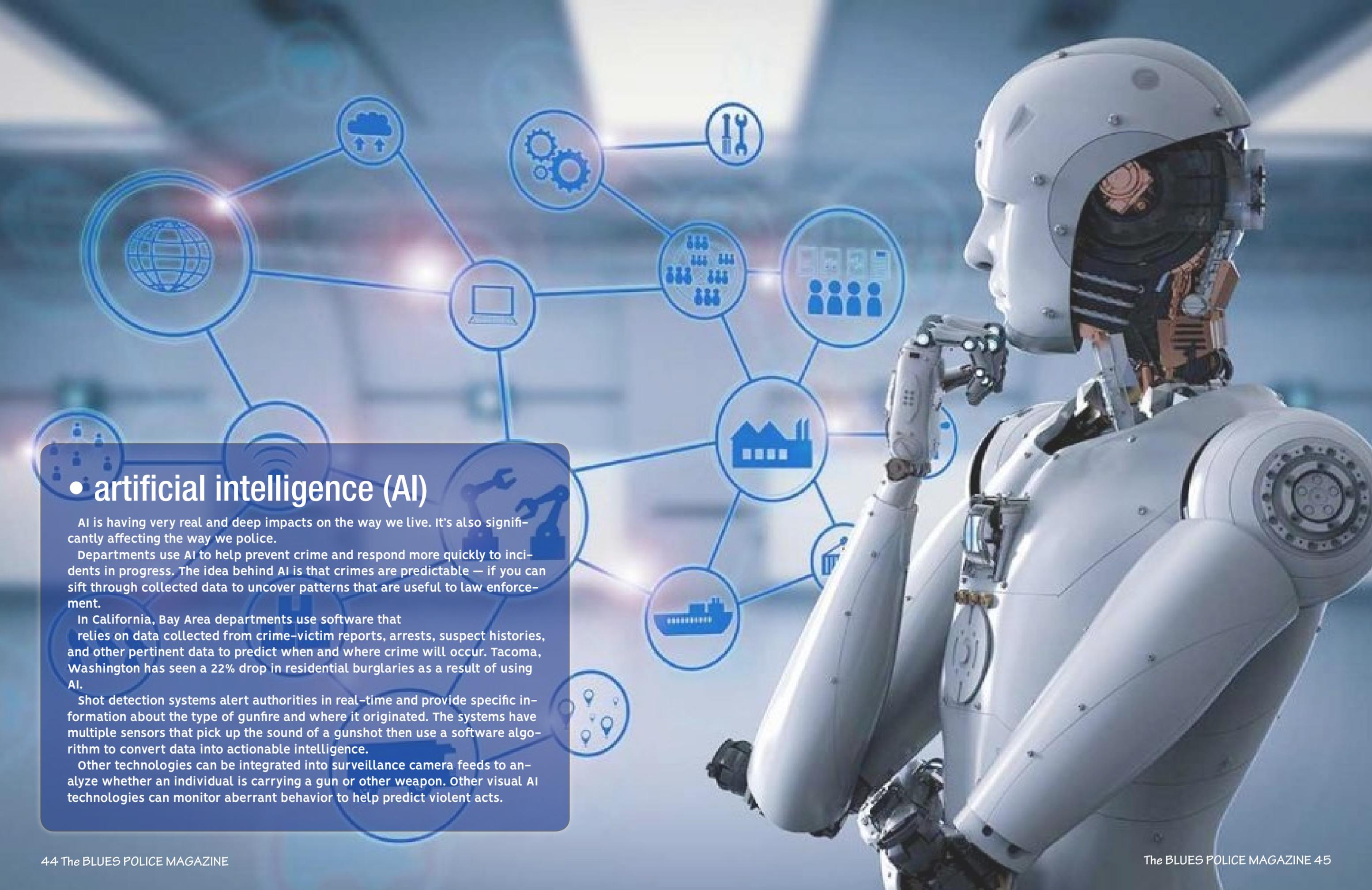
Police use case management software (CMS) to store and retrieve documents, such as witness statements, complaints,

suspect interviews and more; locate and manage audio and video files; track physical evidence; manage incoming tips and leads; develop and understand connections across incidents and cases; manage workflow; produce case reports; and more.

A web-based CMS helps agencies shorten processing time for investigations, comply with federal and state regulations, detect emerging trends and manage risk, simplify and

automate processes, boost productivity, increase data quality and better manage evidence.

CMS also help officers connect cases. When Clovis, California, experienced a rash of burglaries in 2017, crime analysts suspected a serial burglar at work. Officers entered the details of each burglary into the CMS, identifying the suspect and his vehicle, which led to his arrest for 40 separate incidents.



• artificial intelligence (AI)

AI is having very real and deep impacts on the way we live. It's also significantly affecting the way we police.

Departments use AI to help prevent crime and respond more quickly to incidents in progress. The idea behind AI is that crimes are predictable — if you can sift through collected data to uncover patterns that are useful to law enforcement.

In California, Bay Area departments use software that relies on data collected from crime-victim reports, arrests, suspect histories, and other pertinent data to predict when and where crime will occur. Tacoma, Washington has seen a 22% drop in residential burglaries as a result of using AI.

Shot detection systems alert authorities in real-time and provide specific information about the type of gunfire and where it originated. The systems have multiple sensors that pick up the sound of a gunshot then use a software algorithm to convert data into actionable intelligence.

Other technologies can be integrated into surveillance camera feeds to analyze whether an individual is carrying a gun or other weapon. Other visual AI technologies can monitor aberrant behavior to help predict violent acts.



• vr training (Virtual Reality)

A recent survey of more than 4,200 active officers and command personnel from a cross-section of agencies yielded surprising findings about police encounters with the mentally ill. Ninety-nine percent of officers reported dealing with mentally ill or crisis-deranged individuals personally or as supervisors while on duty. Sixty percent reported more than 11% of their public contacts fell in this category. Some larger agencies reported

nearly half their calls involved people in emotional crisis or with mental health issues.

The Treatment Advocacy Center reported another alarming statistic. People with untreated mental illness are 16 times more likely to be killed during a police encounter than other citizens.

A promising pilot program in Chicago is leveraging VR to help officers to better understand how a person in crisis reacts, which in turn will improve

their response. The program uses training simulations created for video gaming goggles to let officers virtually step into the minds of individuals under duress.

The VR training program helps officers learn techniques to de-escalate situations involving people suffering from mental health issues, crises, or psychotic episodes. Training scenarios include dealing with individuals with autism and schizophrenia.

• what's next

Twentieth Century futurists predicted today's world would be dominated by flying cars and robot servants. Though these predictions have yet to be realized, we do live in a world dominated by technologies that couldn't have been predicted by these would-be prognosticators.

Officers wear watches to keep connections open with dispatch; use apps to detect when drivers are texting and driving; operate unmanned robots to minimize risk in police standoffs. The list goes on.

The five tools listed above are just a small sampling of the technologies available today. There's little doubt that the future of policing is tied closely with the development of more high-tech crime fighting tools.

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Police Corporal Ron Slagle with the Marion Police Department just wanted to help.

He had heard about the increase in depression, suicide and PTSD among first responders and military personnel. He had also watched a documentary called "Code 9 Project" which specifically outlined how these groups often suffer silently or don't seek the help they need. But what could he, a 25-year veteran of the police force, part-time high school coach, husband and father of three do to help?

He did the one thing he had always done when he needed direction.

"I prayed," Slagle said. "I knew that God would direct my heart down the right path."

And God did.

From his experience coaching, Slagle knew a little something about shoes and he went to a business partner with his idea to create a shoe that paid tribute to police, firefighters, first responders and the military. He wanted

all profits to be given to organizations that support members of these professions when they need help the most.

"The plan was to design and produce 600 pairs of shoes and, once they were sold, we were going to stop production," Slagle said. "But God has his hand on this project, and we're close to selling 14,000 pairs."

What really helped sales escalate was Slagle's appearance on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" right before July 4, 2019. The shoes were featured, and Slagle talked about his commitment to help veterans and first responders.

"I was still on my way back from the taping when the orders just took off," Slagle said. "But we love a challenge and we never shut down our website even when we were swamped with orders."

A rewarding by-product of Slagle's venture was reconnecting with some of the athletes he coached in high school.

"When you coach, you form

strong relationships," Slagle said. "When we became so busy filling orders, several of my former players came by asking if they could help. It's those types of lasting bonds that make it all worthwhile."

Slagle is quick to credit his family for helping the idea and the business succeed. His wife, Bambi, a full-time occupational therapist and their three children Jared, Megan and Emma, along with their significant others, have all been instrumental in making this idea a reality.

"Without them, none of this would be happening," Slagle said.

Honor and Respect has grossed over \$1M in sales and has added different products to their lineup, including shirts, hats and bags with even more new products to come. Even though the idea far exceeded his expectations, Slagle still intends to honor his commitment to send all the profits to groups that address depression, suicide and PTSD.

"I've heard from people who

say they love the product and love what we're doing," Slagle said. "And that's what it's all about."

Slagle believes he has never sold a product in his life. What he's selling is an idea he wants people to believe in.

"The product stands for our mission and our mission is to help," Slagle said. "When they believe in our mission, the shoes are just secondary."

Just some of the groups that benefit from Honor & Respect are:

SoldierStrong

SoldierStrong is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to provide revolutionary technology, innovative advancements and educational opportunities to veterans to better their lives and the lives of their families.

IOWA Service Dogs

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Honor / Respect Founder, Corporal Ron Slagle

puppyhood until we match the dog with its warrior.

Blue H.E.L.P.

It is the mission of Blue H.E.L.P. to reduce mental health stigma through education, advocate for benefits for those suffering from PTSD, and acknowledge the sacrifice of law enforcement officers we have lost to suicide.

The Code 9 Project

Providing education and training for the prevention of PTSD for first responders and their families.

Running 4 Heroes

Zechariah is dedicating his passion of running to honor fallen law enforcement officers. He runs 1 mile to honor every fallen officer in the line of duty. We are proud to be the sole sponsor of Running 4 Heroes and their mission.

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running 4 heroes



RUNNING 4 HEROES 2020 UPDATE ON STATS

Total Miles Run in 2020: (as of 7/31/20): 194

Total Miles Run in 2019: 376

Overall Miles Run: 570

*Zechariah ran a total of 34 miles in July.
Sadly, 12 of those were for heroes out of Texas.*



Corrections Officer V Eric Johnson



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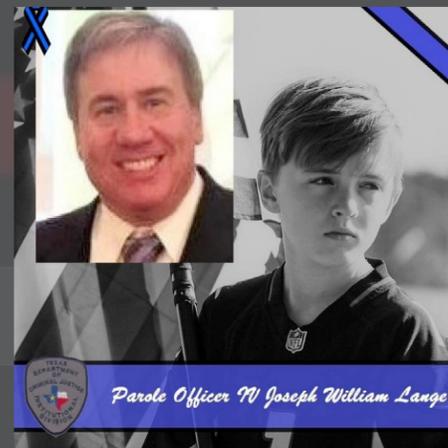
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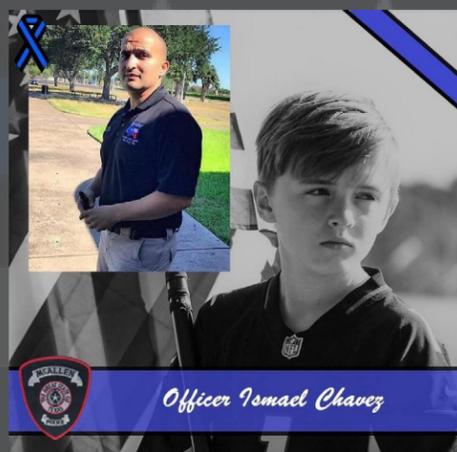
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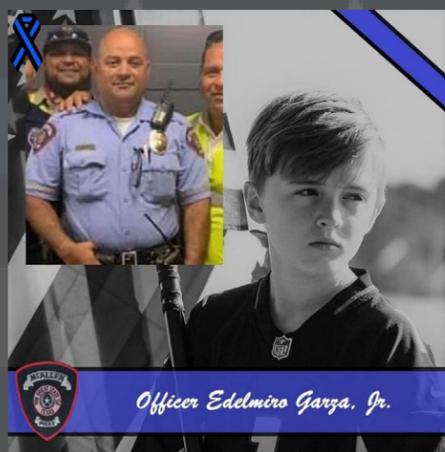
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Chief Deputy Lee R. Weber



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Fire Lieutenant / Fire Marshal
Ron Wehlage, Jr.



Officer Jason Judd

Running 4 Heroes is a Non-Profit organization founded by a then 10-year old (now 11) Zechariah. His mission seeks to raise funds for injured First Responders while also paying tribute to all Fallen Heroes through running. Follow Zechariah on his Facebook Page @Running4Heroes.

running 4 heroes



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody announced two new Back the Blue Award recipients from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Colby Beck, a first responder recently injured while stopping an active shooter, and Deputy Reese Dew who rushed to administer first aid to the injured officer. Attorney General Moody's first Back the Blue Award winner and Running 4 Heroes Inc. founder, Zechariah Cartledge, presented the officers with the awards last Friday. Along with Attorney General Moody's Back the Blue Award, Zechariah presented Sgt. Beck with \$7,500 from the Running 4 Heroes Injured First Responder Grant. Running 4 Heroes is a non-profit organization with a mission to raise funds for injured first responders and pay tribute to fallen first responders through running.

In February 2019, Attorney General

Moody presented Zechariah the first ever Attorney General Back the Blue Award, for his support of law enforcement and commitment to honor fallen heroes nationwide. Zechariah, 10-years-old at the time, began running one mile for each law enforcement officer and firefighter lost in the line of duty and began raising funds for those injured in the line of duty in 2019.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is an honor and privilege to recognize the efforts of Calhoun County Sergeant Colby Beck and Deputy Reese Dew. Sergeant Beck's heroic response undoubtedly saved many lives through his discipline and courage in the face of an active shooter, sustaining injuries himself to protect others. Deputy Dew's quick response helped save Beck's life. I am proud to recognize these two heroes and thrilled our first-ever Back the

Blue Award winner Zechariah Cartledge was able to present them with the awards.

"Zechariah has shown an extraordinary level of maturity in his gratitude and service to our first responders. At just 11-years-old, he has already raised nearly \$40,000 in relief funds for injured first responders. We can all learn a thing or two from Sergeant Beck, Deputy Dew and Zechariah, who are each shining examples of service over self."

Calhoun County Sheriff Glenn Kimbrel said, "I cannot be prouder of the incredible bravery shown by my deputies when faced with a moment that will change their lives forever. They did not falter but acted with heroism to save as many people around them as could be saved. Thank you Zechariah and Running 4 Heroes Inc. for honoring our injured officer."



Zechariah took time out of his lunch break on Tuesday August 4th to stop by the Orlando Customs and Border Patrol Field Operations office to meet all the US Border Patrol Officers.



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In just one week, that is how much Zechariah's mission has been able to impact the lives of our First Responder Community, and it's all thanks to your support.

\$6,000 was awarded to an Injured First Responder out of Arkansas on Saturday, 7/11.

\$7,500 was donated to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation On Thursday, 7/16.

\$7,500 was awarded to an Injured First Responder out of Florida on Friday, 7/17.

\$7,500 was awarded to the Concerns of Police Survivors on Saturday, 7/18.



light bulb award

Normally there are more than enough candidates here in Texas for the LB Award, but this month we can't ignore the stupidity raging across this country with the "Defund the Police" movement.

Therefore, we congratulate the cities of Portland and Minneapolis for winning the Light Bulb Awards for August 2020.

PORTLAND

Let's start in Portland, the site of some of the worst protesting and rioting in the country, where back in June the City Council approved a budget that cut nearly \$16 million from the Portland Police Bureau. The vote was 3-1 because this moron, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly wanted to cut even more or totally disband the department "in solidarity" with the community.

The budget cuts eliminated 107 full-time officers, the Gun Violence Reduction Team and the SERT team. But wait, the money isn't wasted. According to another idiot on the board Jo Ann Hardesty, \$4.8 million of the \$16 million will go to fund the Portland Street Response. This program launched by Hardesty, "features" an EMT and a social worker to respond to calls dealing with mental health or homeless people. At least she was smart enough to have an EMT along on the call, so when the homeless mental patient attacks and stabs the social worker, the EMT will be there to render aid.

Hardesty also threw love kisses

to Mayor Ted Wheeler saying "I'm so proud to be a colleague of yours" for listening to our community to defund the police.

So, what happens when you defund the Police? As of August 2, 2020, protesters have taken to Portland streets for 67 consecutive days. The situation became so severe that President Trump sent in Federal officers who weren't taking crap from anyone. They fired tear gas and rubber bullets virtually every night to disperse the crowds. On July 30, the federal officers turned over the job of guarding the Federal Courthouse to Oregon State Police and Portland Police.

And who do you suppose was speaking at these violent rallies? Yep, love kisser herself, Ms. Jo Ann Hardesty. Obviously, her plan is to get rid of the cops so she can incite riots and not get arrested. I say move the protests to Hardesty and Wheeler's neighborhoods. Let's see how they like 5,000 protesters throwing bottles and grenades at their cars, peeing in their flowerbeds and torching their houses. But don't worry, we'll send the Hardesty Squad right over to 'calm' the crowd.

MINNEAPOLIS

On June 24, 2020 the Minneapolis City Council unanimously



Jo Ann Hardesty, Councilwoman & Protester

approved a proposal to eliminate the city's police department, marking the first step toward establishing a new "holistic" approach to public safety. A holistic approach?

"A holistic approach to healing & life opens the door to a more joyful and fulfilling life. Why wait when you can explore what might be possible now? Bring Out the Best In You. Learn More About You. Love and Value Yourself. Make Lasting Changes. Overcome Challenges." Are you serious.

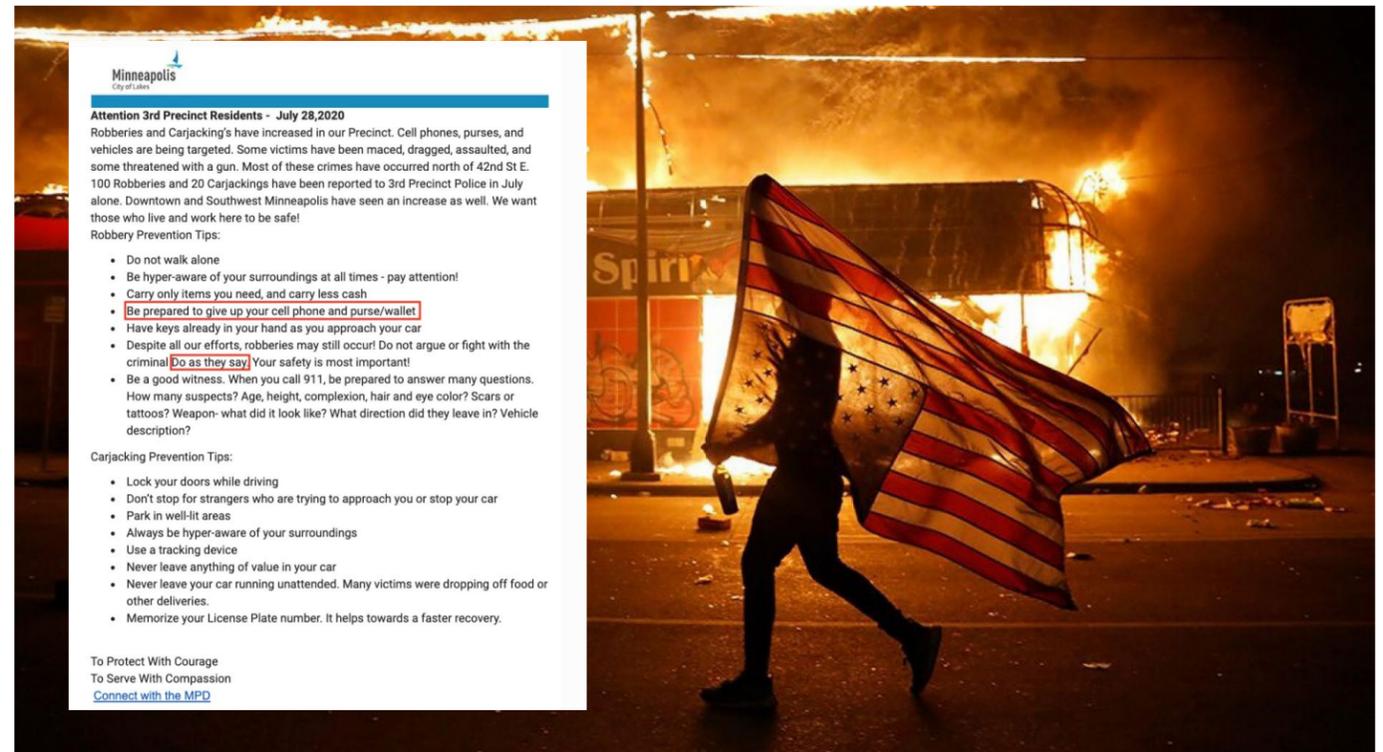
"Hello 911, what's your emergency?"

"There's a man here with a gun"

"Hold on, I'll transfer you to a Holistic Staff Member" "Can you hand the phone to the man with the gun please"

Wait, is that meditation music you're playing? WTF kind of shit is this?

"Hello, my name is KINDNESS, what's your name? Let's share some love together and try and not shoot anyone today"



Minneapolis PD "Be prepared to give up your cell phones & money"

Here's their plan: the city will eliminate the existing police department and replace it with "a department of community safety and violence prevention, which will have responsibility for public safety services prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach."

The department would be overseen by a director, nominated by the mayor and approved by the City Council. Only individuals with "non-law enforcement experience in community safety services, including but not limited to public health and/or restorative justice approaches," will be eligible to hold the post, according to the amendment.

Additionally, the city could keep a much smaller division of law enforcement in effect under the supervision of the department of community safety and violence prevention.

"We are going straight into

the architecture of how safety is provided for in our community, and we're going straight into the heart of the foundations of that work," council member Alondra Cano said.

Well that's all lovely and all but have you stepped outside lately. It's anarchy on your streets Ms. Cano. In fact, your city is burning to the ground in front of your rose-colored glasses.

Documentary filmmaker Ami Horowitz embedded himself in the Minneapolis protests-turned-riots and said the majority of protesters he spoke with supported an orgy of violence including killing cops.

Horowitz, who previously covered police protests in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014, spoke to "peaceful protesters" back in June in the city where George Floyd died while in police custody on Memorial Day. He found that, while they acted peacefully, they sup-

ported the looting and violence that started there and continued in other cities.

"What I saw was really shocking," Horowitz told Fox News. "It was a city on fire and full of chaos. Anarchy was reigning across the streets, and you saw police officers chasing roving bandits all over the city."

"There's a media narrative that tries to divorce the violence and the protesters and what I actually found is that they're two sides of the same coin," Horowitz explained. "Not that the protesters engaged in violence, but that the protesters agreed that violence was a necessary means to an end. Their perverted version of justice."

"We're attacking big, known businesses like Apple, Boost ... Target, Walmart, Best Buy, all that s---t, Gucci ... Whatever the

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NOT SO BRIGHT

light bulb award

f--k you all like, you better lock your doors!" one protester tells him in the video. This protester calls the looting "slavery money ... So, when we take it back or we burn it down, yeah. We're getting back what's ours. You won't give it up? Okay, you ain't having it no more."



So, City Council, what is your "holistic" plan to deal with the "orgy of violence" that has taken over your city? I can tell you what advised your citizens. After reporting a 46 percent increase in carjackings and a 36 percent increase in robberies, the PD has advised citizens to be ready and willing to comply with the demands of criminals.

Police in the city's Third Precinct alone have received more than 100 reports of robberies and 20 reports of carjackings in just the last month, as the Democrat-run city continues to spiral into anarchy.

"Be prepared to give up your cell phone and purse/wallet," the police said in their email. The message also warned that "some victims have been maced, dragged, assaulted, and some threatened with a gun."

In addition to emailing residents, the police have now circulated the order to obey crimi-

nals and be prepared to be robbed via Minneapolis media outlets. KTSP and other local outlets have all reposted the Minneapolis Police Department's directives word for word.

Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said his department has "redeployed internal resources and intelligence gathering" to combat what he calls an "uptick" in crime. Uptick? Dude you're F'ked.



HONORARY MENTION SEATTLE

The news from Minneapolis comes after the Seattle Police Department sent letters to residents admitting that they are unable to enforce the law in the city.

The Seattle Police Department announced last Friday that residents and business owners in the

city are on their own, after the leftist City Council banned police from using standard crowd control tools including pepper spray and other tools used to disperse large, violent crowds.

"Simply put, the legislation gives officers NO ability to safely intercede to preserve property in the midst of a large, violent crowd," reads a letter from Seattle Chief of Police, Carmen Best, who added that thanks to the City Council, "Seattle Police will have an adjusted deployment in response to any demonstrations this weekend."

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Gaining your emotional balance

I have always been fascinated by tactical training and the expertise that it often requires with years of repetitive practice and the need to constantly seek new knowledge. Tactical instructors are often the lifeline to officers who need to know how and when to use deadly force. Although I am not professionally tactically trained, I have been fortunate to work with some of the best trainers in the nation, so I have been blessed to become familiar with at least some of the jargon in the field. In writing this article I reached out to a few tactical subject matter experts to better understand the concept of "Getting off the X". In a nutshell, I received an excellent brief education on the fact that remnants of certain types of tactical training from the past still haunt law enforcement and can result in officers being injured or killed each year. The square range concept, standing on a static line when conducting firearms training, is one of those training paradigms that experts now decry as potentially non-effective in a deadly situation that requires strategic movement to survive.

Given all the possible dimensions and meanings of "getting off the X", several factors can also apply directly and symbolically to the emotional and psychological mental health of

officers. Over the years I have counseled countless officers who became stuck on the emotional X, feeling powerless to move to a better psychological place and struggling with the still present organizational cultural requirement to remain stoic at all costs and "suck it up". I have sadly witnessed firsthand the deadly consequences of these patterns and choices, with the last step including the consideration or completion of suicide.

I had the wonderful opportunity to work with another expert in the field of law enforcement health, wellness, and resiliency. Dr. Olivia Johnson coined the phrase "Getting Off the Emotional X" a concept that often symbolizes that remaining in a place of emotional struggle, chaos, or a place of pain can make us easy targets for adverse and harmful consequences. If officers continue to function in this space, it becomes problematic and habitual. The pattern can take hold with a vengeance. Officers must recognize the cycle and work to mitigate the negative consequences to their health and wellness in a productive way.

So, how can Officers "Emotionally Get off the X"? Dr. Johnson and I also discussed how officers can approach these essential lifesaving changes. First, you must recognize where you are.



DR. TINA JAECKLE

Where are you? Well, it may seem dark, and scary, and all too often, a lonely and isolated place. A place that may or may not be familiar to you. The good thing, if you are familiar with this place, then at some point you were able to get out. If this place is new to you, just know this, you are not alone. Also know that sometimes getting out of this place requires the help of others. One of the biggest hurdles is recognizing when you are at-risk of staying on the X too long and recognizing when you need to take responsibility for your health and wellness, to include the assistance of clinical professionals who make it their life's work to assist you in being emotionally well. This is imperative to your personal well-being, your career, and your family. They want you well. Remember, we all can be at risk of staying

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on the X too long, but we must all be vigilant and mindful of the damage that can be done by inhabiting this place. We must all look out for each other. Take the step to get off the emotional X, you cannot stay static. Reach out, there are wonderful resources for Officers available: Safe Call Now: 206-459-3020; Serve and Protect: 615-373-8000.

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Sheriff Glenn Smith, Waller County

Maybe you've heard the old saying "They don't make em like that anymore..." Maybe you haven't.

Either way, I'm here to tell ya, when it comes to Sheriff Glenn Smith, of Waller County, Texas that's a fact. They'll never make em like him, again.

By Rex Evans

To know about this man's career and steadfast dedication to public service, you'd have to go all the way back to 1978. Where he started his career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Throughout his career, this life long legendary Texas Lawman was a Deputy Sheriff, Police Officer, chief of Police, a Task Force Commander and ultimately, he became the Sheriff of Waller County.

Now to be fair, a career like that which extends

over forty years, has many highs and many lows. I've no doubt, Sheriff Smith saw a lot of good times, met and knew a lot of good people. I know he saw many happy times and great memories.

Equally I can tell you, over so many years in law enforcement, he saw many hard times, some pretty bad people who were very dangerous. He saw many a tough crime scene, too. Men, women and children who

never had.

But, he worked so hard because he knew, he and those few like him, were all that was standing between, right and wrong. He knew, there's innocent people, good people who couldn't defend themselves

from those who willfully do harm, unto others.

For over forty years, this man's sole driving desire was his tenacious passion to do the job right and to make sure whatever Department or Agency he was in charge of, did the same. The word "Integrity" was not just a word to him, it was in fact, the very core of his career, his life.

I know these things because, I knew the man. I knew his character

and his sincerity to right by others. He was, the very epitome of what every one who wears a badge should be.

The loss of such great men, should be mourned. But, more

through no fault of their own, passed away due to terrible and tragic circumstances.

That's how it is, in such a lengthy and hard working career. You'll see it all. Including, many terrible things you'd wish you



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importantly they should celebrated and remembered. Men like, Sheriff Glenn Smith did the absolute best they could, to make our profession a better one.

I shall always remember the great Texas Sheriff as just that. A great Sheriff. More importantly though, I'll always remember him as a friend, mentor and a man who, I sure tried to be like but, always fell short.

Glenn, he was absolutely one of the best men, best law enforcement officers, leaders and friend anyone could've ever hoped to have known.

Rest easy now, Sheriff. I promise I'll always try to live up to the standard you set and, demanded those who worked for you, follow.

God's speed, my friend. And, thank you.



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Chief Deputy
Lee R. Weber
 Hughes County Sheriff, South Dakota

End of Watch Friday, July 3, 2020

Age 38 Tour 5 Years Badge #36-1W
Military Veteran

Chief Deputy Lee Weber drowned in the Missouri River two miles north of Fort Pierre while attempting to rescue his 8-year-old son who had fallen out of a moving boat. Multiple agencies were involved in search and recovery efforts for his body. Chief Deputy Weber dove into the water without a life jacket in an attempt to reach his son but was swept away by the current. His son was rescued by other nearby boaters. Chief Deputy Weber's body was recovered on July 9th, 2020.

Chief Deputy Weber was a veteran of the South Dakota National Guard and had served with the Hughes County Sheriff's Office for five years. He is survived by his wife and six children.



Police Officer
Ismael Chavez
 McAllen Police Dept., Texas

End of Watch Saturday, July 11, 2020

Age 39 Tour 2 years 6 months Badge # N/A

Police Officer Ismael Chavez and Police Officer Edelmiro Garza were shot and killed from ambush while responding to a domestic disturbance call at a home in the 3500 block of Queta Street. They had approached the front door of the home when they were suddenly ambushed and shot before drawing their weapons or making an emergency broadcast. Other officers who were sent to check on them came across the scene and immediately requested backup. The subject who ambushed them committed suicide as additional units arrived on scene.

Officer Chavez had served with the McAllen Police Department for 2-1/2 years.



Police Officer
Edelmiro Garza Jr.
 McAllen Police Dept., Texas

End of Watch Saturday, July 11, 2020

Age 35 Tour 9 Years Badge #N/A

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Officer Garza had served with the McAllen Police Department for nine years.



Police Officer
Jonathan Shoop
 Bothell Police Dept., Washington

End of Watch Monday, July 13, 2020

Age 32 Tour 1 year Badge # N/A
Military Veteran

Police Officer Jonathan Shoop was shot and killed in the 10300 block of Woodinville Drive following a vehicle pursuit. At approximately 9:40 pm Officer Shoop and his field training officer attempted to stop a vehicle for failing to display a license plate. The vehicle fled the stop, struck a man on a scooter, and then crashed on Woodinville Drive. The occupant of the vehicle emerged, made anti-police statements, and immediately opened fire on officers, who were still in the patrol car. Officer Shoop's field training officer returned fire, during which Officer Shoop was inadvertently struck in the head and killed.

Officer Shoop was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and had served with the Bothell Police Department for one year. He is survived by his fiancée, mother, and two brothers.

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Deputy Sheriff
William Garner
Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Georgia
End of Watch Sunday, July 19, 2020

Age 53 Tour 13 years Badge 635

Deputy Sheriff Bill Garner was struck and killed by a vehicle while at the scene of a single-vehicle crash near mile marker 164 on I-85 at about 7:15 pm. He was assisting the occupants of the involved vehicle when another vehicle lost control, entered the median, and struck him. Deputy Garner was transported to St. Mary's Sacred Heart where he succumbed to his injuries. The man driving the vehicle that struck him was charged with homicide by vehicle.

Deputy Garner had served with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for one year. He had previously served with the Oconee County Sheriff's Office and the Pendegrass Police Department for over 12 years. He is survived by his wife, parents, and brother.



Deputy Sheriff
William K. Nichols
DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi

End of Watch Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Age 33 Tour 10 years Badge # N/A

Deputy Sheriff William Nichols drowned while attempting to save his son from a rip current near Sandestin, Walton County, Florida.

He was able to get his son to safety but was swept back away from shore. His body was recovered a short time later.

Deputy Nichols had served with the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office for 10 years and served as the agency's Search and Rescue director. He is survived by his wife and two children.



Deputy Sheriff
Dylan Pickle
Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Mississippi

End of Watch Sunday, July 26, 2020

Age 24 Tour N/A Badge # N/A
Military Veteran

Deputy Sheriff Dylan Pickle was struck and killed by a vehicle while conducting a safety checkpoint on Hamilton Road near Seely Drive.

He and several other deputies were conducting the checkpoint when a vehicle struck him and a second deputy at about 9:45 pm. Both deputies were transported to a hospital in Tupelo where Deputy Pickle succumbed to his injuries shortly after midnight.

Deputy Pickle was a Mississippi National Guard Veteran.



Special Agent
John Bost, III
D.O.J, A.T.F, U.S. Government

End of Watch Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Age N/A Tour 20 years Badge # N/A

Special Agent John Bost was killed as the result of an accidental discharge of a rifle inside of the Kihei police station in Maui, Hawaii.

Special Agent Bost had served with the ATF for 15 years and had previously served with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, North Carolina, for five years. He is survived by his parents.



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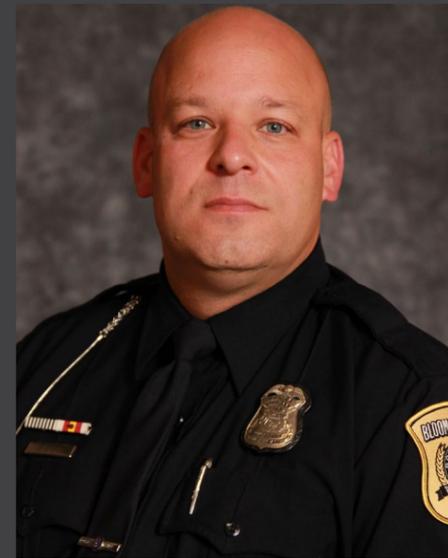
**Trooper
Caleb Starr**
Michigan State Police, Michigan

End of Watch Friday, July 31, 2020
Age 33 Tour 1 year 10 months Badge 485

Trooper Caleb Starr succumbed to injuries sustained three weeks earlier when his vehicle was struck head-on by an intoxicated driver in Ionia County.

He was traveling west on Grand River Avenue, in Boston Township, responding to a low-priority call when a vehicle crossed the center line and struck his vehicle. He had to be extricated from the vehicle and flown by helicopter to Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, in Grand Rapids, where he remained until succumbing to his injuries.

Trooper Starr served with the Michigan State Police for less than two years. He is survived by his wife, and two children.



**Sergeant
Steven Splan**
Bloomfield Hills Dept. of Public Safety, Michigan

End of Watch Sunday, August 2, 2020
Age 46 Tour 15 years Badge # 325

Sergeant Steven Splan suffered a fatal heart attack several hours after cutting and removing a large tree that had fallen onto Bloomfield Hills Parkway east of Woodward Avenue at approximately 12:30 pm.

He returned to the station and was found unresponsive at approximately 11:00 pm.

Sergeant Splan had served with the Bloomfield Hills Police Department for 15 years. He is survived by his wife and four children

Fallen K9 Officers



K9 IKE
Maricopa Police Dept., Arizona
End of Watch:
Saturday, June 27, 2020
Breed Belgian Malinois
Gender Male
Age N/A Tour 11 yrs.

K9 Ike died after showing symptoms of heat exhaustion while on duty the following evening.



K9 LEO
Wake Forest Police Dept., North Carolina
End of Watch:
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
Breed Labrador Retriever
Gender Male
Age 3 Tour 2 yrs.

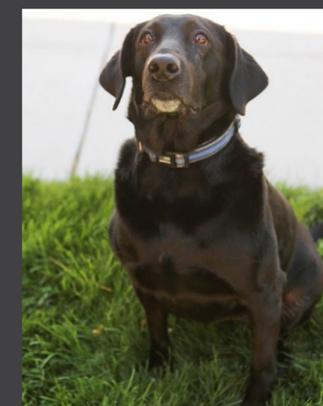
K9 Leo died from the effects of heat exhaustion following a training exercise. He was rushed to a local veterinarian when he showed symptoms of heat exhaustion. He was released for observation but was taken back to the vet when his condition worsened. He passed away the following day.

Fallen K9 Officers



K9 KING
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana
End of Watch:
Sunday, July 12, 2020
Breed Belgian Malinois
Gender Male
Age 7 Tour 4 yrs.

K9 King died as the result of heat exhaustion following a track of a domestic violence suspect in the 2200 block of North Perkins Ferry Road in Lake Charles.



K9 BONNIE
University of Nevada Reno Police Department, Nevada
End of Watch:
Thursday, July 16, 2020
Breed Labrador Retriever
Gender Female
Age 7 Tour 5 yrs.

K9 Bonnie was struck and killed by a vehicle in the area of Sutro Street and Wedekind Road while she and her handler assisted the Reno Police Department during a shooting investigation.



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Aubrey Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/30/2020 – 5pm
Tyler Junior College Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/14/2020 – 5pm
Schleicher County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Deputy Sheriff	08/23/2020 – 5pm
Wills Point Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/14/2020 – 5pm
Cisco Police Department	Get Info	School Resource Officer	08/29/2020 – 5pm
Giddings Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/08/2020 – 5pm
Justin Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/31/2020 – 5pm
Socorro Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/09/2020 – 5pm
Upton County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Police Officer	08/31/2020 – 5pm
New Braunfels Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/14/2020 – 5pm
Prairie View University Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/10/2020 – 5pm
Hays County Constables Office Precinct 1	Get Info	Police Officer	08/10/2020 – 5pm
McLennan Community College PD	Get Info	Police Officer	09/10/2020 – 5pm
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Get Info	Police Officer	08/22/2020 – 5pm
Nolanville Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/30/2020 – 5pm
Corsicana Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/22/2020 – 5pm
Lampasas Sheriff's Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/22/2020 – 5pm
Texas State Technical College PD	Get Info	Police Officer	10/16/2020 – 5pm
Shavano Park Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/30/2020 – 5pm
Burleson County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Police Officer	08/15/2020 – 5pm
College of the Mainland PD	Get Info	Police Officer	09/10/2020 – 5pm
Woodway Public Safety Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/15/2020 – 5pm
Sandy Oaks Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/22/2020 – 5pm
South Texas College Police Department	Get Info	Chief of Police	08/22/2020 – 5pm
Horseshoe Bay Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/25/2020 – 5pm
Highland Village Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/27/2020 – 5pm
Round Rock Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/26/2020 – 5pm
Salado Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/28/2020 – 5pm
Dumas Police Department	Get Info	Chief of Police	09/25/2020 – 5pm
Del Rio Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/28/2020 – 5pm
Onalaska Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/25/2020 – 5pm
Cisco Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/29/2020 – 5pm
Perryton Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	10/03/2020 – 5pm
Pelican Bay Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/03/2020 – 5pm
Friendswood Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	10/03/2020 – 5pm
Lockhart Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	08/19/2020 – 5pm
Dallam County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Police Officer	11/03/2020 – 5pm
Haltom City Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/08/2020 – 5pm
Hurst Police Department	Get Info	Police Officer	09/05/2020 – 5pm
Onalaska Police Department	Get Info	Chief	09/25/2020 – 5pm
Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Deputy / Jailer	10/21/2020 – 5pm
City of Hurst	Get Info	Jailer	08/29/2020 – 5pm
Burleson County Sheriff's Office	Get Info	Jailer	08/28/2020 – 5pm

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Well it is Summer and that means vacation for most American's although with COVID lurking around every corner, many have chosen to stay home this year. But not my globe trotting brother. He has retreated to his cabin in Colorado and for the current time has no phone or internet. Therefore until he returns and plans another exciting hunting or fishing trip for us, let's look back at his first article for 2020 with my

favorite fisherman, Jimmy Houston.

When THE BLUES started 35-years ago, I had just started my own publication for the outdoorsmen of Texas, called Barron's Outdoor Update. Since my brother was Editor and Publisher of The Blues, he also asked me to create an outdoor column to talk about hunting, fishing, camping and all types of outdoor activities that so many law enforcement families enjoy. Well that was an easy assignment because that is what I love to do. At that time, there were a few people in the outdoor entertainment world that I really admired and as I look back now, they were true pioneers. One of these was outdoor television celebrity and fishing legend, Jimmy Houston. Watching Jimmy was definitely “entertainment”, as his shows not only taught you how to catch more fish, but his style of story-telling and humor made you feel like you knew him...and you



certainly wanted to go fishing with him. Well, it is funny how things work out in life because about a year after starting Barron's Outdoor Update, I received an offer from Shell Oil Company to join their Sales and Marketing team. So, I parked my dream of making a career associated with the outdoors and joined one of the largest oil and gas enterprises in the world. Some 20+ years later I found myself running the marketing for Shell Lubricants for North America and was looking to connect with outdoor enthusiasts to tell them about one of Shell's big lubricants brands, Rotella. Guess who was still top of the list of celebrities that have a strong connection to people who love the outdoors? Yes, Jimmy Houston. Well over the last 10 years, I have come to know Jimmy Houston quite well and would consider him one of

my friends and fishing buddies.

Now that is pretty cool to say that Jimmy Houston is one of your fishing buddies and even more cool to be able to say that you have your own fishing show with him. Look it up on Jimmy Houston Outdoors library or click on this link to watch the episode “Rusty Bass.” [CLICK HERE](#) The place was Grosse Savanne in Louisiana and it is a special place, probably better known for its great duck hunting and saltwater fishing, but Jimmy wanted to go there and bass fish in one of their freshwater lakes. The day we filmed the show, the weather was perfect and I had fished the lake the day before with guide Dennis “TJ” Tietje so I know what to expect from the fishing. However, I must admit, I was a little nervous having a camera on board recording every cast and every conversation.

It didn't help either that Jimmy started catching fish right away and he had four or five to the boat before I caught my first one. But once I landed that first bass, the skunk was off, it was game on. If you watch the show I will let you be the judge, but I think I held my own against this fishing legend, and actually think I did pretty good. As a matter of fact, the highlight of the show hap-

pened when Jimmy was uploading a picture to his Facebook page of a really nice bass I had just landed. While he was busy doing this, I saw a great spot off the front of the boat and had to cast there.

As you might guess, I hooked probably the biggest bass of the day and had to work my way from the back of the boat past the camera man and past Jimmy to get to the front of the boat so I could land it. Jimmy then proceeds to give me a hard time because I decided to cast over his head to “his” spots off the front of the boat while he was posting my picture on his Facebook page. Well the fish never made it in the boat because as Jimmy was trying to lip my big bass, it got away from him. Now it sounds like a fishing story, but I am going to say that it was surely bigger than anything we brought in the boat that day. So that is my claim to fame, Jimmy Houston let the biggest bass of my life get away and I've got the whole thing memorialized in an episode of fishing with Jimmy Houston, America's Favorite Fisherman.

Jimmy is a person I would encourage you to get to know. He is in his 54th year fishing professional bass tournaments and his

43rd year on National Television with Jimmy Houston Outdoors. He has won two BASS Angler of the Year titles and fished 15 BASS Classics and one FLW Championship. He is a member of the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, the Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, the IGFA Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, and the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame. He is a devoted Christian, a family man, and one heck of a hunter and fisherman, who is more than happy to talk to you about any one of these.

As a matter of fact, you should join his Jimmy Houston Outdoors YouTube channel. It's new, it's growing, and it's free to join [JUST CLICK HERE](#). He puts some great content out there and my personal favorites are his Sunday afternoon chats. But beyond just watching his TV shows and connecting with him online, Jimmy still fishes tournaments, does personal appearances for his many sponsors and loves his Oklahoma Sooners and LA Dodgers. So there are many places you might run into him and if you see that trademark blonde hair or hear that one-of-kind laugh, track him down and tell him Rusty sent you over to ask why he let my big fish go at Grosse Savanne.



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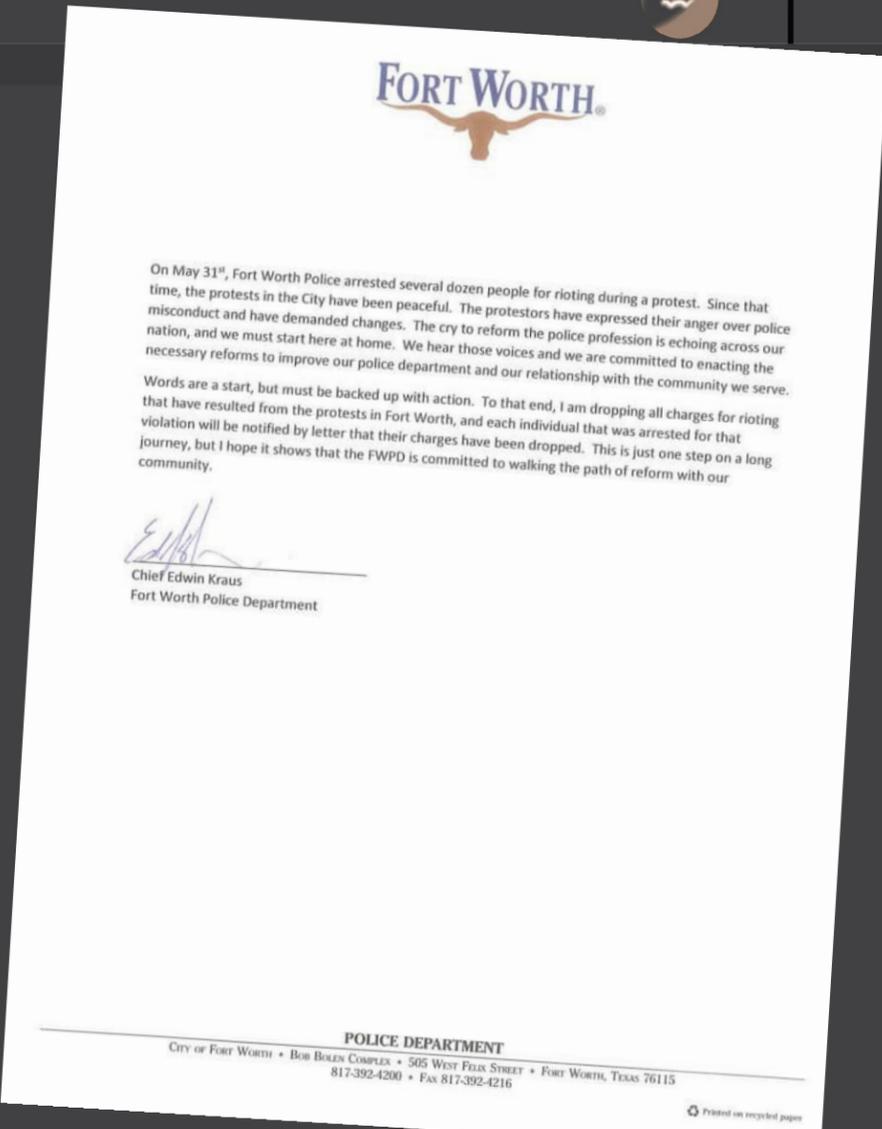


Sometimes, one, two or even three Light Bulb Awards aren't enough for one month. Such is the case this month when the Police Chief of Ft. Worth Edwin Kraus, decided that he would "lead" the nation and show compassion by dismissing the charges to several dozen people for RIOTING.

Not protesters, but RIOTERS! He said protesters are angry over police misconduct and demanded change and the cry to reform the police is echoing across the country. And he heard their voices and decided that words aren't enough and decided that even though they were "rioting" he was dropping all charges against them.

Even this is just the first step on a long journey, he hopes it shows the FWPD is committed to walking the path to reform. So fellow rioters, if you wanna tear shit up, throw bottles at police, set police cars and police stations on fire and not be charged? March on over to Fort Worth and have at it. Cause Chief Ed Kraus will be right there with you. In fact, during the height of the George Floyd protests, the Chief took a knee and prayed with the protesters.

I would say, dude, you need to retire, but he beat me to it. On Monday July 27, 2020 Kraus announced after 28 years he was retiring and starting a new chapter in his life. He says he'll stay on until the end of the year until the city can find a replacement. Let's hope the city finds someone soon before the rioters return for round two.



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an editorial by Joe Gamaldi

The public does NOT support defunding, dismantling the police

In the wake of the protests and riots we saw across the country, a popular talking point for virtue-signaling politicians, media and Hollywood elites was to defund and dismantle police departments. I can't begin to tell you how ridiculous this concept is, especially when you are seeing violent crime spiking in every major city across the country.

The murder rate increases in our large cities over last year are nothing short of staggering:

- New York- 30 percent
- Philadelphia- 30 percent
- Chicago- 34 percent
- Houston- 39 percent
- Los Angeles 17 percent

But that didn't stop places like NY and LA from defunding their police departments to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars. All of this despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans do not support dismantling/defunding their police departments. In a recent Pew Research poll 73 percent of Americans believed that police department budgets should stay the same or increase.

In a recent Quinnipiac poll 77 percent of people believed that officers were doing a great job in their community and 81 percent opposed dismantling/defunding the police. I have quoted these poll numbers in numerous interviews and the National FOP created an original commercial for social media, but I am betting you haven't seen these numbers plastered all over the news.

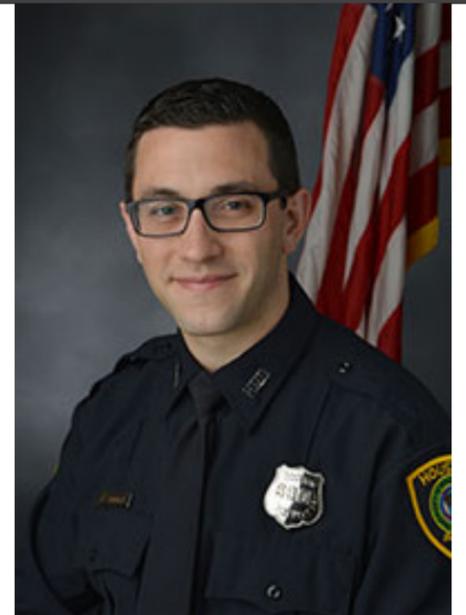
So what does this all mean?

It shows what we have always known – that the vast majority of Americans support, appreciate and care about police officers in their community. They recognize the job we do protecting businesses, schools, neighborhoods and the people in them. They understand that we do a difficult job and that 99 percent of us are out here doing the job the right way and for the right reasons.

Also, it shows that politicians should be responsible enough to slow down and assess a situation before reacting emotionally and placating to the mob. Thankfully, we have a mayor and most City Council members who understood what residents of our community wanted and were willing to listen to our concerns of the dangers of defunding, and in a recent budget vote (just days after a demonstration of 60,000 people) voted to increase the budget of the Houston Police Department by \$20 million.

This will allow us to continue to have five academy classes this fiscal year and to grow our ranks (if we can find people to take the job – which is an article for another month). They listened to the community, who amidst the alarming rise in violent crime wanted more police officers, not less.

Houston serves as an example to other cities and towns. It is important to listen to the hard-working, law-abiding members of our community instead of just paying heed to the people who scream/yell and email-bomb Council Member's inbox and don't even remember to



JOE GAMALDI, PRESIDENT HPOU

correct the header in form email they were told to send, where it says "Insert name here" and don't even live in Houston. I am not kidding they seriously didn't even take the time to write their name into a form email they were told to send asking to defund the Houston Police Department. Clearly, they put a ton of thought, before writing it, into how this would impact our most vulnerable communities, our officers, and our city as a whole.

It is a testament to the leadership Mayor Turner has shown. He supports law enforcement in Houston, yet holds us accountable when we are wrong, and that has all we have ever asked of everyone.

It is well past time for everyone in this country to support the hard-working men and women of law enforcement who are putting their lives on the line to do the job the right way, but who also hold fully accountable the small group who disrespect and violate the oath of our noble profession. These things are not mutually exclusive.

As always, be safe out there.

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