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The Confession

The events occurring in Ferguson, Missouri have been very prominent in all of our thoughts. I often marvel at the perspective that much of the public has toward us; they just don’t understand what we do, why we do this job nor do they understand how it affects us. So I am hoping that by sharing this experience, perhaps it will help us remember the totality of what we are doing, and that we are not out to hurt people – but to help them, even the bad guys. Because of the large distribution of our magazine, it is also written toward those who may not be working in our profession.

As a police detective assigned to the Major Crimes division (sex offenses, robberies, deaths, assaults) I was accustomed to interviewing and interrogating the worst offenders humanity can offer. At this point in my career I had over 15 years of experience, about half of that working major crimes. I work for one of the largest cities in Utah.

I have always considered myself to be a religious person, and of course there is nothing unique about being an LDS officer, especially here in Utah. Regardless of our religious preferences, many of us in law enforcement believe that we are doing God’s work; it is his dirty work to be sure, but his work none-the-less.

One day our sergeant came to our squad and announced that he had a new case to assign and asked sarcastically who wanted it. It involved a grandfather who had sexually abused his granddaughter and then tried to kill himself. I remember sitting at my desk as I contemplated whether or not I should speak up and take the case. One of my co-workers quipped that he would be happy to take it if the grandfather actually died. We all laughed; our exposure to these kind of tragic cases make us emotionally calloused and typically very unsympathetic toward the perpetrators. I thought of all the other cases I was working on, and I knew that because I had so many open cases the sergeant would probably assign this case to one of the other detectives, unless I spoke up. There was no strong urge to take the case, just some whisper in the back of my mind - so I told the sergeant I’d take it.

It turned out that the grandfather was a significant ecclesiastical leader in the LDS church. He had not tried to kill himself officially, but simply had a serious automobile accident on the freeway which almost killed him. The fact that the accident occurred right after having been confronted with his inappropriate behavior toward his granddaughter was enough to convince everyone in our squad as to what caused his “accident.”

As is typical, I began my investigation by interviewing the parents of the victim, a girl about six or seven years old. I sat down with her parents and learned how everything came to light. Even being calloused as I was, I still found myself holding back my tears as the parents could not contain theirs. I
have dealt with these kinds cases literally hundreds of times. I cannot begin to count the number of times I have choked back unmanly tears. Each case like this seems to break a little piece of my heart, which then becomes scarred and tough, calloused if you will. Those of us in law enforcement exchange knowing glances at times such as these; it is a silent acknowledgement of the pain we feel and our determination to push it away as we focus on apprehending the perpetrators and seeing them brought to justice. We also know all too well how difficult it can be to bring a perpetrator to justice, and how virtually impossible it can seem to change them. With our calloused, hardened hearts we sometimes refer to the death of a perpetrator as a “successful rehabilitation.”

The interview with the victim came next and she made a clear disclosure. It may surprise many to learn that these interviews are not as gut wrenching, at least not when it is with a young child. They simply do not realize the gravity of the offense and the impending consequences. They know that something has happened, but quite often they are like a toddler that is learning to walk; after falling down they look to a trusted adult to see how they should react, wondering if this is worth crying over or should they just get up and keep going. In another twist of fate, the child revealed that she had seen her grandfather doing the same kind of thing to one of her female cousins about her same age.

After interviewing the child, I again sat down with the parents and revealed the additional details revealed by their daughter. Even though the child’s father had seen his father-in-law engaged in inappropriate and alarming behavior, and even though their daughter had disclosed even more graphic details to them, and even though my careful interview brought out further offenses – it was almost impossible for the parents to believe. Through tear filled eyes and between sobs they asked if I was sure. They asked me, specifically based on my years and years of experience working these kinds of cases, did I really believe that this happened? Couldn’t there be some other explanation? How could someone in his position within the family and in the church do this? They could barely grasp the reality of what they were going through, but there was no way to deny the pain. Those of us who work these cases understand that little children do not provide specific details about a sexual encounter without having experienced such a sexual encounter. We deal with the term “probable cause” in having enough to make an arrest, I was absolutely positive.

I prepared myself mentally for the interrogation. To say the least I was highly motivated to get what was needed to lock away this perpetrator! And yet, instinctively I knew that I would get a confession from him. This was not some hardened criminal who had served time and knew how to play the “game.” This was not a man without a conscience. This was not a man who knew what consequences he faced because of previous incarceration and would therefore be resistant to my well-trained, methodical and persistent interrogation techniques. There was no doubt within me at all that I would get him to confess. All I needed was enough time to talk with him alone.

I went to the hospital and was very disappointed to find that he was undergoing a medical procedure and was not in his room. I spoke with his wife for what seemed to be over an hour as we waited for him to come back. Not surprisingly, she also shed many tears. Her son-in-law and daughter had come to her and her husband with concerns about the inappropriate actions that they had seen the grandpa doing. Then they came back again, after their daughter had revealed what was clearly abuse by her grandfather. The grandfather, of course, denied those allegations. The perpetrator’s poor wife looked to me with the same heart-broken expression on her face and asked me the same questions asked by her daughter and son-in-law, through the same kind of tears; in all of my experience, did I believe that this could really happen? Could this man, of all people – this man, could he have really done this? She believed that the accident was caused by her husband falling asleep while driving because of exhaustion from lack of sleep over the stress of these allegations. She was emotionally torn between wanting to support her daughter and granddaughter, or support her husband. Yes, once again I found myself pushing the empathetic pain aside, yet another victim in yet another horrible case.

I have tried to describe to you in detail the feelings that were going on inside of me. I want you to be able to relate to my background and my position. I want you to understand some part, even if just a tiny, little part of what makes us in law enforcement act and think the way we do. It is important because of what happened next during the interrogation, something I cannot Cont’d next page
He admitted that his accident had to everything I suspected and more. His neck. He broke. He confessed his life with this millstone around him. I asked him please to not end his family by making them go through a trial. I asked him please to not end the hereafter. I pled with him again to overcome whatever influence was causing him to still hold out, I played the religion card. Of all people, he caused him to still hold out, I played the religion card. Of all people, he still held onto it, so to speak. I asked him softly, kindly, to please, please not make his granddaughters get up on the stand and testify in open court as to what he had done. I told him that he had been given a second chance after trying to take his own life. This was no longer just an interrogation - it became an appeal to save his soul. We spoke at great length about what was going to happen to him, both within the church and the justice system. When I left the room, I tenderly explained to his wife that he had some very difficult things to tell her, and that he needed to talk to her alone. I then asked his family members and friends who were waiting outside to give them some alone time.

That was not the last of my unusual experiences with this case. There were still other tragic consequences; some expected, some not. I found myself being yelled at, as angrily as any suspect ever has, by the mother of the second victim. For her, it was simply too much to believe. We never know when a suspect is being nice just for an opportunity to catch us off guard for a lethal attack, or when the victim may lash out at us because there is no one else who will stand there and take it.

At his request I expedited my processing of this case so I could book him into jail almost immediately after being released from the hospital. As I prepared the case and my report I was a little embarrassed by my actions. I could not believe how nice I had been toward this perpetrator and how much I had reached out to him to convince him to not kill himself. I should have spent more time getting him to reveal more details about the criminal offenses. I always try to act professional and, for the most part, at least be decent with suspects. Often I pray to be Christ-like, believing that He exhibits the perfect balance of justice and mercy or compassion and harshness. Even so, I have never been as overtly empathetic toward a suspect as in this instance. It is easy to empathize with the victims, and just as easy to feel less empathy for the perpetrators, or none at all.

As time passed I reflected over the oddity of this confession. It seemed that I had reasoned this man away from the cliff overlooking hell and turned him around. Did I just help this man save his soul? Is it really possible for this man to be successfully rehabilitated? It brought to my mind a flood of other memories from a myriad of other incidents throughout my career, where things came together almost miraculously. When I booked him into jail the darkness and the heaviness were gone.

Even in this dark and hellish profession of ours, somehow God’s work continues. We are helping people through the worst times of their lives; we are there to help the bad guy as well as the victim, though admittedly in different ways. Often the victims will lash out at us with bitterness, and so will society. **Whether or not society believes in us is not as important as our knowing that society can always depend on us.**

Be safe out there, and let us never lose sight of the good that we are doing.
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I remember the day that I sat down  
with our HR representative as a new  
Trooper. She explained things to me  
and I signed lots of papers. What I  
remember the most about that meet-  
ing was that, I signed a lot of papers.  
I do remember something about hav-  
ing insurance and not having to buy  
my own gas. What more could any  
rookie want?  

Well that was almost thirty years  
ago and a heck of a lot has changed  
since then. I want to talk about some  
of those changes. Now stay with me  
here, I know that you may not think  
this applies to you but it most certainly  
does. We spend entire careers trying  
to help people who find themselves  
in difficult situations. What about our  
own families? We owe it to them and  
to ourselves to become more educated  
about retirement and benefits.  

Let’s start with retirement; we often  
pull alongside one of our buddies  
from a neighboring agency and think  
that we all have the same kind of  
public safety retirement. Well guess  
what, maybe you don’t! Most of us  
have heard of the Tier 1 and Tier 2  
systems. But do you know that Tier  
1 also has two divisions? The easy  
way to tell which you have is if your  
agency pays into Social Security.  
Years ago agencies had the option  
as to whether to participate with the  
Federal program or not. So while some  
officers are earning a state retirement  
only, others are earning that same  
thing and a Social Security benefit.  
Social Security now pays it’s benefit  
based on your life time earnings.  
So that second or part time job may  
qualify you for a benefit, however it  
will not be as much as you might  
expect.  

Today most financial folks like to talk  
about a three pronged approach to a  
secure retirement.  

First is your company pension, or  
for most of us our URS retirement  
which is what our employer helps us  
with. This benefit is based on years  
of service, salary and in some cases  
age. (We have the ability to retire  
from Tier 1 at age 65 with any years  
of service). This is what is called a  
defined benefit, as it will pay for the  
rest of our life. Learn more at urs.  
org. If you don’t have an access to  
your account, set one up online. I  
strongly urge you to do that and take  
some more control in your own fate.  

Second is Social Security, the pro-  
gram that is run by the federal gov-  
ernment. We have all heard the rumor  
that it will not last or that it is almost  
bankrupt. I don’t know about that, but  
I personally think it will be around  
in some form or another for a long  
time. I am not putting all my eggs in  
that basket but many Americans have.  
Consult with your Social Security  
statement or go online to see your  
projected benefit. URS has a benefits  
estimator at urs.org under calculators,  
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Third and this may be the most im-
portant for some of us. Especially if  
you are in the new Tier 2 systems.  
We call this the defined contribution  
portion. Again we have a division  
between employers who participate  
with Social Security and those who  
do not. You NEED to know which  
choice your agency has made. Also  
you will have to choose which of the  
Tier 2 plans you want.  

Tier 2 has the option of a hybrid  
retirement or a defined contribution.  
You get to choose which one, but it  
is an option that is short lived. I will  
not go into all of that in this article.  
However, let’s look at some possible  
scenarios. If you are under Tier 1 and  
your agency participates with Social
Security you have two of the prongs covered. You need to add some self investing to that such as a 401 or Roth IRA and you should be in good shape. But what if your agency is not participating with Social Security? Then you need to make up the difference with what you set aside yourself in a contribution account, (401,457, IRA etc.).

If you are Tier 2 the same applies. Does your agency contribute to Social Security? If it does not, that takes out one of the options of retirement income. Did you choose the hybrid or contribution portion of Tier2? The hybrid will provide a portion of your working salary based on years of service and pay rate. The contribution system is your money with a match up to a certain percentage by your employer. That money is yours upon retirement with no guarantee of longevity.

This may all sound complicated, but what is most important is to figure out what you have and then decide how much you need to put away to have the standard of living that you desire and deserve. You owe this to your family and yourself. While some think playing the lottery or moving into the basement of the kid’s house is the best option, I beg to differ. URS has many tools on line to help you decide what is best for you. I know of Officers who have hundreds of thousands of dollars put away and others who have almost none. Use time to your advantage. Over a 25 year career your money can build to a substantial amount. I often hear the “I can’t afford to invest” argument. When I started I simply took a portion of a pay raise for me and then invested the rest. I continued to do this over the years until I reached the percentage I wanted. Experts say between 10 and 25 percent is what is needed depending on age and desired outcome.

Let’s finish up with what is NOT covered by your retirement. Although we have many benefits through our employers they are not all through URS. For instance your health insurance is from your individual employer. While URS has a death benefit in each type of retirement it currently has no option for health coverage. If you have a line of duty death you may lose health coverage immediately. Some departments are taking steps to help fix this problem. However it is up to the individual employer.

As we go off to work each day and close that door behind us, Think to yourself, is my house in order? Do I have my vest on? Do I have a will? (Contact, Wills for Hero’s—It’s free) Am I investing in my future, and does my family have a contingency plan for emergencies?

Do something about it today!!!!

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**Thursday, February 5th**

0730-0900 Registration

0830-0930 Opening Session: President Dan Roberts conducting (includes legal fund discussion)

0930-1130 The Nobility of Policing – Franklin Covey

1200-1300 Lunch – On your own

1200-1300 UPOA Board & Auxiliary Board Meeting and Lunch (Spouses welcome)

1330-1630 The Nobility of Policing – Franklin Covey

1900-2130 BANQUET: Memorial & *“Officer of the Year” Announced*

**Friday, February 6th**

0800-0930 UPOA Business Meeting - Nominations for Vice President & Sergeant at Arms
UPOA Auxiliary Meeting

0930-1130 Breakout Session Room A – LEFR-TCC (Law enforcement First Response Tactical Casualty Care)
Breakout Session Room B – Department of Corrections

1130-1300 Lunch – Sponsored by Secured First Financial

1330-1630 Breakout Session Room A - LEFR-TCC (Law enforcement First Response Tactical Casualty Care)
Breakout Session Room B - Department of Corrections
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Law Enforcement & First Response Tactical Casualty Care (LEFR-TCC)

LEFR-TCC Introductory Course (4 hours)

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Course Outline
- Welcome and Introductions
- LEFR-TCC Introductory Course
  - Introduction to Law Enforcement Tactical Casualty Care (Self-Aid/Buddy Aid)
  - Care Under Fire
  - Tactical Field Care
  - Introduction to Law Enforcement Tactical Casualty Care (Self-Aid/Buddy Aid)

Instructor Information

Justin Young - Justin is currently a paramedic with WJFD and a Tactical SWAT Medic. He is a certified law enforcement officer and has worked full time as a police officer. He is certified nationally as a LEFR-TCC (Law Enforcement and First Responder Tactical Casualty Care) Instructor.

Keith Jenkins - Keith has been a police officer with West Jordan for 9 years and been a SWAT team member for 6. Keith is currently a team leader on the SWAT team. He is assigned to WJPD’s training division as a primary training officer for that department.

Department of Corrections Training

Mid Winter Convention
1. Leadership in a Correctional Environment: 2 Hours
2. Effects of Corrections and How to Survive them: 2 Hours
3. Promotion Preparation and Career Advancement: 1.5 or 2 hours
4. Inmate Transportation class: 2 or 3 hours

Doing something about our own Retirement
(Each tick of the clock either works for or against a secure future)

CONVENTION TRAINING - February 6, 2015 at 11:30 am - lunch, which is provided by Secured First Financial

Imagine a scenario where you’re within 5-10 years of retirement – but you wish you had another 20 years to bulk up your nest egg.

What do you do?
Many don’t have to imagine this scenario, it’s already a reality. The last 15 years
have resulted in two of the largest market crashes in our nation’s history (with many analysts predicting a third right around the corner). The result is your investments have been clobbered and expectations of your dream retirement may be in jeopardy.

If you’re one of these people, the first step is to take a deep breath, and rather than cross your fingers hoping things will work out, instead take the time to empower yourself with education to take control of the situation.

First, consider three messages that financial experts say people need to hear before any more time elapses:

1- If your nest egg is far smaller than you will need to comfortably leave the work force, investment returns alone are unlikely to bail you out. You need to get serious about trimming your spending to save more money, carefully evaluate wants vs needs, or resign yourself to working more years.

2- When your nest egg is small and time is short, you can make things worse for yourself by being either too conservative or too aggressive.

3- And most importantly you need to sit down with a comprehensive planner and understand some of the more dynamic vehicles available to both provide market returns while also protecting you from market loses (particularly the one that history is telling us is coming).

Any truly comprehensive financial planner (meaning the good ones that aren’t just being salesmen) will tell you that everyone’s situation is truly unique and what works for one person doesn’t necessarily work for another. There is no perfect retirement vehicle and putting all of your (nest) eggs in one basket is both risky from a market prospective, but may have you missing out on potential upside. Here are just some of the factors that will help tailor your retirement plan:

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2- One of the larger expenses that comes with these longer life spans is the reality of a retirement home. Currently the costs of retirement homes and in house health care is growing at a rate far outpacing inflation.

3- Did you know that there are over 88 ways to elect for social security? Knowing the right strategy could be the result of hundreds of thousands of dollars coming to you during your retirement, especially where you need it the most, your later years.

4- Most of you in the UPOA have the benefit of a pension, a great asset for your retirement. But have you ever heard of pension maximization? Knowing the right strategy could be the result of hundreds of thousands of dollars coming to you during your retirement, especially where you need it the most, your later years.

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By: Captain Justin Chapman
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In the early 1900’s (when only one of every 10 officers in the United States had graduated from high school) debates began regarding the requirement of a formal education for police officers. With nationwide hardships brought on by the great depression in the 1930’s, to “race riots” in the 1960’s, police were called upon to handle any number of tasks. Some tasks were simple while others were complex. All the while, the officer’s ability to properly address the ills of our nation was being scrutinized. This set off a continuous flow of studies and opinions on the matter.

In 1967, a (Presidential Commission on law enforcement and administration of justice) called “The challenge of Crime in a free society” commenced. Its aim was to improve law enforcement throughout the country by making it more “professional”. It and numerous other studies have since followed offering varied views. Some call for higher education standards, like an Associate or even up to a Bachelor’s Degree as a minimum qualification to be hired. Other studies focused on use of force, complaints, commendations, sick time used and so on. As I read the various studies, I found no overall consistency, nor unanimous conclusion reached in regard to the obtaining of a college degree and its effect on an officer’s policing ability. You could ask any number of officers or administrators what their thoughts on the subject are and you’ll get a similarly varied response.

Ok, so if the national studies are inconclusive and everyone has an opinion, where exactly does the truth lie? I’m going to make the argument that having a college degree ALONE, does not a good officer make. Now, I am not against obtaining a college education or degree, not at all. It is indeed a great accomplishment and I have much respect for those who complete their degree. I feel I have benefited from my college classes (without a degree). However, it is not the sole benchmark for police officers and supervisors to be measured to.

Please consider the following regarding education, success and ability in law enforcement.

First, what is education? Education is not solely institutional. Obtaining an education is not merely obtaining a papered degree. A person/police officer can be educated in any number of ways:

1. Police in service training.
2. Online training/study.
3. On the job training.
4. Life experiences.
5. Personal study and research.
6. FBI National Academy. (Yes, I know they offer college credit, but you won’t earn a bachelor degree there).
7. The hundreds of other specialty training classes specific to law enforcement.
   a. (Narcotics, Youth, Investigations, K-9, interview and interrogation, use of force, FEMA etc….)

So, what about these trainings and the officer’s experience? Does a formal degree/education outweigh that of an officer’s training and experience? Of course an education may enlighten you about a subject, but training and living it is so much more comprehensive than a class room experience. What if you wanted to learn about a foreign country? Which would give you a better education; listening to a professor in a classroom and reading about the country or visiting that country, talking to the native people and experiencing the culture? I submit that the experience would far outweigh the classroom.

I have heard the argument that obtaining a degree makes the officer “well rounded”. So will consistent abuse of Krispy Kremes. While I don’t disagree with that statement, I don’t believe for a second that obtaining a degree is the only path to making a “well rounded” person. Is it so hard to believe that people can be successful without a college degree? I mean being really good at what they do? Some have natural talents and abilities that you couldn’t replicate.
in a college class. Richard Branson quit his formal education at age 16, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg both dropped out of college, developing and creating their own successes and making BILLIONS in the process.” Granted, these people are not officers, but the same theory applies. Successful people (successful officers) are a product of all their experiences, talents and efforts. Just as we look at “the totality of the circumstances” when we investigate crime, so to should we consider the totality of the officer’s experiences, accomplishment and qualities, not simply focus on one aspect (a degree in this case) and assume it has more value than the rest.

How do we measure/consider life experience, military service, upbringing, technical knowledge or special skills? Does a college degree guarantee good common sense, courage, compassion, integrity, honesty, good judgment, the ability to “think on their feet” or work well with others? Can the graduate communicate well? Do they have tact?

Hard work, discipline, goal setting, goal reaching, resolve and dedication; these characteristics can be found in some college students, but are absolutely not exclusive to them. Again I say, a college degree ALONE, does not make a better cop.

You may all remember the Police Corps program which was federally funded and aimed at inserting applicants with a Bachelor Degree into the law enforcement work force, assuming they would make better, more professional officers. Of the twelve that I can recall, who came through our department, I can give the following update:

1. Only two remain employed in our department (Both are currently sergeants).
2. Two have transferred to other agencies.
3. Two have left law enforcement after 5 or so years on their own accord.
4. Two could not pass our Field Training process.
5. Two resigned amid criminal allegations/internal investigations.
6. Two were fired (One of them had a masters degree).

Why weren’t they all good at the job? They all had college degrees; Four year college degrees, yet 8 of the 12 could either not do the job or quickly lost passion for it and left. So what does this all mean? Does it suggest we should completely disregard the college degree in law enforcement? After all, the studies can’t agree. There is no concrete evidence that it makes one candidate better than another. Our department’s experience with Police Corps candidates demonstrated clearly, that the degree...
did not make them all super cops.

My conclusion is this. Good and great officers are indeed a sum of their total life experiences (including those with college degrees and those without). A much better measuring stick of an applicant’s abilities would include a broad view, encompassing all their positive characteristics, training and accomplishments rather than a narrow singular focus. Requiring an applicant to have a degree automatically eliminates potentially great officers and future leaders from our organizations. I would strongly recommend removing such “requirements” for hire or promotion. Instead, consider the degree as one of many positive accomplishments of the applicant.

Finally, I leave you with a quote taken from “The challenge of Crime in a free society” (1967), the same study mentioned earlier in this writing.

“Of equal importance with his education is a police candidate’s aptitude for the job: His intelligence, his moral character, his emotional stability, his social attitudes. The consequences of putting on the street officers who, however highly educated, are prejudiced, or slow witted, or hot tempered, or timid, or dishonest are too obvious to require detailed discussion.”

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**Case Law Update**

By BL Smith Utah Peace Officer Association State Training Coordinator, Utah POST Region III Training Coordinator

**TOPIC: SEARCHING CAR INCIDENT TO ARREST**

**SCENARIO:** Donahue was convicted in federal court in Pennsylvania on several fraud charges. He was ordered to surrender at a certain time/place to begin serving his 10 year sentence. He didn’t show up. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Two weeks later Marshals apprehended him in New Mexico after entering his son’s car outside a motel. Marshals seized the car and searched it without a warrant. Inside the car, the marshals found various maps and several closed bags, which were not opened. The next day an FBI agent drove the car to an FBI facility. Agents searched the car again without a warrant. Agents seized behind the driver’s seat a Glock .40 caliber magazine. Agents then seized the closed bags from the trunk of the car. FBI agents searched those five days after Donahue’s arrest and found a Glock pistol.

Donahue was indicted for weapons violations and failure to surrender. Donahue moved to suppress the warrantless search as a violation of his Fourth Amendment.  
  1. Was the search of this car, the day of, the day after, and five days after the impound, without a search warrant legal?

  1. Yes. The court ruled that federal agents established probable cause to search the car without a warrant under the automobile exception to the Fourth Amendment’s warrant requirement.
     a. “The automobile exception allows police officers to conduct vehicle searches without a warrant if there is probable cause to believe the vehicle contains evidence of a crime. Once probable cause is established, officers are allowed to search every part of the vehicle and its contents that may conceal the object of the search. In addition, officers are allowed to search an impounded vehicle, without a warrant, after the officers have secured the vehicle and the loss of evidence is not a concern, even if the officers had time to obtain a search warrant.”
  2. In this case the court held that it was reasonable to believe the car contained items that Donahue knowingly failed to surrender to federal authorities.
     a. Marshals testified that fugitives often keep false identification documents in places that are readily accessible, such as their cars.
     b. “Once the marshals established probable cause to search the car, the Mustang, the court concluded the marshals were entitled to seize the closed bags located in the trunk, and the five-day delay between the seizure of the Mustang and the search of the closed bags was immaterial.”

**TOPIC: CONSENT**

**SCENARIO:** A lawful traffic stop was initiated on Iraheta. Iraheta was directed to exit the car and speak with the officer while Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia were told to remain in the vehicle. During the stop the officer found the men were traveling from California to Miami. At some point during this stop the officer asked for permission to search the car for narcotics and Iraheta consented.

Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia did not hear the exchange between the officer and Iraheta. When the officer opened the trunk he saw several duffel bags. None of the bags were marked in a way that identified the owner and none of the men objected to the search or claimed ownership of the bags. Cocaine and Methamphetamine were found in at least one of the bags.
Each defendant filed a motion to suppress the drugs found in the bag.

1. Was this consent search legal?


1. No. Not for Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia
2. The court denied Iraheta’s motion, but suppressed the evidence as to Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia
   c. The court held both Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia had standing to object to the search of the duffel bag. The court also recognized that a person who abandons or disclaims ownership of property prior to the search does not have standing to challenge a search after his abandonment or disclaimer of that property.
   d. In this case Gonzalez and Meraz-Garcia did not deny ownership of the bag (since no one asked them) before the officer searched it, consequently, neither man had abandoned the bag; therefore, both had standing to object to the search of the duffle bag.
   e. Iraheta did not have actual authority to consent to the search of the multiple bags located in the trunk. The officer failed to establish that Iraheta had joint access or mutual use of the bags (the number of bags was consistent with three men traveling across the country). The officer should have inquired into the ownership of the many bags.
   f. Neither Gonzalez nor Meraz-Garcia heard Iraheta grant consent to search and the officer never told them he had done so. The court said “The onus was on the officers to act reasonably.”

TOPIC: PC FOR TRAFFIC STOP

SCENARIO: A police officer stopped Salas after he observed him cross the fog line on the right side of the freeway on two separate occasions. After stopping and issuing him a warning ticket he told Salas he was “good to go.” Salas thanked the officer, shook his hand and began to leave. The officer asked Salas if he had time to answer a few more questions. Salas replied, “Sure.” After denying there were any drugs in the car Salas consented to a search of his car. In the trunk there were approximately twenty pounds of methamphetamine. Salas was charged with possession with intent to distribute.

Salas appealed saying the officer had no probable cause to stop the car and he never gave
1. Was the traffic stop legal?
2. Was the consent search legal?


1. Yes it was. The Tenth Circuit has held that a single violation of a traffic statute is enough probable cause to stop a vehicle. Here Salas crossed the fog line twice which is against the law.
2. Yes it was. Here Salas not only replied “Sure” to answering a few questions he also replied “Sure” to searching his car. The Dash Cam even recorded the officer saying “You sure you don’t mind?” and Salas replying “No.”
   a. The Court went on to say that Salas’ relaxed demeanor and
the lack of physical coercion or intimidating body language or tone by the officer led the court to conclude Salas voluntarily consented to the search of his car.

3. Here we see that the dash cam along with the officers interviewing techniques and demeanor during the stop was more than enough to affirm Salas’ conviction.

**TOPIC: PROBABLE CAUSE**

**ARREST FOR POSSESSION**

**SCENARIO:** A police officer stopped a car for speeding at 3:16 a.m.; searched the car (lawfully with permission), seizing $763 from the glove compartment and cocaine from behind the back-seat armrest; and arrested the car’s three occupants after they denied ownership of the drugs and money. Respondent Pringle, the front-seat passenger, was convicted of possession with intent to distribute cocaine and possession of cocaine, and was sentenced to 10 years’ incarceration without the possibility of parole. The Maryland Court of Special Appeals affirmed, but the State Court of Appeals reversed, holding that, absent specific facts tending to show Pringle’s knowledge and dominion or control over the drugs, the mere finding of cocaine in the back armrest when Pringle was a front-seat passenger in a car being driven by its owner was insufficient to establish probable cause for an arrest for possession.

This case was decided by the United States Supreme Court in December of 2003. What was their decision?

1. If the USSC upheld the Maryland State Court of Appeals, why?
2. If the USSC reversed the Maryland State Court of Appeals, why?


1. The United States Supreme Court REVERSED the Maryland State Court of Appeals.

   a. How, can you say, a person is in possession of something in the back seat of a car when you are in the front seat? Here this was a probable cause arrest by an officer on patrol (not a detective attempting to obtain a complaint and warrant from a prosecutor). Chief Justice Rehnquist delivered the opinion for the Court.

2. The opinion started with explanations of the laws of arrest, search, seizure, probable cause, and the fourth Amendment. Below are excerpts of the opinion that should help in understanding why the Court ruled in favor of the prosecution:

   a. The probable-cause standard is a practical, nontechnical conception that deals with the factual and practical considerations of everyday life on which reasonable and prudent men, not legal technicians, act.
   b. Probable cause is a fluid concept, turning on the assessment of probabilities in particular factual contexts, not readily, or even usefully, reduced to a neat set of legal rules.
   c. The probable-cause standard is incapable of precise definition or quantification into percentages because it deals with probabilities and depends on the totality of the circumstances.
   d. The substance of all the definitions of probable cause is a reasonable ground for belief of guilt, and the belief, of guilt must be particularized with respect to the person to be searched or seized.
   e. To determine whether an officer had probable cause to arrest an individual, a court will examine the events leading up to the ar-
rest, and then decide whether these historical facts, viewed from the standpoint of an objectively reasonable police officer, amount to probable cause.

f. “As it is an entirely reasonable inference from the facts here that any or all of the car’s occupants had knowledge of, and exercised dominion and control over, the cocaine, a reasonable officer could conclude that there was probable cause to believe Pringle committed the crime of possession of cocaine, either solely or jointly. Pringle’s attempt to characterize this as a guilt-by-association case is unavailing.”

3. The Court went on to say that if one person had been singled out by a witness or one admitted possession then any ‘inference’ that everyone on the scene of the crime is a party to the offense must disappear.

TOPIC: USE OF FORCE
One officer arrives at an employee/employer dispute that had knives brandished on both sides. Upon the officers arrival the reported knives had been put away. After speaking with the employer the officer approached Albert Flowers, a sixty-six year old man, who the employer told the officer had ‘problems.’

Flowers was asked to approach the officer, who, when he got closer, told him to stop. The officer told Flowers to stop three times while holding his hand out flat. All parties present agree that Flowers continued to advance on the officer. The officer even stepped out of the way. Flowers changed course and continued to advance.

When Flowers was 3-4 feet away, the officer kicked him in the solar plexus and knocked him off his feet. The officer tried to turn Flowers over onto his stomach. In meeting resistance, the officer struck Flowers three or four times with a closed fist succeeding in getting him to turn over on his stomach.

Flowers hid his arms underneath his body while continuing to resist arrest. Back up was called. All during this encounter the officer repeatedly ordered Flowers to stop resisting. The first back-up officer arrived and was going to deploy TASER. The first officer asked him not to use it yet and continued to try and obtain compliance.

After still no compliance, a TASER was deployed. The probes were removed after no results and the TASER was used in “drive stun’ mode for about a second or second and a half. Compliance was immediate and Flowers was taken into custody.

Flowers at that point seemed to have no idea as to what had happened, asked for some food and to go back to work. He was diagnosed with dementia and “globally impaired” as a result of a TBI.

The city and officers were sued for excessive force.
1. Was this excessive force?


1. No, not at all. The court stated: It is well-established that “the right to make an arrest or investigatory stop necessarily carries with it the right to use some degree of physical coercion or threat thereof to affect it.” Graham v. Connor (1989) In effecting an arrest, officers are permitted to use a level of force that is “necessary in the situation at hand.” Jean-Baptiste v. Gutierrez (11th Cir. 2010).

a. The court reviewed the facts in this case: Officers knew Flowers had been armed with a knife. They did not know if he still had it. Flowers ignored the officer’s command to stop advancing. Flowers
vigorously resisted the officer’s verbal commands to stop resisting.

b. After stating this the court went on to say the officers had no choice but to regard Flowers as armed and dangerous, and to make split-second decisions about the amount of force necessary to secure him. We do not second guess these decisions where the amount of force applied was not grossly disproportional to Flowers’ resistance or to the threat he posed to the officers. Ryburn v. Huff (2012)

TOPIC: RECORDING

SCENARIO: Detective Maro was investigating Mr. Studivant’s possible misdemeanor violation of a domestic violence injunction. Studivant and his attorney Ms. Gennusa arrived at the PD for a non-custodial interview. When the interview began Studivant said he would provide a written statement to Maro. While preparing the written statement Maro left the interview room. Unbeknownst to Studivant or Gennusa the interview room was being recorded and actively monitored by members of the sheriff office.

The camera was not obviously recognizable, no signs warned visitors of the possibility of electronic surveillance. Neither party was told they were being recorded.

Gennusa left the interview room to speak with Maro after which she returned to her client in the interview room and told him he was going to be arrested. After conferring Studivant said he did not want to continue with the written statement and did not want to give it to Maro.

Maro returned to the interview room and demanded the written statement. After a heated discussion he left the room to confer with Sergeant Canova who told him to return to the interview and get the written statement.

Returning to the room Maro grabbed the written statement from underneath Gennusa’s hand. Studivant was then arrested on the misdemeanor violation.

Studivant ultimately entered into a deferred prosecution agreement, and the criminal charge against him was dismissed.

1. Was this recording a violation of the Fourth Amendment?
2. Was the seizing of the written statement a violation of the Fourth Amendment?


1. Yes this was a violation of the Fourth Amendment. Berger v. New York (1967) clearly established a “conversation [is] within the Fourth Amendment’s protections,” and that “the use of electronic devices to capture it [is] a ‘search’ within the meaning of the Amendment.

a. The court first had to decide whether Studivant and Gennusa possessed a reasonable expectation of privacy in the interview room. The officers held the belief that they DID NOT have an expectation of privacy in the interview room.

b. The court held that warrantless electronic interception of private conversations by the government violates the Fourth Amendment. Katz v. United States (1967)

c. The court took note that neither Gennusa nor Studivant were being detained or was in custody. If they had been that would have seriously diminished the scope of their expectation of privacy. This interview was NON CUSTODIAL.

2. Yes, seizing the written statement was a violation of the Fourth Amendment. There was no warrant to seize the written statement and there was no exigency to justify a warrantless seizure. The court noted the statement was in the possession of the attorney. Officers could have instructed her to preserve the statement as they were going to seek a warrant.

BOTH OFFICERS WERE DENIED QUALIFIED IMMUNITY.

The court ruled that there was clearly established law regarding these violations. The law was established in 1967 and has not changed. The court cited concurring cases from 1972, 1982, 1985 and 2013.
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by Paul St. John Fleming

Every year, one or two days before Christmas Eve, a dozen or more inmates would split from the Salt Lake County Jail. The annual exodus was not the result of lax security or some well-crafted escape plan. It was a gesture of good will on the part of the county, known as: “The Christmas Kick Out.”

A prisoner did not have to win the Jailhouse Lottery to collect the gift of freedom. The decision was up to the men and women in the black robes that had handed down the sentences. Each member of the judiciary would read through his or her list of offenders for the current year. Next, they crossed off everybody who had a vowel in their name that was doing hard time. If your name remained on the paper, you won.

My first year as a correctional officer, I was on duty that December 23rd when the release orders came through and the fourteen recipients were told to roll-up. The majority had been busted on the street for public intoxication and had been given a second chance several times. The three others were serving time for unpaid traffic violations.

The all-male group gathered at the front desk. The average age: 63. Most of the men were bone thin and minus teeth and hair. They were wearing what they had on when they arrived: Tattered pants, worn-out shoes and ponchos the color of the ground.

It was 2:30 in the afternoon and the temperature outside was below freezing. One man did not have a coat. The corporal dug through the lost and found box and pulled out a heavy jacket. Tears of gratitude swelled in the inmate’s eyes.

I filed in behind the freedom train and steered it toward the door. I had expected a more enthusiastic response, maybe a round of high fives. But the old-timers were low on spirit. You would have thought they were being evicted.

“Ok, listen up,” the Corporal said when the big door cranked open. “Keep your noses clean and stay away from the cops. Oh, and have a Merry Christmas.” The fourteen men shuffled out into the parking lot. Some were picked up by friends or relatives. The rest drifted north toward the street.

My corporal pointed toward the nomads. “We guaranteed them ‘3 hots and a cot.’ They’ll be hard-pressed to find that out there,” he said to me. “I’d say half will be arrested and re-booked by midnight. We had this guy once, who was back in custody in one hour and three minutes. He still holds the record.”

At 9:55 p.m., the first of the prodigal prisoners returned. It was the inmate who had received the coat. He was smashed to smithereens and was being lugged into the booking room by two city officers. The coat was gone.

Most of the elderly men, who were kicked out of the jail at Christmas, have passed on. I was never convinced the yuletide favor was squandered on those lost souls, because there were also a few souls that were saved.

In time, the “Powers that Be” made a decision, and the holiday tradition is now a ghost of Christmas past.

Paul St. John Fleming was born and raised in Liverpool, England. He was a local radio announcer in the 1970s. He was a correctional officer at the Salt Lake County Jail. He retired as a 20-year veteran Salt Lake County Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Fleming was the Law Enforcement Columnist for the Salt Lake Tribune for over six years and is the author of the book “Between Donuts.” All of his articles are true.
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Join us August 16, 2015 for the 9th Annual Ride for the Fallen Officers.
Police Suicide: Self-Aid, Buddy Aid, and Personal Courage

by Jeffrey Denning

Richard Brewer, founder of OneWarriorWon.org, who told his story in the book Warrior SOS: Interviews, Insights and Inspiration, came home late in the evening after working a shift. His wife and kids were asleep when he walked into the house and sat down alone at the kitchen table. Mentally and emotionally exhausted, he eyeballed his duty pistol in the patrol bag that sat next to him on the floor, and then he grabbed it. Rich had made the decision to end the pain—years of hurt and trauma.

And then he saw it: an advertisement in the daily newspaper caught his attention. He had remembered the trip he had planned for his wife and children, quietly sleeping nearby. The thought was just enough to keep him from pulling the trigger. The trip wasn’t as much as a glimmer of hope as it was a promise he had made and intended to keep.

Statistics and Stopping-the-Threat Training

We often hear of officers who die in the line of duty. National organizations, like the Officer Down Memorial Page or the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, as well as news media coverage, are quite prolific in their coverage of such tragedies. However, officers who take their own lives don’t get the same public attention, and their names aren’t memorialized either.

Twenty years ago, in 1994, there were twice as many officers who committed suicide than those who died in the line of duty. In 1999, Robert Douglas, the executive director of the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation, said, “We are losing about 300 officers a year to suicide” and “If a jumbo jet with 300 people went down every year, do you think the FAA would ground the jumbo jets and find out what was going on? You bet they would.”

Keeping track of the number of police suicides is no easy task, but Ron Clark of the Badge of Life, a police mental health organization, has done extensive research. Because of the difficulty in gathering accurate numbers of officers who commit suicide is so time consuming and challenging, only three years of data has been collected at this time. This study—the most extensive study ever done on the number of police suicides—was called the National Study of Police Suicides. The study included just three years: 2008, 2009, and 2012.

Below are the figures gathered from the line of duty deaths along with a comparison to police suicides for the same years. The line of duty deaths listed below were extracted from the ODMP and the NLEOMF websites for this article.

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The data here is significant, even more so when compared to the data for line of duty deaths over the last ten years. Taking the last decade of law enforcement line of duty deaths into account there were, on average, about one-third of officer deaths by gunfire, one-third of deaths by motor vehicle accidents, and one-third that could be categorized as “other.”

Again using average numbers over the last ten years, each year there are about 150 line of duty deaths with 50 of those deaths caused by gunfire and another 50 caused by motor vehicle accidents. Using these averages, combined with the numbers of police suicides listed above, that means there are also 150 police suicides each year—shockingly, the same number of officers who’ve died in the line of duty! In other words, there are as many police officers that take their own lives each year as there are killed in the line of duty.

In fact, during the same time span that Sergeants Cory Wride and Derek Johnson were killed in the line of duty, at least three other law enforcement officers in Utah took their own lives, one being a federal agent.

Law enforcement trainers often focus upon officer safety, specifically firearms training and tactical response. Too, over the last few decades, a lot more has been done to lessen the number of injuries and deaths involving police vehicle accidents (e.g. chase
Arguably, the intensified focus upon decreasing vehicle accidents has helped spare lives. As far as officer-involved shootings go, police trainers now tend to focus upon avoiding or responding to ambushes and more violent attacks, and rightfully so.

Tactical training and motor vehicle safety training is crucial and much needed. But, given the high number of police suicides, is the traininglopsided? Training isn’t the only thing that’s needed to address this critical issue, of course. Greater awareness and administrative changes are also needed throughout most every department in the nation. The bottom line:

Is there enough being done to address these highly disturbing statistics? We talk about mindset and survival, but do we address emotional survival enough?

Thankfully, books like Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, by Kevin Gilmartin, have helped raise greater awareness of the need for mental catharsis and emotional balance within the realm of police work. Fortunately, ten years of military operations overseas have also given awareness to combat stress, too.

The suicide rate among military veterans has been staggering over the last several years. On average over 22 veterans are taking their lives each day. In 2012 there were more deaths by suicide among those in the military than there were in actual combat operations. Indeed, the years of operational stress had begun to take a significant toll among the forces and it continues with veterans today. Sadly, while veterans make up just 7 percent of the population in the United States, they account for an alarming 20 percent of all suicides.

Veterans Suicides and Local Demographics

In a forthcoming documentary film titled, That Which I Love Destroys...
Me, former Delta Force Operator, Tyler Grey is quoted as saying, “Take anyone in the world … no one can hold out forever. Take enough things to happen to a person at one time—enough negative things—and anyone, and everyone, can be broken.”

We cannot ignore the fact that a lot of police officers have served—or currently now serve—in a reserve military capacity. This is mentioned not to shun military veterans from working in a law enforcement capacity or to place a stigma upon veterans. On the contrary, enduring the throes of battle offers tactical tools for police officers that operate daily in a paramilitary capacity. That unique experience simply cannot be gained elsewhere.

Moreover, the discipline and maturity veterans have to offer law enforcement circles is beyond compare. Simply said, no other education can compare to military service. When it comes time to selecting candidates for hire, military veterans are undoubtedly law enforcement’s greatest candidate pool.

That said, as shown by the aforementioned statics of military veterans committing suicide, having a lot of veterans in law enforcement circles enhances the vulnerability of police suicides. Of course, not all police officers and not all veterans will ever consider taking their own lives. However, whether having served in the military or not, enough stress can break anyone, as mentioned above.

Conversely, working in a law enforcement capacity may not put an individual at a higher risk for committing suicide. Various studies have shown that both police are in a profession that is at higher risk for suicide and, on the other hand, police are simply in a national average for those who take their own lives, given similar demographics (e.g. age, alcohol use, divorce, etc.).

Interestingly, Utah is the second leading state in the nation for the highest number of suicides. There were 574 suicides committed in Utah in 2013, about a dozen more than 2012. In Salt Lake City alone there were 48 suicides and 461 attempted suicides that were reported in 2012. In 2013 there were 47 suicides and 451 attempted suicides reported. According to a local news report, there were 45,000 calls to Salt Lake’s crisis hotlines last year.

Recognizing and Getting Help Soon

Sad experience has taught us that police officers are also susceptible to these sad statistics. Cited studies or not, there’s no doubt that the law enforcement profession can take a great emotional toll on individuals and families. Unfortunately, most cops are skilled at concealing emotional challenges and personal difficulties. Cops rarely ask for help. No one wants to be seen as weak.

Rubbing some proverbial dirt on an emotional wound and trying to “suck it up” and “tough it out” can cause wounds to fester over time. While speaking with a retired Philadelphia SWAT officer a few years ago, he said that since retiring the two officer-involved shootings he got into began to really weigh heavily upon his mind. Retirement and rest can bring up old memories and have harmful emotional effects of past traumas once endured.

Psychologists have seen an increase of Vietnam veterans who came home from war and got into a lively pro-
profession, like law enforcement and/or firefighting, and then later retired. They didn’t seem to have problems until they retired. The intensity of emotions faced in these professions can give a continual “fix,” like the pill to the addict, for those who need or like adrenaline. But stop the rush and things can come crashing down. Masking problems for years isn’t healthy.

Sometimes we may not even recognize that we need help. Often others see the change in us first. It’s difficult to see our own emotional wounds reflected in the mirror, since any weakness at all is an image that tough, stereotypical “warriors” aren’t supposed to reflect. With careful introspection, however, the warrior with 7 to 10 years on the job may soon begin to realize that a great emotional change has occurred.

Hardening happens to every person who deals with “stupid” people who have or may try to harm them. We go from not trusting others to feeling numb to becoming apathetic. Emotional survival brings dark humor, but isolation, withdrawal and a lack of sympathy for others (even ourselves), can ruin relationships and injure careers. This may be just one of reasons why the founder of the Badge of Life—the same man who conducted that the National Study of Police Suicides—suggests that every officer should go see a mental health counselor annually, whether they feel they need to or not.

An officer from the Dallas police department confided that after losing a friend on the force, and after being involved in multiple police encounters over a decade, including a critical incident, that he felt overwhelmed. The public scrutiny, the Internal Affairs investigations, and the daily grind of police work became mentally and emotionally fatiguing. He went from constantly being on alert and buying extra rounds and a back-up gun after a justified shooting where he felt he’d run out of ammo, to not wanting to shoot, fight or hurt anyone anymore. He lied to everyone and said he was fine, but he started hiding out in church parking lots, just to avoid any encounters with the public that could forever be second-guessed and publicly scrutinized. He didn’t trust the department psychologist, so he lied and said everything was okay following his critical incident. But he knew he wasn’t doing well. The emotional toll also began to negatively affect him physically. Fortunately, he decided to go see a private counselor. He continued to work for at least five years following his justified shooting, but he was completely stressed out. He just needed a break. A different job assignment within the department, had it come sooner, might have helped. But instead, one of the most squared away officers in the department, got out of police work altogether.

As mentioned previously, training and awareness isn’t the only thing that’s needed to curb what could be called an epidemic of police suicide. Administrative acknowledgment and, perhaps more importantly, a compassionate understanding of such stresses, are badly needed. Officers need to feel comfortable enough to get help without feeling they’ll lose their job or be ostracized from their peers. Of course, that is no easy task.

Recent comments on social media from a police officer in the Northeast part of the United States, following
the suicide of a Trooper there, are worth sharing here. In this article, his full name and the department he works for is left out.

Tony S. writes,

“Rest in peace sister. May God welcome you home. This happens way too often. We lost a platoon member last year. She had asked for help for years and never received it. Instead of help, she received ridicule and rumors. She was never properly honored nor is there anything that even mentions that she was part of our department. [Here] there is no real help for those suffering. The last ‘debriefing’ I attended was conducted at a bar during happy hour and constantly interrupted by patrons. The perception is that if you need help, the administration will strip you of your weapon, ship you off to the hospital, drug you into submission and you spend the remainder of your career in the rubber gun squad. [Here] we are expendable because there are as one chief put it, “a thousand other people out there who want that job.’ We don’t matter or count here. That needs to change.”

While no response was gathered from this officer’s administration, his perception of how things work within his department is real. His pain is real.

Self-Aid, Buddy-Aid and Courage

A former SWAT operator and Navy SEAL, told me about a horrific battle he was in a few years ago. He said they were attacked and his buddy, literally standing shoulder to shoulder with him, went down. My friend told me, “He was bleeding badly. I threw him a tourniquet. Then, I returned fire... If I hadn’t, I wouldn’t be here today... My buddy didn’t make it. He bled out. He didn’t get the tourniquet on in time.”

Most officers would rush to the aid of the fallen and wounded, including those who are emotionally wounded. In the example given above, the former operator threw his buddy a tourniquet. He would have done more if he could.

When it comes to rapid response, we need to not only be our brothers’ keepers, we need to get help ourselves when we are in trouble. Sometimes our buddies just can’t save us. We need to save ourselves. We need to recognize we’re emotionally hemorrhaging, and we must get the tourniquet on ASAP. In other words, as difficult as it may be, we need the courage to help ourselves.

Thankfully, there’s a peer support group in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, other officers within Utah are bereft of that. Regardless, there are programs and people that will help. Yet still, the most critical tool for the law enforcement officer’s emotional toolbox is courage. It’s takes an extra amount of courage to step forth and get help.

Karl von Clausewitz, the father of modern warfare, “Courage, above all things, is the first quality of a warrior.” When it comes to suicide or taking one’s own life, officers need courage to not pull the trigger; courage to not drink oneself into further despair; courage to avoid rage and violence at home; courage to believe that it isn’t cut-and-dry career sabotage to get help, but that even if it is, that no career is worth more than one’s own life.

It may be easy, by comparison, to run into a gunfight. Getting emotional help is entirely another story. This is the crux of the whole matter. Officers who
take their own lives are stuck between getting much-needed help and feeling like their career, their relationships and their lives are completely over.

Feelings of guilt, isolation or even incompetence can overwhelm those who suffer in silence. Many who suffer feel like they shouldn’t feel the way they do. Ironically, they may feel guilty for feeling guilty. Comparison to warrior archetypes, or what we may conceive or expect a warrior to be, isn’t healthy either.

Additionally, we must not underestimate the toll of experiencing primary, secondary or even tertiary traumas. Even interviewing victims of heinous crimes can be overwhelming (e.g. child abuse crimes). From nightmares to sleepless nights and from powerful feelings of anger or rage to the gloom of depression and constant fatigue, sometimes the warrior’s bane is terribly stressful.

After experiencing a tragedy, it’s normal to question or even second-guess everything we’ve done. We may regret ever doing what we’ve done, particularly if we get slammed in the media, on social media or with Internal Affairs. Unfortunately, it can create a huge burden for future confrontation in that we may hesitate the next time a situation occurs that may reflect the first tragedy we’ve experienced and suffered through—or something other good officers have suffered through. For example, we may ask ourselves “Would it be better to get bit by a dog now instead of shooting it?”

Whatever the case may be, we must not feel like we haven’t endured enough to be suffering. Such inner conflict can be overwhelming. Those who suffer internally may feel justified to feel badly only if they had experienced something truly horrific in their minds. We can compare ourselves to the point of compounding guilt (e.g. “If I had the same experiences as [so and so] then I’d feel justified for feeling the way I do.”)

Viktor Frankl was held captive in a Nazi prison camp. He chose a gas chamber analogy regarding the size of personal suffering. In his book, Man’s Search for Meaning, he wrote, “A man’s suffering is similar to the behavior of gas. If a certain quantity of gas is pumped into an empty chamber, it will fill the chamber completely and evenly, no matter how big the chamber. Thus, suffering completely fills the human soul and conscious mind no matter whether the suffering is great or little. Therefore, the ‘size’ of human suffering is absolutely relative.”

In short, believe that whatever you’re experiencing that is negative is a huge problem that needs airing out. You and I cannot stay long inside a toxic gas chamber very long without feeling its devastating affects.

In conclusion, for those who end their lives or even attempt suicide, feelings much deeper than failure and toxic pains much more poignant than despair must be saturating their entire lives. As rescuers, we can be understanding, nonjudgmental and compassionate. We can at least throw our buddies an emotional tourniquet. Utilizing these attributes, as well as lending a listening ear, can help do just that. But again, in the end, it’s up the every person individually to get the help themselves. Don’t wait until things are catastrophic. Don’t put a Band-Aid over an amputation. Get help today and try to have hope enough to recognize that after the storm passes, sunshine always appears.
A Utah police survivor is leading a campaign to make sure no other officer is killed in the same manner as her husband.

November 26, 2014  |  by David Griffith

From Code 4 Facebook page

Around 1 p.m. on Jan. 30, Sgt. Cory Wride of the Utah County Sheriff’s Office spotted a pickup truck parked on the side of Utah’s State Route 73 with its emergency flashers activated. And as he had done many times before, Wride stopped to help what he thought was a stranded motorist who needed a hand.

What Wride didn’t realize as his cruiser pulled to a stop behind the truck was that he had fallen into a trap. The back window of the pickup slid open and shots were fired through Wride’s windshield.

Wride was killed without a chance to fight back. His attacker—later identified as Jose Angel Garcia-Juaregui, 27—was a fugitive wanted for stabbing and running over one of his associates. Also inside the truck was a 17-year-old girl.

Garcia-Juaregui and the girl drove away. And they might have escaped, except Wride had called in the information on the truck moments before he was shot.

That same afternoon Utah County Sheriff’s Dep. Greg Sherwood spotted the pickup truck—now wanted in Wride’s murder—and gave chase. And once again shots were fired out the back of the truck through an officer’s windshield. Sherwood was hit in the head and critically wounded. He survived.

Garcia-Juaregui did not. He was mortally wounded in a gunfight with law enforcement officers. The girl identified as his teenage girlfriend was charged as an adult with aggravated murder.

The Cause

The murder of Sgt. Cory Wride and the attempted murder of Dep. Greg Sherwood reveal a key vulnerability in American police patrol vehicles. And no one is more aware of this vulnerability than Wride’s widow, Nannette.

Some police survivors suffer their grief in silence and solitude. Nannette Wride is the opposite. She is a vocal advocate for improving officer safety. Her key goal is to fit your patrol car and all future patrol cars with bullet-resistant armored glass and door panels.

Wride admits that her campaign for armoring every patrol vehicle nationwide is ambitious and will meet budgetary resistance, but she believes such armor could have saved her husband and many other officers who have been and who will be ambushed in their cars. And she’s dedicated to the long haul.

Wride’s first move was to launch a petition on WhiteHouse.gov to bring the issue to the attention of the president. She needed 100,000 signatures in order to receive official comment and fell well short of that goal, but she says she knew that would happen from the beginning. And she was encouraged by the number of signatures the petition did receive.

The petition campaign was actually bait for the media. Wride and her son Nathan Mohler, who is working toward becoming a law enforcement officer in Arizona, appeared on local Salt Lake City TV to publicize their effort. The result was that more people started to take it seriously. The mother and son duo also received some audiences with powerful politicians, and those politicians gave them some sound advice. They told Wride and her son to think locally.

“They suggested that we eat the elephant a bite at a time and get our guys covered here in Utah first,” Wride says.

The Armor

One of the first things Wride had to do as she began her campaign to add armor to Utah’s patrol vehicles was to learn more about the technology. Fortunately for Wride, one of the world’s premier passenger vehicle armoring companies is based in Utah. She contacted International Armoring in Centerville, and the company’s management agreed to teach her about vehicle armor and explain what could be done to protect officers in their rolling offices.

Mark Burton, CEO of International Armoring, says few people, including law enforcement officers, are aware of recent advances in armor technology that have produced materials that can protect the occupants of passenger vehicles without adding significant weight or compromising performance.

International Armoring has been fitting passenger vehicles, including a few patrol cars, with ballistic protection for 15 years. Its
primary customers are celebrities and international customers, ranging from heads of state to business executives to private security agencies.

Burton says the company’s experience shows that Wride’s focus on windshields is critically important for officer safety. “We’ve had almost 400 attacks on vehicles we armored over the years, and 90% of the rounds hit the glass,” he explains. “People shoot at what they can see.”

In the past, arming windshields, side windows, and doors in patrol vehicles per Wride’s plan would have added a lot of weight. But Burton says that has changed and using today’s technology the armor is comparatively very light and will have nominal effect on the vehicle’s performance. “It’s a maximum additional weight of about 200 pounds. That’s like adding another passenger into the car,” he says.

Many of the drawbacks that police officers have raised about arming patrol cars have also been eliminated by advances in armor. For example, some officers believe that adding ballistic glass to patrol cars would make them death traps in the event of an accident, as the heavy glass would shatter into large, sharp shards and impale the occupants unlike safety glass windshields, which crumble into dull-edged chunks.

Ballistic windshields are no longer anywhere near as heavy or thick as they were in the past. Burton says an NIJ Level III windshield that can stop AR and AK fire is 33 millimeters (1.3 inches) thick. And while that’s certainly substantially thicker than a standard windshield, it’s not the brick-thick glass that was once required to protect vehicle occupants from rifle bullets.

The type of glass now being used by International Armoring for passenger vehicles is a multi-laminate. It consists of a hardened glass, then an acrylic inner layer, and finally a polycarbonate backing. “The hardened glass and the acrylic slow the round down and the polycarbonate has elasticity. It absorbs the energy, and stops the round and any fragments,” Burton says.

The Money

Of course all this high-tech protection comes at a price. And that’s the biggest obstacle that Wride faces as she pursues her dream of arming all of Utah’s and eventually all of the nation’s patrol cars.

But there is some precedent for agencies paying to add armor to their patrol vehicles. In the mid-2000s Ford started offering ballistic armor as an option on the driver and passenger doors of the Crown Vic. Ford Police Marketing Manager Jonathan Honeycutt says the option has been popular with some customers and is still available on the Police Interceptor Sedan and Police Interceptor Utility.

Adding ballistic protection to patrol vehicle doors lets officers use the doors as a shield during situations that require ballistic cover. And although it adds some to the bottom line cost of the car, it’s not a budget buster. Adding ballistic glass, however, is considerably more expensive, and no patrol vehicle manufacturer currently offers it as an option.

Wride knows that few agencies can afford to provide the kind of patrol car armor she envisions just through their budgets. She believes the goal can be accomplished through a combination of private and corporate donations, grants, and other alternative funding.

Toward that end she has started a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Utah Code 4 Foundation, to raise money for arming the patrol vehicles of Utah agencies. She has also secured the URL Utahcode4.com and set up a bank account for donations.

In addition to raising money for arming patrol cars, Wride plans to use her Website to publicize the actions of heroic and self-sacrificing officers. She says she will write a blog for the site and post videos of officers doing good things. “I want to humanize the officers in the public mind,” she says. But the primary focus of the site is raising funds to arm patrol vehicles, and that of course requires participation from law enforcement agencies. Wride says she is working with three Utah agencies—the Draper Police Department, the Carbon County Sheriff’s Office, and the Utah County Sheriff’s Office—that have agreed to let her armor some of their vehicles once funding is available.

She is also receiving help from International Armoring, which has agreed to offer a special armor package and installation at a special price. “They graciously agreed to cut their costs,” Wride says.

Burton believes if Wride’s campaign were to suddenly become a huge success that all of the nation’s patrol cars could actually be armored in a very short time. He estimates that each vehicle armoring will require 48 labor hours and that the nine or so passenger vehicle armoring companies in the U.S., including International Armoring, could scale up very quickly. And of course, economies of scale would drive down the costs if thousands of patrol cars were being armored.

Still, the most practical way to achieve Wride’s goal would be through the carmakers themselves offering an armor package as an option in the same manner that Ford currently offers ballistic door armor on its police vehicles. Wride is well aware of this and she already plans to meet with the carmakers.

She says she will be relentless in her pursuit of providing more protection for officers. “I want this for all our guys,” she says. “I have talked with veterans who have come back from Afghanistan and Iraq to be police officers. They tell me, ‘We’re doing the same things we did over there here on the job. The only difference is here we do it with nothing.’”
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*Discounts will vary*
Charitable Facial Hair

By Deputy Jared Fitzgerald
Cache County Deputies
Association President 2014-15

When posed with the question of how to motivate the members of the Cache County Deputies Association to donate money to a worthy cause, the Association decided to hit them where it counts… right in their masculinity. We challenged one of the keystones of manliness, the beard. While most office policies restrict facial hair, the Cache County Sheriff’s Office included, our administration allowed a month long moratorium on the policy. During November the Association offered deputies the opportunity to purchase a one month 30 dollar “beard permit” to cultivate their manliness. For some this is an opportunity to display the unfettered effect of their abundance of testosterone, for others it is a bit less of a display.

The public is not used to seeing such displays from local law enforcement, so it is interesting when they ask us about our facial hair, however great or embarrassing the beard is. It gives us chance to explain about the fundraising opportunity and charitable nature of many in Law Enforcement. 2014 is the second year the Cache County Sheriff’s Office has done the beard permits and the public has already began to identify the bearded deputy as a sign of the giving season. In 2013 the Cache County Deputies Association raised over 800 dollars for CAPSA (Community Abuse Prevention Service Agency). This money provided for the shelter and assistance of many families who were the victims of domestic violence.

This year we were able to donate to a more personal cause. Zac Horspool is the son of a Davis County Sheriff’s Deputy. Zac was diagnosed with GM1 Gangliosidosis. While living with this rare fatal condition, his parents were told Zac would experience seizures, blindness, feeding tubes and be wheelchair bound and bed ridden. Deputy Horspool is part of the Law Enforcement family, making their son our son.

Using the beard permit as a fundraiser, the CCDA sold over 50 permits and has raised over 2000 dollars for Zac and his family. As Association President it has been overwhelming to see the outpouring of support from the deputies of the Cache County Sheriff’s Office to help a member of the law enforcement family. It is amazing to me that those who have given so much and continue to give more in this career continue to find ways to give more. We hope to continue and evolve this fundraiser further over the coming years.
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Weber County Sheriff’s Office
Search & Rescue Team

By Sheriff Terry Thompson

Members of the Weber County Sheriff’s Office Search & Rescue Team (SAR), along with marine patrol deputies, fished five vehicles out of Pineview Reservoir over the past few weeks.

SAR deputies recently located the cars near the dam while they were testing some new sonar equipment. It appears the vehicles had been dumped off the embankment of the pullouts on the south side of the reservoir. They were located about 30-50 feet out from the shore in about 30-40 feet of water.

Specialized underwater divers from the SAR dive team assisted a towing crew in hooking onto the vehicles so they could be hoisted from the water.

Investigators are still trying to determine how and when the vehicles ended up in the reservoir. The first vehicle pulled from the water was a Dodge Raider with a license plate that expired in 1996. The second vehicle was a Suzuki Samurai with a registration that expired in 1999. The third vehicle was a Ford pick-up truck that also expired in 1999. The fourth vehicle was a Toyota 4-runner that was reported stolen out of Ogden City on 08/30/2014.

In addition to these cars, deputies pulled another vehicle that was located closer to the dam on the north side. No bodies were found and it is not believed any of the cars were occupied when they went into the water.

Investigators are now trying to determine a disposition on the recovered cars including the 5th vehicle, an old Mercury sedan, probably from the 1950s, that could have possibly been submerged for over 50 years. Detectives will work on trying to identify the owner of the car but that may prove difficult.

During the recovery effort, crews also discovered a bag with a 10-pound weight inside it along with two handguns.

The Weber County Sheriff’s Office wishes to thank all the wonderful volunteers with Search & Rescue, as well as Stauffer’s Towing who freely donated their time and resources to this operation.
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In light of the recent unrest surrounding the public opinion of Law Enforcement #DCSO would like to focus on the good deeds your peacekeepers do on a daily basis. We are proud to help our fellow neighbors with a hardship, a medical crisis or possibly even save their life. We understand there may be some individuals who have had a bad experience with Law Enforcement and they may look at all of us with mistrust or even hatred. Davis County is full of Deputies who are amazing individuals who go above and beyond their call of duty to make sure you, the citizens we serve, are left in better condition than when we arrived.

Here is a report KSL 5 TV did on the night that the Ferguson, Missouri, Grand Jury Decision was made public:

FARMINGTON — A Utah sheriff acknowledges a number of recent, highly publicized officer-involved shootings spanning from Ferguson, Missouri, to Salt Lake City to West Valley City to Saratoga Springs have fueled outrage and distrust of police at large, but he said Monday he hoped people will remember the many times officers and deputies go “above and beyond” to leave their communities better than they found them.

“We’re here to help,” Davis County Sheriff Todd Richardson said. “We’re not here to pull anybody down.”

A number of recent examples of deputies doing “more than required” were posted Monday on the Davis County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page, including changing tires during extreme weather, buying food for people and cleaning up a house after a domestic disturbance call.

In another cited example, a deputy helped find a barn for horses displaced during a traffic accident involving an out-of-state traveler. The deputy’s wife then fixed dinner for everyone involved.

“It’s not all about citations, it’s not all about dealing with the bad aspect of life — it’s also dealing with the general day-to-day things,” Richardson said. “It’s from the smallest things of bringing in somebody’s groceries to the biggest things where we’re having to sit with somebody that’s barricaded with a gun — we’re going to do it to keep people safe.”

Sgt. Dan Yeaman said deputies on patrol in Davis County are constantly watching for drivers in distress, and also occasionally spend their own money to do a good turn.

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“We have one deputy during Halloween who goes out and buys several bags of candy, and when he’s on patrol during Halloween, he gives out the candy to the kids purchased with his own money,” Yeaman said. “It’s a great way to be out there showing the community that we’re out there for them and we’re the kids’ friends.”

Deputies have also assisted during natural disasters.
and extreme weather events, such as the windstorm on Dec. 1, 2011, when hurricane-force winds left behind widespread damage.

“We had deputies going out trying to pull limbs off of people’s cars,” Richardson recalled. “We had one person that was stuck in a car that the wind was blowing so fast — she was an elderly lady — and couldn’t get from her car back into her house.”

The department’s Facebook post characterized Davis County deputies as “true professionals” whose power comes with “great responsibility.”

Continued next page
“For the most part, I think that we have a community that is very supportive of us, that we have an open dialogue all the time,” Richardson said. “Our role here is to make sure that everybody is safe and can go home to their families at the end of the day.”

Editor’s Note: And this law enforcement officer’s comment sums it up -- “Many more of us have done things that will never be recognized, because we don’t need to draw attention to ourselves.”

And here is more as seen on their Facebook page:

Davis County Sheriff’s Office is honored by the actions of our brothers and sisters at the Cache County Sheriff’s Office. Cache County Deputies raised funds to help Davis County Deputy Horspool who is experiencing a family hardship ever since his son, Zac was diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Deputy J. Fitzgerald, the president of the Cache County Sheriff’s Employee’s Association, presented a commemorative badge and a check to help the Horspool family with their medical bills.

The Cache County Deputy Association held a fundraiser by selling beard permits to the Cache County Deputies for the month of November - see page 32. The employees donated their money to the cause and the Association added to that donation for a total of $2,100.00 gift to the Horspool family. Deputy Fitzgerald presented the gifts to Deputy Horspool during a very emotional ceremony.

Deputy Fitzgerald said “In Law Enforcement we are considered one big family, and so your son is considered as my son.”

Deputy Fitzgerald also personally donated a night at his family’s cabin timeshare up at Bear Lake.

Cache County Deputy P. Johnson started his career at Davis County Sheriff’s Office before getting a job closer to his home with the Cache County Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Johnson is the one who brought the fundraising idea to his fellow Deputies in Cache County. The Cache County Sheriff’s Employee Association all loved and supported the idea of helping one of their brothers from another county who is experiencing a medical nightmare.

Deputy Horspool was choked up and said the support “has been overwhelming” as he thanked everyone involved.

DCSO would like to thank our Law Enforcement Family up in Cache County for their compassion and willingness to support one of our brothers. If you would like to learn more about “Zacs Battle” visit their blog at: http://bit.ly/Zacsblog.
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The UPOA hosted the first annual UPOA Multigun Championship on February 5, 2014, just prior to the UPOA Mid-Winter Convention. It was held at the Southern Utah Practical Range in Hurricane, Utah.

There were 43 competitors, 5 stages, and 14 great companies as sponsors. Congratulations to the match winners; 1st place Beau Mason (UHP), 2nd place Craig Outzen (UPD), 3rd place Rob Wilkinson (UHP), 4th place Jeremy Dunn (Enoch City Police), and 5th place Jeff Bailey (Washington County Sheriff).

For many competitors this was their first attempt at competition shooting. Under the pressure of time, adrenaline, spectators, and ego, we all learned something. Some learned the importance of verifying rifle zero, reliability of equipment/ammo, weapon familiarity, and staying calm (at least trying). These are all important lessons to learn in competition and crucial to know on duty.

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With the help of great sponsors we were able to reward the competitors with a substantial prize table. Everyone left the match with product or certificates much greater than their entrance fee.

With hope, all those that competed last year will come back better prepared, motivated, and trained. There will be a special prize for “Most Improved” this year. I request the assistance of previous competitors to spread the word on your experience and recruit other officers to compete this year.

This year the match will be held on February 4, 2015 at the same range. At the time I wrote this article there are already 55 officers signed up for the match, we are limiting the match at 80 shooters this year. Do not wait to sign up or you will miss your chance. Register at https://clubs.practiscore.com/2015-upoa-multigun/register.

The match will consist of 8 stages. Bring 125 pistol rounds, 125 rifle rounds, and 75 birdshot shells. Sign in is at 0800 hours and first shots will be at 0900 hours. The match fee is $20 and includes a custom match t-shirt.

So far, the sponsors for this year are; Berry’s Bullets, Dead On Ammo/Beast Mode Tactical, Tac-Tech-Cal holsters, Double Tap Ammo, Xtreme Graphics, Prolix Lubricants, Tactical Performance Center (TPC), Adamson Police Products, Glock, Safariland, Brownells, SLC Wholesale Sports, Skaggs, ESS eyewear, SilencerCo, Dixie Gunworx, Red Hills Tactical, Interstate Tires Distributors, House of Hearing, Bellum Canis Outdoors and FNH.

If you are a seasoned veteran wanting to prove your firearm proficiency, this is the place. If you are a rookie, fresh out of the academy, wanting make yourself a better shooter, this is where to start. Either way you will become a safer, more effective officer to protect yourself, your colleagues, and your community.

For more information regarding this match or interest in USPSA/Multigun competition, please contact me at JeremyD@cityofenoch.org.
June 24, 2014 - AMERICAN FORK, Utah — A memorial in honor of a fallen officer was unveiled Tuesday night in American Fork.

The plaque is dedicated to Sgt. Cory Wride, who was shot and killed in January while checking on what he believed was an abandoned vehicle. Instead he was met with gunfire.

The unveiling was especially emotional for Sgt. Wride’s family, including his widow Nannette. She saw the plaque on Memorial Day, but seeing the finished dedication at Robinson Park was a reminder of her loss, a loss she hopes everyone can learn from.

“It is so touching,” Nannette Wride said of the plaque at Robinson Park.

Tiny footsteps lead up to the memorial.

“Just the idea of the little footsteps there, you know children are going to walk up and look,” she said.

Children will be looking at a young boy who became a hero.

“It just touches my heart. Every time I read it I cry because it talks about honoring the man and forgiving the foe and that is just who he was, and is. It is how he lived his life and like I said from the beginning our family doesn’t feel any malice towards the person who took his life,” Nannette Wride said.

The person who shot and killed the 19-year veteran officer is dead but his alleged accomplice, Megan Grunwald is behind bars, charged with his murder.

Nannette Wride said her husband was a humble man, who often shied away from the spotlight. Still, he would have been touched by the tribute.

“I know in his heart he just would have welled up and would have been so touched that his life meant something and has touched so many lives,” she said.

American Fork is where the Utah County Sheriff’s sergeant grew up and it’s the place his legacy will now live on.

“I was emotional because of my service with his father in the Utah National Guard,” said American Fork City Mayor James Hadfield. “It’s here a place they can find solace where they can sit on a bench beside the monument and receive some solace form his loss.”

Nannette Wride who tearfully looked at the plaque etched with her late husband’s face said she wants her loss to someday become someone’s hope.

“He’s a hero but he started off as a little kid, that’s something a little kid can attain. They can be heroes too in their own lives and I think it just gives a lot of hope,” she said.
The idea of the tiny footsteps leading up to the memorial came from when a child walked up to the plaque when it was first unveiled during Memorial Day and put his hand on it.

Nannette Wride believes a bulletproof windshield would have saved her husband’s life. She’s setting up a charity that will someday help fund bulletproof windshields for police departments across Utah.

She said three police departments have already pledged to change their police cruisers.

*Pictures of Cory’s funeral taken by Les Langford are included in the UPOA May 2014 APB at http://www.upoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/APB_2014-05.pdf*
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The Officers who are being honor at the Fallen Officer Trail Ride

Sergeant Cory Wride
Died on January 30, 2014
Age: 44
Utah County Sheriff’s Office
Homicide: Shooting
Sgt. Cory Wride, 44, was shot and killed while on uniformed patrol while assisting a stranded motorist. After encountering a pickup truck with flashing blinkers at the side of the State Road 73 between Eagle Mountain and Cedar Fort, Sgt. Wride radioed dispatch to advise that he was pulling over to assist.

Some time after the stop, the suspect opened the back window of the truck and opened fire, killing Sgt. Wride. The suspect continued fleeing south, but not without another gunfight with responding officers, and was taken into custody after he was critically wounded. The suspect later died of his injuries.

Married and the father of five children, Sgt. Wride had served with the Utah County Sheriff’s Office nearly 20 years.

Sergeant Derek R. Johnson
Died on September 1, 2013
Age: 32
Draper City Police Department
Homicide: Shooting
Draper Sgt. Derek R. Johnson, 32, was shot and killed while on uniformed patrol in the early morning hours of September 1, 2013.

Shortly before shift change, Sgt. Johnson encountered a car parked at an odd angle near 13200 South and Fort Street (900 East). When he stopped to investigate, a homeless suspect opened fire on him with handgun.

Backup officers responding to a call for help located Sgt. Johnson and attempted CPR, however the decorated officer died of his wounds. After shooting Sgt. Johnson, the 35-year-old male suspect also shot his female companion and then himself. Both survived and remain in custody. The investigation is ongoing.

Married and the father of a six-year-old son, Sgt. Johnson had served with the Draper Police Department for nine years. The first Draper City officer to die in the line of duty is buried in Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery.

Chief Deputy Seymore L. Clark
Died on November 27, 1908
Age 37
Weber County Sheriff’s Office
Homicide: Handgun
Deputy Clark was shot and killed by
a burglar. At approximately 9 p.m., the 37-year-old victim and another deputy responded to a Uintah farm on a complaint of trespassing. The two officers arrested a vagrant and were returning to Ogden in a buggy when they observed a man entering a boxcar on a rail siding. When they stopped to investigate, the man opened fire on them with a .32-caliber automatic pistol. Deputy Clark was shot four times and died a few minutes later. The other deputy and the suspect were both wounded. The killer was never identified. Deputy Clark was married but had no children. He is buried in Ogden City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the Weber County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Trooper William P. Keane
August 23, 2013
Age 56
New York State Police, New York
Heart attack
Trooper William Keane suffered a fatal heart attack while officially representing the New York State Police in the North American Inspectors Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah. Trooper Keane had been participating in the timed commercial vehicle inspection events when he began to feel ill. He was transported to a local hospital when his conditioned worsened but passed away a short time later.

Trooper Keane was a U.S. Navy veteran. He had served with the New York State Police for 26 years and was assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit in Troop A. He is survived by his wife, seven children, and six grandchildren.

Sergeant Doyle R. Thorne
Died on July 30, 1994
Age 52
Utah Highway Patrol
Accidental: Aircraft
Sergeant Thorne lost his life in the crash of a helicopter during a search and rescue operation. The 52-year-old victim was the sole occupant of a UHP helicopter dispatched to search for a small child lost in the area of Indian Canyon, Duchesne County. When the search concluded with the safe discovery of the child, Sgt. Thorne was returning to base in Salt Lake County. Near Strawberry Peak in Wasatch County, he radioed that he was experiencing mechanical trouble. He was not heard from again. Three days later, searchers located the wreckage and the body of Sgt. Thorne. A 24-year veteran of the UHP, Sgt. Thorne left a wife and four children. He is buried in Brigham City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the Utah Highway Patrol Association.

Sergeant James E. Faraone
Died on September 18, 2001
Age 48
Salt Lake City Police Department
Accidental: Multiple Vehicle Accident
Sergeant Faraone, 48, was killed in a traffic crash on Interstate 80. Shortly after 2:30 p.m., the 48-year-old victim encountered a disabled vehicle in the middle of the eastbound lanes at approximately 3800 West. Sergeant Faraone parked his unmarked police vehicle behind the disabled vehicle and activated his red and blue strobe lights. Sergeant Faraone was seated inside his vehicle when it was struck from behind by a pickup traveling at a high rate of speed. Although wearing his seatbelt, the victim died almost instantly of massive chest trauma caused by the steering column. Sergeant Faraone was seated inside his vehicle when it was struck from behind by a pickup traveling at a high rate of speed. Although wearing his seatbelt, the victim died almost instantly of massive chest trauma caused by the steering column. Sergeant Faraone is survived by his wife and two children, and is buried in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the...
Salt Lake City Police Sergeants Association.

**Deputy Richard D. Westwood**

Died on September 5, 1929  
Age 65  
Grand County Sheriff’s Office  
Homicide: Handgun

Deputy Westwood was shot to death during the escape of two prisoners from the Grand County Jail. The 65-year-old victim and another officer arrested two men for possession of stolen property. The suspects were placed in the unstaffed jail. Several hours later, Deputy Westwood returned to the jail alone. He was shot with a .32-caliber pistol the men had managed to conceal from the officers. The two suspects escaped but were recaptured, tried, and convicted. One of the men died in prison in 1963. The other was paroled. Deputy Westwood was married and the father of six children. He is buried in Salt Lake City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by Alan and Jean Hall.

**Detective Marshall N. White**

Died on October 18, 1963  
Age 54  
Ogden Police Department  
Homicide: Rifle

Detective White was mortally wounded by a teenage escapee from the State Industrial School. On the afternoon of October 15, the 54-year-old victim and two other officers were investigating a report of a residential burglary. Inside the home, they encountered the suspect armed with a .32-caliber carbine. When Detective White called for the suspect’s surrender, he was shot in the abdomen. After a brief standoff, the suspect surrendered.

**Detective White**

Died three days later. The suspect was charged as an adult. Pleading guilty to first-degree murder, he was sentenced to life in prison. Paroled in 1976, he was shot by police during an armed robbery the following year. Permanently paralyzed, he died eight years later in a convalescent home. Detective White was married and the father of seven children. He is buried in Ogden City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the Ogden Police Benevolent Association.

**Deputy Gordon A. Stuart**

Died on April 15, 1922  
Age 27  
Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office  
Homicide: Shotgun

Deputy Stuart was killed while serving a court order on a farm in Welby (West Jordan). The 26-year-old victim, three other deputies, and the plaintiff in the court case went to the farm to seize some stock. While discussing the court order with the suspect in his home, the suspect picked up a shotgun and killed Deputy Stuart. He then pursued and killed the plaintiff. The man surrendered several hours later. He was found guilty and executed by firing squad in 1923. The suspect’s wife was tried four separate times for her complicity in the homicides, but was ultimately found not guilty. Deputy Stuart had been a police of-
Officer Willard R. Dahle  
Died on May 4, 1929  
Age 53  
Logan Police Department  
Homicide: Handgun

Officer Dahle was shot and killed by a bootlegger. Earlier in the day, a man arrested for manufacturing whiskey had written a check for his bail but forgot to sign it. Officer Dahle was sent to the suspect’s home for the purposes of securing a signature. The 53-year-old officer was sitting in a chair in the suspect’s bedroom discussing the matter when he was shot three times with a .380-automatic pistol. The suspect then committed suicide. Officer Dahle was married and the father of three children. He is buried in Logan City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the Logan City Police Benefit Association.

Deputy Jeremiah K. Johnson  
Died on May 27, 2003  
Age 30  
Emery County Sheriff’s Office  
Accidental: Multiple Vehicle

Deputy Johnson was killed in a traffic crash near Castle Dale. The 30-year-old victim was finishing an overnight shift when he crossed the centerline and collided head-on with a coal truck. The driver of the coal truck was not injured. Investigators were unable to determine why Deputy Johnson’s patrol vehicle crossed the centerline, but said that the rising sun and a sharp curve in the road may have contributed to the collision. Deputy Johnson was married and the father of three children. He is buried in Castle Dale Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by the Emery County Sheriff’s Office Deputy’s Care Fund.

Officer John C. Morrissey  
No picture available  
Died on July 6, 1895  
Age 35  
Bingham Police Department  
Accidental: Shooting

Officer Morrissey was accidentally shot to death by a fellow officer. Morrissey and his partner were working Bingham’s annual Independence Day celebration when they attempted to arrest an intoxicated man. The suspect struggled with the officers and began to draw a knife. The second officer struck the man in the head with his pistol. The weapon discharged and the bullet entered Morrissey’s heart. The 35-year-old victim was married and...
the father of five children. He is buried in the Bingham City Cemetery. His bronze name plaque is sponsored by Austin K. and Kade J. Rice, and Luke K. Shulsen.

**Jose G. Argueta**  
**Died May 25, 2006**  
**Age 32**  
**Midvale City Police Department**  
**Esophageal Cancer**

Officer Argueta was diagnosed with esophageal cancer 16 months before his death. It is believed he contracted the aggressive cancer after being exposed to meth labs during his years working with the SWAT team and drug enforcement. He was hired by the Midvale Police Department in 1995 and successfully completed assignments in patrol, motors division, narcotics, and JCAT, was a SWAT team leader and most recently served as a robbery/homicide detective.

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**Utah Peace Officers Association**

**Fallen Peace Officer Trail - Memorial Ceremony**

The memorial ceremony will begin at 9 am on **Saturday, April 18th, 2015** at the Fallen Peace Officer Trailhead (mile marker 141 on Highway 191). The dedication will be open to pedestrian traffic only. Event parking will be available at the Dalton Wells parking area and free shuttle buses* will be available. It is a short 2 mile bus ride from the parking area to the dedication site. *Shuttle buses from Dalton Wells parking area will be the only means of transportation to the dedication site.

**Honor Corridor / Solemnity Walk**

The Fallen Peace Officer Trailhead will serve as the site to honor the lives and service of Utah’s fallen law enforcement heroes. Fourteen officers from across the state of Utah have been chosen to be honored in this “first annual” Fallen Peace Officer Trail Honor Corridor and Solemnity Walk. The Honor Corridor/Solemnity Walk will pay tribute to these officers, their families, and their agencies. Each fallen officer will be honored with a designated area dedicated to the fallen, their family, and their agency. A representative from each fallen officer’s employing agency will be present to honor their fallen and host the public as they remember the fallen and the sacrifice made for the citizens of Utah. The Honor Corridor/Solemnity Walk will be open to the public from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and is restricted to pedestrian traffic only.

**Trail Description**

The Fallen Peace Officer Trail is located approximately twelve miles north of Moab. The trail is a fourteen-mile loop of primitive (back-country) roads from U.S. Highway 191 to the border of Arches National Park. The trail is classified as moderately difficult as it negotiates a variety of rocky washes, rock steps, slickrock, and sand scattered with juniper trees. The trail travels through areas rich in geology with spectacular views into Arches National Park, dramatic views of the La Sal Mountains, and passes the remains of a 1967 western film set for “Blue” that starred Terrence Stamp, Joanna Pettet, and Ricardo Montalban.
The Utah Peace Officer Association (UPOA) will be granting a few $2010 scholarships to the Family members of fallen officers, seriously injured officers and members of the Association. Applications should be submitted to UPOA by April 30 each year. Awards are made in June.

Applications must be sent to:
Utah Peace Officer Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5671 South Redwood Road; #19
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2. Must attend an accredited college, university or trade school.
3. Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester or be a full-time student.
4. Must submit an essay of 250 words on your goals and why you are the best candidate to receive this scholarship. This should include; in a positive way share how being connected to a Fallen officer, your injury or as a member of UPOA how has Law Enforcement affected you.
5. Applicant may major in any subject.
6. Must submit photograph.
7. Winners may re-apply for the scholarship each year.
8. First time applicants will be given first priority. Priority will be given in the following order: Fallen Officer family, seriously injured officer, and then UPOA Member.

Rules for Awarding of a Scholarship
1. Winners will be awarded $1005 per semester (Based on two semesters a year)
2. To receive second payment, grades must be submitted to the UPOA President for verification of grade point average.
3. High school transcripts will be accepted for first semester payment.
4. Scholarships will be awarded in June.
5. Winners may have their photo and essay published in the UPOA magazine.
6. Any applicants who have been denied a scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the UPOA Executive Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Applications for appeal shall be made through their respective region representative. The decision of the UPOA Executive Board shall be final.
7. The Executive Board would like to advise you that this is not made in the form of a loan, but is to help further your education. If during the course of your lifetime, the aid you receive from this award has helped to bring you financial and material success, it would be appreciated if you would donate back to the scholarship fund any amount which may be within your means. In this way the future generosity of successful recipients will enable other young people to attend college. We congratulate you and wish you the best of luck in your educational endeavors.

Executive Board
Utah Peace Officer Association
September 2014
Scholarship Application Form and Cover Sheet
2014-2015 Academic Year (Return by April 30, 2015)

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________________

S.S.N.:_________________________________  Phone ______________________________________

Home Address:
___________________________________________________________________________________
Street   City/Town    Zip

Year Applying For:_________________

Cumulative GPA in High School or College (attach transcript or last report card):__________________

College or University:__________________________________College Major:___________________

Parent/UPOA Member:______________________________Phone:____________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
Parent’s Address Street   City/Town    Zip

List the scholarship(s) and the amount(s) you will receive or have received:

Make a list of extracurricular activities, elected offices you have held, significant Projects you have been involved in, and any work/volunteer experience that you might have. Attach Photo.

Applicant Signature:_________________________________________Date:_____________________

If you are awarded a scholarship, we may want to announce this award in your hometown newspaper. In listing your newspaper, you give Utah Peace Officer Association this permission.

Name and Address of newspaper:
___________________________________________________________________________________

How do you relate to this scholarship?

Fallen Officer: ________________________________

Injured Officer - Injury: ________________________________

UPOA Member or Immediate family – Member #: ________________________________

Applications must be returned by April 30 to:
Utah Peace Officer Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5671 South Redwood Road; #19
Taylorsville, Utah 84123
Dear Potential Sponsor,

In 2012 The Utah Peace Officers Association dedicated the Fallen Peace Officer Trail in Moab Utah. This trail was dedicated to the officers who have fallen and those officers who have been injured and gotten back up. This trail is approximately 14 miles long and each year we will chose 14 officers to honor for this ride. With the proceeds from the ride we will be providing scholarships to those officers who have been injured and gotten back up and family members of the fallen officer. We are in need of sponsors to further make this ride a success and honor those officers and their families for the ultimate sacrifice they have made.

These families have given the ultimate sacrifice. Many have young children which will never be able to tell their loved ones they love them. Some have passed long ago and their descendants are now much older. This year we are also honoring one officer who died in the line of duty and another which died as a result of a duty related illness which did not make the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial wall criteria. We feel as an organization it is our duty to represent all officers which have died in this state and given their all to the citizens of this state.

We have several types of sponsorships which you may take part in.

Full Sponsorship (Platinum) $2500.00 and up:
- 4 ride passes to the Ride (April 5th)
- Full page add in the Utah Peace Officer magazine & On Line APB for one year*
- Recognition in the event program
- Full sized plaque for your office showing the officers’ name and milepost you sponsored

Half sponsorship (Gold) $1250.00 - $2499.00:
- 2 ride passes to the Ride (April 5th)
- Half page add in the Utah Peace Officer magazine & On Line APB for one year*
- Recognition in the event program
- Half sized plaque for your office showing the officers’ name and milepost you sponsored

General Sponsorship (Bronze) $500.00 - $1250.00:
- 1 ride passes to the Ride (April 5th)
- Business card size add in the Utah Peace Officer magazine & On Line APB for one year*
- Recognition in the event program

*Note: The Utah Peace Officer magazine is sent out to every Sheriff, Police Chief and legislator in the state of Utah.

We need you to be part of this great event. Please reply by phone or email as soon as possible so we can start our planning process. Below I have also provided a list of officers which you can chose from if you have one you prefer to honor.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Contact
Dan Roberts     thefallenride@gmail.com – Event Email
801 870-9098 Cell  801-590-8407 – Event phone
danr@wjordan.com Email    www.upoa.org – Registration and signup
The Utah Peace Officer

As a Law Enforcement Officer, your fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

Your badge is a symbol of public faith and trust as long as you are true to the ethics of the police service.

One of the best ways to achieve these duties is by joining the Utah Peace Officers Association.

• Organized in 1922, the Utah Peace Officers Association or UPOA is the oldest and largest police association in Utah.
• Members of the UPOA have enjoyed meeting for POST accredited training and pistol competition annually for summer conventions since the 1920s.
• The UPOA has organized pistol competition since the 1930s.
• The UPOA has helped to develop better communications between agencies.
• The UPOA has worked for better retirement benefits.
• The UPOA has lobbied for improved training including the development of Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).
• The UPOA began POST accredited winter training conventions in 1974.
• The UPOA helped pass a twenty-five year retirement in 1983.
• During the 1980s the UPOA established a Peace Officer Memorial at the State Capitol.
• During the 1990s the UPOA marked the graves of all Utah Peace Officers that were killed in the line of duty.
• In the past decade the UPOA supported and passed legislation for: increased spouse death benefits; and significant exposure protection from blood borne pathogens for all emergency services medical personnel;
• Today the UPOA is working on increasing retirement cost-of-living-adjustment benefits for all peace officers and establishing a new Law Enforcement Memorial at the State Capitol.
• Annual dues are only $30 dollars which includes a quarterly publication, The Utah Peace Officer. This magazine will keep you informed on various topics relevant to law enforcement.
• The Board of Directors of the Utah Peace Officers Association is comprised of officers from all over the state. Each area of the state has a regional representative. In addition, numerous representatives serve on various committees to represent your interests.
• Joining the UPOA will be the best investment of your career. Qualified members’ survivors receive a $1,000 death benefit upon the member’s death.

So go ahead, make the commitment, join the UPOA today!

UPOA Values Statement
In support of the Utah Code of Ethics, the Utah Peace Officers Association encompasses the values of professional and ethical standards:

Integrity
Ethical behavior is expected in all facets of each member’s life. Fairness occurs whether enforcing the law or dealing within their own personal life. Equality is demonstrated by recognizing that difference does not matter, whether enforcing the law or making a new friend.

Professionalism
Members of the UPOA are dedicated to establishing teamwork throughout the state. We are all on the same team: making Utah a safer and more enjoyable place to live. Services provided by UPOA members meet the utmost standards of the law enforcement community.

Knowledge
Training provided by the UPOA presents members with cutting edge knowledge of techniques and methods used by the law enforcement community.

Commitment
Members of the UPOA are committed to: all members of the Utah law enforcement family; an outstanding quality of service as they perform their duties; their Community, working to make it a better place for all to live in.

Considerate
Members of the UPOA are considerate in all aspects of their life. It is a deeply held belief that effective law enforcement is not possible without a basic respect for life and human dignity. As members of the Utah Peace Officers Association we realize that all of our values must be considered together, one is not set aside for another.
We hire all these young people to “Serve and Protect”--------to lay their life on the line so as to provide at least a modicum of support for maintaining the laws of the land. We seldom hear or give thoughts to the policeman’s side of the story. This sergeant scores a bull’s eye!!-

Harassment

Recently, the Chula Vista, California Police Department ran an e-mail forum with the local community (a question and answer exchange) with the topic being, “Community Policing.”

One of the civilian e-mail participants posed the following question: “I would like to know how it is possible for police officers to continually harass people and get away with it?”

From the “other side” (the law enforcement side) Sgt. Bennett, obviously a cop with a sense of humor replied:

“First of all, let me tell you this...its not easy. In Chula Vista, we average one cop for every 600 people. Only about 60% of those cops are on general duty (or what you might refer to as “patrol”) where we do most of our harassing. The rest are in non-harassing departments that do not allow them contact with the day to day innocents. At any given moment, only one-fifth of the 60% patrollers are on duty and available for harassing people while the rest are off duty. So roughly, one cop is responsible for harassing about 5,000 residents.

When you toss in the commercial business, and tourist locations that attract people from other areas, sometimes you have a situation where a single cop is responsible for harassing 10,000 or more people a day.

Now, your average ten-hour shift runs 36,000 seconds long. This gives a cop one second to harass a person, and then only three-fourths of a second to eat a donut AND then find a new person to harass. This is not an easy task. To be honest, most cops are not up to this challenge day in and day out. It is just too tiring. What we do is utilize some tools to help us narrow down those people which we can realistically harass.

The tools available to us are as follow:

PHONE: People will call us up and point out things that cause us to focus on a person for special harassment. “My neighbor is beating his wife” is a code phrase used often. This means we’ll come out and give somebody some special harassment.

Another popular one: “There’s a guy breaking into a house.” The harassment team is then put into action.

CARS: We have special cops assigned to harass people who drive. They like to harass the drivers of fast cars, cars with no insurance or no driver’s licenses and the like. It’s lots of fun when you pick them out of traffic for nothing more obvious than running a red light. Sometimes you get to really heap the harassment on when you find they have drugs in the car, they are drunk, or have an outstanding warrant on file.

RUNNERS: Some people take off running just at the sight of a police officer. Nothing is quite as satisfying as running after them like a beagle on the scent of a bunny. When you catch them you can harass them for hours to determine why they didn’t want to talk to us.

STATUTES: When we don’t have PHONES or CARS and have nothing better to do, there are actually books that give us ideas for reasons to harass folks. They are called “Statutes”; Criminal Codes, Motor Vehicle Codes, etc...They all spell out all sorts of things for which you can really mess with people. After you read the statute, you can just drive around for a while until you find someone violating one of these listed offenses and harass them.

Just last week I saw a guy trying to steal a car. Well, there’s this book we have that says that’s not allowed. That meant I got permission to harass this guy. It’s a really cool system that we’ve set up, and it works pretty well. We seem to have a never-ending supply of folks to harass. And we get away with it. Why? Because for the good citizens who pay the tab, we try to keep the streets safe for them, and they pay us to “harass” some people.

Next time you are in my town, give me the old “single finger wave.” That’s another one of those codes. It means, “You can’t harass me.” It’s one of our favorites.

Hopefully sir, this has clarified to you a little bit better how we harass the good citizens of Chula Vista.
UPOA Past President and former
Chief of Police of Murray City
CALVIN GRANT GILLEN

Calvin Grant Gillen
October 1926 - November 2014
Calvin Gillen dedicated his life to his family, church and community. He was born October 11, 1926 in Murray, Utah. After serving his country during WWII, he left for a mission to Hawaii. On his return, he married his soul mate of 65 years, Arline Reid, in the Salt Lake Temple. He balanced his time with numerous callings in service as Chief of Police, Bishop and Patriarch. As a great athlete, he enjoyed sports. His natural abilities earned him a position on the University of Utah’s basketball team. But he was most proud of his hole in one! And we all know he loved his Yankees. His charm, wit and personality left a mark on the hearts of everyone who knew him. His love and humor will continue to shine through his legacy.

Calvin is survived by his wife, Arline; brother, Dell Gillen; his five children, Calvin Gillen Jr. (Patti), Lucile Keough (David), JoDee Allred (Jim), Dennis Gillen (Sharon), and Penny Borgmeier (Curtis); 19 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

Trooper George D. Rees’s Grave receives ULEM Medallion which indicates he died in the line of Duty
Died on July 2, 1960
Age 41 • Utah Highway Patrol • Accidental: Multiple Vehicle Accident

Trooper Rees died in a traffic crash in Davis County. The 41-year-old victim was part of a roadblock set up at the Farmington junction of highways 89 and 91 to intercept a stolen car fleeing from other officers. As radio transmissions reported the stolen vehicle approaching the roadblock, Trooper Reese got into his vehicle and drove toward it. The suspect vehicle rounded a curve at high speed and crashed head-on into him. Trooper Rees died as he was being extricated. The two suspects in the stolen vehicle also were killed. Trooper Rees was married and the father of a teenage son. He is buried in Bountiful Memorial Cemetery. His bronze name plaque on the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Wall is sponsored by the Utah Highway Patrol Association.
Big Horn Lodge
Proud Sponsor of the 2014 Fallen Peace Officer Trail Ride

On Route 191 in Moab, this lodge-style motel features a heated outdoor pool and free Wi-Fi. Arches National Park is just 4 miles away.

Cable TV, a microwave and a refrigerator are available in each wood-furnished room of the Big Horn Lodge. A coffee maker and an iron are also included.

550 South Main Street, Moab, UT 84532
Now that it really feels like Fall is here, we are fully enjoying every Now that it really feels like Fall is here, we are fully enjoying everything the season has to offer. With Halloween having just past, we could not help being inundated with spooky costumes and horror stories. When we think about really scary horror stories, there is one thing that comes to mind: DIY (“Do it Yourself”) Wills. In the spirit of the season, below we are sharing a few DIY Will horror stories. We do not mean to scare you, but rather show you just how many things can go wrong. Working with an experienced attorney can help avoid a lot of unnecessary complications and expenses down the line.

**Mistress Wins House, Family Wins...Estate Taxes**

Do-it-yourself will stories span the entire income-spectrum. Even the highly educated fall prey to estate planning mistakes, and the news always has stories about family lawsuits after celebrities pass. In 1997, Charles Kuralt, a CBS News correspondent and anchor, wrote a letter to Patricia Shannon, his mistress, several weeks before he died. It said that he promised to leave her 90 acres and a renovated schoolhouse near the Montana fishing retreat where they spent time together over their 29 year relationship. Kuralt already had a Will, which a lawyer had prepared for him in 1994. After Kuralt’s death, his family and Patricia spent six years in court fighting over whether the letter was a valid “DIY” amendment to the existing will. Kuralt’s family argued that the letter was just a failed promise to revise the valid will, and did not actually give Patricia anything. A Montana court awarded Shannon the $600,000 property but stuck Kuralt’s family with all the estate taxes.

**Disinherited Child Gets $400,000**

In another case, a father wanted to disinherit one of his estranged children. He bought DIY Will software and used it to list his assets and make gifts to his other children. Unfortunately, he prepared very specific bequests from his assets and omitted a number of shares of various phone company stocks. These shares had grown in value because of mergers and stock splits and were worth several million dollars, making up the largest part of the father’s estate by the time he died. The DIY software did not contain any prompts or information to include a “residuary clause,” which would have specified who was to receive the property which was not included in any specific bequest. In absence of this clause, the father’s phone company stocks passed according to the law of intestacy, allowing the child whom the father wanted to disinherit to walk away with almost $400,000. The child proceeded to blow through the money in less than a year. Frankly, we don’t understand why a person with millions of dollars won’t spend a few thousand for a trust and will that works? Does that make any sense to you?

**“I leave this to...” the state?**

In another DIY Will case, a man overlooked a blank that said “Insert Name Here.” This oversight led to the State in which he died inheriting the unnamed property. Yes, it’s true - if there isn’t a clause that covers everything in the Will or Trust, the property goes to the State!

**Tiny Details, Like Signatures**

One of the biggest problems with DIY wills and trusts is that the people drafting them do not have much guidance on signing the documents. State laws create specific signing requirements for wills to avoid fraud and so that the person signing is not pressured into distrib-
Transition from the Badge

by S. M. De Jarnatt
(Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, retired)

Do you remember the thrill of graduation from the academy? Weren’t you excited when you were offered that first police job and you were being introduced to everyone as officer, deputy, ranger or special agent? Can you still taste the eagerness of wanting to hurry through field training because there were criminals waiting to be caught?

It was an exciting time. It was a time of transition for you and your family. Parents, siblings, spouses, children, friends and even neighbors began identifying you by your job. Over time though, the newness faded. It seemed as though everyone around you changed. Perhaps you were assigned an undercover stint during your career in law enforcement. You began to distance yourself from everyone who knew you before you embraced the identity behind the badge. People who were once friends now refer to the “old you” or the person “you used to be”. Life could be narrowed down into a simple “us versus them”. All of these transitions and emotional survival techniques are expertly discussed in a highly acclaimed book by Dr. Kevin M. Gilmartin (2002).

This article is not intended to address the transition at the beginning or throughout your career in law enforcement. Rather, it is important for career officers to understand it took 20 or more years to earn that coveted retirement pension so to expect instantaneous acceptance into the civilian world and to be able to relate completely with civilians is unrealistic. Here are some lessons learned:

**FINANCES** - Before committing to retirement or voluntary separation from law enforcement, ensure you are in a financial situation to do so. Considerations should be made for what kind of lifestyle you want to live and if you still have children at home. Consult with your significant other (especially if you want to remain married).

The Lump Sum withdrawal from the Utah Retirement System may be enticing. Just remember you will have to pay taxes on that which may leave you in a crunch during tax time. That lump sum will place you in a different tax bracket and you may end up owing money to the IRS!

**MEDICAL BENEFITS** - With the implementation of Obamacare the allure of staying in a job simply to have medical benefits has disappeared. But Obamacare is not free. If you do not have health coverage, then the federal government will levy a fee against you which will be collected when you file your income taxes (Healthcare.gov, 2014). The penalty will increase every year!

**PENSION** – It is nice to be paid just to be alive! Throughout several countries the age of retirement is undergoing reform. With the longevity of human life spans, there is political pressure worldwide to adopt a strategy called active aging (Eichhorst, 2011). The expectation is that you should be gainfully employed for as long as you are physically and mentally able. Retirement is no longer associated with an age.

**EMPLOYMENT AFTER** - In the military, there were a select few called “lifers” who never wanted to leave the service. And that is okay. As a police officer, whether you fall under the 20 year or the 25 year URS retirement plan, it is likely you...
will still have enough life to pursue another career. There are still some sworn officers who can also be considered “lifers” with 35 and 40 or more years under their duty belt. They have chosen to stay in the profession. Others choose to get out when they can. If you are amongst those choosing to leave as soon as your eligibility date arrives, know that you will be entering a workforce eager for experience but hesitant about age. Businesses advertise as Equal Opportunity Employers (1967) but don’t be surprised if applications ask if you are 40 years of age or older. You may also be faced with an advanced technologically savvy workforce and co-workers with several generational gaps. Develop patience. Where you once were able to physically place someone in handcuffs for being belligerent, it is no longer acceptable.

LIFE EXPECTANCY -
Some former police officers leave law enforcement to pursue other employment ventures. Some pursue education and others become engaged in family or religious endeavors. And yet some have devoted their lives to law enforcement with no other avenues or interests to keep them occupied post-retirement. Depression and loneliness often creep in. Studies were conducted in the 1980’s to evaluate the mortality of retired police. The most common quotation I heard throughout my career was, “The average police officer dies within five years after retirement and reportedly has a life expectancy of twelve years less than that of other people” attributed Rich Dittmar in a paper written by Richard Raub (1988) published by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. Raub conducted his analysis on Illinois State police retirees. The most recent study, however, was conducted on retirees from Detroit PD. Brandl and Smith found, “retired officers die significantly younger than other retired city employees and that officers have significantly shorter retirements prior to death than other city employees” (2013).

So, what does all of this mean? First, take care of yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually during your career. When it comes time to retire, be in a place where you can relax knowing the younger generation will take over the reins. Know that you have planned for this time your whole career. You have done your part to serve and protect. Let go. Being a police officer is not your identity. It was a role you played during your life which allowed the public to sleep at night. You watched over the streets and did your part to keep order on your beat. But it’s okay to relinquish that title to someone else because it is not who you are. You are still a valuable asset to your family and community. You are important. This life of retirement is now a gift you’ve earned through many years of service. There is life after the badge. God bless you for your service!

RESOURCES


I don’t know what happened this past year, but I have been receiving a lot more mail that I usually do. They seem to come from all of these large insurance companies. I don’t know how they found out about me turning 65 in 2014, but they did. Maybe the NSA sold my information? I just know they have my best interest in mind when they send me all of this great information about medical insurance and something they call MEDICARE! It’s just so nice to feel wanted by someone. I can call 24/7 and get whatever information I need to help me make that very important decision on who/which company to go with.

Luckily I don’t have to make the decision until my current employer receives my background investigation back and they can have my butt! Something about mental stability. Anyway my chief did come and see me last month after turning that magical number and asked me if I was thinking about retiring. He told me he was happy to have me as long as I wanted to stay (and continue to take my meds!). I am happy to stay where I am. The Training Coordinator position is such a high profile and sought after position. It ranks right up there with PIO! I can’t tell you how many times officers come to me and ask when I am leaving so they can request my position. Well, maybe I can after all. That would be ZERO!

Right after turning that magic number the wife and I took a vacation, on a bus! Yep, that FALL Foliage Tour to the New England States. It dawned on me that I was one of ‘them’ now. It came to me right after the tour guide promised a lot of potty breaks along the way. We file out of the bus, mill around, buy ‘chit’ and get back on the bus. We did have nice hotels to stay at. The bathrooms had all those nice stainless steel holding rails. That made it nice.

At one of the pre event meetings where they tell you everything you need to bring and not forget (they made it known) that you should take all of your pills in their original container in your ‘carry on.’ That was real important, pills, not so much money.

I don’t know what it is about growing older. My mind seems to be as young as ever, sharp as a tack, always working, deciphering, and wandering. My body, that is another story. I remember boot camp in the Marine Corp. We did squat thrusts ‘forever and ever!’ Now there is no way I can ‘squat,’ even once. If I went down I would stay down until someone helped me up. I was in a store the other day and knelt down to look at something on the bottom shelf. It was in a corner so I reached out to another shelf to assist me in getting up. As soon as I put pressure on it the shelf went down.

The lady in the store ran over to make sure I wasn’t hurt and shooed me away saying she would clean up after me. OMG!

There are certain perks for being 65 plus. I am not about to move again, that’s for sure. I am staying put. The house is paid for. No more ‘new’ cars. Both of ours have just turned over 100,000 miles. We don’t need any brand new shiny car. When we get another car or two it will be cash only and ‘used,’ like us. We are ‘used’ and still operate, most of the time, so a ‘used’ car should work fine for us. At 65 plus you start talking to the TV. You don’t care if it talks back. Being in the freedom fighting business for so long you call BS so many times...
when you see certain ‘liberties’ taken in law enforcement related shows. Your spouse tells you to shut up its TV!

At 65 plus you turn on the close caption on your TV. You can ‘hear’ the words but you just can’t understand them even with hearing aids. You need the close caption. That is also a frustration as well as a blessing. Sometimes the close caption doesn’t catch up to the dialog and at times it skips sentences to ‘catch up.’ Oh well, when it close captions ‘songs’ you finally find out what the words are from all those songs of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s.

I don’t know where all the time went. When I first finished my initial police training, as a police reserve, I was the only one without a uniform because I didn’t turn 21 for another month. The following year, though, I was good to go with my revolver and speed loaders! (Speed loaders; ask an old guy what they are!)

At 65 plus you can dress just about how you want. One road I won’t go down (and the wife would not let me) is wearing black socks with shorts and sandals! That just isn’t going to happen. However you can wear sweat pants around the house in the winter and shorts with pasty white legs in the summer. Shirttails need not be tucked in; glasses stay on all the time now, and hearing aid batteries are bought in quantity from Costco!

The present-day BL

At 65 plus you have already begun to ‘shrink.’ At my annual physical they let me know how much I have shrunk. It seems I have lost an inch and a half somewhere. Don’t know where I put it unless it’s my waist!

The other day my wife says “Hon, you know you have..” and I stopped her right there and said, “Animal magnetism” and she said, “no, not that” and I said, “that same hot bod you fell in love with” and she said, “no, not that” and I said, “then it must be that magnificent wit and wisdom of mine that you come to for advice.”

She said, “No, not that either. I wanted to know if you knew about that humongous black hair growing out of your right ear!”

I guess my eyesight is going too! Take care and stay safe out there.
Federal Laboratories Tear Gas Billy Club

Use of deadly force by law enforcement has received national attention with the death of suspects in Missouri, New York and Utah. The news media often keys on the phrase “unarmed” to ignite an already explosive situation. For decades law enforcement has sought less-lethal tools to control resisting suspects. In 1925, Reuben B. Lawrence patented a tear gas shell that was used in a short “billy” club. This billy was made of leather-covered brass, used a percussion-primed shell and was produced by Federal Laboratories of Philadelphia. This device produced three small timed blasts or more commonly, a single large blast. The Federal Laboratories Billy remained in production until 1963, when compressed arsenal cans of tear gas became available to law enforcement.

Piexon JPX

Made in Switzerland, the JPX Jet Protector pepper gun is a 2 or 4 shot pistol-gripped pepper projecting gun about the size of the X-26 Taser. The device pyrotechnically launches a charge of OC at a velocity of approximately 405 mph (569 fps) for a maximum effective range of 23 feet even with a 30 mph crosswind.

Pepper spray, or OC (oleoresin capsicum) has been used since 1975 by law enforcement as a less-lethal tool to gain compliance from suspects that resist. Deployed via aerosol canisters, OC has a rating of 200,000 Scoville heat units. The spray from an OC canister can contaminate the surrounding environment. Thus deployment in a building, during a crosswind or with officers in close proximately to the suspect makes for limited use of OC spray. The OC deployed via the JPX Jet Protector is concentrated into a paste that virtually eliminates cross-contamination to other officers or innocent bystanders even in confined environments or during windy conditions. At 10 feet the blast encompasses an area of about 9 inches and adheres to the suspect's face with a Scoville heat rating of 400,000. Suspects are immediately incapacitated for up to 45 minutes.

The first units developed by Piexon, the manufacturer of the JPX, contained a 2-shot magazine that once used were removed from the frame and discarded. The new JPX4 contains gas cartridges that are loaded into a permanently mounted tilt barrel. The JPX4 also contains a Picatinny
rail that accommodates a weapon light as well as a built-in integral laser.

**Less-Lethal Requires Training**

Like all less-lethal devices used by law enforcement, training is imperative. Due to the velocity of the charge as well as the concentrated conical cone of the OS at close range, the minimum distance the device should be deployed is 5 feet with a Piexon standard magazine and 7 feet with a Piexon GEL magazine. At this distance the OC has slowed to approximately 320 feet/second but more importantly the OS has expanded in diameter to approximately 6 inches and will impact a suspect without permanent injury.

Piexon trains officers that if the distance is less than 5 feet, deploy the first charge from the JPX into the suspect’s chest to temporarily disorient the suspect (Safe Distance 1), then step backward to a minimum of 7 feet (Safe Distance 2 &3) and deploy a second charge into the suspect’s face (Safe Distance 4).

**Pleasant Grove Police Officer deploys the JPX**

On October 15, 2014, Pleasant Grove City Police Officer Fenton was dispatched to a suspicious suspect on Pleasant Grove Boulevard just off I-15. Upon arrival Officer Fenton found a suspect that appeared
to be intoxicated or mental and was uncooperative. He called for backup and Pleasant Grove Police Sergeant Edwards arrived to assist. Sergeant Edwards noticed a large bulge in his hooded jacket pocket and was concerned that he was concealing a weapon. The suspect would remove his hands and then immediately place them back into his jacket pocket. After refusing several orders to remove his hands, Sergeant Edwards discharged one charge from his Piexon JPX, striking the suspect in the face. The suspect immediately removed his hands from his pockets, covered his face, went to his knees and then to the ground. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. The bulge in the suspect’s pocket turned out to be $3,147 in cash. Medical units were dispatched to decontaminate the suspect before he was placed in a patrol car and transported. The money was marked and had been stolen from a recent bank robbery in Orem, Utah. Further evidence from the bank’s surveillance video confirmed the suspect was the robber. By his own admission, the suspect was under the influence of methamphetamine at the time of this incident.

Sgt. Edwards later commented, “The JPX worked perfectly. Even though the suspect was high on meth and uncooperative, the effect of the OC blast was immediate and the suspect was safely taken into custody.”

Less-Lethal Does Not Mean You Can Be Less Careful

A police officer in Beaumont, California is at the center of a tragedy that has displayed quite poignantly that less-lethal weapons need to be treated with the same gravity and respect as traditional firearms. Dur-
In February 2012, the officer fired his department issued JPX Jet Protector at a distance of less than one foot, permanently blinding a DUI suspect. The officer was dismissed from the department and charged with four felonies including; assault by a police officer, assault with a less-lethal weapon, use of force causing serious bodily injury, and assault with a weapon likely to cause great bodily injury. In addition, the city of Beaumont and the former officer are now being sued in federal court. Two years after the incident, U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson ruled that the officer “failed to act appropriately.” This case is still in litigation.

Note: The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive (BATF) ruled, “The Piexon Jet Protector does not constitute a ‘firearm’ as defined in the Gun Control Act or a ‘firearm’ or ‘any other weapon’ as defined in the National Firearms Act. Also, the magazines designed for this device do not constitute ‘ammunition’ as defined in the Gun Control Act.”

About the author:
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Editor’s Note: With all the negative news about law enforcement officers in this country and now in our State, I thought a mention of their spouses is only appropriate. This negativity affects them as well but they are the officer’s biggest and most loving supporter through all of this. Thus this Blast from the Past:

POLICE WIVES: TOUGH AND PRACTICAL

Cops whine a lot about how tough our job is. We complain about poor pay, working nights and all the other woes caused by a constant association with life’s tougher side.

Still, when it comes to suffering because of the police profession, a special group in our circle tends to go largely unnoticed: our spouses.

I got married again last week, something I had sworn I would never do again. In my experience, getting married and getting mortared by the Viet Cong run a close parallel. Both are beyond your control, neither was essentially your idea, and the only option is to hug the ground or your spouse until it’s over.

It wasn’t until I got married again that I remembered the misery my chosen profession would inflict on someone whose only mistake was to choose me as a partner.

Being married to a cop is not quite as tough for those who marry into the profession as it is for those whose husbands join the blue line after the fact. Those who marry cops naturally assume that their spouse has always been just like they found him: tired, primitive, underpaid, and utterly indifferent to human suffering. It’s the ones who remember him when he was relatively normal who really suffer.

A mutual rosy perception of the world is the first thing to go in a police marriage. While the wife is crying because Travis had to blast Old Yeller with the family musket, the police husband is dry-eyed and idly wondering where the slug went after it exited Old Yeller’s rabid skull. Also, did Travis have a license for both the dog and the gun, and finally, what kind of triplicate report will need to be filed? You can’t be a cop for very long before tragedy becomes merely an annoyance.

“You have to wear a gun everywhere we go?” is a common question in new police marriages. The wife, however, stops asking it once she realizes that her husband is never off-duty. The public, especially in small towns and rural areas, won’t let him be just a regular citizen when he’s off-duty. They’ll try to include him in all their woes.

The police wife learns to fear the notion that someday hubby will be standing in a store with their kids and ice cream cones. A robber will burst in, poke a machine gun in the clerk’s face and demand all the money. The clerk, who doesn’t want anyone left out, will point to the off-duty cop dressed in his shorts and holding the hands of his children, and inform the psycho robber that, “He’s a c-c-cop.” Which is great—robbers love it when the public helps them with the casting for their crimes.

Like their husbands, police wives soon become cynical veterans of the law enforcement scene. It’s a matter of survival. They become tough, practical, and innovative, or they get out.

Although they cringe whenever they hear an ambulance while hubby is at work, police wives learn quickly to ignore bloodstains on the uniforms they pull out of the laundry hamper at home. The practical police wife knows if her husband came home under his own steam last night, it’s someone else’s blood. It’s amazing what a little bleach and indifference can do for worry. On the other hand, this doesn’t work quite as well with lipstick or mascara.

It’s understood that police officers hate criminals. Their wives, however, reserve their contempt for the true enemy of proactive crime fighters: government administrators. They hate them with the same bilious, lip-curling passion that cops reserve for child killers and serial rapists. It is the police wife who has to stretch the stipend her husband receives for stretching his neck so the administrator can brag in the next election campaign about crime being down.

I thought about all this as Marj and I drove back to Happy Valley from our brief honeymoon. I kept looking at her and wondering why I was willing to put such a nice person through all of this. The answer, of course, is that it wasn’t up to me. She married me for the same reason I joined the police department. Neither of us knew any better.

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OGDEN, Utah (ABC 4 Utah)- News stories negatively portraying police officers have captured the spotlight around the country and here in Utah. Lately, it’s very rare to hear stories of people supporting the cops.

An Ogden man is out to change that and it’s catching on. Danny Driggs has a Facebook page called “Good Cop Stories”. He was upset about all the negative publicity and wanted to show people the positive side.

“We know there’s things that happen that are mistakes, some guys that maybe shouldn’t be in uniform.” Driggs said, “We’re not naïve enough or trying to make people believe that stuff doesn’t happen or hide it. We’re just trying to get the good stuff out there that’s not being put out.”

He says it’ll be a long time before news coverage is balanced because negative always gets more attention from people.

Driggs started the page in October and today has over nine thousand followers.

KSL 5 Utah also picked up this story. Thank you, Danny Driggs!!! It’s good to see positive stories after all that has happened in this country, specifically, Ferguson, Missouri.

Danny is also a member of the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial.
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## By Tina Caudill

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The Night we got Donkey Kong

By Michael Fierro
(formerly with the Salt Lake City Police Department, Davis County Sheriff’s Office, South Salt Lake Police Department and the Park City Police Department)

The guys that I worked with explained to me later that you had to be a video game aficionado to get this one. I wasn’t, but the events that transpired on the Night We Got Donkey Kong seemed as if they came right out of a video game. Gary Phillips (of course Phillips wasn’t his real name) was a burned out, freaked out, glue-sniffing, paint-inhaling, sorry excuse for a human being and, he was still in his teens. A petty thief, Gary was about as smart as a post. Everybody on the shift knew Gary and had probably arrested him at one time or another.

I have seen people turn things around; clean themselves up and really change their lives. Whenever I did see someone do that it restored my faith in my fellow human beings, a little. But, there were always a few that made you shake your head and conclude that the only thing that would change them was a bullet. Gary was one of those.

Gary lived with his grandmother, actually just a block or two from where Melvin’s family lived. I’m not sure what happened to Gary’s parents or where they were. My guess is that they had given up on Gary long ago. Grandma had little control over him and quite often, she was the one who called us to come and deal with Gary. Up until “the night” Gary was always pretty submissive when the police showed up. Although still young, he was a big kid and I’m sure he would have been a handful if he wanted to. Despite his size, I think Gary knew that none of us would take much of his crap if he didn’t do what he was told. I had arrested him a number of times and never once did he resist or give me a problem.

It was a typical summer evening in the city; calls coming in one right after another and starting to “stack up.” Gary’s grandmother called and asked for the police to come and “deal with Gary.” Once again he was high on paint fumes or glue and was “disrespecting” her and “breaking up her house.” This lady had the patience of Job. After all the times Gary had caused her grief, she always let him come back. You would think that he would have made it a little easier on her. He didn’t.

Two patrol cars were dispatched to Grandma’s house. Even though we were used to Gary and expected him to be cooperative, you can never be too careful with druggies, sniffers or drunks. Any cop would be a fool to let his guard down or turn his back on someone like Gary.

Maybe it was because it was a hot summer night or maybe it was because there was a full moon, but on this night when officers showed up at the door of the rickety, old, two-story frame house, Gary decided that he wasn’t going to jail. He usually had an outstanding warrant for some past charge, so the officers decided to give chase when he saw them on the porch and ran. They chased him into the house, through the kitchen and front room, up the stairs, through Grandma’s bedroom and finally, they stopped chasing him when he crept out onto the roof from a bedroom window. Not wanting to go out on the roof after him, the cops backed off and called for assistance.

I was a patrol supervisor that night and arrived to find the spotlights of two police cars illuminating Gary Phillips as he stood on the roof of his grandmother’s house, arms wrapped tightly around the old chimney. He was screaming as loud as he could,
daring us to “come up and get him.”

If not for the fact that quite a crowd was starting to gather, the scene was almost comical. I conferred with the two officers and we debated on whether we should just go away and leave Gary up there until he got tired, but Grandma wouldn’t go for that. She wanted us to take him and didn’t want us to leave him there, wrapped around her chimney. Besides, if something happened to him after we left, I’m sure that some slick lawyer would be knocking on Grandma’s door offering to sue the city. It was too dangerous to try and send officers out on that roof to get him. This was a steep roof. Thinking that we could either use their extension ladder if we tried to get him off of the roof or maybe their nets if he fell, I called for the Fire department and asked him to send their big pumper-truck.

By the time the Fire department arrived, we had Grandma’s house surrounded by police cars, spotlighting Gary up on the roof. The whole neighborhood was out now cheering and egging Gary on. It was a warm night and I guess there was nothing good on TV so this quickly became a neighborhood “event.” It’s almost as if they had chosen sides because we heard alternating choruses of “Jump, Gary jump!” to “Leave him alone, pigs!”

What made matters worse was that with Gary’s weight leaning against it, Grandma’s chimney was starting to fall apart. Instead of motivating him to come down because his situation was precarious, what this did was provide Gary with ammunition. He started taking bricks from the crumbling chimney and hurling them down at us! Cops scurried for cover as Gary launched bricks at us, and our cars. Luckily, no officers were hurt but Gary’s missiles busted out several patrol car windshields and made everyone back up.

This is where the resemblance to “Donkey Kong” comes in. “Donkey Kong” is a Nintendo video game. I had to look this up because I have still never played it. Its play involved trying to make it to the top of a building without getting hit by a barrel, torched by a fireball or squashed by a mud pie. A gorilla, “Donkey Kong,” who has escaped from the zoo is the one hurling all of these things. Our dilemma was figuring out how to get to the top of the house without getting squashed by a flying brick.

The situation was deteriorating. Gary was letting the bricks fly everywhere and was even trying to nail people in the crowd; who we were trying to keep at a safe distance. The ranking fireman on the scene suggested to me that they could “shoot” Gary off of the roof with a blast from a fire hose and then catch him with one of their nets. The funny thing is that I mulled it over in my mind before I conjured up the sight of Gary flying off the roof, missing the net and dying. I looked at him and said, “No, I don’t think so.” It was a creative idea though.

I decided that we would wait Gary out. “He’ll run out of bricks pretty soon and without something to hang on to, he might come back in.” That’s what I said but I was still trying to convince myself that it would happen.

If he did decide to give it up, we had officers in the upstairs bedrooms waiting for him. This was a few years before we created a S.W.A.T. Team. If they had been around, we would have had officers trained in rappelling and might have considered letting them go out on the roof with safety lines attached to themselves and try to grab Gary. Without them though, we were left to our own devices.

Apparently, the crowd had also seen the resemblance to the video game, because we heard several people holler out, “Go Donkey Kong!”
Gary fed off all of this attention. The crowd, in a carnival-like atmosphere, the cops and cop cars with lights flashing, the fire trucks, the spotlights and now the TV news trucks arriving on the scene to report the “standoff” all combined to make this a big even. And, all of this made for what was probably the most important night in Gary Phillips’ life. I’m sure that he never had this much attention paid to him before. Oblivious to what might happen or the danger that he was putting himself and others in, he was the star of the show. And his ear-to-ear grin showed that he loved every minute of it.

But, as they say, “All good things must come to an end.” This was the case with Gary. As he was trying to launch another of the many bricks that he had hurled at us, he slipped, lost hold of what was left of the chimney and came rolling off the roof. Earlier, firemen had tried to get close enough to place a safety net in the most likely place where Gary might come down, but his bricks kept them at bay. I grimaced as he came flying off of that roof. It seemed as if he were suspended in the air but in reality it took just a second or two for him to hit the ground with a loud thud. The crowd “oohed” and several cops remarked, “Donkey Kong has left the house.”

I figured that it was over for Gary as cops and paramedics rushed to check on him. I thought for sure that he would be dead. But, like the drunk driver who crawls out his wrecked car without a scratch, Gary got up, looked around and started to run away! Donkey Kong was not out! We chased Gary down, tackled him and had to “hog-tie” him. Amazingly, he had a lot of fight left in him. After we took him to the hospital to get checked out, (not one broken bone!) Gary went to jail. That was the night that we got Donkey Kong. I didn’t catch the news that night but when they replayed the story the next day, it struck me that it should have been on one of those “America’s Funniest….” shows. I was glad that they didn’t get me on film.

Postscript

One quick follow-up about Gary: Less than a year later, Gary was again the object of our attention. This time when officers confronted him, he held them off by holding a knife to his own throat! They were trying to arrest him and he told them if they came closer that he would kill himself. When this information was relayed over the police radio, several anonymous officers were heard saying, “Rush him! Rush him!” Now, you might think that those remarks were insensitive but all of us agreed with the suggestion. Luckily, they didn’t have to rush him and after some negotiation, he finally gave up. Actually, they waited until he passed out. When he was booked into jail they listed him as Gary Phillips, AKA Donkey Kong. By now, Gary had even started calling himself that. I guess it brought back good memories for him. I’ve lost track of Gary and I’m not a gambling man, but if I were, I would bet money that Gary Phillips is no longer sucking air. Donkey Kong was not destined for a long life.

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