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DC Lodge #1

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59th FOP Biennial Conference

The FOP DC Lodge #1 Delegates participated in the 59th FOP Biennial Conference held in Long Beach California August 16-21st.

Much National Business was conducted in which our delegates represented the membership of DC Lodge #1 by voting on national issues, to include the site for the 3013 Conference, National resolutions, and the election of the National Board.

Our delegates also attended numerous educational seminars, the National Expo and events sponsored by the California State FOP. We are very proud of the professionalism shown by our delegates during all official FOP meetings and events.

Along with the full days of conducting national business, our delegates were also able to enjoy many fun events, see the sights and enjoy the weather and tourism of Southern California. FOP sponsored events were well attended and provided the much needed R&R after the long business days. On Sunday, we attended included, the Party on Pine Ave. outdoor reception where local chefs provided samples of their culinary talents, with roving magicians and two live bands. On Monday the FOP hosted a special tribute to law enforcement show by Artist/Illusionist Michael Isreal where the artist created special FOP/ Law enforcement inspired pieces that wowed the audience. On Tuesday, we attended the BBQ in the park, with an all you can eat buffet, live bands, and dancing. Wednesday brought us the much anticipated beach party with great food, drinks, live music by the "Beach Toys" dancing and beach games.

Our delegates also fit in much of what Southern California had to offer by taking side trips to Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Disney Land, Universal Studios, Catalina Island, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Malibu.



Much thanks to the National FOP Staff, The California State FOP, The Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office for their hard work and hospitality in making this a safe and memorable event.

The next Biennial Conference will be held in August 2011 in Salt Lake City Utah. If you would like to be a delegate to that conference, please be reminded that you must attend the monthly lodge meetings. You may not have more than 3 unexcused absences from lodge meetings from January 2010 until March 2011 to be considered as a delegate.

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Officer Jerrard F. Young

The Fraternal Order of Police D.C. Lodge #1 was chartered in 1966. The Lodge was later named for the first member killed in the line of duty, Officer Jerrard F. Young.

The Lodge is composed of members from over 40 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities, and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcello Muzzatti, President

Brothers and Sisters,

The 59th biennial conference in Long Beach California has now come and gone. I would first like to start off by telling you how proud I was of our delegation. They stayed on the floor and engaged in the work that was being done. We then would caucus for about an hour only to have them go to seminars—all of this without eating until later in the afternoon (which I have made a note to myself that we will try to fix this next time).

At every conference we elect the National Trustee to the board and this year Tim Finnegan from MPD was elected as the National Trustee. Lou Cannon has served us well on the board and we thank him for all the work that he has done as the National Trustee. Thanks to Tori Beauchemin for the planning and coordination of the hotel and credentials that had to be taken care of for the event. All in all, the team stepped right in and did a great job at the conference, as they always do. The National Board is as follows:

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We wish them all good luck in the future as they work to get the agenda of the FOP in

front of all others.

We have filed a request with the National asking them to help us out with some of the debt that we incurred from the Postal Police lawsuit. We asked if they could give us a grant of \$50,000.00 to help us out. We feel that some of the effort and work that we put into this was also a National issue. The committee interviewed us and as of now the intent is to bring it up at the next board meeting in March of 2010. We still working on producing documents they are requesting.

I am currently getting many requests about the Maryland FOP Tag issue and as of the writing of this article we do not have an updated agreement and are still working on that. We have started work on another MD law enforcement tag that will be exclusive to DC Lodge #1 and once logistics are complete we will send out notification to the membership.

On the issue of emails, if you are reading this paper and have never received an email from this lodge and you have a good email address, you could be missing out on some great news. We sometimes come up with plans to attend a function and the best way to inform members is by email. If you want to update your email account please call the lodge at 202-408-7767 Ext 704 and leave Andrew a message so he can update your information. One event that we planned recently was to go up to Philly 5 and eat some crabs, beer and then cheese steaks, in that order. It was fun and we found members of Philly 5 to appreciate us visiting their lodge and showing it off the way we do ours.

At the October 14, 2009 meeting, the nominations for the Board of Directors will once again take place. The elections will be November 11, 2009 during the entire day with the expectation that the results will be announced sometime during the general membership meeting. As President of this lodge let me take the opportunity to thank all of you for electing me to this position and once again I will be running for the Presidency. The board and I have had some very difficult tasks in the beginning and we have dealt with them head on. I had to make many decisions during my tenure and some of them were very difficult. I believe the



DC Lodge is a better place and continues to grow and head in that direction. I ask for your support in my re-election and look forward to serving the members. I appreciate the people who continue to give to the lodge such as, Tommy Tauge, Bob Paggi, Barbara Hampton, Kenny Rodgers, Lou Cannon, Rick Walsh, Barbara Gray and so many others that this list could go on and on. The guidance and wisdom that many of these life members display is always acknowledged and appreciated.

The Annual Holiday Party is going to be held December 5, 2009, at the lodge this year. Look for an email from the lodge announcing the sale of the tickets. The price is not definite but will be in the range of \$20-\$30 per person which includes dinner and an open bar. We want this to be a classy affair so we will be making it semi-formal with a full program and presentations. The meals will be catered by one of our own members, Chef Dante and he has pulled out all of his creations for a very good menu. We are currently working on a discount rate at a local hotel. I have tasked several members to help with this planning and make our First Holiday Lodge Party a great success. This party is going to be a great time, as always!

Have a safe holiday season and a happy new year.

Fraternally,

Marcello

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LODGE OFFICERS

From the Vice President

By Andy Maybo

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I hope this article finds you in good health. I hope you have all had a happy and healthy summer. It's hard to believe we are already entering into the Fall Season.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who participated in this year's FOP 59th Biennial National Conference. We had a successful and productive trip and it would not have been possible without all of our delegates who participated. I would like to give a special thanks to Tori Beauchemin for arranging all of the logistics for this trip and saving our Lodge a substantial amount of money. I would also like to thank all of our Conference delegates who volunteered their own time working the door and assisted with the miscellaneous tasks.

During the National Conference, our delegates voted on our representative for National Trustee. I am pleased to announce that Tim Finnegan has been elected as our new National Trustee. Congrats Tim!!! I wish Tim all the best and I look forward to working with him over the next two years. I would also like to thank Lou Cannon for all the hard work and dedication he put into this position during his tenure. Whenever I had an issue that required the National FOP's assistance, Lou was always there to assist. I can not thank him enough. Thanks Lou!

Please stay tuned for additional information for the month of October. We have been invited by Hard Rock Café, located at 999 E St, NW, to assist in their Pinktober events. Although the information is still coming in, I do know that Hard Rock Café and Melissa Etheridge have teamed up in Hard Rock's Pinktober live music campaign for breast cancer awareness. They raise awareness, along with thousands of dollars for local, national, and international charities, such as The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. This is a great community outreach event for DC Lodge 1 to participate in. Further details will be forthcoming via email.

Our Disaster Response Team is still moving forward. Chuck Curio and many others have been actively researching ways we can gain additional funding for our program. To date, we have numerous cots and supplies we can deploy to local counties or surrounding states to assist them with natural disasters. We also have the FOP mobile trailer filled and ready to go with grills, tents, chairs, tables, etc. We are fortunate that we have not needed such supplies since Hurricane Katrina, however, we are ready to roll if the need arises again!

Finally, Marcello and I are in the process of trying to start an FOP Canteen Unit for the Lodge. Too often, the police agencies of our lodge have dealt with some major tragedies and events. These tragic events range from Metro accidents to officer involved shootings. Regardless of what the event, it is my intention to have an FOP Canteen Unit that is readily accessible for deployment for all of our Lodge Agencies. Whether it is a hot summer day or a cold winter night, I hope to soon have a FOP DC 1 Canteen Unit responding to cater to the needs of the officers working the long hours on scene. If this is a program we can get off the ground, we will be soliciting volunteers from our membership. It is my intention to have active, associate, and auxiliary members involved and volunteering with this project.

I thank you for your continued support and I take pride in representing you while serving as your Vice President! Be Safe!

Agency Trustee Update

By Jack O'Connor, Agency Trustee

First I want to thank outgoing NCIS Trustee Tim DANAHEY for his loyal service over the years to the FOP. Tim has retired from the NCIS, but is still working in the area for a DOD contractor. Tim still frequently stops by at the monthly membership meetings at the lodge. All NCIS FOP members are encouraged to attend the monthly general membership meetings held at the lodge at 7PM on the second Wednesday of every month.

I first joined the DC FOP back in 1984 when I was appointed a Special Agent with NIS, at the Washington DC Field Office, known back then as "05DC", now "DCWA". Over the past 25 years with NIS/NCIS I remained a DC FOP member, even when I was working overseas for 16 of those years. The lodge is still strategically located, a great place to meet friends and colleagues for breakfast, lunch, dinner or drinks after testifying in court, meeting with prosecutors, visiting the nearby FBI WFO or stopping by to see our fellow LEOs at the MPD. Please make an effort to take full advantage of all the services that the lodge provides. I will do my best to fill the large pair of shoes that Tim has left behind as your Trustee.

Several issues that would be of interest to our NCIS members are being followed here at the FOP. We are in our first year with NSPS. Pay pools will be run this fall and the payouts are scheduled for January 2010. I'm sure our members will be standing by with their pencils and calculators at the ready to determine how they fared compared to the older General Schedule. Currently our agents under the FERS are not compensated for their remaining sick leave that they have accumulated prior to retirement. Numerous bills have been presented in the Congress the past few years to change that, but so far none have made it into law. This year has been no different, and there are still bills out there that need to be voted on. NCIS members are encouraged to contact their representatives concerning both of these important issues.

NCISA members who are also FOP members are reminded that NCISA is holding their quarterly brunch get together at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club on 04 October 2009. Contact NCISA for details. It's a great chance to see old friends and make new ones from the NCISA.

Director BETRO has announced his intention to retire during September 2009. The process to select a new Director is ongoing. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the announcement, which was not made before the deadline for this issue of the Simulcast.

NCIS members are encouraged to participate in upcoming events at the lodge this fall. It would be great if NCIS could have their own table at the Christmas party this year. Contact me directly if you are interested in planning an NCIS breakfast, lunch dinner or after hour drinks at the lodge, it would be great to get a gang of agents together at the lodge. Semper Fidelis! Jocon57070@aol.com



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DC Corrections Issues Addressed

Sergeant Mack Wilson, Agency Trustee

Greetings fellow FOPDOC Union Members,

Over the past year our Labor Committee has been confronted with a number of issues important to us; Our status in the Law Enforcement community. Our ability to get FOP tags. Our participation in the Police Credit Union. Our broken disciplinary system, and our working with fellow Lodge executive board members and agency trustees in fighting common labor battles. I have attended the vast majority of Lodge monthly membership meetings and assisted my fellow Corrections Lodge Executive Board members in pushing issues important to members of FOPDOC. We should never be confused about the relationship between our Corrections Labor Committee—the FOPDOC—and Lodge Number One. Both of these have an Executive Board. My elected position as an Agency Trustee is to be a go-between, representing DC Corrections FOPDOC on the Lodges' Executive Board. I serve you!

I am happy to announce that the DC Lodge has come out with a new tag that will shortly be available to our members who live in Maryland. The Maryland State FOP has blocked the handing out of FOP tags to corrections—even in Maryland! Our lodge in DC is strongly backing our Corrections labor committee. Also, as of this writing, our uniformed members can participate in the police credit union. I am working to expand this privilege to all our FOPDOC members. I continue to tell all other Lodge agency representative just how horribly inadequate DC's Corrections retirement is. We will need their support in our ongoing struggle to gain a defined retirement. Our Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) labor committee has loudly supported our every effort at city council and at the lodge. They have not been alone. Lodge president Marcello Mazzetti and past president Lou Cannon have been supportive as well. We owe them thanks and ask a continuance of their support.

Finally, we are approaching the holiday season. I ask prayers for good health, safety, and prosperity for all our Labor Committee members. I am committed to continuing to serve our DC Labor Committee, our Lodge, and you my fellow FOP-DOC member.

Holiday Season Approaches at DC Corrections

Sergeant John Rosser, Vice Chairman

Fellow Correctional Union Members,

It is now Fall 2009, the last quarter of a year that has flown by far too fast. Shortly we will begin to march through a series of holidays including Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and finally Christmas. These are times when we need to pause and be thankful for whatever we have. Many friends we got to know over the course of our careers are no longer with us or have lost close family members. Many new Officers and new co-workers are apprehensive about the economy and their job security as they begin to raise a family while working a challenging career at Corrections. All of us need to pause and give thanks for what we do have.

The FOP DC Corrections Labor Committee, your Union, continues to stand at the forefront of the fight to achieve Law Enforcement equality in Washington DC. Despite the depressing economic news we continue to press for a defined retirement benefit, safety on the job, fair and progressive disciplinary treatment, and pay on par with our regional counterparts. Staffing has become a major issue with drafting occurring on all shifts - seven days a week. Experienced Officers continue to be held out of duty, fired, even after completing "binding arbitration". To date Three Sergeants and several dozen Corporals, with a combined three hundred years of Correctional experience, sit home despite successful arbitrations. Their return would virtually end drafting, reduce overtime by over 75% and place invaluable experience back on duty preventing countless untold incidences. Continuing the disciplinary policy of blocking any returns is costing the taxpayers of Washington DC millions in Overtime, avoidable Litigation, and a tired stressed short staffed workforce. Our job at the Labor committee is never ending. Fair treatment, respect and compassion are our major request of the many managers tasked with directing our union members.

As we head toward the end of the year lets all pray for a safe, profitable, and healthy holiday season. From all the members of the Fraternal Order of Police Department of Corrections Labor Committee Executive Board and Shop Stewards I say "Seasons greetings and stay safe."



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We commend the FOP, DC Lodge #1
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We are honored to assist Lodge #1 in its commitment
to protect those who protect us!

Terence M. O'Sullivan
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Pentagon Police Labor Committee

Mike Walsh, Vice Chairman

This article covers June through August. Please refer all questions to the undersigned or any board member or feel free to contact the undersigned at Vice Chairman 703-675-5345.

Many employees have asked why or what does the union do for me? First, the union provides legal assistance to protect your job and ensure the agency is following the proper laws and procedures. Second, the union did lobby, with assistance of FOP Grand Lodge Past President Steve Young, Congress to establish our current pay scale as outlined in 10 USC 2674. In fact, the Union not the agency meet with Senator Yeager (Nebraska) and Senator Warner (Virginia) who wrote and sponsored the change for us police officers (0083). Third, the Union not the agency or department paid in full for Officer Feltis' funeral cost. Third, the Union has contacted

with AFLAC to provide supplemental insurance in case of injury or illness so you can still be paid while out of work on leave or non leave status. So think about it, the union is working everyday to ensure your rights are not violated and to ensure new rights and benefits can be established by any means necessary. If you have suggestion concerning event, incident, or benefits please contact a union board member immediately

INFORMAL/FORMAL GRIEVANCES

The Union has submitted 20 last quarter and 10 this quarter requests to negotiate changes in working conditions. All have been scheduled with the agency to meet. The most current issue was to meet on the Physical Fitness Improvement Program (PFIP) which is formally referred to as Administrative Memorandum 38. We strongly recommend all employees to grieve medical appointment which are considered and classified as fit for duty examination.

The Union has received 2 complaints involving vehicle accidents. The union has initiated 5 formal grievances. Please note it is the intention of the Agency to establish new standards outside of Administrative Instruction Number 8. These standards apply to all personnel that alleged violate offense

such as tardiness, security breaches, traffic accident, etc. Many of these standards are not defined and the issue is a negotiated area which is pending. The union has initiated four (4) grievances on suspension. The agency has voiced opinion that violation of security issue will lead to removal process. Let one of the union official know who said that and we will investigate. The agency acts on complaints and then investigate those issues. The investigative report is reviewed by A/C Joswiak and he makes recommendation on disciplinary action. All actions are initiated by a proposal follow by a reply followed by a decision. There are many factors that go into a

decision based upon the proposal notice.

ARBITRATIONS

Arbitrations have been divided into three categories: Pre Lawsuit, Post Lawsuit, and Current. The issues range from security violation, security breach, disciplinary action, suspensions, and removals. Our first arbitration is scheduled for 6 October 2009 at 1000 hours at NC2 Polk Building

LEGAL NEWS

FAA and TSA enforced firearm while on a commercial airline as outlined in 49 CFR. We (employee employed by PFFA) DO NOT fall under any of the exceptions listed in the regulation. Thus, we ARE NOT allowed to have a weapon onboard a commercial airline. However, we (as a citizen) can declare personal weapons in check baggage in accordance with the commercial airline you are flying with. LEO-SA of 2004 (HR 218) applies to waiver of concealed weapon permit in all states and territories except on commercial airline.

MEDICAL NEWS

Per 5 CFR 339, the employer has a management right to establish medical and fitness standards. Per 5 USC 71 the Union has a right to negotiate implementation and impact issues that affect bargaining unit members concerns in medical and fitness standards. Bargaining unit members all defined as all police officers not assigned in supervisor or management position. The Union continues to negotiate and fight everyday on medical examination and physical fitness program. Per 5 CFR 339, medical examinations are fitness for duty examination. As such fitness for duty examination is initiated by observations by immediate supervisor and investigation by Human Resource Department based upon medical standards and your position descriptions.

Per 5 CFR 339, once an examination has been ordered, the employee has a choice. The employee can use the doctor the Agency provides or the employee can use personal physician. There are exceptions to this regulation when an employee initiated

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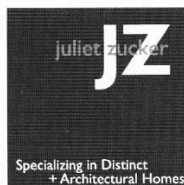
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Marines in Law Enforcement



DC Lodge #1 member, MPD Officer Dwayne Johnson would like to start a local chapter of **Marines in Law Enforcement**, to include DC, Maryland and Virginia active and retired Police Officers that have served in the United States Marine Corps. This project is in the very beginning stages. If you are interested in becoming involved and/or receiving news and information please contact Officer Johnson for more information At usmcjarhead81@aol.com

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family medical leave act (FMLA) or injury on the job (DOL/OWCP).

SECURITY CLEARANCE

As outlined in DODDIR 5200.2, a clearance is required for a sensitive position and that employee has a need to access classified information. Based upon recent personal testimony by many officers and supervisors in FLRA hearing, not one officer stated a need to access classified information. Security Clearance issue is being used by the Agency in an attempt to justify that we (EMPLOYEES) are related to national security and thus are exempt from having a collective bargaining agreement.

FLRA

As yet, the FLRA has not close the record and no decision has been made. The Union anticipates a decision in December 2009 or January 2010. We also anticipate that regardless of the decision, one of the parties will appeal to the FLRA Board. The FLRA has issued a compliant in case number 08-0554 against the agency and the notice should be posted in the near future.

TRAINING

There are two forms of training the Department of Defense offers. One form is by DOD education office through college courses. The other form is submitting training request based upon performance elements and position description and career development to the agency's training division. Both are based upon budget restrictions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

It is time to start thinking about our annual fall picnic and any and all ideas are welcome please feel free to contact a board member. We look forward to hearing from all members

STEWARDS

The following is a list of Union Stewards
 Christina Marshall assigned to Evidence Section
 Kevin Lane assigned 12 hour platoon
 Pete Donaldson assigned to K9 section
 Robert Duso assigned to 1400 to 2230 platoon
 Fred Miller and George Burns assigned to 12 hour platoon
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 Edwin Velez and Shawn Butterfield assigned to 12 hour platoon


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U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division Labor Committee News

Submitted by Officer/Technician James E. McGill

Brothers and Sisters of DC Lodge #1, as I sit and write this article, the ongoing recession is not only affecting Joe/Jane American, but benefit organizations alike. It has recently come to my attention that the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division Benefit Fund (UDBF) is beginning to feel the effects of this economic crisis. It was just released to the members of the force that our annual Christmas Party was cancelled due to poor sales at our store. The Christmas Party had just celebrated last December, it's 25th Anniversary. I truly hope the members of DC Lodge #1 spread the word about this great charity and help support a great cause!

History of the White House Gift Shop

The White House Police Benefit Fund was established on September 9, 1946. The original objectives were to provide flowers when a member had a death in their immediate family, and as a means of providing retiring members a departing gift from the force. For years the gift shop operated in the basement of the Old Executive Office Building, a part of the White House complex. For security reasons this store was accessible only to White House staff and their guests. To meet demand from past staff members and the public the benefit fund has opened new locations including an online store.

On November 1, 1950, White House Police Officer Leslie Coffelt was killed and two other Officers injured while defending President Truman during an assassination attempt at Blair House. Officer Coffelt remains the only member of the Secret Service to die while actually defending a President from an assassination attempt. After the assassination attempt at Blair House, the White House Security Fund was created. The purpose was to provide for the spouses and children of any White House Police Officer who was killed or seriously injured in the performance of their duties. Money was generated from donations made to the White House Police in the months following the assassination attempt and Officer Coffelt's death. On November 1st, of each year, the men and women of the United States Secret Service

Uniformed Division honor the anniversary of Officer Coffelt's supreme sacrifice with wreath laying ceremonies at Blair House, the National Law Enforcement Offi-



cers' Memorial and at Officer Coffelt's gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

In December, 1955, the Benefit Fund was granted non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service under Title 26, Section 501c, Paragraph 4.

In the early 1960's, the White House Security Fund along with the White House Security Fund and the White House Pistol Match Fund were merged into what is now the Uniformed Division Benefit Fund.

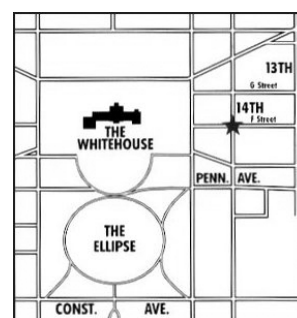
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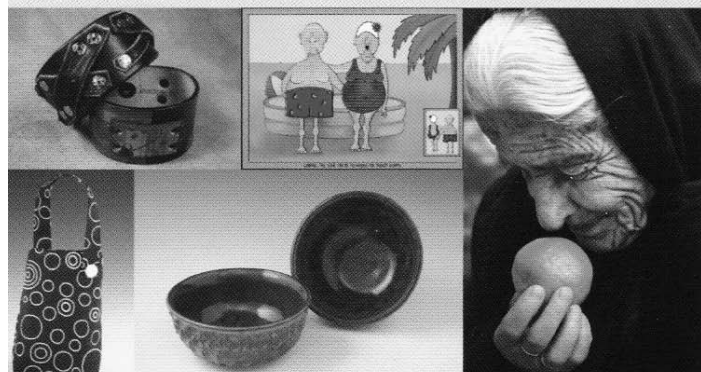
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NATIONAL NEWS

Protest at Capitol Records Over Song Ban

Amid calls and emails from angry firefighters, police officers and their families, BLEVE Records has decided to go forward with the release and promotion of "My First Ride." This song, by BLEVE recording artist Ronnie Milsap features Trace Adkins and is the lead single from a multi artist compilation CD due out Nov. 1.

Independent American owned BLEVE Records stopped promotion of the single after German/UK owned conglomerate Capitol Records issued a cease and desist order claiming they had no knowledge of the song and ordering the immediate halt of further promotion or sales of "My First Ride." In a legal document sent to BLEVE via email on Sept. 15, 2009, Capitol charged BLEVE with the "unauthorized use and exploitation of Trace Adkin's performance and name and dilution of the value of Capitol's valuable property."

Mickey Milam, retired Metro Nashville police officer and BLEVE President and CEO, states that this song was green lighted through Trace's management company and Capitol Records had full knowledge of the project. "There didn't seem to be a problem," states Milam, "until this single started climbing the charts and garnering radio attention."

Milam, a retired Metro Nashville police officer, started BLEVE Records to benefit the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the International Association of Firefighters' (IAFF) disaster relief funds. These funds, which aid firefighters and police officers and their families after a disaster or in times of need due to injury or death in the

line of duty, were severely depleted by 9/11 and recent devastating hurricanes. The proceeds from the sale of "My First Ride" and the compilation CD were slated to help replenish these funds.

BLEVE has offered all along to pay standard royalty rate to Capitol Records for Trace's performance. All artists/labels on the forthcoming compilation CD are being compensated for their performances.

"My First Ride" was originally planned as a solo song by legendary entertainer Ronnie Milsap. However, Ronnie's long time friend Trace Adkins volunteered to lend his deep baritone voice to the project.

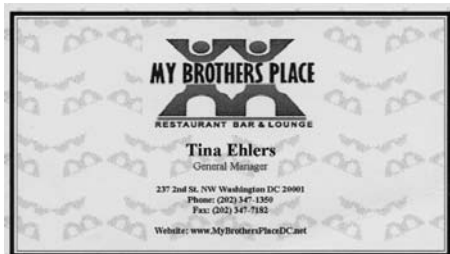
"Trace was gracious enough to sing on this song, not only as a favor to his good friend Ronnie Milsap, but also because he believes in our cause," says Milam. "This is an important project on many levels," Milam says. "This is the first major national fund raising effort that benefits firefighters and police officers. These two organizations are renowned for their ability to raise money for other causes, but now there is an immediate need to help their own." Milam cites the IAFF's recent contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The IAFF contributed over 28 million of the 60 million dollars raised for Jerry's Kids during the MDA Labor Day telethon event.

Milam states that there has been an outcry of support from firefighters, police officers and their families as well as members of the music community and fans of Ronnie and Trace. From words of encouragement to offers of organized protest, the phone calls and emails haven't stopped pouring in. Milam says, "I think when the general public hears about this, the roar will be even louder."

On Thursday, September 24, Milsap, firefighters from around the state, and police gathered outside the record label to protest Capitol pulling of the record from radio play and iTunes.

Ronnie even went on top of a firetruck and sang the newly "banned" single. The protesters were asked to leave the property by Capitol security and complied without incident.

BLEVE Records encourages everyone to help the video of the protest go "viral." Send to friends, colleagues, relatives, post to your Facebook or MySpace page to put more pressure on Capitol Records to change their position. You can view the video of the protest at www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-Z731nAFSw.





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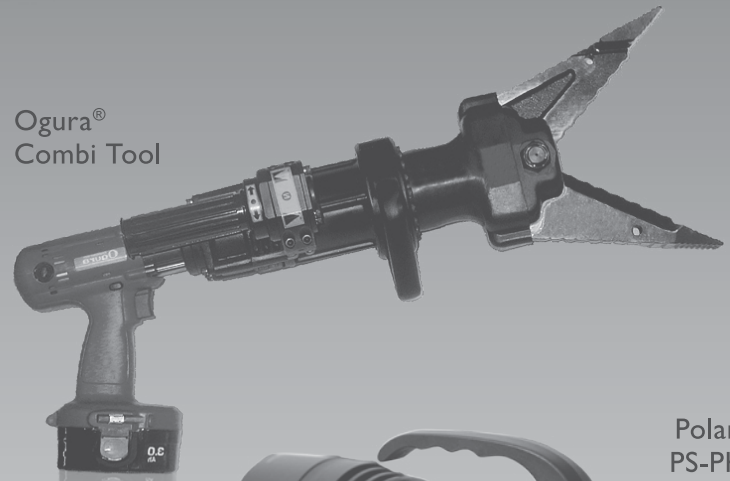
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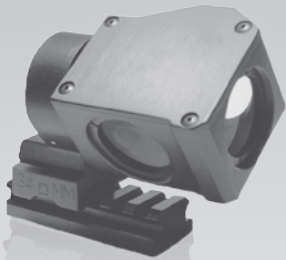
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One hot summer day, a blonde came to town with her dog, tied it under the shade of a tree, and headed into a restaurant for something to drink.

Twenty minutes later, a policeman entered the restaurant and asked, "Who owns the dog tied under that tree outside?"

The blonde said it was hers. "Your dog seems to be in heat," the officer said.

The blonde replied, "No way. She's tied up under that shade tree."

The policeman said, "No! You don't understand. Your dog needs to be bred."

"No way," said the blonde. "My dog doesn't need bread. She isn't hungry 'cause I fed her this morning."

The exasperated policeman said, "NO! You don't understand. Your dog wants to have sex!"

(You're gonna love this)

The blonde looked at the cop and said, "Well, go ahead. I always wanted a police dog."

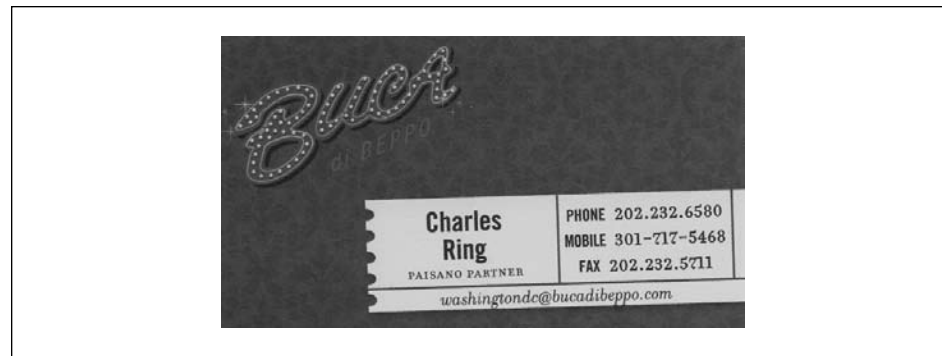
Montana State Trooper


In Most US states there is a policy of checking on stalled vehicles on the highways when temperatures drop to single digits or below. About 3AM one very cold morning, Montana State Trooper Allan Nixon responded to a call that there was a car off the shoulder of the road outside Great Falls. He located the car, stuck in deep snow and with the engine still running. Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver's door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty bottle of vodka on the seat beside him. The driver woke up when the trooper tapped on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rearview mirror, and the state trooper standing next to this car, the man panicked. He jerked the gear shift into drive and hit the gas.

The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow with the wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked out, thinking that the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled "pull over!"


The man nodded, turned his wheels and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man, from North Dakota, was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour.

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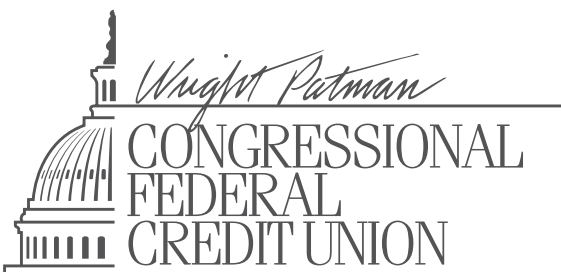
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Senators Introduce Bill to “Fix” the Patriot Act and Other Surveillance Laws

A group of U.S. Senators has introduced legislation designed to “fix” surveillance laws that they say threaten the rights and liberties of American citizens. The lawmakers say the bill - called the “Judicious Use of Surveillance Tools In Counterterrorism Efforts (JUSTICE) Act”—would reform the USA PATRIOT Act, the FISA Amendments Act, and other surveillance authorities to protect Americans’ constitutional rights, while preserving the powers of the government to fight terrorism. The legislation was introduced last Thursday by Senators Russ Feingold (D-Wisconsin), Dick Durbin (D-Illinois), Jon Tester (D-Montana), Tom Udall (D-New Mexico), Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico), Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and Ron Wyden (D-Oregon).

The lawmakers say that the JUSTICE Act reforms include more effective checks on government searches of Americans’ personal records, the “sneak and peek” search provision of the PATRIOT Act, “John Doe” roving wiretaps and other overbroad authorities. The bill also is intended to reform the FISA Amendments Act, passed last year, by repealing the retroactive immunity provision, preventing “bulk collection” of the contents of Americans’ international communications, and prohibiting “reverse targeting” of innocent Americans. Additionally, the bill provides for better oversight of the use of National Security Letters (NSLs) in the wake of Justice Department Inspector General reports that detailed the misuse and abuse of the NSLs.

The bill is S. 1686. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.



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Denial of Motion to Suppress Evidence Affirmed by Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

The sixth circuit affirmed denial of motion to suppress evidence where affidavit in support of search warrant based primarily on confidential informant showed reliability of informant and affidavit had sufficient indicia of reliability

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit decided the issue of whether a search warrant was supported by probable cause where the primary source of information derived from a confidential informant.

In this case, the defendant-appellant, Dyer, appealed his conviction for aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. A confidential informant tipped off officers that Dyer, and his co-defendant, Glance, were selling drugs from Glance's rented cabin in early December 2006. The officers conducted surveillance of the cabin and observed Dyer and a woman matching Glance's description exiting the cabin on December 6th. The next day, an officer submitted an affidavit to the circuit court to request a search warrant to inspect the rental cabin for evidence of methamphetamine sales. The affidavit contained six paragraphs and relied heavily on the information from the informant. The court issued the warrant the same day and four officers drove to the cabin to execute the warrant. After a police chase, Dyer and Glance escaped the officers. The officers executed the warrant and gained access to the cabin, finding two safes with a total of nearly \$5,000, 50.9 grams of methamphetamine, smoking pipes with residue, a digital scale, and rolling papers. When Glance returned to the cabin the next day, the rental company called the police, who then arrested Glance at the cabin. Dyer was later apprehended and arrested in North Carolina.

The district court adopted the magistrate judge's recommendations and denied Dyer's motion to suppress the evidence found at the cabin, finding that the search warrant was supported by probable cause and the information it relied on was not stale. Dyer appealed the denial of the motion to suppress to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

The Sixth Circuit began its analysis referring to the Fourth Amendment. It found that the Constitution provides that the Fourth Amendment prohibits search warrants unless they have been issued "upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation." The Sixth Circuit has found that probable cause is sufficient to justify a search warrant when the proponent submits an affidavit that "indicates a fair probability that evidence of a crime will be located on the premises of the proposed search." On a review of whether evidence supporting probable cause was sufficient, the court limits the examination to information contained within the four corners of the affidavit, while also looking to the totality of the circumstances. The Sixth Circuit has

held that when the majority of the information in the affidavit comes from confidential sources, courts must consider the veracity, reliability, and the basis of knowledge for that information as part of the totality of circumstances.

First, Dyer argued that since the bulk of the affidavit contained information from a confidential informant, this information was unreliable and could not support a finding of probable cause because the affidavit failed to establish the confidential informant's reliability. The Sixth Circuit agreed with Dyer that the affidavit lacked any information about the confidential informant's previous tips, the length or nature of the relationship between the informant and the officer requesting the affidavit, and any indication that the magistrate judge learned of the informant's identity. However, the Sixth Circuit determined that the affidavit at issue asserted that the informant witnessed a drug transaction in the basement of the place to be searched, noted that there was a pool table in the room, stated the exact amount of cash and methamphetamine exchanged, and observed that a large quantity of methamphetamine remained after the sale. Also, the Sixth Circuit determined that although the informant's identity, while not known to the magistrate judge, was known to the officers and the officer requesting the warrant was contacted by the informant and met with the informant to corroborate the details. Therefore, the Sixth Circuit rejected Dyer's argument that the affidavit did not establish the reliability of the informant.

Second, Dyer argued that the affidavit did not contain substantial independent observations of criminal activity sufficient to corroborate the information provided by the informant. The Sixth Circuit disagreed with Dyer's argument because the informant witnessed the illegal activity on the premises searched and was known to the officer writing the affidavit, and thus, there was sufficient indicia of reliability without substantial independent police corroboration. Further, the officers corroborated the information obtained from the confidential informant with their own observations by confirming the existence of the two cars, the cabin, and the two individuals described by the informant and by learning that Dyer had an open arrest warrant in North Carolina related to methamphetamine.

Thus, the Sixth Circuit found that the warrant was supported by probable cause and affirmed the denial of the motion to suppress.

The case is *U.S. v. Dyer*, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, No. 08-5671, September 8, 2009.



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ICE, International Partners Seize More Than \$41 Million in U.S. Currency

Between September 9th and 18th, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents, along with Colombian and Mexican law enforcement officers, made the largest bulk cash container seizure in Colombia and the United States - more than \$41 million in U.S. currency that was secreted in shipping containers found in ports in Colombia and Mexico. The seizures are part of an ongoing ICE investigation by ICE's Attaché Office in Bogota, Colombia.

"ICE's bilateral cooperation between its foreign law enforcement partners has significantly furthered ICE's mission to disrupt the criminal organizations that are smuggling narcotics into the United States and smuggling bulk cash shipments out, which they use to fund additional criminal activities," said the Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton. "This seizure of more than \$41 million has surely put a dent in the illegal activities of the individuals involved."

On September 9th, Colombian customs inspectors and Colombian National Police (CNP) officers seized \$11.2 million in U.S. currency hidden in two shipping containers, each containing 20 big bags filled with ammonium sulfate. Sixteen of the 40 bags contained \$700,000 in \$20 dollar bill denominations. The containers departed on a vessel from the port of Manzanillo, Mexico, destined to the west coast port of Buenaventura, Colombia. According to Colombian customs inspectors, this seizure is the most cash ever seized by police at a port in Colombia.

On September 10th, a second seizure of U.S. currency estimated at \$11.2 million was also seized at the port of Buenaventura. The following day, September 11th, ICE Attaché Mexico City special agents reported that information developed by ICE Attaché Bogota agents resulted in a third seizure of U.S. currency estimated at \$11 million discovered hidden inside two shipping containers containing sodium sulfate at the Port of Manzanillo, Mexico.

On September 14th, ICE special agents along with Colombian authorities discovered in Buenaventura three additional shipping containers containing approximately \$5 million in \$100 and \$50 dollar bill denominations concealed within bags labeled as sodium sulfate. These shipping containers also originated in Manzanillo.

Finally, on September 18th, another seizure recovered \$2.15 million in \$100 dollar bill denominations concealed within two containers with similar bags containing sodium sulfate aboard a vessel that arrived in Manzanillo.

The ports of Buenaventura and Manzanillo are key points of a well-known route used for smuggling cocaine northward to Mexico and then on to the United States, and for sending cash back into Colombia.

The ICE Attaché Bogota office is the lead U.S. law enforcement agency in this bulk cash smuggling investigation, with assistance from ICE Attaché Mexico City, the Colombian National Police, Colombian Department of Treasury, Mexican Customs, and the Mexican Assistant Attorney General for Special Investigations and Organized Crime (Siedo).

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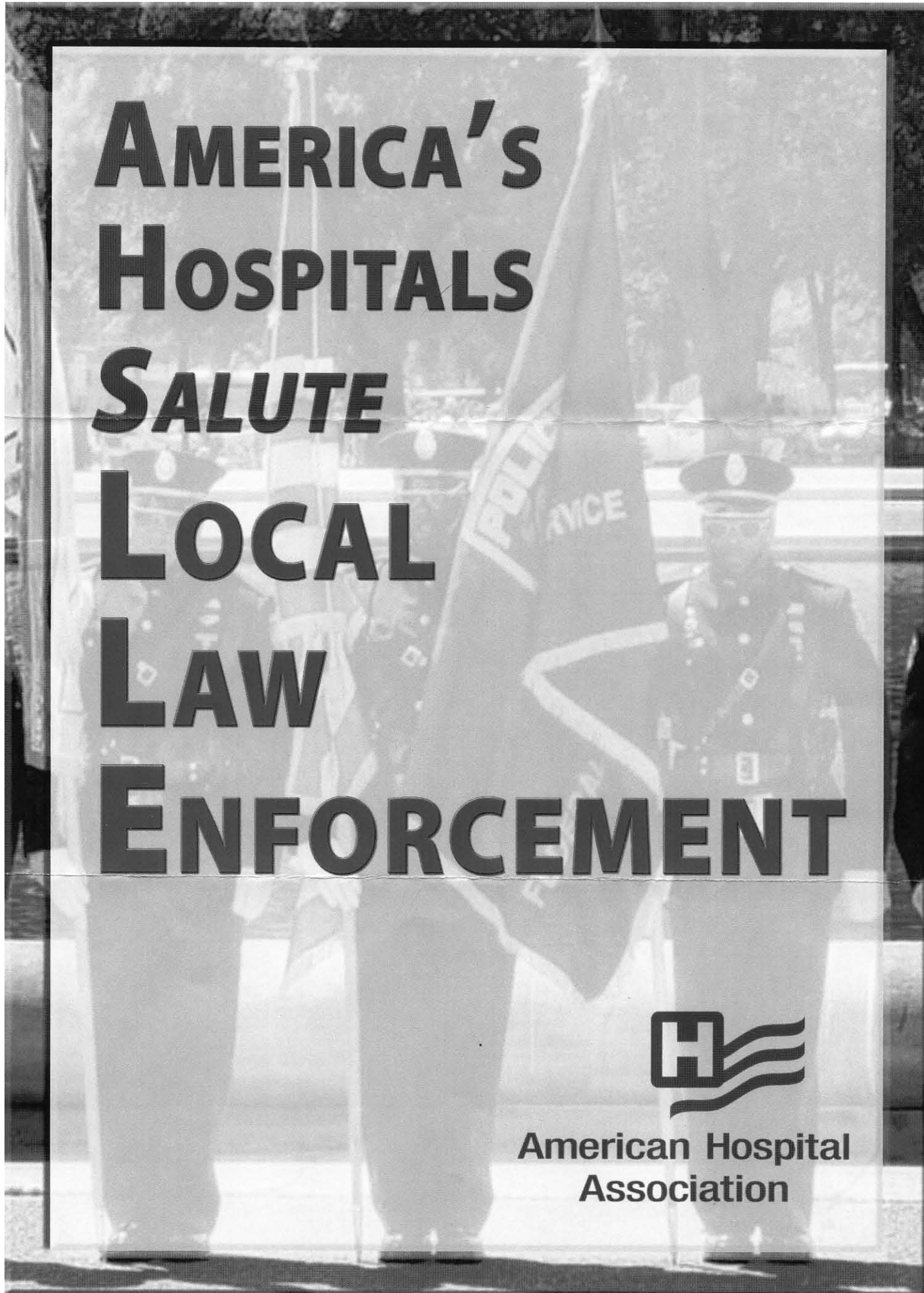
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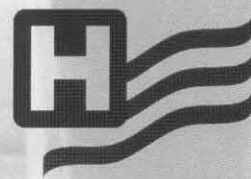
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Sisters and Brothers, I hope your summer was safe and enjoyable.

Now that summer is over and Congress is through with their August recess, it is time to get back to work. We must not let the health care issue overshadow our legislative agenda. We must be vigilant in contacting our legislative representatives to enforce upon them the issues that are important to us. Additionally, by utilizing our friends and relatives in other jurisdictions other than Maryland and Virginia, we would gain support of their legislative representative to further our issues.

In addition to our National legislative agenda, there are two bills on the Hill that we need your support and that of your friends and relatives. The first is HR2219, Federal Law Enforcement Pension Adjustment Equity Act of 2009, which affects the retirees of the U.S. Park Police and the Secret Service Uniformed Division. We need support and co-sponsors for this bill. The second bill is S1510, United States Secret Service Uniformed Division Modernization Act of 2009. We do not support this bill, and request that all Senators not vote for it.

We know that because of busy schedules, time for contacting Congressman either by phone, e-mail or in person may take away from the short precious family time that we have. Another way of helping achieve these objectives is through the FOP PAC. A few minutes to sign a check for any amount will enable National to not only pursue the National legislative agenda, but assist them in helping individual group objectives such as the two above bills.

Sisters and Brothers, take an active role and not only support the National agenda, but contact your legislative representatives to support HR2219, and to defeat S1510.



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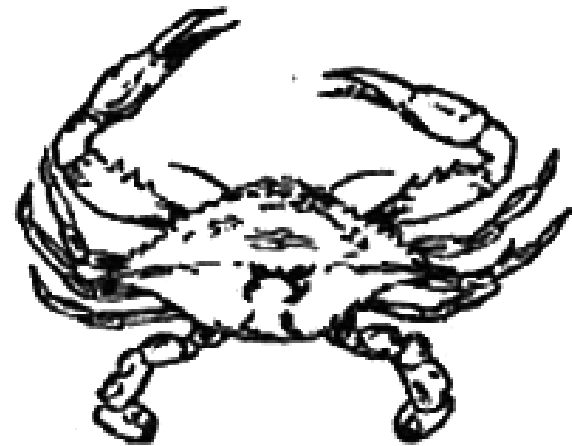
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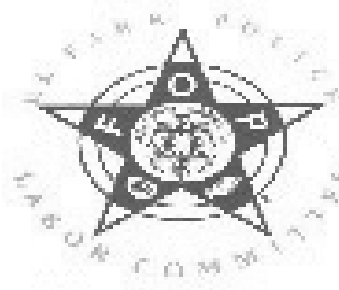
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Top Legislative Priorities for the 111th Congress

I. Social Security Issues

A. Support H.R. 235/S. 484, the "Social Security Fairness Act"

The FOP strongly supports legislation to restore full Social Security benefits for law enforcement officers by repealing both the "Windfall Elimination Provision" (WEP) and the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO).

B. Opposing any legislation that would require the participation of public employees in Social Security

The FOP also vehemently opposes legislation which would mandate participation in Social Security for current or newly hired public employees who participate in their own retirement systems and do not pay into Social Security.

II. Support H.R. 413, the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act"

The FOP strongly supports this legislation, which would guarantee the right of public employees to bargain collectively with their employers over hours, wages and conditions of employment. The bill mandates that each State pass laws providing minimum collective bargaining rights to their public safety employees and outlines certain provisions to be included in those laws. Strikes and lockouts are prohibited by the bill and States with collective bargaining laws already on the books will be exempt from the Federal statute.

III. Support H.R. 1972, the "Law Enforcement Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights Act"

The FOP strongly supports a "bill of rights" for law enforcement officers who are, in a number of jurisdictions, denied their due process rights by police administrators and management in noncriminal proceedings. There is a need for a minimum level of procedural protections for law enforcement officers accused of administrative wrongdoing because of the gravity of potential harm to officers created by this lack of uniform safeguards.



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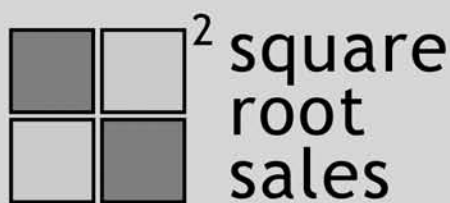
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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Launches Online Photo Tribute Campaign To Honor America's Law Enforcement Heroes

Citizens are encouraged to share photos showing they "will always remember" officers who have died in the line of duty; photo contest winner will receive travel package to attend National Police Week 2010

To help commemorate its 25th anniversary, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund today launched WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER, an online photo tribute campaign that encourages Americans to show their support for the men and women of law enforcement, in particular those who have died in the line of duty.

Through a new website—www.WillAlwaysRemember.org—individuals can upload and share photographs showing they "will always remember" those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Next March, website visitors will be able to cast a vote for their favorite photo, with the winner receiving a

travel package to attend National Police Week in Washington, DC, in May 2010.

"Twenty-five years ago, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund was created with the vision of honoring the memory of those heroes who gave their own lives for the safety and protection of others. Seven years later, we dedicated the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, as our nation's monument to law enforcement service and sacrifice," said NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd.

"Today, we continue to explore new and creative ways for our citizens to demonstrate their appreciation and support for these uniquely American heroes. Our WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER photo tribute campaign is a perfect and poignant way for all Americans to show the families and friends of officers killed in the line of duty that their loved ones will never be forgotten—they truly will always be remembered," Mr. Floyd added.

Participating in the photo tribute campaign is easy, and there is no charge. Visitors to www.WillAlwaysRemember.org can print a WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER poster and fill it in with their name or other identifier and message. Participants take a photo of themselves holding their poster, then upload the photo through the

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Online Photo Tribute

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website. Entries will be displayed in a photo gallery through next February. During the month of March 2010, website visitors will be able to vote once for their favorite photo. The person who submits the photo that receives the most votes will win a National Police Week 2010 travel package that includes one round-trip air fare to Washington, DC, two nights accommodation, and VIP seating for the Candlelight Vigil held at the Memorial on May 13. Complete photo contest rules are available at www.WillAlwaysRemember.org.

The NLEOMF was formed in the summer of 1984, and on October 19 of that year, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation authorizing the Fund to establish a Memorial in Washington, DC, to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The Memorial in Judiciary Square was dedicated on October 15, 1991. Today, its walls are engraved with the names of 18,661 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty dating back to the first known officer fatality in May 1792.

The WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER photo tribute campaign is one of the ways the NLEOMF is marking its first 25 years.

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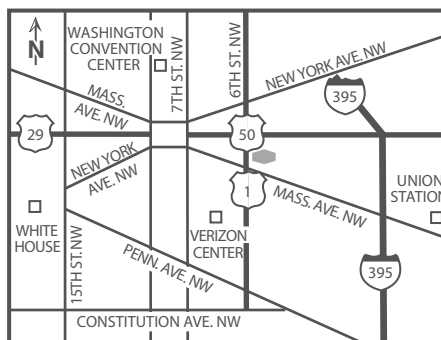
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I would also like to thanks the many people who were instrumental in obtaining gifts: Nancy and Hugh Triggs, JJ Cunningham, Vince Tucci, Carl Moore from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Tony Murray of The Almas Temple of Washington DC, Mary Brown of The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Juli Yarosh of The US Secret Service, Employee Recreation Association, and Gregory Waters of The Department of Defense.

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Also I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the help and support that I get each year from President Muzzatti, Recording Secretary Beauchemin and Treasurer Rodgers. Without their support and donations the tournament would not have many of the gifts that are given out to the golfers.

In closing, I believe this is not only a tournament but it also a reunion. Many of the volunteers and golfers come from great distance to participate in this function. Helon and Earl Drescher travel from Myrtle Beach. Jack McKee comes from the Eastern Shore. Andy Genua travels from West Virginia. Terry Nebel travels from Luray, VA. Ron Winters and the Triggs come from Eastern Maryland. There are many others who come from southern Virginia. I thank them very much.

It is amazing to see the young and the old relating old and new stories. Also to see the old guys giving advice to the young guys. Don't forget next years tournament is September 27, 2010. Same time and place.



NLEOMF

Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Fall Sharply During Third Quarter of 2009

Line-of-duty deaths down 7% this year, on pace to break five-decade low

DENVER, CO

After jumping 20 percent in the first six months of 2009, the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty fell sharply during the third quarter of this year and is on pace to reach a five-decade low this year, according to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

Nationwide, 26 officers died in the line of duty during the months of July, August and September, 2009. By comparison, 43 officers were killed during the third quarter of 2008.

As of October 2, officer fatalities are down 7 percent from the same time last year: 92 in 2009, compared with 99 in 2008. In all of 2008, 133 officers died in the line of duty, the lowest annual total since 1960, when there were 127 officer deaths. If current trends continue, this year's total would break that five-decade low.

The NLEOMF's latest preliminary statistics were released as police leaders from across the country gather in Denver for the annual conference of the International

Association of Chiefs of Police.

"In the 25 years since the Memorial Fund was established back in 1984, law enforcement executives, trainers and line officers, as well as industry partners and government policymakers, have worked diligently to improve the safety of our nation's law enforcement officers," said NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd. "While one officer death is one too many, these cooperative efforts have helped to move the fatality numbers in the right direction, and we are encouraged that this trend has continued this year," he added.

The NLEOMF's latest preliminary data indicate the following:

- Traffic-related incidents, which remain the leading cause of law enforcement deaths in the United States, have declined more than 12 percent this year.
- The number of officers killed by gunfire is up slightly this year, to 36 from 34 at the same time of 2008. This year's increase has been driven, in part, by three multiple-officer shooting fatalities this spring in Oakland, Pittsburgh and Okaloosa County, FL.
- No female officers have been killed so far this year. By contrast, nearly 10 percent of the officers killed in 2008 were women.

The statistics released by the NLEOMF are preliminary and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for 2009.



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A Day to Remember

Vivian Eney Cross

On August 24, 1984 my husband, Sgt. Christopher S. Eney died in the line-of-duty. At the time of his death, we had been married 12 ½ years and had two daughters, Shannen & Heather, 11 & 9 years old. This year was going to be the 25th Anniversary of his death. The girls and I had been talking on and off as to what we felt we should do to honor this milestone in our lives. We had no idea what was waiting for us.

Early in the summer our liaison officer with US Capitol Police, Doug Shugars called and said that they wanted to participate in whatever we choose to do. We decided to have the service at the *National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial*. The service we had at the gravesite 25 years ago was beautiful and honorable, but the grave only acknowledges the death. We wanted to celebrate who he was and what he stood for—and that could only be done at the Police Memorial. The Memorial is where his service is acknowledged—it is also where his sacrifice is honored.

About 35 family members gathered at USCP Headquarters on Aug. 18th. We then boarded a police bus and they took us lights and sirens to the *National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial*. I was to find out later that the department had coordinated with Metropolitan Police for our travel through DC. Once at the Memorial the center had been set up for a lovely service. The service allowed not only the Chief to speak and staff from the Memorial to speak; the girls and I were given the opportunity to speak. Finally the girls had a chance to stand before their law enforcement family and let them know how much the officers had come to mean to them—but also express to them what all these years standing by our side had meant to them. As the

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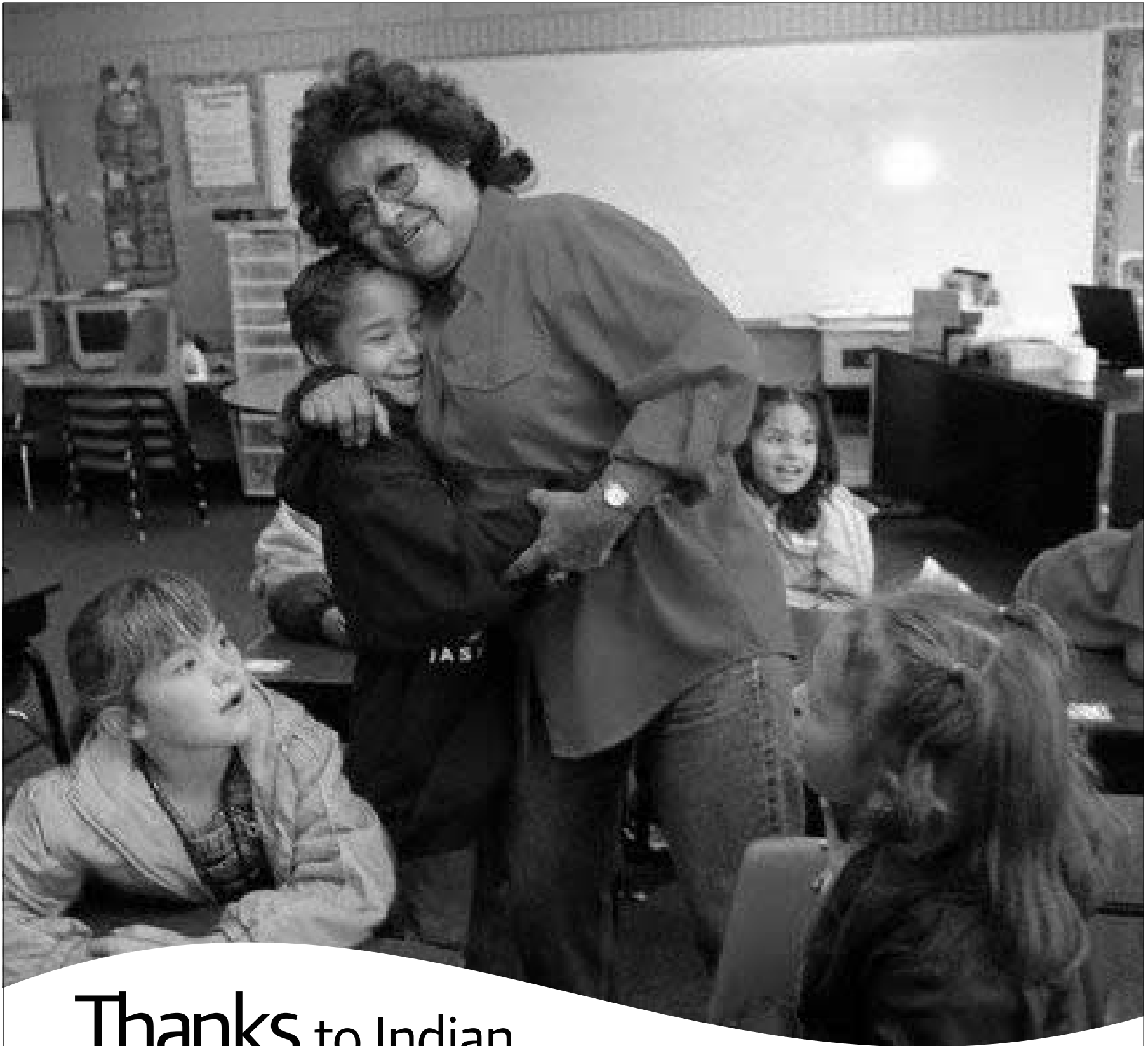
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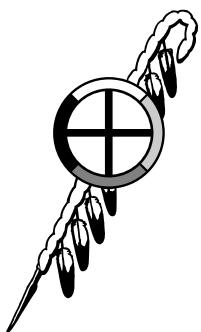
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service ended, roses were given to us and to the grandchildren. (Shannen has a set of triplets and a set of twins, Heather has a set of twins and a newborn) How touching it was to watch the grandchildren place their roses on the wreath. After the service the family was given the time to do some rubbings of his name and talk to the officers who had joined us that day. The extraordinary day was finished with a reception. There the girls and I were given citations from Congress and the Department's highest award, given to Chris posthumously. At the reception hall two poster-sized pictures of Chris were on display and all who were there that day signed them and they were given to the girls.

What a day—the department will never know all that day meant to us because there will never be enough words to express what is in our heart. That day our lives had come full circle and the last piece of the puzzle to our healing process was fitted in place. God had indeed “restored the years the locusts had eaten.”

If any of you have ever wondered if all the effort to build the Police Memorial was worth it—wonder no more. I wish everyone could have watched those little 3-5 year olds as they placed their flowers for a Granddad they never knew and so slowly and so carefully did their rubbings of his name. Their day was filled with awe and wonder and anyone who asked them were told, “My Granddad died and he was a policeman and he was special.” Patriotism and inspiration were born in them that day. As my daughter got home with her 5 year old triplets and set about getting dinner ready, she happened to look up and see the three boys marching around the room like the honor-guard did—they took great pains to stand straight, shoulders were back, heads were high and not a word was spoken—they were reliving a very solemn moment—it was etched in their hearts for all of time. The Memorial gives to Police Families what it so desperately needed—a place of honor, a place of remembrance, a place of beauty to come and walk the paths and touch the names again, and again, and again!

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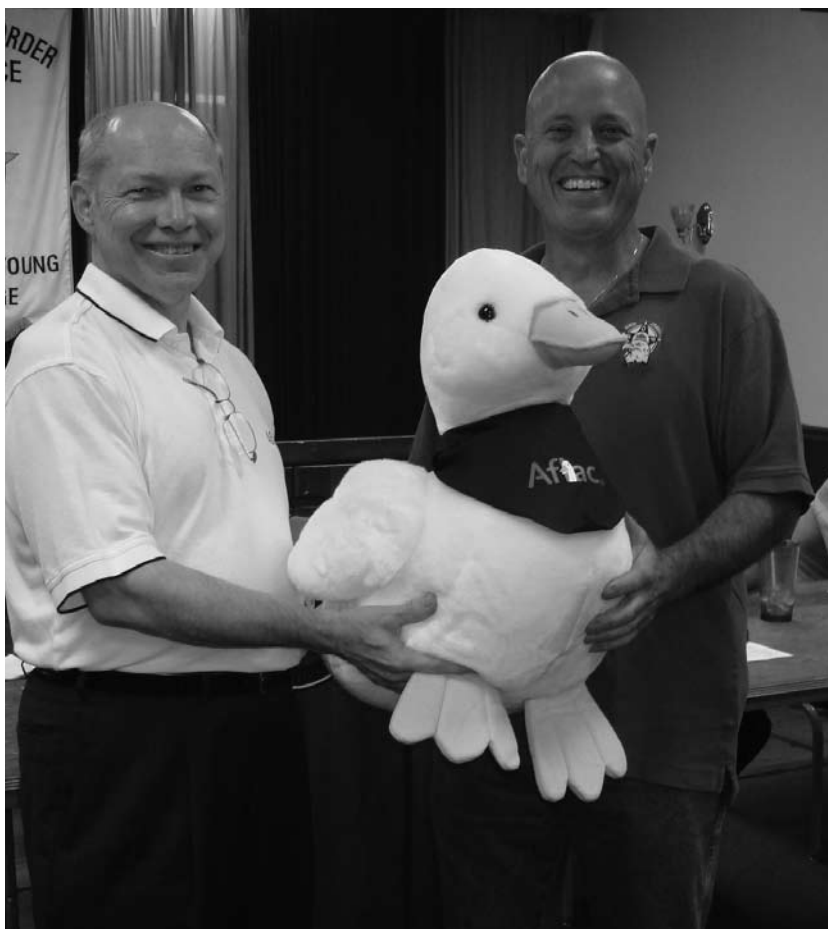
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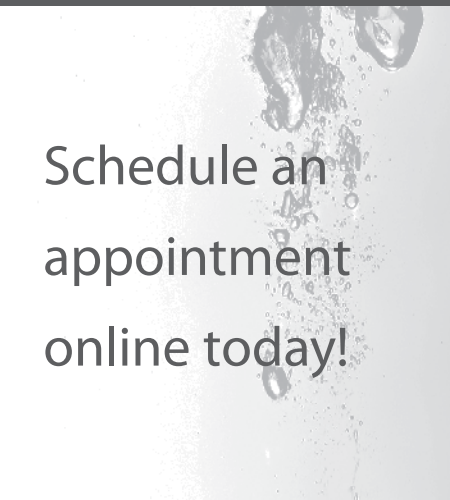
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To help, please contact these Aflac contacts; they will explain the details of this program.

David Miller at 301-641-4446, davidhmill@us.aflac.com

Marcia Goggin at 301-792-1063, marcia_goggin@us.aflac.com

This program is not intended to interfere with any existing Aflac relationships. Our focus is on companies or individuals who do not have Aflac today. *Aflac Associates not on this team are not participating in this program.*

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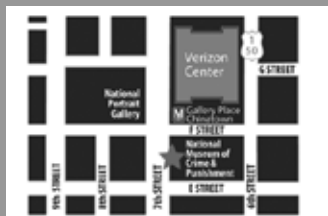
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is available exclusively from Amazon.com as an Amazon Short.

All winners receive plaques or certificates and publicity and recognition via a wide variety of public safety-related publications.

Founded in 1997 as the Police Writers Club, the PSWA is open to both new and experienced, published and not yet published writers. Members include police officers, civilian police personnel, firefighters, fire support personnel, emergency personnel, security personnel and others in the public safety field. Also represented are those who write about public safety including mystery writers,

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Over the summer months the DC Auxiliary has been hard at work. We enjoyed time with our families but also looked to the future of the DC Auxiliary. In August of 2009, I spent time with various other Auxiliaries at the FOP Long Beach Conference. It was both a refreshing and exciting time for me!

At the conference, the various lectures and workshops gave me the confidence to work on making our Auxiliary a club that its members will be proud of. As the Trustee for our auxiliary I spent time with numerous other trustees. We brainstormed and discussed various ways to enhance the commitments and dedication of our members. These changes will take some time and volunteerism but if we work together we

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Looking ahead to the end of fall our Halloween Party and our Annual Brunch with Santa are on the agenda.

As always please contact me in order to keep in touch with our latest activities or to give me ideas for our next fundraiser. MirellaAux@gmail.com



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One of my favorite books is *The Survivor's Club* by Ben Sherwood. The subtitle says it all: "The Secrets and Science that Could Save Your Life." Survival is (among other things) part skill, part preparation, part mindset, part science, and a whole lot of luck. In law enforcement we study survival—voraciously devouring everything we can about how and why police officers get hurt or killed and how we can prevent tragedy from occurring.

The mid-year report on officer deaths released earlier this week by the NLEOMF indicated that on duty deaths has risen 20 percent in 2009. Up slightly from 20 at the same time last year, 22 officers were killed by gunfire; 35 died in vehicle-related incidents, an increase of 17 percent during the same period in 2008.

Nearly 60,000 police officers will be assaulted this year, and more than 16,000 will be injured. The good news is that many of these attacks and injuries can be prevented. Those that cannot be prevented can be handled—provided you have a combination of survival factors such as mental preparation, medical intervention, faith, fear, resilience, determination, and yes, luck.

Prevention and Preparation

Cops tend to be intolerant of our citizens who refuse to take responsibility for their own actions and yet we often fail to take personal responsibility for our own survival. "The department won't send me to training" or "The agency doesn't provide more than the basics in the range or on the mats" are two common laments I hear from my fellow crime fighters as I travel around the country.

Sorry guys and gals, but that's nothing but whiny bull-crap. Good officer survival training is mostly pure prevention. As we talk about in the Street Survival Seminar, our purpose is to inoculate the students by giving them a little shot of the disease. In this case, the "disease" is complacency, lack of awareness, routine, bad tactics, and a failure to continually train to win. I meet so many great cops who have allowed themselves to be "de-trained" by routine and their spirit crushed by bureaucracy.

It's no secret that training dollars are hard to come by, and yet, when I was teaching Street Survival in Sacramento, California a few months ago, I was stunned (and delighted!) to discover that more than 90 percent of the attendees had paid for the seminar out of their own pocket!

Find a buddy and get to the range on your own. If your agency won't let you shoot outside of scheduled training times, join a public range. On your meal break, wolf down a protein bar and practice handcuffing with you beat partner in the roll call room instead of meeting him at the local burrito place. Work out, read relevant books and articles, take advantage of online training videos, take care of your equipment, work hard to maintain a positive outlook, and realize that no matter where you work, there are people who want to hurt and kill you just because you're a cop.


The Survival Mindset

Talking about our "survival mindset" is a series of

books, not a few lines in an article, but remember the first of Sherwood's Three Rules of the Survivor's Club: "Everyone is a survivor." True survivors take control of misfortune; they live fully, they make the most of their time on Earth, in other words, they thrive. Police trainers often call this "the will to win."



Chuck Remsburg's excellent book, *Blood Lessons*, is

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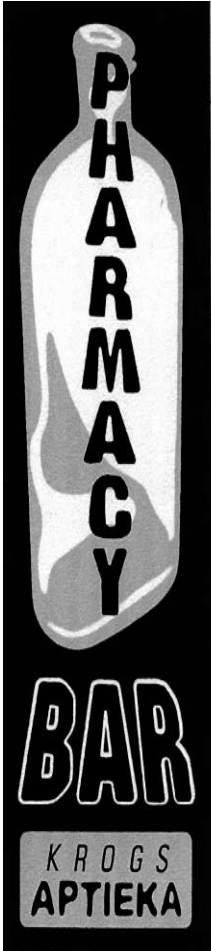
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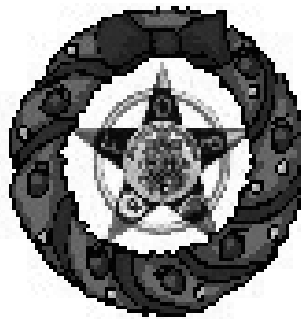
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full of these heroes, people that Sherwood calls “super survivors.” Survivors tend to be flexible, they figure out what is normal, and when that changes, they adapt to a new normal and move on. Even for a cop, it’s not “normal” to be shot, but 95 percent of us who do get shot will live. Some will return to full duty, others won’t. But of those survivors, most will go on to live to live happy, productive lives. They will deal with critical incidents fully and completely. In other words, they figure out a new “normal” and they adapt because they are resilient. The survival mindset goes beyond returning fire, rendering self-aid, and getting to the hospital. As Dave Smith says in his “Winning Mind” presentation, “survival is getting home, winning is keeping the home!”

A Word About Blunt Trauma

You can be the most tactically-trained, most well-

armed member of your agency, but as Captain Travis Yates will tell you, you can’t shoot or fight your way out of a vehicle crash. Lets just admit it, most of us drive too fast, we drive way too distracted, and many of us come up with excuse after ridiculous excuse not to wear our seat belts.


When it comes to trauma, Dr. Susan Brundage told Ben Sherwood that “knives are better than guns, guns are better than brick walls.” In other words, a stab wound can usually be stitched up, a bullet is more complicated but can often be successfully sewn shut, but when blunt trauma is involved, there is no single, potentially reparable. Thing. It’s a whole body full of hurt. Slow down, pay attention (in and out of the car, on traffic stops, while directing traffic, and on your motorcycle, your police bike, your ATV, personal watercraft, harbor boat, or whatever you drive), and wear your damn seatbelts!

Not Just Surviving

Sherwood defines a survivor as “anyone who faces and overcomes adversity, hardship, illness, or physical or emotional trauma.”

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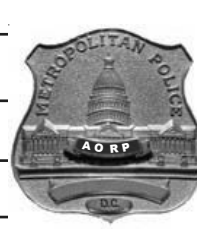
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At a recent Street Survival Seminar, I was approached by a student who had recently been in a particularly horrific officer-involved shooting. The bad guy was dead, the cops were all recovered, but this officer was suffering mentally and had not yet returned to work. In fact, he was using the seminar, in which we show video after video of police officers involved in critical incidents—some of the officers win, some don't—to help him decide whether or not to go back to full duty.

He seemed to have a great attitude; there was no

self-pity in this young man. He had other employable skills, and as he told me, he just wasn't sure that he wanted to go back and "deal with a__holes who were going to try to kill" him. I don't call that PTSD; I call that using your life experience to make changes. He was not going to be made helpless by this incident, he was going to take control, find another line of work, and move on. He had lost the fire in his belly to be a cop, but he seemed passionate about life, having nearly lost his in that shooting. His strategy would not work for some of us, but I have no doubt that it will work for him; he was a "survivor" in every sense of the word, and someone to be admired.

The bottom line in this: none of us knows what's going to happen tomorrow, but we owe it to ourselves (and our friends, our family and our communities) to

be aware, to be prepared, and to do everything we can to truly survive. We need to go beyond "awareness" and really study the science of survival. Isn't your life—and lives of those you work with, train, and supervise—worth it?

Sergeant Betsy Smith has nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience and recently retired as a patrol supervisor in a Chicago suburb. A graduate of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Staff and Command, Betsy is a police trainer, author and instructor for the Calibre Press Street Survival Seminar. Visit Betsy's website at www.femaleforces.com.

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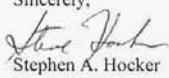
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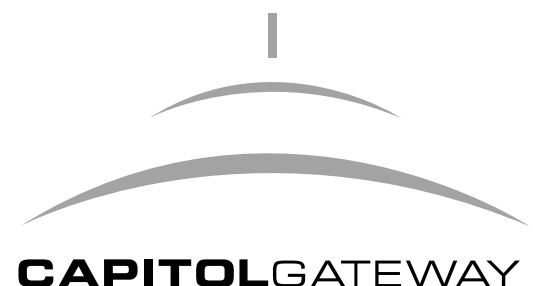


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