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## DC Police Emerald Society Man of the Year

**Chief Lou Cannon—  
DC Protective Services Police Department**



Chief Louis P. Cannon displays the DC Chapter of the Emerald Society's 2008 Man of the Year Award .

On Saturday, December 13, 2008 Chief Louis P. Cannon of the DC Protective Services Police Department was named Man of the Year for 2008 by the DC Chapter of the Police Emerald Society. He was honored and presented his award at the Society's Annual Holiday and Awards Banquet.

In speaking about Chief Cannon, Society Vice-President Brian Manion related that the Society looked for the person who held the core values of fair and impartial treatment for all people as a key factor in their selectee decision. VP Manion affirmed this with his statement about Chief Cannon when he stated that, "Chief Cannon is always there when a need arises and has been throughout his career, regardless of rank."

As his career was chronicled from his beginnings with the Metropolitan Police Department as a Patrol Officer to his rise as Commander with the U.S. Mint Police, Chief of Police for the Office of Naval Intelligence, and now to his current position as Chief of Police for DC Protective Services Police, a theme was constant. Chief Cannon has historically placed his personnel first along with his commitment to the law enforcement community and citizens above any personal goal of his own. He helped transform the US Mint Police from a guard orientated operation into a full service law enforcement agency with the mission centering on force protection.

His return to municipal service from federal service was to help transform his current agency into a more functional agency within the District of Columbia and bring the same programs established at the Mint Police into fruition while closely working with the Metropolitan Police Department. His return to municipal service could not have come at a better time as the 2009 Presidential Inaugural is in the imminent future. OPM's involvement in the Inaugural mission is multifaceted and essential. DCPSPD is heavily involved with the Inauguration from protection and construction of the Inaugural Viewing Stands to arranging protection at shelters and bus staging areas. Chief Cannon's expertise and knowledge has been instrumental in the planning and organization of these high profile events.

In accepting the award Chief Cannon related that "While I am honored to be even considered, much less receive the award, I feel there are many more deserving." Ever the modest man, he further stated that he remains "A cop, I just happen to wear stars now."

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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

As I write this letter I can not help but reflect on all of the Holidays that have come and gone that we have forgone for the sake of performing our professional duties. Those Christmas mornings you ran home from working midnights to watch the kids get up. Then the older you get the later they sleep that it comes to the point that you can work “day work” because you have teenagers at home that did not get up till 1 in the afternoon from being out so late the night before. Then it gets to the point that you celebrate Christmas Eve rather than in the morning because the kids have their own families to celebrate with. We then come to the present and that we work Christmas just so the younger officers can be home for the day. I enjoy the spirit of giving and if I give that to one family then holiday pay means nothing to me instead of the reward I got from being able to help them out. This is what the season is all about.

The Holiday dance was once again a great success and I’d like to extend a special thanks to Tori and Sandy who did a fabulous job advertising this event as the Lodge’s premier event for the holiday season. The food was excellent and the inexpensive insurance policy of having the hotel room, allowed for members to enjoy themselves without the risk of having to drive home. If you missed it then we look forward to seeing you next year.

In an effort to reduce the costs for next year’s event, we will be working with vendors to help provide sponsorship. The hope is that the sponsorships from our vendors will offset the cost for the Lodge. Tori will be organizing a Holiday team to investigate sponsorship interest. Please let Tori know if you have a vendor that would be interested in helping with sponsorships next year.

It takes members to make a club and your help is needed! Lack of participation in nightly events is making it harder to justify keeping the Lodge open at nights. We seem to lose customers to other events that are going on around the city. Please try to plan events, meetings, dinners or just a get together at the Lodge. The Lodge is the perfect venue for this type of event. The lodge provides a reasonably priced menu, a conference room and a ballroom which can accommodate approximately 150 people. Remember we are now allowed to park over at the Police Week site 2nd Street just north of H Street NW. Special thanks to Alan Johnson for making this happen!

Calling all Rookies and Old Timers! The Lodge is planning on hosting a “rookie’s night”. The idea is to get the rookies in the door to meet the old timers to discuss “life on the street”. The Lodge is represented by a ton of experienced old-timers and this



is a great opportunity for rookies to learn. If you are an old timer or rookie and want to get involved please contact me at 202-408-7767 Ext 701.

In closing, I hope that your holiday season was happy, safe, comfortable and filled with all the family you can handle. Remember our members when they have to work and remember to be thankful for the past year for what we have and for what others have given to us. Enjoy yourself in the coming year and always be safe and watch your back.

Happy Holidays!

PS—The Lodge sends several emails a month with information that may be of value to you. If you have changed your e-mail address and would like to continue to receive e-mail notices, please contact Sandy at 202-408-7767 Ext. 700. Also to prevent Lodge e-mails from being Blocked or going to your SPAM folder add lodge@dc-fop.org in your address book.

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# LODGE OFFICERS

## National Trustee's Update

By Lou Cannon

I hope you have enjoyed this Holiday Season and been able to spend time with family and friends. This time of year causes many of us to reflect upon our past and look to our future. I can say, upon reflection, I am truly grateful for my many friends and my career, which are certainly intertwined. I am most humbled by being named Man of the Year by the DC Chapter of the Emerald Society. I would like to thank them for considering and selecting me for this honor.

As we enter 2009, we as both individuals and an organization must focus on what lies ahead. Austere times lay ahead, many of our brothers and sisters are facing furloughs, and consideration for take backs are circulating through government bodies. We must remain firm and united and Labor Committees must unite and communicate with each other to ensure that the FOP speaks in a loud and clear voice protecting the gains made over many years. Experienced Labor Committees should reach out to newer units and help them "Build on a proud tradition" a term familiar to us within the FOP.

The 2009 Bi-Annual National FOP Convention is starting to take shape and challenges to several of the incumbent National Officers seem to be in the works. Things could become very interesting. DC must look very hard at current and potential individuals who wish to retain or seek office. Did they support DC when we needed them? Will they pledge to support us in the future many issues remain unresolved from the last Convention. They are not resolved for the lack of trying on behalf of the DC Lodge. The Maryland tag issue is probably the biggest, despite offers to work together and the many concessions made by our Lodge. One of the main points is who in our Lodge is eligible for the tags. The National Constitution and By-Laws state that each State Lodge may control their membership as long they remain in compliance with the National criteria. We should not be forced to exclude members from a benefit based on outside choices. I will also state publicly that we, DC Lodge, remain open to working together in the spirit of Fraternalism to resolve this issue.

The Inauguration will also provide us an opportunity to host many law enforcement visitors from across the Nation. It also provides us with a venue to offer the Protection Detail Inaugural Badge a portion of the sales of this badge goes to the National Law Enforcement Building Museum Fund and our commitment to help raise those funds. Please look for an order form here in the Simulcast. This Inaugural will be an historic event for many reasons and will test the city's abilities on many levels. It is also a time for MPD and the other DC Law Enforcement Agencies to rise to the occasion. I have it on good authority that PSPD will rise up. Please extend all courtesies to the visiting officers.

I also ask you to visit the Club and support it when you can. If there are suggestions for improvements please let us know what they are. The Club is a benefit provided for the membership but it is based on support and needs that support to continue. When I travel to other FOP events I am continually told how much others enjoy our facility and wish they had one of their own. Sometimes we fail to appreciate what we have in our own back yard.

In closing I would like to commend Tori Beauchemin for another wonderful Holiday Party. The food was excellent and the entertainment superb. It was also nice to have the photographer back. Police Week will be here before you know it, please consider volunteering some time this year and always your involvement in the FOP is appreciated.

## Auxiliary News

By Mirella Arroyo,  
President

This past year has been a whirlwind of excitement and transitions. As part of the Auxiliary, my team and I have hosted luncheons, children's party and the Local Memorial Service in May. We plan to continue our traditions and make way for new events. As we plan our events we keep in mind family. As we look towards 2009 we will be planning the local service, an ol' fashioned FOP picnic, and children's Halloween and Christmas Party.

The local service, where we honor our local fallen heroes is every year in May. This year the date is set for Monday May 11, 2009. Help is needed for that day for set up and the escorting of families. It will be our 30th year for the service tradition.

And, what about an ol' fashioned picnic? Doesn't that sound like something we need to do? Back to basics with games, food and volleyball. We plan to invite local police lodges and their families as well. It is in the planning stages, set for August 2009. Contact Patty Sucato at Patty4714@aol.com or Giuliana Canan at Gcanan@comcast.net to get information or be a part of the planning.

Additionally, many thanks to Candy Rich and Wanda Rich for the activities they have provided to our children with the Halloween party and the Children's Christmas Party. The excitement of the children amazes me each year as they run and play, and do crafts or watch movies.

Lastly, much thanks for the help and the coordinating efforts of Debbie Clifton, with our Auxiliary Response Team (ART) which is in the beginning stages. She has done a tremendous amount of work getting us to make a dent in helping our law enforcement families when a death occurs.

This past year the Auxiliary attended FOP functions such as Karaoke at the lodge and The Fop Holiday Dance in Beautiful Crystal City. Each event is tremendous fun! You are all invited to attend in 2009.

Finally, I would like to invite you to join the Auxiliary. A yearly \$15 check is all that is needed for membership, along with a relative in law enforcement. Contact me at MirellaAux@gmail.com or stop by the lodge in DC and pick up a membership application.

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## Happy Holiday Season from DC Corrections

*Nila Ritenour  
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Our Union hopes all of our FOP Brothers and Sisters had a great Holiday season. Christmas, New Years Day, Martin Luther King's day, and Inauguration day all offered us an opportunity away from the normal drudgery of our working schedules. As a Law Enforcement Fraternity we must fully appreciate the job performed by our brothers and sisters during these events. 2009 will be a challenging year. It opens with the historic Obama Inauguration. Now we must pray for the new administration as it grapples with a deteriorating economy. During the opening months of 2009 we must all offer prayers and a helping hand, when we can, for those less fortunate than us. Most of all we must pray that each and every one of our fellow Law Enforcement Lodge members and their families come through 2009 safe and in good health.

A look back at 2008 is needed. Two of our former Co-workers Corporal Annie Brown and Corporal Nellie Ford were honored by the American Corrections Officers (ACO)/American Corrections Officers Intelligence Network (ACOIN) for meritorious service above the call of duty. This reflected a great honor on all DC Corrections and the service we provide. Sadly our Director saw things differently, suspending them for sixty days causing them to leave the agency in disgust. Our agency welcomed over 200 new Corrections Officers and staff. This reflected a youth movement within the Officer's ranks more than anything. *We do not have more officers*, just new Officers. Many folks retired or left the agency for other reasons, and their replacements are generally much younger. An ambitious move to gain accreditation dominated policy at DC Corrections in 2008. Director Brown mandated ACA Correctional Certification for both management and front line Corrections staff. The result was the announcement near years end that Washington DC's Corrections Officers and Staff had achieved the highest percentage of any Correctional agency in the nation towards having a fully accredited and ACA certified staff. Despite questions of methodology this represents a stunning achievement. All interested parties, Union and Management made steps toward achieving a meaningful retirement for DC Corrections employees. Currently our post 1987 hires, which now comprise 95%

of our agency employees, have the worst retirement benefit in the country. After age 67 it is Social Security only! This is a National disgrace, indicative of a lack of appreciation towards the vital role Corrections plays in Law enforcement. Without good Corrections, arresting criminals would be temporary and convicting them would be pointless. Our Police brothers and Sisters catch them – We keep them! In October front line DC Corrections enjoyed a 4% raise. This meant thousands of dollars for hundreds of dedicated employees. In December more than sixty Corrections Officers and Supervisors were promoted. This represented the largest career movement for the agency in a dozen years and demonstrated the upward career mobility new Officers and any applicants can expect as the New Year dawns. The fact is we walk the toughest beat in our City – The tiers of the DC Jail.

Not all news was good news. Arbitration and grievance cases continued to flow into our Union's office due to Management's abusive disciplinary process toward front line staff. Hearing Officers and a Director who never wore the Uniform nor performed the duties of a front line Corrections Officer were the main factor. These folks thumbed their nose at due process by arriving at agency disciplinary decision prior to any hearing and then strong arming hearing officers to rubber stamp the decision. This is how Officers Brown and Ford can be honored nationally then punished by disconnected Executives who bow to local political pressure. Already our Union has won nearly a million dollars in back-pay for our members who were improperly disciplined. As a result of the Fenty DC School battle an anti-union assault on the Districts Personnel rules is occurring. Workers rights are being destroyed by the current administration in a sneaky, undemocratic method. Indeed 2009 will be a busy year for our Labor Committee as we fight to get a retirement while trying to hold on to worker's rights gained over the last twenty five years. We ask that everyone keep praying and supporting your Union!

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Peace and Joy to all!

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# LEGISLATION

## Legislative Committee

Steve Franchak  
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Just a reminder that the new Congress will be sworn in in January. During the first few weeks of this new Congress, many of the un-passed bills from the 110th Congress will have to be reintroduced. This is also a good time to acquaint or reacquaint yourself with your Congressman or Senator and their staff. You may congratulate those newly elected and offer your support to assist them in law enforcement or homeland security legislation. The letters and phone calls are easier than personal visits, but not as effective. A simple drop by the local district office and leaving a business card goes much further.

During the day if you have a chance, drop by the Congressional office on the Hill and sign the log, drop off a business card and talk to the staff. When bills come up for committee hearings or votes, and support is needed, it is easier to get the meeting with the Congressional person or their legislative assistant, if you have a track record of interest. When visiting, also remind them that you are not only a constituent but also an active member of the FOP, and that their views and concerns will be passed on to other members.

To keep abreast of our legislative agenda, you can enroll on the National FOP Grassroots web site and they will send weekly updates on Congressional activities of our interests. If all members of this lodge joined the National FOP PAC and contributed \$10.00, it would greatly help in passage of our legislative agenda.

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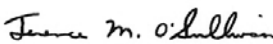


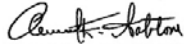
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# LEGISLATION

## Supreme Court to Reconsider Search Incident to Arrest Rule

Two cases argued before the United States Supreme Court a few weeks ago hold strong potential for shaking up the rules of search and seizure now applied thousands of times each day. After discussion of last year's criminal procedures cases, participants in the IACP Legal Officers Section workshop turned their attention to upcoming decisions of the United States Supreme Court. In the first case, *Arizona v. Gant*, the Court will reexamine the Belton rule permitting the search of a vehicle incident to the arrest of an occupant. In the second case, *United States v. Herring*, the Court will decide whether a police clerk's mistake about an arrest warrant should support suppression of evidence found in a search incident to arrest of the man named in the warrant.

### Arizona v. Gant

Officers visited Gant's home to investigate a drug tip. They spoke with Gant and learned that he had a suspended driver license and a warrant for a driver license violation. When officers returned later in the day, they saw Gant drive up. One of the officers arrested Gant a few feet from his car. The officer handcuffed Gant and placed him in the back of a patrol car. Incident to the arrest, an officer searched Gant's car and found a weapon and a bag of cocaine. Gant asked the trial court to suppress the search. The trial court refused and Gant was convicted. The case then began a journey to the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court, back to the trial court, then to both Arizona appellate courts and finally landing back at the United States Supreme Court on October 7, 2008. A decision from the Supreme Court is expected during this term.

At issue is whether the Court will scale back the circumstances in which officers may conduct vehicle searches incident to the arrest of a car's occupants. Several of the justices have raised questions about lower courts' application of the 27 year-old case of *New York v. Belton*, 453 U.S. 454 (1981). *Arizona v. Gant* provides the Court with the opportunity to continue the status quo on vehicle searches incident to arrest or to restrict officers' legal ability to search.

### The bright-line rule of search incident to arrest

In *Chimel v. California*, 395 U.S. 752 (1969), the Court focused on the bases for the search incident to arrest doctrine, to wit, safety of the arresting officers and the arrestee's ability to lunge and grab evidence to destroy it. The Court held that the area of a search incident to arrest was limited to the "grab" or "lunge" area, or the area into which the arrestee could lunge for a weapon or evidence. A few years later, in *United States v. Robinson*, 414 U.S. 218 (1973), the Court ruled that the fact of an arrest justified a search incident to the arrest. A search was permissible even if there was no possibility that the arrestee could reach for a weapon or evidence. In *New York v. Belton*, the Court held that an officer making a "lawful custodial arrest of the occupant of an automobile may, as a contemporaneous incident of that arrest, search the passenger compartment of the automobile" and containers found in the vehicle. The Belton rule was intended to provide a bright-line rule that did away with the need for an officer on the street and a court reviewing a search to evaluate an arrestee's actual ability to reach into a vehicle at the moment of arrest. Then, just four years ago, in *Thornton v. United States*, 541 U.S. 615 (2004), the Court held that a recent occupant of a vehicle may be searched incident to an arrest made near the vehicle. The *Thornton* Court reaffirmed the wisdom of a bright-line rule governing searches of vehicles incident to the arrest of an occupant.

The *Thornton* case sowed the seeds for revisiting the bright-line rule of Belton. Since the Belton decision, many lower courts focused on whether a search of a vehicle was substantially contemporaneous to the underlying arrest. Justice Scalia was joined by four other justices in questioning whether lower courts were being too generous in their application of the Belton rule. In *State v. Gant*, the Arizona Supreme



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Court pounced on the issue and ruled that *Belton* was not so much a case about when a vehicle search is allowed as it was a case about the scope of such a search. The Arizona court ruled that an officer must show some basis for concern that evidence is located in the car, or the arrestee could retrieve a weapon from the car, to justify a search. Though some other states' appellate courts had addressed this issue, the Arizona court was unique in that it based its decision of interpretation of the Fourth Amendment and not on a state constitutional provision. That set a perfect stage for the United States Supreme Court to tackle the question directly.

## The Supreme Court arguments

The Arizona Attorney General argued that the Supreme Court could not reverse the Arizona court without explicitly overruling *Belton* and upsetting nearly three decades of precedent and police training and practice. The state argued that the cornerstone of Fourth Amendment jurisdiction is reasonableness, a notion frequently mentioned in Supreme Court decisions, and that the *Belton* rule is eminently reasonable. It is a reasonable rule because it balances an arrestee's privacy interests against state interests of preserving evidence in the vehicle and in protecting officers and because the rule applies only to lawful arrests. The state also urged the Court to recognize that police should not have to weigh decisions of officer safety against the legal issue of whether the purposes of the *Chimel* case are met. In short, the balance tilts in favor of officer safety, a conclusion that has worked well for many years and which is not generally abused by officers. A bright-line rule informs the officer of the limits of a search and lets an arrestee know the rules as well.

At the oral argument, Justice Souter stated that applying the bright-line rule when the arrestee is secured in the back of a police car "turns the law into nonsense." One may reasonably fear that if such a view prevails some officers will decide to accept the risk and decide not to promptly search and handcuff an arrestee in order to preserve the danger that underlies the search incident to arrest doctrine. Though a neat legal theory, this possibility portends more dead police officers. Justice Kennedy urged the state to turn to alternative justifications for a search of a vehicle incident to arrest, such as community caretaker concerns that would justify an inventory to prevent vandalism or theft of the vehicle contents, or the justification of mobility of the vehicle. However, to simply apply the automobile search doctrine is to also state that probable cause to search must be present. That effectively ends the search incident to arrest justification of the vehicle search. This was the position that Justice Stevens

argued for (and lost) in the *Belton* case.

Chief Justice Roberts asked questions that acknowledged that Gant's arguments are nearly identical to the arguments raised in the *Belton* case 27 years ago. He asked Gant's lawyers what had changed in the past years to make *Belton* ripe for reversal. A few of the justices noted the time-honored principle of stare decisis, which holds that the Court should not reverse prior decisions without good cause. Justice Breyer observed that we have trained 100,000 police officers in the *Belton* rule and it seems to be applied daily without abuses. He also stated a concern that officers would put themselves at risk by delaying securing arrestees in order to allow a search of the vehicle. Justice Scalia quipped that 27 years is not very long. He asked, "What would have happened if police stopped Thomas Jefferson's carriage to arrest him?" Justice Scalia, known for his preference for bright-line rules that give effective guidance, also asked, "I mean, if the police arrest Mother Teresa, they are still entitled to frisk her, right, even though there's little likelihood that she has a Gatt (gun)?"

At the end of the day, will the justices prefer clear, bright-line rules that guide police, but being the risks of inflexibility and the occasional slight hardship? Will the justices hold to precedent in the face of little, if any, real change in the arguments raised decades ago? Will officers be left with a rule that is both confusing and encourages officers to weigh personal safety against potentially collecting evidence of crimes against the public? *State v. Gant*, 162 P.3d 640 (Ariz. 2007), cert. granted, 128 S.Ct. 1443 (U.S. Feb. 25, 2008).

## United States v. Herring

Herring went to the Coffee County Sheriff's impound yard to check on one of his vehicles that had been impounded. As he was leaving, a deputy saw Herring, recognized him, and checked for an arrest warrant. When the deputy found no warrant in Coffee County, he asked a clerk to telephone the neighboring Dale County Sheriff and check for warrants. The Dale County Sheriff's clerk stated that there was an arrest warrant for Herring. The deputy stopped Herring, arrested him, searched him, and found a handgun and some methamphetamine. However, within 10 to 15 minutes of the call to the Dale County Sheriff, the clerk called back and said that the warrant had been recalled and was not valid. Due to negligent recordkeeping by the court clerk, the warrant was "active" in the computer database. Herring asked to have the gun and drug evidence suppressed. The Court of Appeals refused, holding that the

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# LEGISLATION

## Supreme Court

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good faith exception to the Fourth Amendment exclusionary rule should apply. Though some courts have ruled that refusal to apply the good faith exception to such circumstances would deter sloppy recordkeeping, the Court of Appeals said that was not sufficient justification. The court also must consider whether the costs of suppression outweigh the societal benefits, whether there was misconduct by the police or other justice system actors, and whether refusing to apply the good faith exception would result in appreciable deterrence of misconduct. The Supreme Court agreed to review the case and decide whether the good faith exception to the exclusionary rule should apply.

### The good faith exception

In *United States v. Leon*, 468 U.S. 897 (1984), the Supreme Court held that evidence obtained during execution of a faulty search warrant should not be suppressed if the officer acted in good faith reliance on a facially-valid warrant. The Court ruled that evidence seized during an arrest based on an invalid arrest warrant left in place due to a court clerk's error should not

be suppressed in *Arizona v. Evans*, 514 U.S. 1 (1995). Now the question is whether the good faith exception should apply when it is a police employee, not a court clerk or judge, who makes an error and another officer relies on the erroneous information to make an arrest, search incident to the arrest, and seize evidence.

In the *Evans* case, the Court relied heavily on the fact that the person making the error, the court clerk, had no dog in the fight of whether a prosecution resulted in a conviction. Lawyers for Herring emphasized that this was an error by police. They argued that even though it was different police agency that made the error, the arresting agency should be held to account and the evidence suppressed. Evan's lawyers claimed that punishing the police for the error would be an incentive to avoid such errors in the future. The state countered that the deterrent value of suppression was insignificant. Moreover, the real victim of suppression is not the officer or police agency, it is the societal interest in securing evidence of crimes.

### Is suppression justified by an honest clerical error?

Following the Court's views expressed in *Hudson v. Michigan*, 547 U.S. 586 (2006), Chief Justice Roberts wondered whether suppression was an appropriate remedy when no one did anything wrong, but the error was merely negligent. In *Hudson*, the Court reminded that the exclusionary rule should be reserved for situations in which its drastic impact will be justified by its remedial objective. In this case, the arresting officer had no reason to doubt the accuracy of the

information supplied by the neighboring county. What possible remedial effect would the exclusionary rule have on the officer? Justice Alito wondered at Herring's focus on the fact that it was a police clerk, and not a court clerk, that made the error. He asked what it mattered whether an error was made by a unionized clerk or a "computer guy?"

Justice Scalia cited the reasons against suppression as a remedy listed by the Court in *Hudson*. In *Hudson*, the Court ruled that the exclusionary rule is not the proper remedy when police execute a valid search warrant but err in complying with the knock and announce rule. Police agencies have reached high levels of professionalism and are becoming ever more professional. Persons aggrieved by police mistakes or misconduct have easy access to courts to sue for civil rights violations. Moreover, citizens more frequently have access to citizen review boards and other internal complaint systems. The state also noted that officers have no motivation to make mistaken arrests. Arrests present dangerous situations and officers won't want to unnecessarily place themselves in danger.

It seems a small step from excusing an arrest based on a court clerk's error to allowing evidence seized in an arrest prompted by a police clerk's error. There is no good purpose served by suppression of the evidence in Herring's case. The officer did nothing wrong. Perhaps one ironic lesson for Herring (and others) is that they shouldn't come to visit the police while holding illegal drugs. *United States v. Herring*, 492 F.3d 1212 (11th Cir. 2007), cert. granted, 128 S.Ct. 1221, (U.S. Feb 19, 2008).

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# NLEOMF

## 17th Anniversary of National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

With U.S. Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey leading the tributes, loved ones and colleagues of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice gathered in the nation's capital on Wednesday October 15th to mark the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Attorney General Mukasey joined Jennifer Thacker, national president of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), in laying a wreath, and surviving family members and law enforcement officials placed roses at the center medallion of the Memorial in honor of America's fallen officers.

Created as the nation's monument to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991. President George H.W. Bush led the dedication ceremony.

"It took two centuries of service and sacrifice before our nation came together and built a memorial to honor the law enforcement profession and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Craig W. Floyd, chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the DC-based nonprofit that operates the Memorial. "It is certainly appropriate, on this anniversary of the Memorial's dedication, to come to these hallowed grounds and pay tribute to those who have fallen and salute the 900,000 dedicated men and women who continue to serve and protect our communities and our nation," he said.

The Memorial includes the names of all known U.S. law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, dating back to the first recorded officer death, in May 1792, of New York City Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith. At the Memorial's dedication in 1991, 12,668 names were engraved on its walls. Today, there are 18,274.

One of those names is Brandon Thacker, an investigator with the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. On April 16, 1998, Investigator Thacker was shot and killed as he traveled in a caravan of agents heading to an undercover

assignment. His widow, Jennifer Thacker, has emerged as a leader in the law enforcement survivor movement, having been elected C.O.P.S. national president earlier this year.

"The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is critical to ensuring that Americans never forget or disregard the sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers and their families every year," said Ms. Thacker. "This memorial is especially significant to law enforcement's surviving families, assuring that their officer's ultimate sacrifice will be forever remembered and forever honored," she added.

The 2008 Wreathlaying Ceremony comes at a time when officer fatalities are on the decline nationally—a dramatic reversal from 2007, when officer deaths rose 20 percent. Preliminary data from the NLEOMF show that during the first nine months of the year, 106 local, state and federal officers lost their lives in the performance of duty, a 25 percent reduction when compared with the same period of 2007.

The annual Wreathlaying Day pays special tribute to law enforcement officers from the DC area and federal agencies who made the ultimate sacrifice during the past 12 months. This year's ceremony honored 17 officers from Maryland, Virginia and several federal agencies:

Maryland State Police: **Trooper First Class Mickey Lippy**, September 28, 2008

Maryland Transportation Authority: **Corporal Courtney Brooks**, January 1, 2008

Prince George's County (MD) Police Department: **Sergeant Richard Findley**, June 27, 2008

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The names of all officers who have died in the line of duty during 2008 will be engraved on the Memorial next spring. They will be officially dedicated on the Memorial during the 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2009.

For more information about the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, visit [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org).



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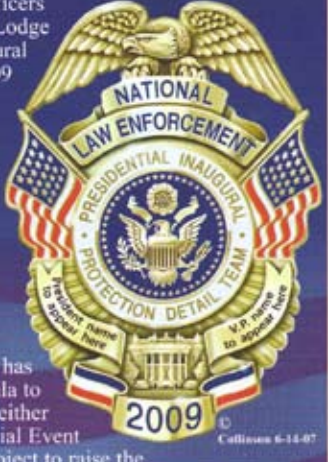
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# OFFICER SAFETY

## Ambush! Don't Let Your Car Become Your Coffin

By John Farnam

In the days of black powder and muzzle-loaders, soldiers referred to a surprise volley of musket fire, usually erupting from a tree line, as an “ambuscade,” from the Old High German word for forest, “busc.” You know it as an ambush. By any terminology, it’s a hellish form of attack, with intended assassins lying in wait for their quarry to blunder unaware into a prearranged kill-zone.

Unfortunately, today’s law officers know this adversary tactic all too well, from bloody experience. Officers have been ambushed in patrol cars as they worked on reports or as they drove on their beats or when they were lured into traps by phony 911 calls.

Some have had luck on their side, like the sergeant who was on patrol in a small Florida town after midnight one morning last fall when a hidden gunman’s bullet shattered his rear window-and lodged in his headrest instead of his head.

Others haven’t been so fortunate. In California, a sergeant was killed and an officer wounded when an AWOL soldier initiated a bogus call for help from a strip mall, then opened fire on police when they rolled up.

With gangbangers, terrorists, and common lawbreakers alike increasingly employing military tactics against domestic LEOs, the threat of ambush is not likely to diminish. What can you do to lessen your chances of becoming a victim?

Here are some practical, tactical options:

**The best anti-ambush tactic is avoidance.** With good intelligence or sharp observation and aggressive counter-measures, many ambushes can be thwarted before they happen, or frustrated before they achieve critical mass.

- Keep your patrol pattern irregular and unpredictable when you’re working your beat. Don’t always take breaks at the same time or at the same place.
- Be aware of potential ambush locations in your sector and mentally rehearse how you would cope with surprise attacks there. Approaching any location, look for exits, cover, and the nearest intersection.
- Be suspicious of calls that send you to confined areas with blocked exits, to places where there are parked cars with motors running, to spots where people are standing around trying to appear as if they don’t notice you, or, in contrast, where complainants or bystanders seem all-too-congenial and cooperative in trying to direct you. These may be cues to a set up.
- Watch your back. Small, rectangular, convex mirrors that attach to both of your side mirrors will expand your rear vision and eliminate much of your blind spot. Discipline yourself to check them often. They won’t show you much detail, but they will reveal movement and give you a heads-up regarding people or vehicles approaching from behind while you are parked.
- When you have two or more driving lanes on your side of the road, harden yourself as a target by driving in the left lane as much as possible. This increases your distance from a potential sniper hiding off the road to your right, and if the assailant is driving, oncoming traffic or a median may force him to target you from the right, putting more of your vehicle between you and him. Generally speaking, you’ll always have more tactical

options for dealing with a dangerous person on the right of your vehicle than on the left, closer to you.

- Be particularly alert when stopped in traffic. Maintain an interval between your car and the vehicle in front of you that will allow you to quickly break out and away.
- Drive with your windows up and doors locked. Car glass is strongest when windows are raised all the way up.
- If sufficient units are available, work out a system where you have a “wing-man” and always know where each other are, so help is never far away.

**If you’re in motion when attacked, stay in motion.** If you’re not, get in motion. And stay in your vehicle, unless you can’t get it mobile or are caught outside it and need to seek better cover on foot.

Ambushers prefer to catch you, distracted and motionless, in a particular place, or to get you to slam to a stop as a panic reaction to an initial volley so they can more easily rush in and close the trap. Moving targets are vastly more difficult to hit with any firearm than are stationary ones. Go to the range and compare your own accuracy results between moving and stationary targets. Even mild target movement degrades accuracy for most shooters by 70% or more.

Allowing for exceptions we all can cite, modern motor vehicles, glass includ-

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## Ambush

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ed, tend to be surprisingly resistant to effective penetration by most handgun bullets. Angle of impact, caliber of round, and target movement may all be factors. Even .223 rifle bullets often will not penetrate. In my Vehicle Defense courses, we've shot up hundreds of motor vehicles, with every kind of pistol, rifle, and shotgun, and startlingly few bullets penetrate even one door. Only shotgun slugs and .308, or heavier, rifle bullets will reliably blast through to the interior with enough residual force to cause significant injury to an officer inside. *When your vehicle is in motion, effective penetration is even less likely.* To further enhance their patrol car's resistance, some officers have attached retired ballistic vests to the inside of doors—a good idea for extra peace of mind.

We hear of street gangs amassing hand grenades for police assaults. But a hand grenade is probably more dangerous to you if your on foot than if you're inside your patrol car. Hand grenade fragments most likely will have no more penetrating ability than handgun rounds.

What if someone ambushes you by throwing a Molotov cocktail at your car? Again, your best choice is to just speed away. Even if the firebomb bursts and flames the side of your car, it will burn itself out in seconds and will have no effect on the car's drivability. Your fuel tank will not burst into flames as you've seen in movies. The most a Molotov cocktail is likely to do is scorch the paint. Even when it hits glass and shatters, the odds are that little burning fuel will actually find its way inside your vehicle.

At the first hint-or undeniable evidence-of an ambush:

- Exit the kill-zone without delay. Borrow a concept from airplane pilots. When they get in trouble in the air and lives are hanging in the balance, they address these priorities: Aviate ... Navigate ... Communicate. The order is important.

First they *Aviate*; they get control of the plane before they do anything else. For you, that's getting or maintaining control of your vehicle and yourself. Then they *Navigate*. They figure where they are and where they need to go and they move there. For you, it's navigating out of danger. Only when they're safe do they *Communicate*, letting others know they're in trouble. Don't let surprise and confusion make communication your top priority and end up getting shot

because you're glued to your radio when you should be fully focused on speeding out of danger. Communicate the who, what, when, where, and how once you're safe.

- Hunker down as far as possible while still being able to see where you're steering. Go anywhere your car will go. You needn't confine yourself to streets, nor even pavement. Drive through shrubbery, decorative fences, and lawns when necessary. You may even have to drive over the ambushers themselves, but get out of there FAST! The worst thing you can do is stop in the kill zone, exit the vehicle, and stand there trying to figure out what is happening.
- Drive in a zig-zag pattern if possible, making yourself an even more difficult target. Turn corners at your first opportunity to get out of your attacker's line-of-sight and put buildings and parked vehicles between you.
- If your tires are shot out, keep driving. A bullet passing through one of your tires usually will not drain it of air instantly. It will likely remain inflated for most of the next minute or two. Even if all four of your tires are lost, your vehicle will still be drivable and maneuverable.
- One circumstance in which you may be safer out of your car than in it is when the ambusher's weapon is a rocket-propelled grenade. A hit from an RPG will instantly convert any motor vehicle into twisted, flaming metal. If



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you see an RPG in a subject's hands and he seems zeroed in on you, get to cover away from your car ASAP, if you have time to react. These weapons may be launched at police vehicles, (so don't seek cover behind yours) but they are seldom squandered on pedestrians. So far, these have not been a problem in this country, but as terrorist strikes intensify, who knows?

**What if both you and the ambushers are mobile?** Then you may need some additional tactics in your trick bag, because movement on your part alone may not allow you to reach the safe haven you need.

- If attackers launch their ambush from a moving vehicle, one option is to hit your brakes and get behind their car as quickly as you can. From there, you can disengage, or speed up and hit their rear quarter-panel at a sharp angle. This take-out maneuver can cause their vehicle to spin out of control and sometimes flip over.

Conversely, when another vehicle is trying to take you out with this tactic, speed up and continue to make sharp turns, staying close to the curb. You're most vulnerable to a take-out maneuver when you're making turns, and if you stay close to the curb line or a ditch at least that side of your car is much harder for an attack vehicle to approach and impact. If the attacker does make contact with your rear quarter-panel, aggressively steer toward the impact. This will turn your vehicle completely around and put you behind him, in position to escape.

- Obviously, you want to avoid being boxed in by other vehicles. If this does happen or looks as if it's about to, consider throwing your car into reverse and rapidly accelerating, hitting the vehicle that is blocking your exit and pushing past it. Your air-bag will probably deploy, but you'll just have to work around it.

Once you've escaped the immediate kill zone, don't relax too soon. At your first opportunity, make certain you're fully loaded, check for additional danger in every direction, and check yourself over for wounds. Report your situation to dispatch and get help, but stay alert. Regrettably but realistically, a secondary ambush may be part of a grand ambush plan. Your fight may be far from over. It may be just beginning!

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## FOP Will Prevail on Bargaining Bill in 2009!!

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, offered a bold prediction for the 111th Congress, stating that he was “all but certain” that the organization’s bill establishing minimal collective bargaining rights for public safety officers would be enacted before the end of 2009.

“This is not an assertion we make lightly, but we have laid the groundwork for success in this Congress and are already in strategy talks with key House and Senate leaders,” Canterbury said. “We plan to have this bill introduced very early next year and wage a tightly focused campaign to bring it out of Committee and to the floor as quickly as possible.”

The bill, H.R. 980/S. 2123, the “Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act,” passed the House in July 2007 on an overwhelming 314-97 vote. The legislation also won a strong majority in the Senate during a procedural motion, though efforts to move the bill were ultimately stalled by its opponents and the illness of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), the lead Democratic sponsor. The legislation would recognize the fundamental right of public safety employees to form and join unions and bargain collectively with their employers over wages, hours, and working conditions without undermining existing State collective bargaining laws. The legislation does not require binding arbitration, protects existing right-to-work laws, and specifically prohibits strikes and lockouts.

“There are no guarantees in politics, but we are as certain as we can be that we will prevail and pass this legislation before the end of next year,” Canterbury said. “We are extremely confident that the FOP, together with our partners at the International Association of Fire Fighters, will be able to get this bill passed and signed into law before the end of 2009.”

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## Changes for officers flying armed

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During the period of transition, LEOs may provide either the Original Letter of Authority or the NLETS

message. Use of the NLETS message is strongly encouraged as use of the Original Letter of Authority may result in a delay due to the additional verification requirements.

Specific instructions on how to format and submit the NLETS message to the TSA will be provided by the TSA's Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service to all state and local law enforcement agencies via a special broadcast NLETS message.

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## Performers wanted for the 2009 National Peace Officers' Memorial Service

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*Is the performer going to be in uniform or is he/she a civilian?*

*Is the performer a relative of a FOP member?*

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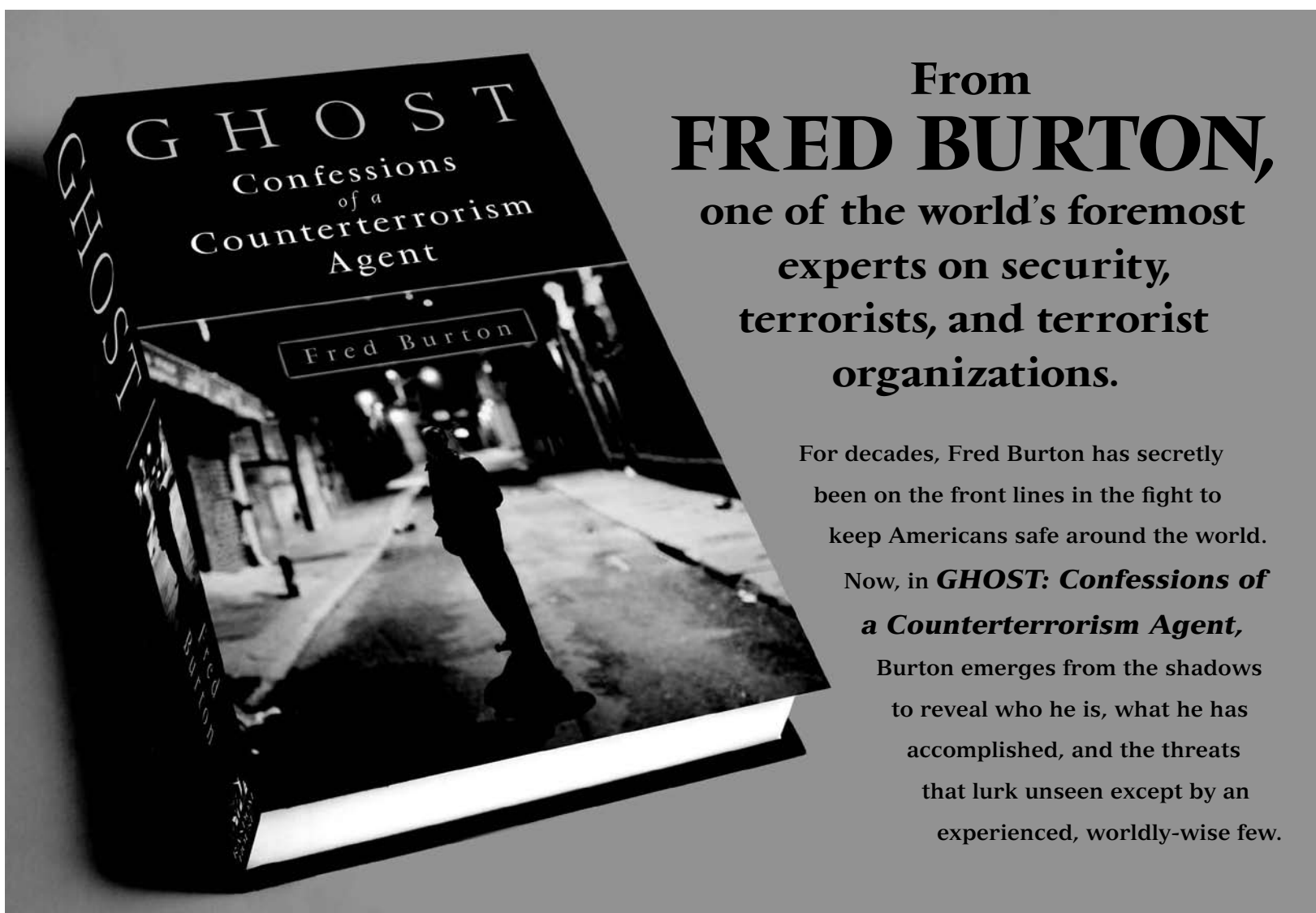
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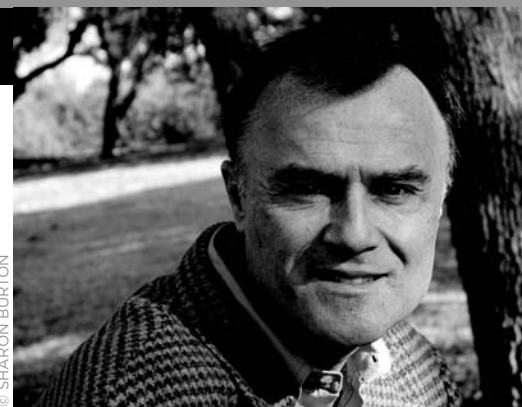
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# Annual Holiday Dinner Dance

Tori Beauchemin, Secretary

The 2008 Holiday Dinner Dance was held on Saturday December 6th, at The Hyatt Regency Crystal City. The Buffet was simply spectacular with something for everyone to include Beef, Turkey, Seafood, Pasta and more! The food seemed to never run out and many had seconds and even thirds. The quality and presentation from beginning to end was top notch. All who attended had a great time.

During the annual speeches and presentation of awards, President Muzzatti, recognized the dedication and hardwork of Phylis Grimes, by presenting her with the President's appreciation award.

Thanks to generous donations by President Muzzatti, Mary Delikahya, Café Milano, and Filomena Ristorante, we had a record number of great door prizes. The 50/50 torch was passed to Vice President Andy Maybo this year, and he did a great job raising money to help fund this event.

The Staff of the Hyatt provided exceptional service and attention to detail. Once again, we highly recommend their services. The Hotel Itself has undergone much remodeling and everyone who stayed overnight was very impressed.

Many Thanks to those that helped make this event a success, especially Tom Sydnor, Sandy Marroquin, Marcello Muzzatti, Andy Maybo, Mary Delikahya, Karen Zibrat, and Mera Cyr.

Marcello and I have some great ideas for next year so save the date! The 2009 Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, December 5th.







Past Auxiliary President Marcy Sigurdson with Christa, Barbara and Tracy.

## The Annual "Jack Chaillet Golf Tournament"

Tommy Tague, Past President

On September 29th, The D.C. Lodge #1 held it's Annual Jack Chaillet Golf Tournament at Marlborough Gold Club. This was the 30th anniversary of this tournament. Jack Chaillet, Hugh Triggs and Ron Fluck were the first members who participated in the establishment of this tournament. Their hard work made this a very successful event.

I've been asked, by some people at the tournament, "who was Jack Chaillet?" Jack was one of the greatest detective's who ever came out of the Homicide Squad of the M.P.D.C. He was the type of detective who was a good interrogator, interviewer and an all-around great evidence gatherer. One year Jack had a 92% closure rate.

Jack was also a loyal FOP Member and most of all he was my friend. On November 8, 2003 Jack passed away. He left behind many family members, friends and co-workers who will miss him.

This year the tournament had 152 golfers and 26 volunteers. The volunteers were Cathy O'Brien, Mary and Rick Walsh, Barbara and Bill Hampton, Christa Hampton, Tracy Dove, J.J. and Karen Cunningham and their daughter Michelle LeBlanc, Dick Catalano, Danny Marafino, Bob Poggi, Charlie Peacock, Craig Royal, Don Sabino, Rick Kowalick, Hugh and Nancy Triggs, Linda Short (Seville), Juli Yarosh, Mike and Jack McKee, Linda Paganetti, Andy Genua, and last but not least my son Rick.

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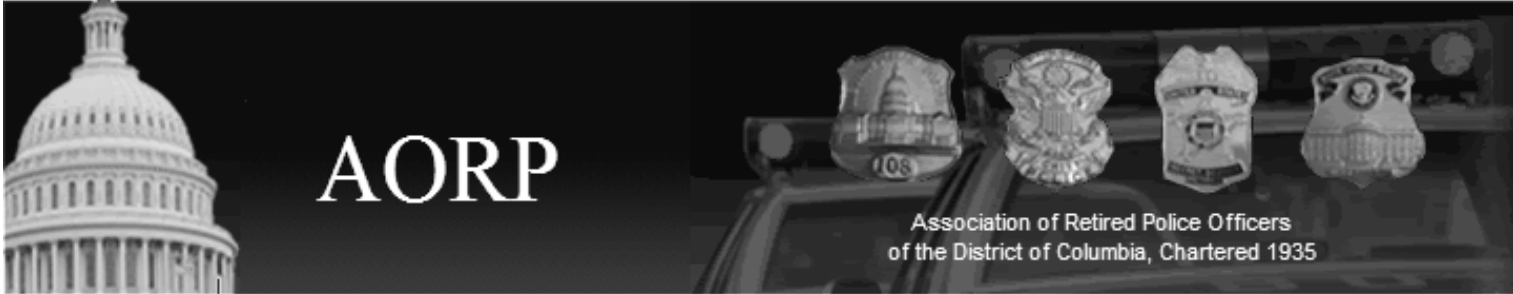


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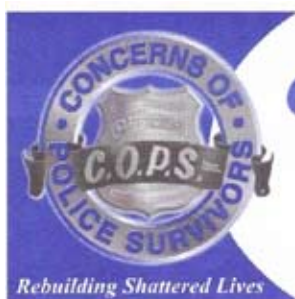


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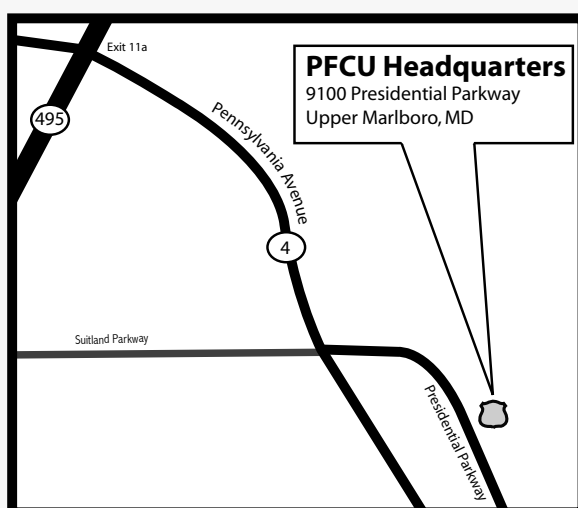
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