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By Marcello Muzzatti, President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since so much happens during the months between issues, I always have a hard time writing my articles because I fear I will inadvertently omit items that may be of importance to you. Therefore, I am going to try something new with the next issue—submitting brief articles to the editor on just one subject. This way, I believe we are able to get more accurate information to the members. I also encourage you to do the same. Not sure what to write about? Well, we lose many members during the year and it would be nice if maybe you took a few minutes to write about that person and what he or she did during their time on the job. You can also take this opportunity to just tell a story about something significant that other members may remember or just something that you feel is important for members to know about. Tori, the editor of this publication, created an email address that you can send submissions to that is solely for the submission of articles and pictures of interest for the paper. Tori isn't able to monitor the email constantly but she checks it at least once a week. Please take the time to send us your feedback, your stories, and your dedications to the *Simulcast* at dc1simulcast@yahoo.com; this is the best way to get your information to us to publish. And remember, if you are having an event we would love to publish it for you.

Police Week:

Police Week is fast approaching and the planning has begun for this event. Many changes have been made from last year but the dates and location remain the same. Police Week is always May 13, 14 and 15, with site set up on the 12th and breakdown on the 16th. We can use your help for this event; please look for more

information coming out soon. Again, the site is located at 1800 2nd Street SW at Buzzards Point. If you are on Facebook, look for the Police Week Washington DC page and "friend" us for up-to-date information.

Membership Cards:

Many of you email us every day asking about your membership cards. Please understand that there is a committee of just two people who handle this major job. Bob and Linda Short handle all the inputting and database updates along with deposits that we get from the membership drive. We have once again engaged in the help of a company that will be mailing out the cards soon. Over 8,000 cards will be mailed out and you should have received yours by the time you read this. If you have not received your card, several things may have happened: you may have not paid for this year; you may have retired from a labor committee (and, in that case they will no longer pay for you, so you will need to pay directly); or we have a bad address on file (in that case, we flag your account and are unable to mail you anything). As Bob and Linda work on this system, we make every effort to process the applications as quickly as possible; however, please understand that this is a volunteer undertaking. We are in discussion about how we can improve this for next year.

Holiday Party:

The Holiday Party was another great success and the planning for next year has already begun! We are looking at moving it to another location, but, before that is accomplished, several factors need to be put in place. I would like to thank all those who helped out with this event, as well as everyone who made an effort to attend. The recipients for this year's awards were two members that worked very hard



at the Lodge and who continue to help out: Steve Franchak and Phil Griffin. Congratulations on your award and thank you so much for the work that you have done!

FOP Auxiliary:

The Auxiliary is back in action! That's right, folks; several members have stepped forward to get the board running again and I am happy to report that they will be working on some fundraising along with several items that have been neglected in the past. One of these is the work that is done at our local memorial service. I am looking forward to working with them and hope that others will step forward to join. To be a member of the Auxiliary, you need to do is be a family member (over 18) of an active member of the lodge. To join, all you have to do is download our application from the website and fill it in, and mail it along with \$15.00 for dues. Please take the time to have your relatives join and help out on a worthy cause.

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LODGE OFFICERS

From the Vice President

By Andy Mayo



There are often misunderstandings of who can join the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Many believe that if they are not eligible to join their union or labor committee, then they cannot become a member of the FOP. This is untrue. The Fraternal Order of Police has three different memberships:

Active: In order to qualify as an active member you must be a full-time, sworn law enforcement officer

or agent whose headquarters is located within the District of Columbia. The term "full-time" means you are engaged in such employment as your principal source of livelihood. The dues are \$45 a year.

Associate: Associate members are supporters of the law enforcement community who are sponsored by an active member of the Lodge. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the Lodge. The dues are \$45 a year.

Auxiliary: Auxiliary members are supporters of the law enforcement community who are directly related to a member of the Lodge. The Auxiliary is the only national support organization of its kind. The Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary was organized to unite families of members of the Fraternal Order of Police; to promote their welfare socially, morally and intellectually; and to encourage them in all things pertaining to their good. To be an Auxiliary member, you have to be a relative of an active member of the Lodge. The dues are \$15 a year.

Having defined the above memberships, I feel it is important to not only recognize our organization, but also promote it. From rookies to Chiefs of Police, everyone in local and federal law enforcement should be a part of this organization that represents the majority of the working law enforcement in Washington, DC. I encourage you to challenge your fellow officers and officials to join this organization. Advise and educate everyone that is not eligible to join a labor committee that they may still join FOP DC Lodge #1 and take advantage of the benefits that many of us participate in. For those who do join the Lodge, regardless of your rank, you can sign up for the FOP National legal benefits plan, along with being able to take advantage of numerous additional incentives, to include assistance with buying/selling a home, discounted legal rates for off-duty issues, life insurance, and so much more.

In late October 2012, Hurricane Sandy ripped through the Northeast, causing billions of dollars in destruction and claiming many lives. New York and New Jersey were two of the hardest hit states. Our DC FOP Lodge #1 Disaster Aid Response Team was called upon during this tragic time. We received a call from New Jersey State FOP President Ed Brannigan (also National Vice President) asking us for our assistance. Within 36 hours, we had a team of close to forty (40) volunteers from our Lodge assembled and ready to deploy. Our volunteers were comprised of officers and officials, retired officers, and associate members representing over 13 different agencies. Each volunteering member used their own time, taking their own leave, to respond to an

unknown location to assist a fellow officer in need.

The DART Team deployed to Beach Haven, New Jersey. Beach Haven, NJ is located on Long Beach Island, NJ, which is approximately 20 miles north of Atlantic City. It was in a state of complete devastation and destruction when we arrived. We responded with over \$8,000 worth of food and supplies, trailers full of equipment and clothes, cots, lighting and generators, and whatever else we could put together in a 36 hour time period. Two individuals that must be recognized for having all the supplies ready to deploy on this mission are Tori Beauchemin and Michael Kruggel. Tori

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National Trustee Report

Lou Cannon

National Trustee/Immediate Past President



The New Year 2013 has arrived, well by the time you read this. 2012 has passed and left its mark. Problems with the economy are affecting all of us and things do not appear that they will improve much. The Lodge and Club are working to make every nickel, dime and penny provide the most for the membership. However there is only so much that can be done without your support. Yes parking is difficult around the facility but cops are known for their ingenuity on overcoming obstacles. It remains a great value for what you receive at the Club, especially now with the renovations and new improved menu and quality of food. We are close to Verizon so what a great place to stop at if you are visiting for a game, show or concert. One of the most important aspects

of the FOP is the Networking that is available by meeting other members in our profession. I still depend on many of people I have met over the years and I am still contacted by them for both professional needs and the friendships developed over the years. I am encouraging everyone from the Board of Directors to the newest member to support the Lodge and Club. It would also be great if every member could donate \$5.00 to the Building Fund. I will make my donation and challenge the Board

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FOP DC LODGE #1 MEMBERS are welcome to submit articles and stories to the *Simulcast*. Please keep in mind that this publication goes to FOP members only. Please only submit articles that would be of interest to the general membership. The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions. Members who would like to submit photos or articles of interest to the membership should send them to tbeauchemin@dc-fop.org as an attachment.

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and Mike put in countless hours of shopping and prepping prior to our departure.

Our volunteers who responded were unbelievable in making our efforts a success. During the time we were deployed, we cooked lunch and dinner for all the public safety personnel on the island, helped the local PD with welfare checks of their citizens who weathered out the storm, assisted a local church in setting up a shelter with food and clothing, assisted the local police officers with demolition of their damaged homes so the mold wouldn't set in, and so much more. I have never been more proud to be associated with this Lodge than when I was on our Disaster Aid Response Team deployment to Beach Haven, NJ. I will never be able to thank our members enough for volunteering their own time, and putting their busy lives on hold so that we could help the strangers we all now call family.

It is hard to believe that Police Week is just a short time away. Before we know it, May 13, 14, and 15th will be here. I encourage everyone to visit the Policeweek.org website to keep up to date with the Police Week events. Also, please watch for Lodge emails advising when our site set up and clean-up will be. Anyone who is interested in volunteering at the US Capitol for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service held on May 15th, please email me at amaybo@dc-fop.org

Finally, I want to thank all those who contribute to our organization in one way or another. This organization is only as strong as its membership and it is you who allow us to continue forward. The FOP is the brotherhood and sisterhood needed in our careers to help us succeed in our everyday endeavors.

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National Trustee Report

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of Directors to take the lead in this. Let's start today to bring back the camaraderie that we have had in years past.

2013 will see more LEOKA Training and other subjects that members suggest. Please send suggested topics to me or Sgt. Jeff Newbolt at the lodge. Check out the website www.dc-fop.org for information on events.

In 2012 the Dc Lodge DART Unit was called upon to assist in response and recovery efforts in New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy. You the membership rose to the occasion and supplied manpower, supplies, and support in many areas. We will be looking at improvements that can be made. One thing needed is an additional trailer, approximately 20 feet enclosed, to house response equipment. We hope to work in concert with the National FOP Disaster Committee to explore possible support from FEMA or other agencies. DC Lodge DART was the first to arrive in some hard areas and provided hot food to First Responders, including FEMA. It was also evident that we need to improve on some support for collections of donations and logistical needs. One of the goals for 2013 will be the reactivation of the Lodge Auxiliary.

2013 also brings upon us a FOP Conference Year. This year in August the Conference will be held in Cincinnati, OH. Also this year will bring local Lodge elections in November. There is much work to be done and never enough workers to go around, let this be the year that you commit to helping at one Lodge sponsored event.

The Holiday Party has past and it was great to see some of retirees who came to visit. I would have liked to see more attendance by our elected leadership from all groups. Not to say that many agencies were not represented, but this was an opportunity to lead by example and build that camaraderie. This should be a primary goal for all of us in 2013, to reestablish that bond that the FOP was founded on almost 100 years ago, fraternalism. The FOP will continue to fight for your rights and benefits both on a local and national level, however we must remain united and one voice. We all serve one goal to protect the community and our families and provide a safe and secure environment. While we may have different methods to achieve our goal we as a group are stronger than any one individual. Let's come together in 2013 and make this a great year.



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Moving Forward in 2013

Sergeant John Rosser, Chairman

Greetings and Happy New Year Fellow FOP DC Corrections Members,

2012 was a year of tremendous change in DC Corrections. It opened with the reformation of the City Labor Management Partnership, a deal which was consummated in late spring. Because of our vastly improved relationship with management, settlements were made bringing back dozens of our co-workers who had been the victims of the previous Corrections Director's hypocritical disciplinary policies. Promotions and Pay issues were straightened out thanks to the efforts of Director Faust in squeezing out monies during a very tight budget cycle. We got paid back for the furlough days that had been taken from us in 2011. We welcomed many new Corrections Officers and Support Staff, as well as a new Warden and Deputy Warden for support services at the Detention Facility. Negotiations for our two contracts appeared headed for a finish by early 2013 that would result in a modest raise and better protections from disciplinary abuses. Labor and Management were meeting regularly to discuss areas of concern as they arose. Although the economy of the city showed signs of life in 2012 we still were in a very distressed situation. Finally, we ended the year with a

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very nice Holiday Celebration at the Camelot in Mitchellville. We lost dear Friends and close Relatives in 2012.

For all these good people we say a special prayer.

As we begin *Moving Forward in 2013* we look forward to progress, health, and prayerfully a better economy. The Union is addressing our number one priority; *Retirement*. Since we continue to negotiate within the Comp I and 2 cluster, we were able to get an agreement to negotiate for a modified retirement benefit with only the public safety Unions with-in the compensation cluster. This means only the five Unions (DOC, DYRS, Protective Services, the 911/311 Operators, and the Saint Elizabeth Security Officers) will be at the table to negotiate for this benefit. Without a competitive Law Enforcement retirement we would be crippled in areas of recruiting and retaining Correctional Officers and Support Staff. This was done before, in 2008, however *the City Withdrew* its proposal after two years of negotiations. *We pray for good-faith bargaining this time.*

Finally we as a Corrections Union shall look forward to achieving goals set forth by the rejuvenated Citywide Labor Management Partnership, a partnership we are a part of; *respect towards one another*, and *higher morale*. We at Corrections must lead the way in demonstrating that a diverse workforce, working under very dangerous conditions, can show respect for each other and the people we serve. We must demonstrate that maintaining a civil attitude and aptitude will increase morale and self-esteem. I believe these goals are attainable. I also believe that showing each other basic self-respect at all times will raise our image and enhance our standing city wide. Attaining these two goals can't help but bolster our prospects at finally getting retirement and respect.

Corrections Employees week is just a few months off. The FOP DC Corrections Union is committed to taking this week, which is dedicated to celebrating our profession, and making it memorable.

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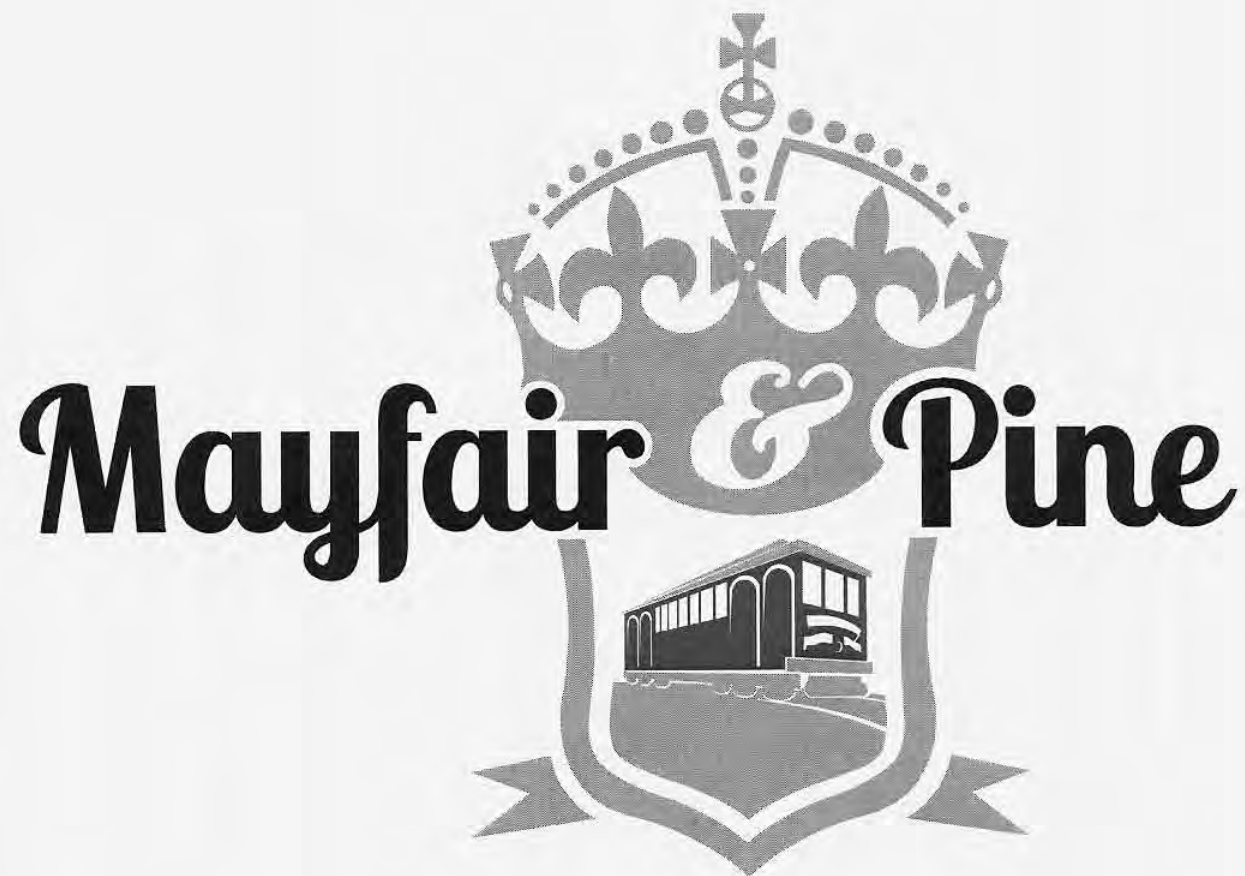
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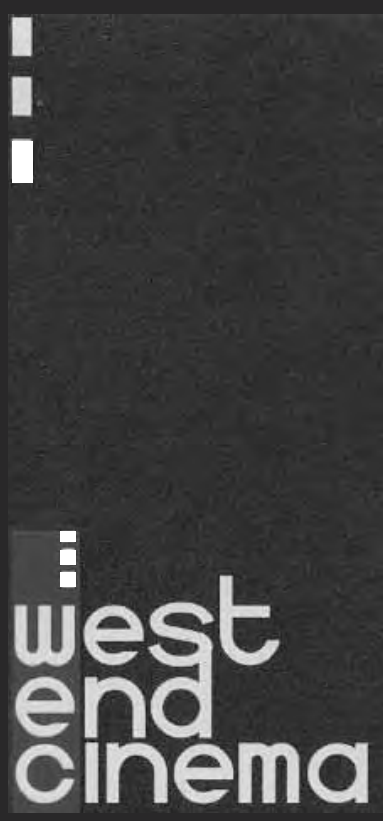
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Legislative Committee

Steve Franchak, Chairman

Monday February 25, 2013 was the start of our yearly Days on the Hill. The briefing by the National Legislative Office had approximately 75 officers from across the United States attend. We were reminded by the National Office that with the swearing in of the 113th Congress that we must start all over with getting our key legislative issues reintroduced for bills and start the tedious process of getting the co-sponsors to sign on. The more members of this Lodge and others, who take the time to contact their Representatives local offices, or on the Hill, make it a lot easier to gain their support. Phone calls and e-mails also work, but the personal contact is the best. Though we do have the National Legislative Office who meets with various Congressmen, constituents have more influence.

One of our key issues we have been trying to get passed is the Social Security Fairness Act. Though most of us are covered by DC retirement systems or Federal retirement systems, chances are we paid into Social Security prior to getting our law enforcement positions and will pay into it after we retire should we work for private industry. This Act is trying to repeal the "Windfall Elimination Provision" (WEP) and the "Government Pension Offset" (GPO). Both of these will reduce your Social Security income when you try to draw Social Security. You can invest some time now by assisting in getting these repealed, or if you find it easier send a check to the FOP Political Action Committee (PAC). This will enable the National Legislative Office to attend political rallies with Congressional Members and work on your behalf.

You can keep informed of our legislative issues by joining the Grass Roots, the FOP face book, or go on-line to the National webpage. The last two also have an area where they grade members of Congress on their response to law enforcement issues.

Again I would like to thank Rosario and her staff for their assistance in setting up and taking down the banquet room for this event. Also I would like to thank Mike Walsh for his assistance.

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retire at age 65)! I can only imagine how much better most average-income people could live in retirement if our government had just invested our money in low-risk interest-earning accounts. Instead, the folks in Washington pulled off a bigger Ponzi scheme than Bernie Madoff ever did. They took our money and used it elsewhere. They forgot that it was OUR money they were taking. They didn't have referendum to ask us if we wanted to lend the money to them.

And they didn't pay interest on the debt they assumed.

And recently, they've told us that the money won't support us for very much longer. But is it our fault they misused our investments?

And now, to add insult to injury, they're calling it a benefit, as if we never worked to earn every penny of it. Just because they borrowed the money, doesn't mean that our investments were a charity!

Let's take a stand.


We have earned our right to Social Security and Medicare.

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Attention Members Living in Maryland


Important information on gun legislation

My name is Chris Fiora. I am a retired Supervisory Special Agent from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Protective Service. I am a long time member of the Lodge and retired in October 2010.

Shortly after I retired I tried to purchase a handgun at a gun show in Maryland in January 2011. I was informed that I could not purchase a handgun unless I had taken the Firearms Safety Training Course (FAST) online. I did so in order to buy the gun. But in doing research, I learned that retired law enforcement officers, whether federal, state or local, who retired in good standing with their respective agencies, were not exempt under Maryland's Annotated Code, Regulated Firearms Statute, Title 5 Section 119 and 134(C). With this information I contacted my local legislators and in February 2011, Senator David Brinkley (R-Carroll/Frederick) introduced legislation to exempt retirees. Past Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association President (FLEOA) Tim Danahey and I testified in favor of this bill. The bill was not considered that year by Senator Brian Frosh (D-Montgomery), Chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee of the Maryland Senate. In 2012, Tim and I had the bill re-introduced in the house by Delegate Donald Elliott (R-Carroll) and again testified in favor of the bill. The bill passed the Maryland House of Delegates and was sent to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. Once again, Senator Brian Frosh withdrew the House bill and introduced his own legislation. Needless to say, after many attempts to amend the bill, the legislation failed again. On March 1, 2013, I testified on House Bill 643 which would provide retirees with the exemption from FAST. The bill was introduced by Delegate Joseph Boteler (R-Baltimore County). At this point, the bill is waiting for a vote by the House.

Additionally, I can report to you that the Firearms Safety Act of 2013, also known as SB 281 and HB 294 are waiting final votes. I can also tell you that the senate bill has numerous amendments that were adopted while the House bill, though heard, has not been voted on. In these bills, the Maryland State Lodge was able to insert the

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Attention Maryland Members

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exemption from the FAST training. These bills will exempt active and retired law enforcement from most provisions of the bill. I encourage you to contact your legislators and go the Maryland General Assembly website to review SB 281 and amendments. While the exemption exists in SB 281 and HB 294, we do not know that it will remain in the legislation which is why HB 643 was introduced. One way or the other, it is my intention and those of the Delegate Boteler, the DC lodge and the Maryland State Lodge to get this legislation passed so that retired law enforcement officers can legally purchase a handgun in the State of Maryland without taking another safety training course. I ask and encourage all retirees to support this effort as it directly impacts you if you live in Maryland. Please contact your local legislators and voice your support for HB 643, exemption of retired law enforcement officers from FAST.

I want to thank the Carroll County Delegation to the Maryland Legislature, Delegates Joseph Boteler and Delegate John Cluster (Baltimore County), Tim Danahey, FLEOA Past President, John Adler, FLEOA President and Mike Young, Maryland State Lodge Legislative Chair, for all their efforts for retired law enforcement officers/agents.

*Fraternally,
Chris Fiora*

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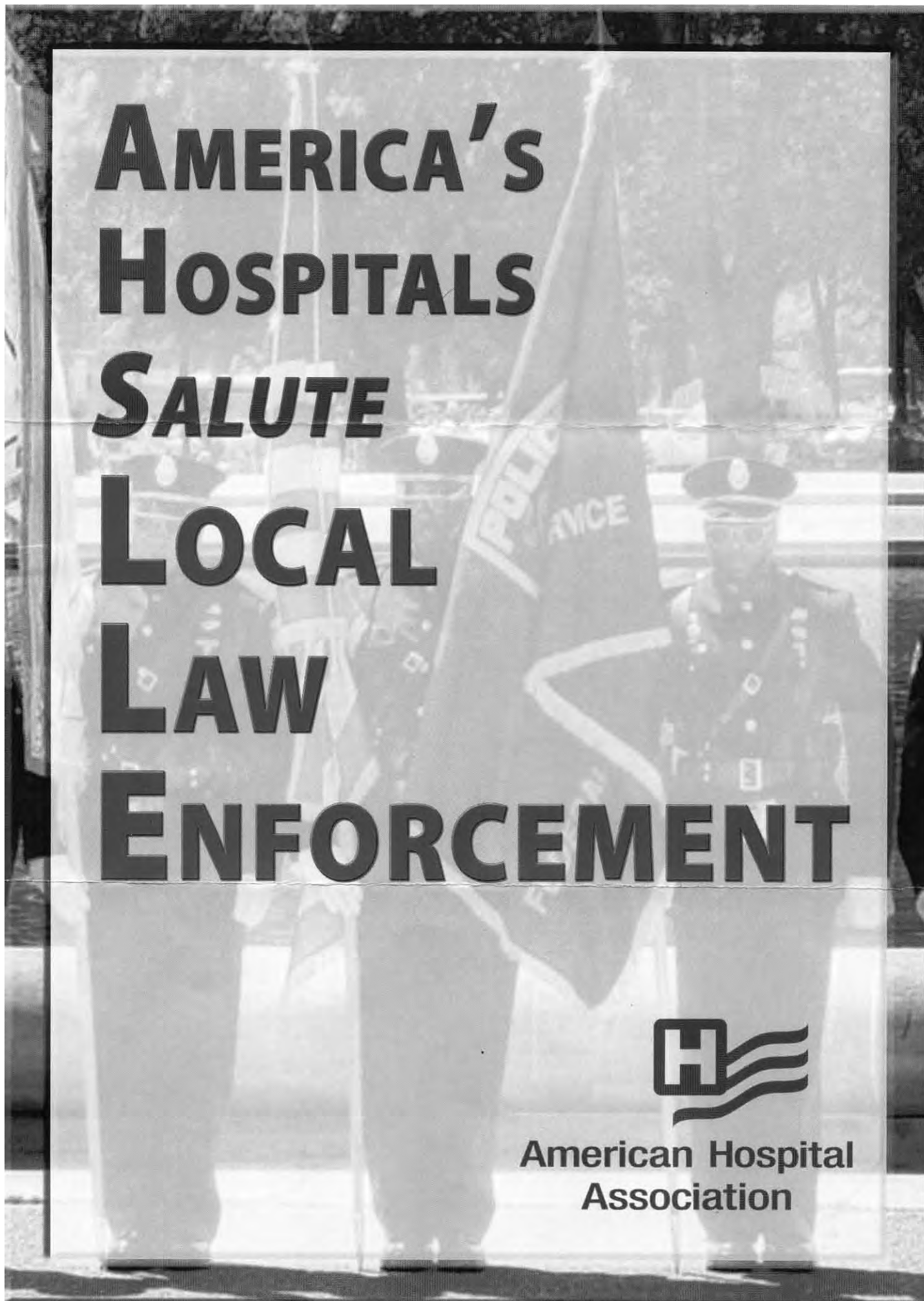


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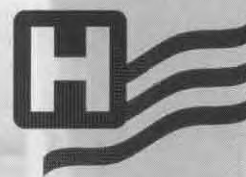


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National Blue Alert Bill Introduced in Senate

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“We are very pleased that this legislation was introduced by Senators Cardin and Graham,” Canterbury said. “Law enforcement officers are in harm’s way each and every hour of their shift. This Blue Alert legislation provides law enforcement and the public with the tools needed for the expeditious apprehension of our most dangerous assailants—those who attack a law enforcement officer. This bill is necessary to protect law enforcement officers who patrol our communities every day.”

This legislation mirrors the existing “Amber Alert” system by utilizing existing communications networks to immediately disseminate sensitive information to appropriate law enforcement and other public agencies to help identify a suspect in the event that a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured in the line of duty.

“This is about officer safety,” Canterbury added. “We strongly support its passage and I look forward to working with Senate leadership to secure swift passage of this legislation.”

“Too often our police officers are target for criminals who have no regard for order in our society. This Blue Alert legislation provides law enforcement and the public with the tools needed for the quickest apprehension of those who remain at large and remain a threat to our officers and our communities,” Canterbury said.

In recent years, 18 States have enacted “Blue Alert” systems and the Fraternal Order of Police, seeing great value and benefit, brought the issue to Congress resulting in this legislation. The House version of this bill, H.R. 180, the “National Blue Alert Act” was introduced in early January by Representative Michael G. Grimm (R-NY).

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Another job well done by our Brothers and Sisters in Blue.

Fraternally,

Marcello Muzzatti
President



2012 Holiday Party

Another celebration for the record books! We enjoyed the highest attendance at the annual Holiday Party since moving it to the lodge several years ago. Clearly the word spreads each year about what a fantastic event this is. Demetrius Cole and his team from Cole's Creative Catering really outdid themselves with a bountiful feast that included seafood favorites like his crab and corn chowder, bacon wrapped scallops and shrimp salad. A Huge Buffet with chicken, fish and beef selections provided something for everyone. Filomena Ristorante and Georgetown Cupcake came through yet again with generous donations of delectable deserts. We are so very grateful for their sponsorship.

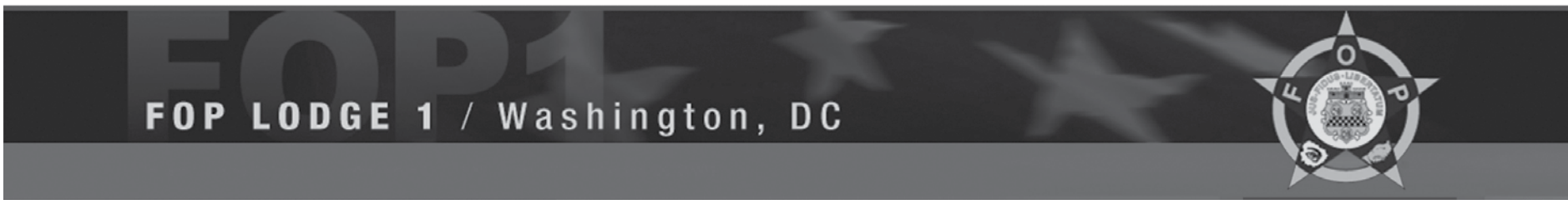
The lodge looked like a holiday wonderland with beautiful decorations and displays that were only topped by the beautiful people who came dressed to the nines for this event. Our own Lee Littlejohn once again kept everyone in the party mood as they danced the night away to his ever pleasing playlists. We met up with old friends and made many new ones, with a great way to end another year.

This year President Muzzatti honored two of our members for their exemplary support of the lodge. This year the President's award was presented to Steve Franchak (pictured) and the Appreciation award was presented to Phil Griffin. Both much deserved.

As with all lodge events, this is only possible with the generous donation of time and effort provided by our volunteers and staff. Seems it's the same faces that volunteer to help each year and we cannot say enough about how much we appreciate them. Special thanks to the Club Committee and the Auxiliary for their outstanding efforts.



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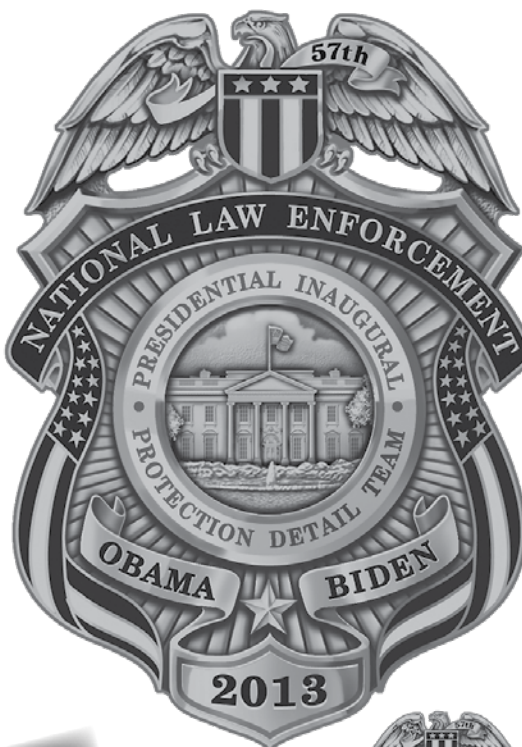
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Olympic Arms Posts Inaccurate Information About the National FOP on Its Facebook Page

The assertions recently made by Olympic Arms about FOP positions and actions on various pending firearms issues are misleading, inaccurate, and, in some cases, just plain false. In August 1993, the delegates assembled at the 51st National Biennial Conference in Louisville, KY adopted Resolution No. 6 on a 1,516 to 1,073 vote.

The Resolution called for the Grand Lodge to support H.R. 1472/S. 639, the "Anti-drug Assault Weapons Limitation Act of 1993," which would prohibit the

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Olympic Arms Inaccuracies

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importation and manufacture of certain military assault weapons.

This Resolution is still binding on the Grand Lodge and the National Legislative Program. However, current pending assault weapons proposals, including the one offered by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), go well beyond the scope of the 1994 statute, and, as National President Chuck Canterbury stated in the most recent issue of the FOP Journal, it is not a goal of the FOP to support an expansion of the original 1994 statute (which expired in 2004).

It is true that the FOP has met with Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. as well as with a Congressional working group chaired by Representative Michael Thompson (D-CA). The FOP, along with numerous other groups and organizations representing law enforcement, firearms manufacturers, gun rights organizations, and others provided feedback on the issues of gun violence and school safety. In none of those meetings did the National offer, support, or approve any legislative language, nor was any offered.

It is completely false that the FOP has endorsed any Federal legislation currently pending that would institute a ban on any particular type or style of firearm or accessory. We do not know who any of the rank and file police officers who appeared with Senator Feinstein at her press conference are, and the National FOP had nothing to do with their attendance. I hope this information helps.

Remember—we live in a time when just about anybody can say just about anything he or she wants on the Internet—true or not. We thank all of the members of the FOP who have come to us and asked for the truth, rather than jumping to conclusions on the basis of false and misleading statements by outsiders.



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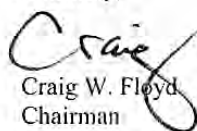
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Survival Insights with Betsy Brantner Smith

Is your life really balanced?

You've got to 'train' for your personal life as hard as you train for your on-duty survival

When I first became a field training sergeant, we had a young male rookie on my shift whose wife was pregnant. She gave birth too early and then she and the baby had to be flown to separate hospitals for advanced treatment. It was a scary time, especially for the young family.

Within a day or two, this officer was back at work, much to the shock of me and my lieutenant. We sat him down in the office and asked him why he was back so quickly.

He told us, "My first priority is to the agency and to my fellow officers. My personal life comes second."

"There's Life Outside of the Job?!"

My boss and I proceeded to deliver one of our best, most passionate "this-job-is-not-your-life" speeches and we sent the newbie back home. At that time, I also had a little one at home and the situation got me thinking about my own life and my own priorities.

Although my "baby" is now grown, I still struggle to maintain balance in my life, and I'm guessing that many of you do as well. How do you balance the extraordinary demands of a law enforcement career with your life outside of "the job?"

Most of us spend so much time and energy getting hired, keeping ourselves fit and ready for the job, and then working our way up the chain of command, that if we're not careful our professional life may overshadow everything else.

Police officers are notorious for allowing our job to become the central focus of our lives. That doesn't make you a better cop, and it sure doesn't make you a better per-

son. Here are a few suggestions for a young cop (or a veteran cop who wants to make some changes) on how to gain and maintain a more balanced life.

Keep Your Family Involved and Informed

"My family just doesn't understand what I'm dealing with!"

I hear this from so many people in law enforcement. But when I inquire further, I discover that most of them don't really tell their family members—or friends—what their day to day life is really like.

When I was in the academy my mom was battling cancer, my dad was taking care of her, and most of my non-police friends were still in college so I only had my academy classmates to talk to.

Looking back, it was a very emotionally isolating experience. Talk to your family members and non-cop friends about your experiences. And don't just tell them the funny or heroic stories—tell them the things that scared you or angered you or even things that confused or worried you.

It's okay to tell your spouse or partner, "I'm really worried about that felony assault trial next week" or to admit to your best friend from grade school, "I responded to a really bad fatal crash today and I'm really bothered by what I saw."

Sometime talking to non-cop friends can help you frame your concerns differently than just talking to your co-workers.

If you have kids, talk to them about what you did at work today. Tell them one or

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two age-appropriate stories, and then ask them about their day and what they did. Trading stories is a great way to communicate kids, and I always found that it worked better than the standard “how was your day” questions that usually result in one-word answers.

If you went to training, teach them what you learned that day.

Kids love to learn about all the parts of a handgun and the differences between “cover” and “concealment,” so get them involved. If you’re in the academy, ask friends and family to help you study for exams and shine up your gear. They’ll feel more connected, and you’ll feel more balanced—everybody wins!

Don’t Give Up Your Non-Police Activities

When I was a new cop, one of the things that helped save my sanity in the police academy and in field training was something I’d been doing all my life—working with horses. For the first year I was on the job I lived in a small apartment on a horse farm where I worked off some of the rent cleaning stalls and exercising the owner’s horses.

No matter how stressed out I was, engaging in a familiar and pleasurable activity that had nothing to do with my job was a true joy.

As a rookie, my husband coached wrestling for a small high school.

Police work, especially in the early stages, tends to consume most of our time and energy, and by the time things settle down and we feel able to engage in other some fun, we often find ourselves with a list of what Dr. Kevin Gilmartin calls “Usta’s.”

I “usta” go fishing, I “usta” play softball, I “usta” visit my parents once a week, I “usta” get together with my high school girlfriends.

Keep the constructive links to your “before” life connected. Be proactive about scheduling time for activities that don’t involve police work—it’s essential to your emotional health.

Gender Roles and Police Life Balance

I talk to thousands of female cops every year, and achieving that work/life balance seems to be especially difficult for women. Many of them are dealing with less-than-supportive friends and family who don’t understand their career choice and frankly, law enforcement is still a very male-dominated profession and not all police depart-




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ments are as welcoming to women as they should be.

I know many women who spend all day (or night) at work and then go home and make dinner, help with homework, bake cookies for the PTA fundraiser and do the laundry. Other women may be caring for aging parents or coming home to a spouse or partner who is resentful of the long hours spent away from home and the inevitable changes in attitude or demeanor that every cop experiences.

It may be helpful to seek out a more experienced female co-worker who has a similar lifestyle and get some advice. There are also associations and online forums (like PoliceOne!) that offer articles and advice to women in law enforcement. Don't just stew in frustration, reach out!

Whether you are male or female, a rookie or a veteran, make sure you own a copy of Kevin Gilmartin's "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement" and Ellen Kirchman's book "I Love a Cop."

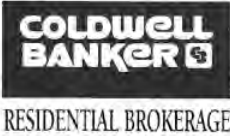

Reach out to your brothers and sisters in law enforcement and to your family and friends outside of the profession. Achieving balance in your life isn't easy, but it's extremely rewarding.

You've got to "train" for your personal life as hard as you train for your on-duty survival.

Stay safe!

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Criminals, Victims, and Cops with Karen L. Bune

Crisis Intervention Training: An invaluable investment for law enforcement

In the aftermath of the recent Sandy Hook active shooter event in Connecticut, as well as other incidents across the country, the degree of awareness (and scrutiny) for signs and symptoms of mental instability has been heightened.

The tragic outcome of the horrific set of events in Newtown provides an even greater impetus for law enforcement agencies to prepare, educate, and train their officers in crisis intervention skills so they can be proactive in recognizing indicators of potentially problematic individuals, deleterious circumstances, and potentially lethal situations.

In 1988, the Memphis Police Department established the first Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). In partnership with the Alliance for Mentally Ill (AMI), mental health providers, and two universities, the department organized, trained, and implemented a specialized unit within the department that worked closely with the community in responding to mental health crises.

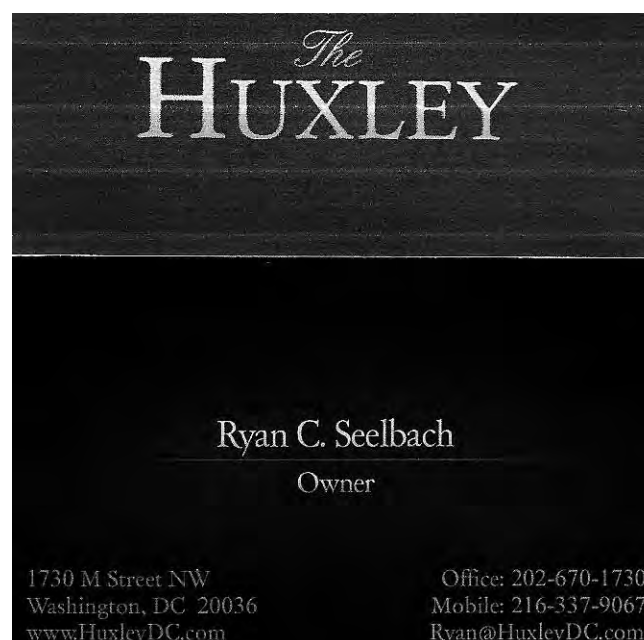
The department became known for setting a standard of excellence with respect to the treatment of individuals with mental illness.

Throughout the nation, other law enforcement agencies observed the successful outcomes achieved in Memphis. Some adopted the program to meet the needs of their own communities.

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In Virginia, the Alexandria Police and Alexandria Sheriffs' Department are two agencies that did just that.

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crisis intervention, traumatic stress, substance abuse, mental health, liability and legal issues, suicide intervention, active listening, special populations, verbal de-escalation, and cultural diversity—comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. Through the 40 hours of specialized training they receive, these officers are able to deal with crisis situations.

CIT training is designed to educate and prepare police officers who come into contact with people with mental illness. They are keenly aware of the divergent issues facing people on the street and in their communities. Trained officers are capable of de-escalating a situation by their understanding and ability to relate to what the person is going through.

For law enforcement agencies, this training is an invaluable investment when officers are able to readily de-escalate a crisis and settle a situation on scene with appropriate skills and pertinent knowledge combined with compassion and understanding.

Moreover, such training tends to reduce the anxiety an officer faces with the situation, reduces the possibility for physical confrontation, and reduces the possibility of injury to the officers. It also minimizes the amount of time officers spend out of service awaiting assessment and disposition, and reduces inappropriate arrests.

Importantly, officers skilled in crisis intervention strategies are provided a protocol to bring individuals in crisis to a therapeutic location rather than a jail or law enforcement facility.


Folks in Need of Special Attention

“We see people in crisis all the time. This is a different program than any other program out there. This is about being human again in law enforcement,” said Sgt. Courtney Ballantine, Team Leader for the CIT Team of the Alexandria (Va.) Police Department.

Ballantine pointed out that it is important to choose the right officers to serve on the team. Officers have to be identified who are not only open minded but well respected within the department as well as the community.

Following the training, officers are reportedly energized, and they recognize that

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the training is practical, helpful, and it can be utilized effectively on the street.

"Officers literally leave saying this is the best training they've ever had," Jonathan Teumer, Emergency Services Team Leader for the Alexandria Virginia Community Services Board, said.

He pointed out that these are veteran and tenured officers who are offering the praise.

Officer Joe Kirby of the Alexandria Police Department is well versed in utilizing his crisis intervention training. He once went on a call requiring that he check on the welfare of an individual. He was notified the man was in crisis. When Kirby arrived, he talked to him and discovered the man was depressed and an alcoholic.

He established trust and rapport with the man, and he utilized information he had learned from the CIT training. Kirby introduced the man to the director of the local detoxification program who did an outreach to him, and the man entered into treatment. Kirby returned to the man's house several times to check on him and follow up.

This proved to be a success story that evolved out of Kirby's CIT training.

"It's definitely given me a broader view of mental illness and emotional disorders. It's a good program. I'm thankful that I got the training. It helped me figure out where the resources are," Kirby said.

Lieutenant John Kapetanis of the Alexandria Sheriff's Department, and a 30-year law enforcement veteran, works with operations command at the city courthouse.

"On occasion, we get folks in need of special attention. It's valuable to know where these people are coming from," he said.

He agrees with Kirby that the training was valuable. "It was, by far, the best training I've ever had. I was impressed. It was just outstanding," Kapetanis said.

The training provides information on knowing what to do and who to contact. A significant portion of the training focuses on learning how to actively listen and how to talk to people. The legal component provides officers information on knowing

what they legally can and cannot do.

This training is particularly helpful with special populations that encompass the homeless, intellectually disabled, and children in crisis, among others, as well as populations unique to specific communities. Officers are provided the flexibility in knowing how to apply the training they received in the most effective way.

The proactive approach to dealing with problems in the community with the assistance of CIT trained police officers serves as a successful strategy to eliminate problems that could potentially escalate to violence and victimization.

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