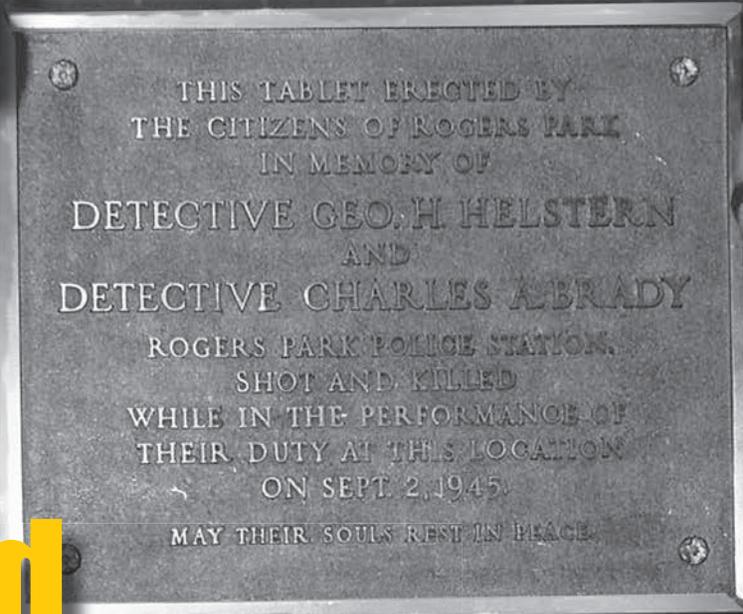




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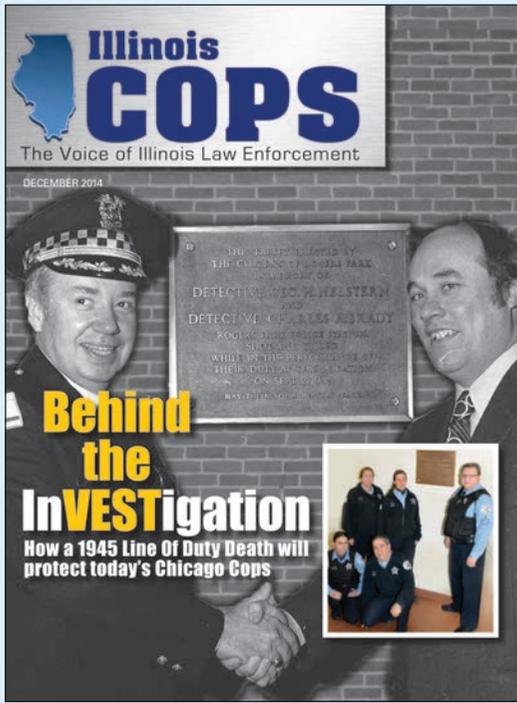


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#### Law Enforcement Torch Run Kickoff

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A variety of sessions will be offered, covering topics from fundraising best practices to increasing community involvement. The curriculum "How to Build a Successful Torch Run Program" has been accepted by Lincoln Land Community College as a CEU earning program.

For information, contact Matt Johnson at 309-888-2551 or [mjohnson@soill.org](mailto:mjohnson@soill.org).

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~ PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

# Cop Culture

## By land, air and sea, fallen trooper gave them Hehl



Officials from the Illinois State Police (ISP) were joined by friends, family, colleagues and members of the law enforcement community to honor fallen ISP Trooper Erin Sweeney Hehl and

civilian pilot George Kurelic, Jr., during a special dedication ceremony at the Burr Ridge Police Department on Oct. 30, 17 years to the day after their helicopter fatally crashed during a 1997 training exercise at Frankfort Airport.

Trooper Hehl was an 11-year veteran of the ISP, beginning her career in 1986 as a trooper in District 3, now District Chicago. In 1987, Hehl joined the ISP Marine Patrol unit where she became a certified diver, patrolling state waters before the unit was discontinued. In 1995, Trooper Hehl joined the department's new Air One helicopter unit, where she pursued suspects across the state. During her assignment with the helicopter unit, Trooper Hehl received a private pilot certificate with a helicopter rating and clocked 70 hours of flying time experience.

“It's always rewarding to be at the beginning of a new program,” Hehl exclaimed in a January 1995 interview.

Pioneering this new unit made her the first female trooper to serve on land, air and sea. She was also the first female trooper killed in the line of duty. At her funeral, a symbolic flyby marked a final honor: as five helicopters flew in a single file, one peeled off. Hehl was posthumously promoted to sergeant.

Seventeen years later, law enforcement officials from the ISP announced that the Trooper Erin Hehl Memorial Overpass signs were posted by the Illinois Department of Transportation

(IDOT) earlier this year on both sides of the IL Route 83 overpass at Interstate 55. Since 2012, IDOT has posted three memorial signs in honor of ISP fallen troopers killed in the line of duty (Troopers Anthony Millison, Kyle Deatherage and Erin Hehl).

The ceremony opened with an ISP commemorative video, “Always Remember,” a historic snapshot of all ISP members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and honors all of its fallen heroes killed in the line of duty.

“While we cannot bring our heroes back, we can honor their dedication to service and reflect upon the selfless calling of this noble profession,” said ISP Director Hiram Grau. “The highest honor that can be bestowed upon an Illinois State Police officer or any member of the law enforcement community is to remember them for their bravery, courage and character. The memorial signs remind family, friends, colleagues and motorists of the risks and dangers taken every day by police officers.”



Bob Hehl, widower of ISP Trooper Erin Hehl talks about his wife in front of the sign at her memorial.

## Dispatches

*Assess the situation and determine the response scenario*

Your team is briefed on a report of an upset individual in a business wielding a gun. It's unknown if shots have been fired or if anyone has been injured or killed.

Your team advances and encounters people that tell them the gunman is a friend of theirs and there is no need for the police: “Just go, we'll take care of him,” they say.

The actors at first won't leave the area and the shooter slowly emerges from a room down the hall. He has a weapon to his head and starts talking about whatever he's upset about: job, girlfriend, etc. He states that he has no reason to live.

*What would you do?*

## The Break Room

### Like going fishing

A man was speeding down the highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all traveling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over.

The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked, “Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair – there were plenty of other cars around me who were going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?”

“Ever go fishing?” the policeman suddenly asked the man.

“Ummm, yeah...” the startled man replied.

The officer grinned and added, “Did you ever catch them all?”

# Chaplain Logan Brewer delivers a spiritual holiday message to Illinois Cops

Working as a chaplain in police departments and prisons the past several years has led Logan Brewer to see his share of the dark side. But as a Baptist minister, "I've seen some miraculous healing. You pray for somebody to be healed and they can be healed. I'm a firm believer that's the answer." He shared more of his beliefs in an effort to give us all a little faith at a time when we can probably use it...

## What does a police chaplain do?

Ninety percent of the chaplain's job – maybe 80 percent – are the ceremonial things. We give the prayer before an event. But we're also here if an officer is involved in something serious. We've been trained to handle that, too. I have a commission with the Robbins Police Department as an assistant chaplain. Before that, I worked in prisons for nine years: Jerome Detention Center, Kankakee County Jail, Robbins lock-up, various jails around town. I carry a Blue Card and a badge.

## How does that work with the prisons?

I offer them a bible or a book if they can have that and I try to talk to them when they bring them in if they are not drunk or high. I don't carry a 38 or a 357. I carry a '66 King James. My weapon is mightier than a two-edged sword. I try to help them understand their guns will take a life; my weapon will save a life.

## How did you get started in this work?

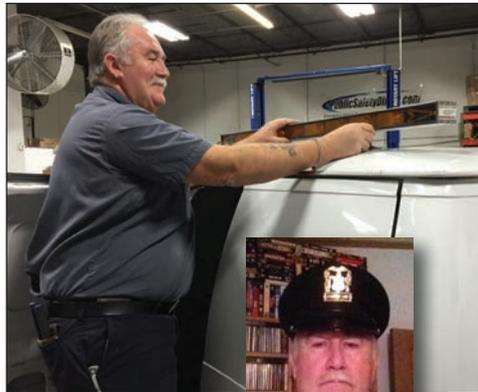
My father, my uncles and my grandfather were all Baptist ministers; my uncle was a chaplain in the Air Force. I like being with people. I used to go with my father down to the part of Madison Street in Chicago known as Skid Row to help the winos and the bums. That was his calling. I remember many, many Thanksgiving and Christmas days, my brother and I sitting on folding chairs having dinner with people on the streets. The Pacific Garden Mission was our home away from home.

## How did you get into working with law enforcement?

One of the reasons I wanted to be a police chaplain is that I have been building police cars for 30 years. I do upfitting for Public Safety Direct in Crestwood. I've been around police most of my adult life. They're a great bunch of people. But their life is pretty stressful and things happen to them they can't tell their families. They need somebody they can talk to who can bring them peace. Chaplains can bring you peace. They carry peace.

## How do you get cops to open up to you?

The first thing is to ask them to tell you, "How are you feeling right now?" Once you know they are stressed out and can't take it, I find a passage in the bible that speaks about God giving you comfort and giving you peace with things.



## Do you have a specific passage that always seems to help?

Deuteronomy Chapter 30, Verse 19 tells us that God will never give you a death situation without an option for life. He swears to that by heaven and earth. He uses that as his witnesses to tell you this is serious business and He will never give you a death situation without a life option. I live by that passage.

## How do you get prisoners to open up to you?

A lot of them just want somebody to talk to. A lot of them are scared kids. They try to put on a tough-guy act, but you start talking to them, and you realize they just need somebody to pay attention to them. I never ask, "Why are you in jail?" I don't want to judge them; that's not my role. I just bring some kind of spiritual comfort. They're just like you and me; by one mistake that could be us.

## What are the "Tickets to Heaven?"

I tell them my story and give them bookmarks I had made that have the road to salvation on them. I call it a "Ticket to Heaven." I hand it to prisoners when I first walk in and tell them, "Don't end up in Hell when life is over." On the back of the bookmark, it tells you how. I call them "Tickets to Heaven."

## What do you love about building police cars that has kept you in the business for 30 years?

They bring in a blank car to Public Safety Direct and we can do just about anything to it. It gets more and more technical. When I went to school, computers were the size of a Volkswagen. I like the fact that nobody thinks somebody builds police cars. They think they just come from God.

## What message can you give law enforcement to help them through the holiday season?

Trust that God is your protector. In the Book of Romans, we learn that God created government so that must have started government employees. So God has his eye on you, and He knows what's going on and to protect you. He wants to hear from you. He answers calls. He picks up on the first ring and answers kneemail. I'll be saying a prayer for all of my brothers and sisters. ♥



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## Are you happy with your harvest?



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Be reminded: Your efforts are valuable to those you serve as well as to your organization – a fact easily forgotten. Your efforts save lives and families. Things cops routinely do, others see as extraordinary. We tend to forget that because frequency causes things to become normal and natural to the doer.

One of my favorite quotes is by Samuel Johnson: “Men need to be reminded more than taught.”

Let me remind you: Though it may appear that you are not making a difference in the big picture, you are making a great difference in the lives of those you contact today. Also, be reminded that “bread for the head” is more important than food taken by mouth because your mental diet affects how you treat those you serve as well as the food you put in your body. It’s “bread for the head” that calibrates the mental scales used for weighing information.

Even when our scales are well-calibrated, desire for pleasure and ways to avoid hassle tempt us to make poor decisions. An example is the desire for peer acceptance that maintains the “Code of Silence.” Weighing information on a poorly calibrated scale nets poor decisions. Distortion of one’s mental scale is a slow process, usually pleasurable because it satisfies whims and caprices and occurs in small increments. Imperceptibly, poor decisions multiply like a cancer.

Some describe this process as deadening the conscience. Today, conscience is seldom formed by truth. Moral relativism, declining cultural standards and desire for peer acceptance form consciences rather than prudence. Careful weighing of facts and consideration of consequences are increasingly rare. Look at increasing trends:

- Adults are deciding to put little boys who are distracted in class on drugs. Isn’t fidgeting, fighting and distraction characteristic of healthy boys, particularly if they are deprived of recess?
- Each year in the U.S., approximately two million adolescents attempt suicide, and almost 700,000 receive medical attention for their attempt. Source: AACAP, 2001.
- Three in 10 teen girls in the U.S. will get pregnant at least once before age 20. That’s nearly 750,000 teen pregnancies every year. Source: [www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-teen-pregnancy](http://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-teen-pregnancy).
- Adolescents aged 15-24 account for nearly half of the 20 million new cases of STDs each year. A quarter of them have an undiagnosed STD. Source: [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov).
- As of 2010, 25.8 million people – 8.3 percent of the population – have diabetes; that year, 1.9 million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 20 years or older.
- More than one-third of U.S. adults (78.6 million) are obese. Source: [www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/adult.html](http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/adult.html).

What is happening? Here is a thought referring to “bread for the head”: There is an immutable law that governs much of our world. It is the law of “Sowing and Reaping.” Simply put, if you plant corn, you get corn; no mystery there. Newton’s Third Law of Motion says, “For every action...” well, you know. In computer science there is the term “GIGO” – Garbage in, Garbage out. Eat unhealthy food and you get fat and feel sick, poor and miserable. Can it be any different with our mental diet? This refers to the movies we watch, books we read, music we listen to, internet sites we view and share, and most importantly, the friends we choose. Those things are seeds of our lives. What kind of crop do I wish: one that is poor, pornographic, violent and negative? Or one that is good, clean, pure, powerful and positive? This ain’t rocket science. Though easy to understand, it’s hard to accept.

The seeds planted by the culture have been netting poor harvests. The rule of law, once respected, is ignored. Ask the border guards. Those demanding enforcement are portrayed as fascists. We’ve accepted... no... embraced the unacceptable and call it tolerance. We tolerate the intolerable.

The increase in suicide, alcoholism, divorce and other personal tragedies in the general populace are multiplied in the law enforcement sub-culture. About one percent of the population can meet the standards to enter law enforcement. Most of us are drawn to the profession because we want to make a difference. Academy life reinforces the standards and ideas that draw us to law enforcement, however, once in the field, the best practices that align with our consciences are too often rejected in the name of “getting the job done,” and/or being realistic. I think that causes an inner struggle; a dissonance that we find painful and confusing.

A few years ago, about six months after graduating our academy, an Eastern European girl resigned from the job. Her reason was that the everyday practices she was expected to adapt to were contrary to her standards that were reinforced in the academy. Rather than fight with her conscience daily, she quit. That took extraordinary courage and self-confidence. I admire her.

Be reminded: Carefully examine your mental diet. Are the seeds you are planting today good, pure, clean, powerful and positive, or poor, pornographic, violent and negative? Your harvest depends upon them.

One more thing I encourage you to try this month: Write a list of things for which you are thankful, starting with your job and its opportunities to help those less fortunate. Be sure to list relationships, health and your special abilities. Post it where you can see it often. We need to be reminded rather than taught. ♥

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## The story on ‘Cops in Trouble’



DAN  
CAMPANA

Few stories about cops getting in trouble should rank as a “good” story for reporters.

They certainly are interesting, especially when investigative journalism exposes misconduct or delves into other types of wrongdoing.

Still, there is usually nothing good about the facts or outcomes of police officers being accused of breaking the law or failing to live up to their sworn oaths. Families, careers and reputations suffer when it happens.

Often the media gets hit for coverage of such incidents because it appears that a department’s “bad apple” gets more attention than the countless others who live their lives and do the job the right way.

I’ve been there. Criticism flowed my way while covering cops charged with DUI, accused of stealing from prisoners and when an officer’s gun was involved in the accidental fatal shooting of a teen. Some of it came from those who felt the officer was treated unfairly by such coverage, while some departments didn’t like facing questions about one of their own and, as a result, would limit the information they shared.

These situations foster the antagonism between police and media I’ve mentioned in this space many times. Police take it personally when one of their own messes up. Reporters, on the other hand, have a more varied approach to it all.

Since the bad-apple syndrome probably hits cops harder than anyone else in the public eye, a segment of the media – our own bad apples, if you will – capitalizes on that and steers stories hard in the wrong direction. Seemingly endless loops of video footage that depict a cop beating up a bartender or roughing up someone during a traffic stop - running without much context - only further sensationalize the actions of few at the expense of many others.

It’s no secret cops are held to a different standard because of their role serving the community. Rightfully so, to an extent. Those upholding the law shouldn’t break the law. However, officers are humans who make mistakes, have rough days and can suffer, like anyone else, from lapses in good judgment. But when things go bad it plays out in public one way or another.

The media has an absolute duty to report on officers of any rank or tenure who are accused of wrongdoing, whether it occurred in their official capacity or off duty. Quality journalism doesn’t allow for professional courtesies to dictate who and what gets covered.

So, where do things go wrong in the media’s handling when an officer finds trouble? Reporters who let sizzle replace substance are the first culprit. Good reporting requires assembling

a story that stands on many pieces of information to provide as complete a picture as possible. That’s not always easy when it comes to allegations against an officer.

Whether the problem is an internal matter, happened within your jurisdiction or elsewhere or rises to the level of criminal charges, some department leaders come off as defensive. That hurts the flow of information.

Departments of all sizes have policy and protocol in place to follow when situations arise with an officer, but how many have similar guidelines for working with the media in those difficult times? Here are a few things a good reporter would look for:

**Who’s in charge:** If it isn’t your investigation, politely direct reporters to the agency or governing body working the officer’s case. However, if it’s an in-house investigation, explain the process to the media in general terms, even offering a rough timeline for updates. Leaving information too vague or undefined opens the door for continual questions and, possibly, misguided media frustration about how the matter is being handled. The chief should be the point person for all comments.

**Silence isn’t golden:** Recognize what you can’t say and what you need to say. No matter where an arrest happens, that officer is now no different than anyone else charged with a crime. The basic who, what, where, when and how of a report needs to be disclosed publicly. With internal issues, hiding behind the confidentiality of personnel records is an all-too-common tactic used to limit identifying an officer. Basic information such as the officer’s employment status, current rank and service time are not fundamental pieces of an investigation.

**Fill in the blanks, or someone else will:** The longer it takes for a department to acknowledge an officer-related situation or answer questions about it, the more likely it is reporters will end up with information from other sources – some of whom might offer misinformation or agenda-driven opinions – that could make things more difficult for you later. Get in front of the situation as much as possible. If you’re a department that preaches transparency, this is a time to show it in action.

In the end, the officer and the department deserve a fair process for sorting out allegations. At the same time, the media and public need assurances that accountability is a priority no matter who is accused of wrongdoing.

Policy and protocol are important, but so is a common-sense approach to communications when times get tough. ♥

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# Vested Interest

Mike Brady wanted to know more about how his father, Charles, was killed in the line of duty nearly 70 years ago. So here's the story of that man Brady and how it can help to ensure nothing like this ever happens to a police officer again.

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

Several months from now, Chicago Police Officers from the 24th District in Rogers Park will put on brand new bullet-proof vests and instantly become linked to a 70-year-old tale that would beckon the most dramatic episodes of Chicago PD. Make yourselves comfortable, for here comes one of those stories that makes us all want to get behind the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation "Get Behind The Vest" campaign and implore neighbors, friends and all Chicagoans to donate whatever pennies saved, pennies earned and other spare change that will help reach the goal of buying new body armor for 8,000 Chicago cops .and potentially save who-knows-how-many hundreds, or

thousands, of lives.

Ben Brady and his younger brother, Michael, have combined to donate many pennies, \$10,000 in fact, to Get Behind The Vest to honor the 70th anniversary of their father Charles being gunned down in the line of duty on Sept. 2, 1945. Their contribution is des-

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Retribution Fells Killer of Cops and Visits Entire Gang



igned to provide vests for officers in the 24th District where Charles served and lived with wife Bernice and nine kids. The youngest was just seven months old when Charles was shot while responding to a call with just 40 minutes left on his 4 p.m.-midnight shift, spawning an investigation that intertwined a multi-state manhunt, a couple of hillbillies from Mt. Vernon, the Chicago crime syndicate, a hard-nosed detective named Emil Smicklas and a Peeping Tom.

"If this (story) allows other people to think about the possibility of saving some patrolman's life and donating whatever they can afford..." says Mike Brady. "I would like to tell the officers who receive these vests how much I appreciate their service, how important the 24th District was to my father and how we should always remember and never forget."

"Always remember," of course, is the mantra the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation evokes at events like the memorial service held each September at Gold Star Park near Soldier Field, where the names of CPD officers lost in the line of duty are inscribed. It was at this service this year when Mike and Ben heard CPMF Director Phil Cline announce the Get Behind the Vest Campaign and Officer Jim Wrigley tell the story of how his vest saved his life. It was then that Mike added "never forget" to the mantra and nodded to Ben about taking action to make sure that they would not.

"When Phil was talking about how the new-and-improved vests could protect the officers who run into so many surprises, Mike and I looked at each other and realized we should push ahead on this. We are coming up on the 70th anniversary of dad being killed next September, so this makes it sort of a special moment. It's hard to believe it happened 70 years ago."

### Daddy's Boys

Much of what we should know about Officer Charles A. Brady can be gleaned from who he left behind. Ben, 80, is the second oldest of nine brothers and sisters. Mike says Ben is the most like dad; he certainly evoked the old man by captaining Loyola Academy to a city football championship just like dad did in 1926. Ben ultimately went on to serve the community in a manner as noble as law enforcement: He worked as an educational publisher for many years providing materials that educated thousands of students in Illinois and around the country.

The 70th anniversary returns Ben to a time when the Chicago police force was not known for a high integrity, and, as we will soon learn, Charles and partner George Helstern were gunned down by a member of a gang looking to hit mob-run books that were as much a part of Chicago culture in the 1940s as Wrigley Field. Painted against that backdrop, Ben learned what made a good cop from the crowd that showed up for dad's funeral.

"Almost everyone who filed into the funeral home told me that dad was the most honest guy they ever met," Ben recalls.

Michael recalls that the family always had a strong tie to law enforcement officers after Charles was killed. Not even a single Brady followed dad to the police force, but Michael became quite the public servant. In the late 1970s, the city was planning on tearing down the old Rogers Park Police Station, and one of its residents thought that would be a terrible mistake not to have a station on at the northern limits of town.

"So I got a little active, and they came through," Mike explains. "Something propelled me into service."

A little active? Mike led the effort to turn the old street car barn into the new police station. From there, he served tours in both the Illinois House and Illinois Senate before going to work for a year as a deputy mayor to Jane Byrne.

Ben likes to share that a lot of people owe their existence to Charles Brady and his wife Bernice. This story of men and women named Brady counts, well, too many to count. The nine children spawned more than 50 grandchildren and some of those grand-

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children now have grandchildren. The insurmountable task of buying Christmas presents for everybody led Mike to start putting together a family history one chapter at a time and sending them out to everybody each year during the holidays.

It was the last chapter about dad's death, who did it and how the perpetrators were found, that caused him to lay awake at night.

"I felt I had known all the events, and I had been telling people what they are," he began. "But I couldn't find anything about the killer. So I started Googling."

His only lead was the name of the detective assigned to investigate the killing: Emil Smicklas. He Googled Smicklas. About halfway down the page, Mike found a story from the Dec. 11, 1957 edition of the Odessa American newspaper in Texas.

"It might have been a column about famous crimes," Mike reasoned. "I'm not sure why it would have been a story in Texas."

But it told Mike Brady a new story.

### So the story goes...

Detectives Brady and Helstern answered a call a block from the police station on that September Sunday night that a Peeping Tom was annoying a woman. The detectives noticed what any law enforcement officer would describe as a suspicious-looking man. They walked up to question him.

Their answer came in a blaze of gunfire. If only they had been wearing bullet-proof vests. If only they had bullet-proof vests back then.

Both detectives stumbled, then doubled over. Both pulled their guns, and fired as the stranger ran. Then Helstern fell dead. Brady, too, toppled to the sidewalk.

Ben Brady noted that his father had taught his son as a young boy to pay attention to detail. This was one of Chuck's gifts. As he lay dying, he was able to relate that the gunman was wearing a black rubber glove on his left hand and had a "dirty, mottled complexion."

A manhunt began in minutes. Ballistics tests showed the two policemen had been slain with a .38 special caliber revolver, probably a Smith & Wesson. No trace of the gun was found. From points as far away as Detroit and Peoria, suspects were seized, questioned and released. The Peeping Tom Brady and Helstern had been sent to find was arrested. He was a 19-year-old high school boy, and he shed no light on the slaying.

In Detroit, Douglas M. Anderson, 25, was found to be carrying a loaded revolver and a pair of black gloves. Willard Barnstable, an ex-convict known as "the man with the mottled face," was arrested in Cincinnati. Later, both Anderson and Barnstable were cleared by lie-detector tests.

As clues and leads continued to come up empty, the robbery detail led by Chief of Detectives Walter Storms picked up the scent. Storms and his men had been on the trail of an elusive holdup gang that specialized in robbing organized crime-run handbooks. The detail included a detective who would earn 39 awards and citations, and send more than 350 men to prison before retiring in 1968. That detective was Emil Smicklas.

The holdup gang ran with the motto “If their hands don’t go up, they go down” and included “hillbillies” from Mt. Vernon, Monk and Virgil Summers. Virgil was known as the boss in Stateville Prison from 1929-39 where he was serving time for armed robbery. There, they met noted Chicago hood James J. Kelly and they formed the gang with Renori Lolli, a Loop bartender who wanted to get back into the robbery business, Cecil (Red) Smith, an ex-convict who loved to throw cans in the air and riddle them with bullets, Lawrence (Tiny) Mazzanars, a 250-pound north side hoodlum and Grover Dullard, a gambler who once had been chauffeur and bodyguard for Terry Druggan, the millionaire beer runner.

Early on the morning of Dec. 7, Lolli was standing on a street corner talking to Kelly when Smicklas came by and took them both in. In Lolli’s pockets Smicklas found a laundry tag with a South Side address. It was Lolli’s apartment. Police found an arsenal consisting of a machine gun, shotgun, three revolvers, two masks, and several boxes of ammunition.

Lolli told of a plan to hold up an armored car. The gang had stolen a car and stashed it in Mazzanars’ garage. Now Lolli, handcuffed to Detective John Moss and in a squad car with Sergeant Frank Pape, waited at Mazzanars’ home. Mazzanars drove up, Pape called out “police,” and Mazzanars opened fire. Detective Moss fired through the windshield, and Mazzanars fell wounded.

In Mazzanars’ apartment police found a nickel-plated revolver, a rifle, three sledge hammers, and a pair of rubber gloves. In the basement on a rafter was a cloth bag holding parts of a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver.

“Next thing you know,” said Mazzanars, “you’ll try to say I killed those two coppers. That’s wrong. I just stuck up bookies.”

That was his story, but he did not stick to it long. The hunch of police that the revolver parts were more than spare parts was cor-

rect. They came from the weapon that killed Brady and Helstern, Mazzanars admitted.

Smith and Mazzanars had gone to Rogers Park the night before Labor Day to hold up a drugstore. Mazzanars was standing on one corner of the intersection when he saw two men approaching Smith.

“They looked like cops,” he said. “I decided it was time to get out of there.”

He drove away with the sound of gunfire ringing in his ears. He didn’t know what happened to Smith until Smith called him the next day.

Mazzanars feared Smith would rat him out, so he and Lolli planned to kill Smith. They faked plans for a robbery on Nov. 29 and drove to a lonely country lane in Leyden Township. In a deep grave, they buried Smith’s body.

Authorities dug up the body of Smith just where Mazzanars said it was. They immediately saw that he had a dirty, mottled complexion.

“We had never seen or heard anything that thorough,” Mike Brady said of these accounts. “My mom never let us carry any of it forward. That was the great gift she gave us. All we ever knew was the talk about the person who gave his life. The hero.”

For that protection, Ben and Mike call Bernice the true hero. So the donation is certainly to commemorate the line of duty death of Charles A. Brady and to pay tribute to the legacy of him and his wife.

“Maybe because the story is so striking it can be a stimulus for others to join the effort with the Foundation,” Ben concludes.

And as Mike added: “Whatever means people have – it doesn’t matter the amount – can go a long way toward reaching the goal of protecting police officers.” ♥



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# LEGAL ACTION

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## It's not a perfect system but this time it worked



■ BY JERRY NOVAK

For weeks, we have been hearing about the workings of the Grand Jury in Ferguson, Missouri. Officer Darren Wilson's fate hung in the balance. Everyone wondered... why is this process taking so long? To the public, the facts seemed clear. Officer Wilson, a white male, shot an 18-year-old, unarmed, black male. It seemed clear. Officer wrong, victim right.

As so often in the law, it's easy for the public to jump to conclusions. Public passions and prejudices often ignite without the duty to investigate. People have the luxury of making a snap decision with little or no facts. It's a decision that they do not have to be accountable for. All they see is the outcome... the outcome that they want. They scream for Jessie Jackson, Al Sharpton and the NAACP. They scream for Eric Holder to come into a local event and blow it completely out of proportion. They seek to polarize this tragic event into black vs. white, when in fact it has nothing to do with the incident.

What the incident did involve was a 6-foot-5 man, weighing 285 pounds. A man who unprovoked, punched a police officer in the face twice, so hard that he "...felt like a 5-year old holding onto Hulk Hogan..." who feared for his life. Law enforce-

ment officers are authorized to use deadly force when they believe that their lives or the lives of the public are endangered. Clearly, that was the case here.

In fairness to the deceased, Michael Brown, Jr., and the community of Ferguson, Missouri, a full, complete and fair investigation was undertaken to determine the actual facts of this incident. Detectives, investigators and the officers assigned to this case were duty bound to responsibly and carefully investigate.

Crime scene photos were taken and studied. Distances were measured and witness placement was determined. Known witnesses and the newly discovered witnesses were interviewed. Any video images were gathered to supplement the claims of the witnesses. Investigators worked to corroborate or invalidate those witness statements. Witness statements were reviewed over and over again.

Investigators carefully listened to what was said and more importantly, how it was said. Why? Because they were seeking the truth. They didn't have an agenda. This is not about black vs. white. It's about giving any suspect, police officer or citizen a fair and impartial investigation before accusing them of some horrible criminal act.

The fact that Officer Wilson faces danger on a daily basis on the job should not mean that he was given special privileges. He

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# Getting hurt doesn't mean having to feel the pain



■ BY DAVID FIGLIOLI

## LEGAL ACTION

As a young police officer, first in a Chicago suburb and then with the Chicago Police Department, it never crossed my mind that I could be seriously hurt doing my job. Looking back, I was lucky it never happened.

For the past 25 years that I have been an attorney, I'm honored to have represented hundreds of police officers who have not been so lucky. These officers were injured while serving and protecting their respective communities throughout Chicagoland. As a result, they were entitled to receive benefits provided under multiple Illinois statutes that they did not know they could get.

For instance, suburban police officers are entitled to receive benefits under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act. This law requires the municipality to pay for all of their medical treatment and to compensate them should they suffer some degree of permanent disability that results from the work injury.

These officers are also entitled to up to one year of full salary, tax free, when they are injured and unable to work under the Public Employee Disability Act (PEDA). Many municipalities refuse to provide this benefit in disputed cases and a cause of action can be filed to recover this benefit for injured police officers.

If the injury suffered by the police officer is so severe that he or she can never return to work as a police officer, that officer

can be awarded a duty disability pension benefit of 65 percent of his or her salary under the Illinois Pension Code. Moreover, if the officer is awarded a duty disability pension benefit, he or she may be entitled, under certain circumstances, to continue receiving health insurance paid for by the municipality which would include coverage for a spouse and children under the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act (PSEBA).

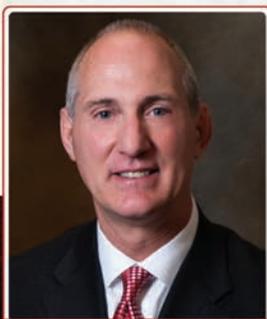
Our firm is one of the few law firms that handles all of these types of cases and claims before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, various pension boards and in circuit courts throughout Chicagoland. If you are an injured police officer, make sure you are receiving every benefit available to you under the law. You certainly deserve it. ♥

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# What you can do to deal with the haters



■ BY PAUL RIZZO

For a variety of reasons, the situation in Ferguson, Missouri has had negative effects more far-reaching than one might have suspected. Speculation could carry on for quite some time on the nature of those reasons, but in the interest of discretion and an ingrained desire to do the right thing, I will leave those discussions for

non-public forums.

Lack of an indictment by the grand jury created a fresh groundswell of unrest across the country, much more widespread, better attended, and with a greater tendency toward violence than prior protests about police behavior. If you believe even some of what you read on the interwebs, dozens of demonstrations were planned, from sea to shining sea.

Coverage of turmoil in Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Oakland, and yes, even Chicago, filled my television the day after the announcement. There is obviously no way every event that actually occurred could have received media exposure; after all, who cares about a handful of people in East Podunk when you have hundreds in a couple of major cities looting, vandalizing and causing themselves to be arrested to provide inflammatory video footage for the 24-hour news cycle?

Well you should, actually. You should care hardly at all about how hoodlums act in these other cities – even Chicago (unless you happen to be a loyal CPD reader) – and far more about your own sandbox.

We've chatted on prior occasions about threat awareness, regardless of the size of your jurisdiction. There are plenty of people out there who would be more than happy to make you or me dead, and as if they needed any more, fate just provided them with another reason.

One panel of "experts" I happened across contained a talking head who was emphatic that the frontal picture of Officer Wilson's facial injuries was more than ample proof that he was not seriously injured enough to justify his response to Michael Brown's attack. No one was there to tell the thousands or hundreds of thousands of real-time viewers, or millions of eventual viewers that will watch this clip and take her word as gospel, that any injuries caused by an attack on a police officer could conceivably

result in the use of deadly force.

There was no one to point out that attacking a police officer is a very bad idea, and that given the size/weight differential between Officer Wilson and his attacker, not to mention the obvious disregard for authority, there was a very good chance that Officer Wilson would have been disarmed, thereby turning a strong-arm robbery suspect into a community threat with a stolen gun. Is there anyone reading this that doubts for one minute if this had transpired, Officer Wilson would have been the first victim?

Where are the people with knowledge and comprehension of law enforcement to provide a counterpoint to the all-star arm-chair quarterbacking corps that every network seems to have on perpetual speed dial?

But I digress. My original intent wasn't to go off on this Ferguson tangent, but to remind you yet again that the world is full of threats: domestic terrorism, lone wolves, garden variety cop-haters, just plain old bad actors and another bunch of goofs who are walking the razor's edge of wanting to do a whole lot of damage to a whole lot of people. Your job is to go home at the end of your shift in as good or better shape than when you started, while at the same time protecting your flock from the above-mentioned hazards.

Do yourself and the rest of us a favor: Take some time this holiday season to show some gratitude. Of course to your loved ones and your support system, but share the wealth – go out of your way to be nice to someone that doesn't deserve it, or that doesn't even suspect they're going to receive it. Believe it or not, most people want to support you; maybe even subconsciously, they want to feel protected.

There are more than enough haters to go around. Recruit some supporters. You never know when you may have to go to the bullpen; make sure there's somebody there to answer. ♥

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doesn't get a "pass" if his judgment call is wrong. He doesn't expect any special treatment. And he is held accountable for his actions.

In fact, Officer Wilson could have gone to prison for the rest of his life. The St. Louis County prosecutor should be applauded for convening a Grand Jury that took the time to properly investigate this tragic occurrence and allowing that Grand Jury to make its own findings and its own impartial decision. The Grand Jury did not recommend any charges against Officer Wilson. They found that he had acted appropriately under the circumstances and within his lawful authority.

Officer Wilson's nightmare is not over, however. He's not back out on the street. He's not on patrol. He's not serving the public. Why? Because those same unappreciative members of the public who are not required to view the evidence, who have the luxury of making a snap decision with little or no facts, that do not have to be accountable for their actions, demanded his resignation.

Officer Wilson puts his life on the line every day of the week

like so many of you. He has no clue if he is coming home after his shift, but nonetheless he goes out on patrol and does his duty. And he does it every day without complaint. He faces people in crisis, people experiencing medical emergencies, people involved in domestics disputes, thieves, robbers, burglars, sex offenders, drug dealers and just plain unappreciative members of the public. And he does it all with grace, talent and professionalism.

There's only one thing that the Ferguson Police Department did not train Officer Darren Wilson to deal with... one possible danger that he might and did face one day... dealing with the misconceptions, prejudices and passions of the public who don't understand what it is to be a true public servant. They don't understand who people like Darren Wilson are and what they truly represent. Officer Darren Wilson represents those of us that put their beliefs in a system that is not always perfect. ♥

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■ BY MATT WISEMAN

Even if you think you'll never retire, or it's so far off you rarely think of retiring, opening or adding to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a smart thing to do. Even contributing small amounts each year to an IRA can eventually add up to a lot in your retirement years. So even if you participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you should also consider contributing to a

Traditional and/or Roth IRA. If you meet adjusted gross income guidelines, there is no limit on the number of Traditional and Roth IRAs you can own. However, be aware that your combined annual contributions to all of them cannot exceed the maximum annual contribution limit: \$5,500 for tax year 2014. This annual contribution limit increases to \$6,500 for tax year 2014 if you are 50 years of age or older. Keep in mind that you can contribute to a Traditional or Roth IRA all the way up to April 15, 2015 for tax year 2014.

So which IRA option is right for you? A couple of the key differences are the tax implications and when withdrawals are required. For a Traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your adjusted gross income and your participation in an employer-sponsored plan. On the other hand, funds you place in a Roth IRA are not tax deductible, but the interest you earn on it accumulates tax-free. For both Traditional IRAs and Roth

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Perhaps the only way to deal with the problem regarding addiction in law enforcement is to start at the top. So that's exactly where Licensed Clinical Psychologist Dr. Robin Kroll attempted to make an impact on the would-be addiction crisis that is growing too fast into a, well, crisis.

Dr. Kroll was the featured speaker at a Northwest Police Academy Executive Training Seminar on Addiction in Law Enforcement Nov. 13 in Palatine. During a two-hour presentation for the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association, she told a room full of chiefs, deputy chiefs and command staff that they must respond now to keep the number of police suicides related to alcohol addiction from increasing.

"We've come to the point where the links between these suicides and addiction is significant," Dr. Kroll said. "I know of 11 this year. Chiefs need to start to understand what to do about it."

Dr. Kroll confirmed that the seminar was a good step in beginning to deal with the challenge.



"I think if you want to take a spin that encourages the fact that police chiefs are starting to pay attention to officer wellness, it was a very successful seminar," Dr. Kroll asserted. "Part of paying attention is to make sure our law enforcement leaders are paying attention to all areas that are considered police issues. Addiction in law enforcement is one of those topics that has always been the white elephant in the room."

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Dr. Kroll began the seminar by showing a collage of magazine and news clippings a friend of hers from the Cook County Sheriff's Department put together about fatalities and other events involving police related to alcohol addiction showing up in the media. This video set to the tune of Johnny Cash's "Hurt" – the Nine Inch Nails song he covered about his problems with addiction – was intended to illustrate the reality of the situation, Dr. Kroll said.

She also showed a video of officers discharging their weapons while intoxicated and followed that with testimonials from officers who have received support from their chiefs to deal with their problems. An attending officer also stood up to speak about how he got sober and how his agency didn't discard him and gave him an opportunity to get better.

"It was about educating leaders on what leads to addiction," Dr. Kroll continued. "We provided statistics about alcoholism in law enforcement and how it's double the number in the general population. We talked about how agencies can support their officers."

As part of the message, Dr. Kroll reiterated that 95 percent of all police suicides are alcohol-related, and that increases in critical incidents and alcohol addiction are related. An underlying message also revealed that even though finishing up the daily tour with a stop at the local bar to debrief might still be an acceptable way of coping. But for some officers, it's an issue.

"Addiction is a progressive, deteriorating disease," Dr. Kroll said. "We need to remove that stigma that receiving support leads to a fear of being disciplined. If chiefs support it, officers will know it will be OK."

Dr. Kroll conducts a therapy group for police officers on Fridays. To find out about this group or other resources to help officers with addiction problems, email [drrobinkroll@aol.com](mailto:drrobinkroll@aol.com) or call 847-778-9322. ♥



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## Tis' the Season to be thankful for things we take for granted



■ BY DANNY MCGUIRE

In the March 2013 issue of *Illinois Cops* there was a snippet regarding the St. Jude Hockey Club dedicating a game to Chicago Police Officer Brian McVey who was involved in a serious on-duty vehicle accident that nearly took his life.

In keeping with the tradition of service and the holiday season that approaches, I was able to get a cup of coffee with Brian and discuss what this time of the year means to him. But, first, a little background on the accident, the challenges Brian faced and his continued recovery.

On Nov. 28, 2012, at approximately 11 a.m., Brian and his partners were responding to a call of “Robbery in Progress.” As they responded, their police vehicle was cut off at 70th and Stony Island, causing loss of control, then striking two light poles and rolling. Brian thankfully was wearing his seatbelt and stated, “I was in the back seat and something



told me to check the seatbelt connection just before the crash. Thank God I did.”

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## SLEA offers first-ever forensic conference

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

When Suburban Law Enforcement Academy Director Michael Casey stepped into his role about two years ago, he set a goal of creating top-notch training opportunities for police officers.

Casey believes the academy, based on the College of DuPage campus in Glen Ellyn, has hit that mark with its upcoming Midwest Forensic Training Conference scheduled for Jan. 8 at the Homeland Security Education Center.

The first-of-its kind event will bring together forensic professionals from various areas of the field – law enforcement, crime labs, coroner and medical examiner officers and other related organizations from around the Midwest – to present a conference that offers hands-on training and scenario sessions that go beyond traditional lectures. The SLEA facility, with its full-scale indoor street scene and various lab settings, provides a venue for a more well-rounded experience.

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Topic areas featured at the conference will include processing sex assault scenes, documenting fired bullet evidence on a body and a vehicle, processing evidence at a fire scene, auditing property control rooms and more.

“We’ve really been changing the whole direction of the academy to keep it fresh,” Casey said, referring to how the conference’s design fits into his larger vision for training. ♥

## Responding to domestic disturbances



■ BY MICHAEL SCHLOSSER, PH.D.

According to the *Crime in Illinois 2012 Annual Uniform Crime Report*, Illinois faces, annually, more-than 100,000 domestic-related offenses. For law enforcement officers, responding to a domestic disturbance is one of the most common, and unfortunately, one of the most dangerous calls. A domestic disturbance call can result in anything from a verbal dispute to a homicide. Maintaining officer safety is of the utmost importance.

### Upon dispatch

During dispatch to a domestic disturbance, there are things you may want to ask the dispatcher. The dispatcher may be able to provide you with information about prior contacts with the caller, offender and/or residence. You should try to ascertain whether the offender is still at the residence. If not, you should try to obtain a description and direction of travel. The dispatcher will have asked about weapons in the residence and will pass this information on to you. The dispatcher should also be able to tell you if it sounded, when speaking with the caller, like there was some type of struggle in progress. Also, the dispatcher may be able to tell you whether there are any outstanding warrants or Orders of Protection.

### Upon arrival

Though it is not always possible, two officers should respond to all domestics. Three officers would be even better, which would likely help you maintain the principle of mass. With three officers, if an arrest is made, two officers can control and handcuff the arrestee

while the third officer stays with the victim, keeping the situation safer.

Upon arrival, stop, look and listen. Pay attention to the environment. For example: Are there any dogs? Where are the doors? Can I see in a window? What do I hear coming from the residence? You may learn valuable information about the dispute, which can become evidence in your report. You may also realize that there are exigent circumstances, in which case you may decide to gain entry immediately. However, if there are no exigent circumstances, stand to the side of the door, knock loudly, and ask permission to enter. This is where it is important for officers to develop good verbal skills. It is always more professional to introduce yourself and your department. It's important to request to come inside (instead of demanding) and to provide context by explaining why you are there. Sometimes you will get compliance by explaining that you are just there to make sure everyone is okay and that you cannot leave until you have done so. For example, you might say: "Good evening, ma'am. I'm Officer Schlosser with the Rantoul Police Department. I am just here to make sure everyone is all right. I cannot leave until I am sure. May I step inside and chat with you? The sooner I can come in and chat with you, the sooner I will leave."

### Once inside

Once inside, be observant to your surroundings. Observe persons inside, look for weapons, and watch for pets. The first action to take is to separate the involved parties. If possible, do this so that the parties are not facing each other. At the same time, it is important that officers be able to see each other to ensure officer safety. Ask the parties if there is anyone else, any weapons, or any pets in the residence.

Once the parties have been separated, and once the scene appears safe, you and the other officer(s) on the scene should then interview the parties involved to determine what occurred prior to your arrival. You should do so from a safe distance, with hands above the waist and weapon side back.

You can then determine if there is probable cause to make an arrest. When arresting a suspect, as mentioned above, it would be safer if a third officer were on scene.

### Important information

Lastly, it is important to give and explain the Illinois Domestic Violence Act Rights form to the victim. Assist them in any way you can.

Important laws to know in regards to domestic disputes are:

- Illinois Domestic Violence Act (750 ILCS Act 60)
- Domestic Battery (5/12-3.2)
- Aggravated Domestic Battery (5/12-3 a-5)
- Violation of an Order of Protection (5/12-30)
- Unlawful Interference with the Reporting of Domestic Violence (5/12-6.3)
- Unlawful Restraint (5/10-3)
- Forcible Detention (5/10-4)
- Child Abduction (5/10-5)
- Unlawful Visitation Interference (5/10-5.5)
- Stalking (5/12-7.4)
- Aggravated Stalking (5/12-7.4)
- Vehicular Endangerment (5/12-2.5)

Remember: In policing, there is never a "routine" call or "routine" vehicle stop. Be safe! ♥

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Brian lost consciousness and had to be extracted from the vehicle. He shared this memory: "I was out and first woke up in the ambulance on the way to the hospital and then went out again." Brian continued with a humorous smirk, "I woke up at Northwestern and knew it was serious when Superintendent McCarthy and Mayor Emanuel showed up in my room." Now anyone who knows Brian knows there are not a lot of things that get Brian negative or shaken. He takes on life with vigor and overtones of humor which was instrumental in his journey; however the situation was indeed "serious."

As a result of the accident, Brian's injuries included: a right hip fracture; torn ligaments in his knee; two torn biceps; fractures in his right hand; tears in both shoulders and nerve damage in his neck. He has undergone five surgeries: hip; knee; both shoulders; right hand and has several pending surgeries. Brian spent two weeks in Northwestern Hospital, two weeks in the Rehab Institute of Chicago and was confined to a wheelchair for five months while doing therapy several times per week.

I asked Brian how things have been recently and in true Brian style, he replied with a huge smile on his face, "I am just excited to be alive. I had just gotten married before the accident and missed my honeymoon trip because of it. I have had great support from my wife, family, friends and the department. I am very fortunate and only by the grace

of God am I alive." Brian continued that he and his wife Laura just gave birth to a baby girl and he was very excited.

I then asked him what he reflects on during this time of the season and Brian responded, "I reflect on my thanks to be alive and for the great support. I reflect on how God gave me a chance to live and gave my blessed my wife and I with a beautiful baby girl." He continued: "I am also proud that I have had the opportunity to be a Chicago Police Officer. Very proud."

Brian's positive energy is incredibly addicting. He is upbeat and truly thankful. The lessons Brian teaches us all are ever apparent: Be thankful for life, thankful for family (both home and work), thankful for bases of support and most important, never take life and those we love for granted.

During this upcoming holiday season please take the time to be thankful for the things and people you love. Be positive, be good to yourself and good to each other. Never take for granted each day that God has given us. Stay Safe and God Bless You! ♥

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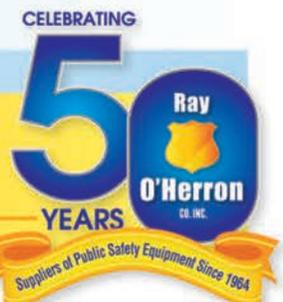
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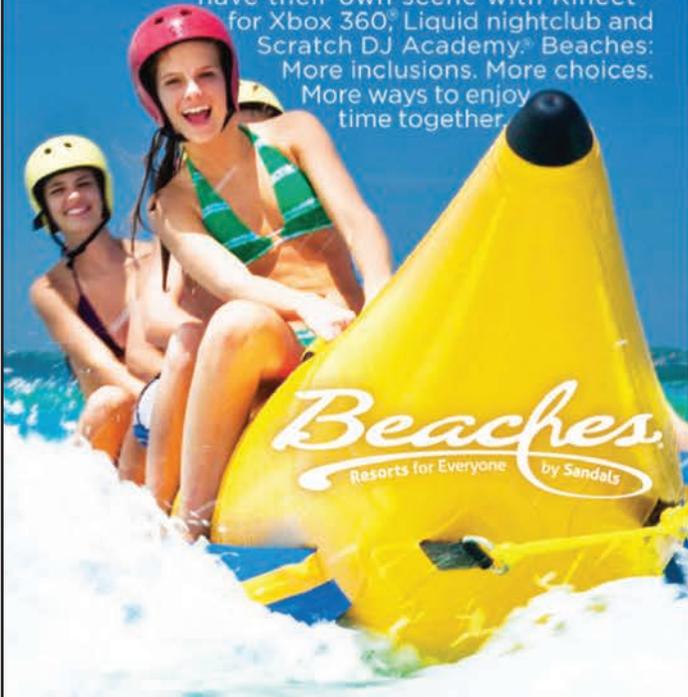
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■ BY JOSHUA SIGMUND

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So what is it about Jamaica that drives Janis Anne to recommend it so highly, especially to Sandals and Beaches resorts where she does most of her bookings?

"Once you sample the chocolate banana daiquiris to make sure they're perfectly chilled, put your feet in the sand to make sure it's the right softness, and see the perfect blue of the Caribbean, you'll understand," she visualized. "You can hear the sun sizzle into the sea when it sets."

Jamaica's "A One Love Rewards Program" serves as a dedicated training platform for the travel agent community to become experts on the destination. The program guides agents through vibrant, picturesque online pages that provide insider knowledge about the island. It also takes the travel agent community into the heart of the destination showcasing the island's rich history.

"The people have a warmth and humility and caring that you don't experience everywhere," Janis Anne added. "You get a smile and you get treated so wonderfully; everyone is so willing to share every part of their island. They have their hearts out instead of their hands."

The program's top 50 winners and their significant others receive an all-expense-paid trip to Jamaica at the end of the year paid for by the Jamaica Tourism Board.

"They are wined and dined and stay at one of the best hotels on the island," Bucknor teased. "Needless to say, it's a very competitive program."

So as the snow threatens to blanket Illinois for the foreseeable future, remember one thing:

"The climate is always perfect in Jamaica," Janis Anne proclaimed. ♥



Janis Anne hangs with her Sesame Street pals at Beaches Ocho Rios Golf and Spa Resort in Jamaica.



## ONE MORE THING

# A COP'S *Night Before Christmas*

*'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through my beat,  
The snow came down heavy  
Turning to sleet  
My thoughts were at home with my wife and my kids  
While surrounded I was by junkies and skids*

*Fortunately, air on the radio was slow;  
The cause? Perhaps an event two-thousand years ago  
A child was born, he split time in half;  
He grew up and died for my sins and my gaffes  
His promise was peace and joy to men of good will;  
Yet my work moves me to be cynical still*

*Then, I recalled a part of the story;  
It took the thugs that he saved to show up his glory  
The scoundrels, the thieves, the hookers and traitors,  
the liars, deniers,  
the lugs and naysayers, the drunks and the lowly,  
the sick and infirm;  
He cared for them all, none did he spurn  
The question was not "What do you earn?"  
But are you willing to change and the message, to learn  
It was really quite simple; love one another:  
Remember; my child that all are your brother*

*So when I claim to be an officer, do I know what it means?  
It suggests I am keeper of crackheads and thieves;  
I protect others from them and them from themselves  
And stand on the line between heaven and hell;  
Love the transgressor and hate the behavior  
I swore to defend the poor and the sick;  
For them all year round I resemble St. Nick  
Those that I view with disdain and askance;  
I must treat them most fairly to give justice a chance*

*And I wonder this night, am I up to this task?  
Am I humble enough for the grace that I ask?  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night. ♥*



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