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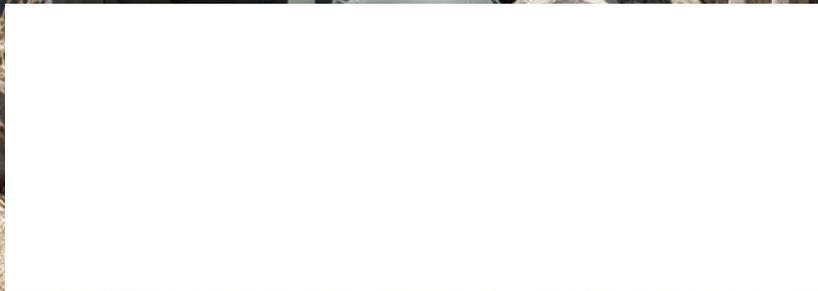
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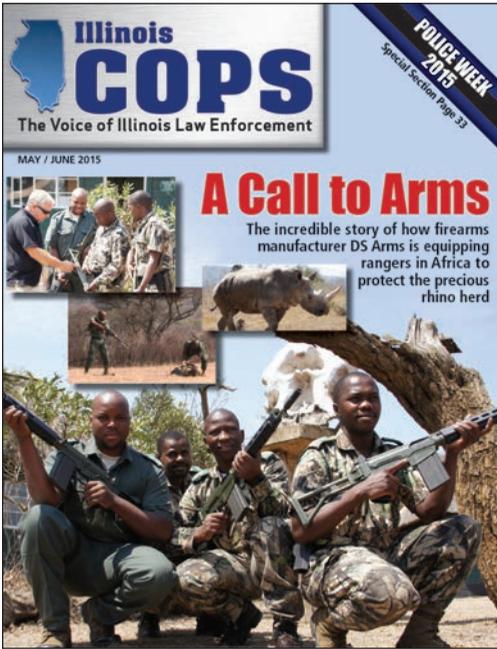
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A Hello to Arms

The rhino herd in Africa is endangered, being hunted by poachers supported by terrorists. Just like it has stepped up to serve police departments in Illinois, renowned firearms manufacturer DS Arms has come to the rescue. The story of how owner Dave Selvaggio has grown this business to serve those who serve and protect around the world has taken on a new chapter, an amazing effort to continue to equip law enforcement officers with the edge they need.

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June 5

Investigation of Domestic Violence

 Improve evidence collection skills of officers charged with responding to and investigating domestic violence cases. The more injuries and evidence available, the more detailed the collection of evidence becomes. Bloody clothing, weapons, furniture and other objects relevant to domestic violence investigations will be discussed. Other topics to be addressed include offender profiles, witness corroboration and written statements by children.

Event information

Niles Police Department
700 Touhy Niles
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Member Fee: FREE Non-Member: \$100.00
For information, visit www.nemrt.com.

June 25-26

Essentials of Community Cyber Security

 This four hour non-technical introduction explores cyber security in a community context and demonstrates how cyber-attacks can impact, prevent and/or stop business operations and emergency responses. This discussion-based course builds basic terminology, and identifies fundamental cyber threats, vulnerabilities and countermeasures that can impact an individual, organization and community.

Event Information

ILEAS Training Center
1701 East Main Street, Urbana
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: Free
For information, visit www.ileas.org.

August 18-19

Midwest Security and Police Conference/Expo

 Now in its 14th year, the Midwest Security & Police Conference/Expo brings together a two-day marketplace featuring state-of-the-art security and law enforcement products, technologies and services. The education and training program draws from the expertise of local, state and national agencies, along with other experts in security and law enforcement to create a packed itinerary.

Event information

Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park
Day 1: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Day 2: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost: FREE
For information, visit www.mspce.com

June 5

Collinsville FOP Lodge 103 23rd Annual Golf Outing

Arlington Greens Golf Course
200 Arlington Drive, Granite City
9 a.m. shotgun start
Cost: \$75 per person, four-person scramble
Golf, catered lunch and beverages are all included in the cost of the golf outing and space is limited to the first 36 paid teams. Three flights of cash prizes will be awarded throughout the day.
For information, visit www.ilfop.org.

June 5

John Reid Advanced Interviews and Interrogations

Aurora Police Department
1200 East Indian Trail, Aurora
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students examine the following stages of interrogation: the defiant stage, the neutral stage and the acceptance stage. Participants will also discuss the motivational needs of criminals and their influence on the following types of crimes: real need crimes, esteem need crimes, impulse crimes and lifestyle need crimes. This advanced seminar will address problem areas such as juvenile interrogation, interrogation on guilty knowledge, playing one suspect against another and interrogation on multiple crimes.

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June 6

Centralia FOP Lodge 229 5th Annual Golf Outing

Country Hills Golf Course
21723 Smoot Street, Greenview
9 a.m. shotgun start
Cost: \$65 per person

The cost includes golf fees, a cart, a t-shirt, refreshment, a meal and an after party at the clubhouse with DJ Scott Nolman. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded. For information, contact the Centralia Police Department.

June 6

Illinois Walk for Children

Southern View Park
3410 South 5th Street, Springfield
10 a.m.
Cost: \$15 to register, donations are encouraged

The Sixth Annual Illinois Walk for Children is a fundraiser for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois to help continue efforts providing child abuse prevention education throughout the state. There is a one-mile walk, followed by an old-fashioned carnival for children ages 12 and younger and a hot dog lunch.

June 7

Sleepy Hollow Police Department Presents Tip-A-Cop

Chili's, 901 West Main Street, West Dundee
2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Sleepy Hollow Police Department's "Tip-A-Cop" fundraiser raises money for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. For information, contact Jeff Fleck at JFleck@sleepyhollowil.org.

June 8

Pinegroe Grove Police Department Special Olympics Night

Culvers in Huntley
13240 State Road, Route 47, Huntley
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Pinegroe Grove Police Department and Culver's is teaming up to raise money for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

June 11

Troopers Lodge 41 District 11 2015 Golf Classic

Bell Park Golf Course
880 Bell Park Road, Wood River
8:30 a.m. shotgun start
Cost: \$75 per person, four-person scramble

All tickets include; green fees, cart, beverages and dinner following the round of golf.

June 12

DS Arms & Battle House Laser Combat's 2015 Law Enforcement Open House

DS Arms
27996 West Industrial Avenue, Lake Barrington
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Cost: FREE

Tour DS Arm's manufacturing facility, custom shop and new factory showroom where you can visit with firearm industry experts and suppliers. DS Arms will be offering a one-day law enforcement promo sale for all attending departments and officers. Promotion includes five percent discount off of law enforcement pricing on any firearm purchase plus a 10-percent discount off of any accessories with any firearm purchase on the day of the event only. This Open House includes a visit to Battle House training facility. For information, contact Lou Selvaggio at lou@dsarms.com.

June 12-14

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference & Installation

The Westin-Chicago North Shore
601 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago
Full Registration: \$360 per person

Register for the annual conference highlighted by keynote speaker Daniel Linskey, retired Superintendent-in-Chief of Boston Police. Presentation will take the audience on a leadership journey through the April 15, 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Breakout sessions include, "Use of Force Issues" and "Procedural Justice" among many more over the course of the weekend. For information, visit www.ilchiefs.org.

June 14

Third Annual River Grove Police FOP 59 5K River Grove

8:30 a.m.
Cost: \$30 entry fee, \$20 for children 12 and under

The River Grove Police FOP Lodge 59 gives all money raised through the event back to the communities through schools, PTA's, Little Leagues and other charitable organizations. The 5K race will include a flag ceremony and the donation of the flag to the River Park Moose Lodge. For information, call Sergeant Walter Wendel at 708-453-2123.

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Words from the Veep

Vice President Joe Biden spoke at the 2015 TOP COPS Awards Dinner on May 12 in Washington D.C. Vice President Biden has been a strong supporter of the nation's law enforcement officers, and has worked with the National Association of Police organizations during his time in office. Here are some of his more memorable comments.

To law enforcement families:

"And for the wives and husbands in the audience, one thing I've learned from my long, long acquaintance with law enforcement is that it takes a special person to marry a cop - a special person. As my mother, Jean Finnegan, would say, 'No purgatory for you, dear. None. Straight to heaven.'"

Cops' dedication:

"What a job. And what shape we'd be in as a nation if we didn't have you doing that job. We expect you to do everything. We expect you to be constitutional scholars. We expect you to have instantaneous reactions to a crisis without making any mistakes, without knowing what's behind that door, what's in that guy's pocket. And when you make a mistake, we come down on you like a ton of bricks. But you still do your job."

An officer's reality:

"I hope the families of the fallen take solace in the outpouring of love, affection, and gratitude that's on display today and back home. You now are locked in forever to this brotherhood and sisterhood, which you'd just as soon not be part of, but it's real - a brotherhood and sisterhood of law enforcement throughout the nation that will be there for you, for your children, for your family as long as you live."

Thank you:

"I challenge anyone to think of a group of women and men who had more courage, had such an intense sense of loyalty, than all of the officers that we honor today. You all are a rare breed. And thank God for you."



10 observations EVERY cop makes

1. You can't talk your way out of a ticket. Lots of people talk themselves into one.
2. We know you had more than two beers.
3. Arguing with me here will not go well for you. Arguments are for courtrooms, where you can make any statements and ask me any questions you want. Out here, I win all the arguments.
4. We really don't care how many FOP, State Sheriffs Association or 11-99 Foundation stickers you buy for your car. If you deserve the ticket, you're getting it.
5. Yes, you do pay my salary. Today's obligation can be calculated by the following formula: (Amount you pay annually in state, county, or city taxes/365) x (Fraction of budget allocated for law enforcement/Number of employees in my organization)
6. I'd be happy to give you a refund. Do you have change for a penny?
7. We are not armed, uniformed scribes. If someone has threatened, insulted, or otherwise vexed you in some non-criminal way and you want it put on record, write it down, take it to a notary public, and sign it in their presence. Poof, you have a record.
8. There probably are teenagers who can handle alcohol responsibly outside the direct supervision of an adult. We never run into them, though.
9. You are in _____. We don't care how they do it in _____.
10. Yes, you very well may see me in court. I get paid overtime to be there, win or lose.

Blue Light Bill Passes

The National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chuck Canterbury, applauded the Senate for passing the "Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act," by unanimous consent.

"This bill is a key piece of the FOP's Officer Safety Agenda," Canterbury said. "Immediately after it was favorably passed by the Judiciary Committee we began working with Senate offices to get the bill to the floor and

pass it. Today, we saw the success of that effort."

The legislation provides for local, regional, and national dissemination of time-sensitive information that would help apprehend a suspect accused of killing, kidnapping, seriously wounding, or who may pose an imminent and credible threat to a law enforcement officer. It will go to the House for further consideration.



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What drives me – character or power?



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Justice is written in the human heart and its violation is felt immediately. It's the source of the problems facing law enforcement. When people believe it is violated, anger, fear, vengeance, disgust and hate fill a person's mind and heart. Remember something that stirred those feelings in you and chances are it stemmed from injustice.

A three year old cannot define justice; however, she knows when it is violated relative to her. Pass out unequal sized candy bags at a party of three year olds and watch the looks on their faces. Ask one with a smaller bag if something is wrong. The answer is likely, "His bag is bigger." They cannot explain the source of their hurt; they just know something is unfair. A person with power over me treated me unfairly. It hurts and causes anger. In communities where police leadership treats officers fairly and demands the community be treated the same, the race baiters, fomenters of hate and much of the media would be hard-pressed to stir a populace to rioting.

We cannot control what others do. The only thing we control is our behavior and that entails understanding how our granted powers tempt us to treat those we serve less than human. In agencies this should start with how leadership treats us; yet the number one complaint of police officers is unfair treatment from administrations.

Think of the best boss you've had and list three qualities that made them great. In class and workshops, justice (fairness) takes the lead on most lists. Injustice leads to a feeling of betrayal by those in power. They are supposed to care for us and that concern and fairness ought to flow through us to the people we serve. In our agencies, typical injustices include: unfair distribution of resources, favorites getting perks, plum assignments, political promotions, credit taken for good work of charges, and awards for some but not others doing similar or better work. If we are not careful, the frustration this causes rears its ugly head in unfair treatment of citizens. It's like kicking your cat because you had a lousy day at work.

Justice demands specific standards be followed. Which do you use to govern your behavior? Dr. Kevin Gilmartin lists "sense of victimization" as number one in his "Continuum of Compromise," the template for how cops go bad and destroy themselves. It starts with a feeling of betrayal caused by a power-holder violating justice. This occurs in police boss/subordinate relationships or officer/citizen contacts. In either case, feelings of hurt and anger are justification for abusing power.

You've read this in these writings before; the laws governing human behavior are as concrete as those governing nature and the planets. One of the human behavior laws is: people want respect and fairness in human transactions.

Most citizens will accept tickets and arrest without incident when they feel treated fairly and with respect. Respectful treatment simply means professional concern by cordial, firm talk and an explanation of the situation. Easier said than done. Make no mistake, we can use all the professional language in the world and technically be within the law, but if our real disposition is one of condescension, superiority and maybe hate toward a person, seldom is it hidden. It leaks in body language, tone of voice, countenance and is understood by the other. This, by the way, diminishes officer safety.

Some officers arrest and give tickets and the subjects of their enforcement respect the officer more. Further, it is not uncommon for those officers to be thanked by arrestees and occasionally receive a letter of commendation from a citizen who received a ticket. How does that work?

Police trainer Gary Klugiewicz holds a class on gaining respect in citizen contacts and how officer safety increases when citizens feel professional concern and respect displayed by an officer. It is hard to hurt someone you respect.

The problem we face is that we don't have to be respectful to stay within the law because we have power; citizens don't. "Do what I say, or else!" I can use force; I know how to write it up and frankly, I often find it quite pleasurable. I am backed by the full force of government, the only entity legally allowed to use force to generate compliance. That is a heady brew that intoxicates many in our profession and leads us to write checks that our power can't cash.

What many of us never consider is that not using power the way it was intended bleeds into our lives threatening our health, loved ones and financial security. This country was founded on the idea that man is more important than government and our founders did their best to create a system where respect for the person was foremost. Police power is intended to protect not only citizens from one another, but to protect them also from the government that employs us.

Despite the seeming climate of hate for police today, we can thrive if we develop the fairness and respect intended by our Founding Fathers who simply understood the laws governing human nature. Fairness, justice, respect, professional concern; these are ideals we may wish to compare to our behavior.

Continue your good works. ♥

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What's in your press release?



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The press release and Bears quarterback Jay Cutler have more in common than you might think.

Both are much-maligned and disliked by many, but both play an undeniably important role in their respective worlds.

Cutler, well, what can you say about him? There are only 32 starting quarterbacks in the NFL. He earned his spot. The question has become whether he can deliver in a way that justifies his salary.

With press releases, especially those generated by police, the same question can be asked: Do they provide the right value to the media and public?

The press release is the most common way to spread information equitably to multiple members of the media all at one when news is breaking. Nothing new there. The press release might not show up on a curled up piece of fax paper these days, but very little has changed over the years in its form and delivery.

What hasn't been consistent for as long as I've been around is the timing and substance of the press release. Reporters hate nothing more than to be strung along for hours with the promise of a release only to have it show up with very little information.

Talk about needing a Snickers Bar to alleviate news-room crankiness.

What reporters consider to be a simple task – put details of a crime or investigation into a statement and email it off to media inboxes – isn't that easy for cops. Law enforcement officers have to consider a lot before putting information into the public. The investigation might be ongoing. An incident took place, but no one has been arrested yet. The case might have complexities which would be hard to explain in writing. There is seemingly no limit to the considerations that must be made before an agency issues a release. Most members of the media get all of that.

So why does it become such a chore? The press release, especially in smaller departments without a PIO, is often low priority on the department's radar after, you know, actually doing the police work the media wants to know about.

Fair enough.

Making this a less-arduous task can start by simply realizing a press release should be part of the process, not an afterthought. Determine your capacity for doing releases and then consistently do them.

Get in and get out quick. Explain what your officers did, what resulted and what, if anything, it means to the public. If it takes more than a page to explain something, you might need to have a press conference.

Have the chief provide a comment that adds value, not something boilerplate and hokey. Everyone already knows the top cop thinks crime is bad for the community, so include something relevant to the topic at hand. If the breaking news is a fatal DUI crash, have the chief provide a comment with context about DUI arrests or the department's efforts to curb drunk driving. A supplied quote of that nature is more likely to be used by a reporter than something general.

Set a deadline to put a release in the hands of reporters, stick to it and then let them know when they can expect to hear from you again. And, please don't send out a statement at 5 p.m. and then not answer your phone the rest of the night.

Some other basics to remember:

If there has been an arrest, the fundamentals of who was charged and with what offense are a requirement, just as they are in simple blotter items. Also, expect phone calls no matter what you put in the release. Good reporters will always have follow-up questions. Others in the media might just call to get audio or, unfortunately, ask you to explain what's already in the statement.

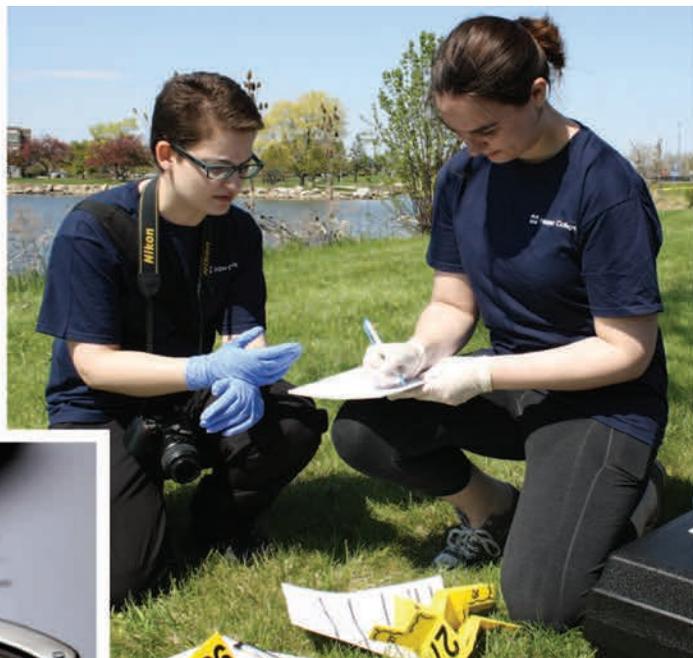
You might be thinking to yourself that all anyone does these days is publish your press releases without any changes. It's true. It happens too often, if you ask me.

If newspapers are just reprinting your release or TV/radio is reading it verbatim, then shouldn't your information say exactly what, and as much, as you want it to say?

Giving the media the content it wants doesn't mean you have to compromise your standards. ♥

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TACTICAL ADVANTAGES



Najera calls in the discovery of a bloody suitcase.

Keeping it 'Real'

New CJ facilities at Harper College facilitate real-world training opportunities

■ BY DAN CAMPANA
■ PHOTOS BY JAMES PINTO

The calm and quiet of Harper College's campus on a Saturday befit the peacefulness of a mild May morning with a cloudless sky and slight breeze.

That changed quickly for "Officer" Rocky Najera when a student flagged him down to report a suspicious person dragging a suitcase toward a pond near the school's observatory. Najera calmly gathered information and then approached the shoreline where he spotted a shoe and a bloodied piece of luggage. Najera jumped on the radio to ask for a dive team. "We might have a body in the water," he explained.

Najera, a 21-year-old Harper student from Streamwood, isn't actually a police officer – at least not yet – and the woman's body was actually a mannequin that has suffered many deaths. Najera is in his third year at the Palatine-based college, where he is studying public safety.

But, on this day, he played the role of cop as one of several dozen participants in the school's large-scale, hands-on practical exercise that brought together educators, public safety professionals and students studying in multiple disciplines – law enforcement, forensics, emergency management and fire science. The training put a spotlight on the program's revamped facility, opened in January, which has created new learning opportunities in realistic settings, including a radio dispatch room and a dedicated forensic classroom with "apartment" setup, as well as a rooms designed specifically for students in classes on

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fire, emergency response and even self-defense and a firearms simulator.

"Our programs are built on hands-on experience," explained Wayne Johnson, an associate professor and coordinator for Harper's Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Forensic Science programs. "I don't think we've ever done it on this scale."

Johnson has been with Harper for eight years as part of a 40-year career in law enforcement that included working for the Chicago Police Department. He's proud to have seen the growth of Harper's offerings, as well as its footprint in Building H on campus.

"We're not really instructors, we're like FTOs. We're training what we did," said Adjunct Professor Mike Smith, who spent 32 years with the Schaumburg Police Department and has taught at Harper since 1993.

'You Guys Are Running This'

And, on this particular day, the students were doing as their instructors did on the job. Wearing color-coded shirts, students and volunteers were divided up into teams reflecting their area of study focus. Under the watchful eye of instructors, such as Johnson and Smith, the students had full charge to respond to, and investigate, a crime that touched multiple parts of campus.

Following six months of planning, the call finally came in: A student became concerned by the sounds of a fight in the room next door to hers – the forensic classroom's apartment - so she contacted campus police. An officer – designated by a light blue t-shirt – arrived to find blood on the neighbor's door. Once inside, he radioed in for a detective and evidence technicians because, as he put it, “there's blood everywhere.”

This began a mini-journey around campus to solve a young woman's disappearance. Smith's team of forensic students led by third-year student Sarah Kelly arrived at the apartment to begin the search for clues. They tiptoed around the blood-spattered kitchen, dropping evidence markers near a small kitchen knife and a shoe sitting oddly on a bottom shelf.

Kelly, a 20-year-old from Elk Grove Village, observed the blood pattern on the floor has a noticeable void, as if something was lying there. Red marks on a rug similar to wheel tracks are also detected by the evidence techs.

As the students do their work, Smith and Johnson stand nearby to explain the basics of processing a scene. Smith also instructs students as they photograph, measure and package items, and emphasized an earlier command: “You guys are running this.”

Down the hall, a command center has been activated. Role-playing students assumed the responsibilities of a police chief, emergency management coordinator and other key figures when a major event hits campus. They monitored scanner traffic and discussed which campus authorities need to be at the ready. Instructor Ted Matuszewski broke a lull in the room by pointing to the police chief standing over a scale-model of the campus and sternly asking, “What do we got going right now?” Matuszewski encouraged the students to assess the moment, but anticipate what might come next – what other services might be activated? What information can be released across campus?

A few minutes later near the observatory, Najera exits a police car to speak with the student alongside the road. His call of a possible body triggers a response from evidence techs, but also fire science students who would eventually work alongside Hoffman Estates and Palatine fire department divers in a water search for the body.

The outdoor scene proved to be the most complex of the day, which brought a smile to Johnson's face, as well as praise from Palatine Deputy Police Chief Brad Grossman.

“To see the students take it seriously, I'm very impressed,” Grossman, a 27-year police veteran, said. “The first thing I thought about was the practical experience” the students receive through the exercise.

Grossman watched Najera's handling of his role and complimented him for being thorough in his questions, as well as how he relayed information to the responding detective. Najera, in turn, understood the big picture of being involved in the exercise.

“It's not going to get much more real than



Students and organizers of the Harper College Law Enforcement training exercise gather for a briefing before the May 2 event.



Forensics students Sarah Kelly, left, and Alison Ali, process the initial scene of a young woman's disappearance during the training exercise.



this,” Najera explained, calling it a “privilege” to be in the key role of a first responder to a scene. “You should be able to have fun with school. Not all programs have that.”

Keeping It Real

As the “body” was pulled from the water and more evidence processing – the shoe, a footprint, the bloody suitcase – took place, the training shifted to its final location. Staged behind a garage area was the suspect, another oft-battered mannequin, dead next to a four-door car. Kelly and other forensic team members began their work once again, as did student investigators who had their final piece to the three-hour training mystery.

“These things take time,” Johnson said of how the exercise gave everyone a feel for an initial investigation's pace. “It was probably good that it went slow.”

Kelly, who had one of the most active roles throughout the day, walked away pleased with all that went on. She and other forensic students even posed around the suspect's car as the day wound down.

“It was a really good experience and a more realistic crime scene than we see in the classroom,” she submitted.

Echoing the thoughts of many, Kelly values the fact she's learning from teachers who are “hands on and cops themselves.”

As the law enforcement program has grown – forensics, for instance, had only an introductory course when Smith arrived; it has now “blossomed” into four levels, he said – that's the type of response Johnson values.

He said the program is designed to give students skills and certifications they can apply in



Student investigators work the scene where a suspect in the training exercise was found dead.

the real world, so who better than law enforcement professionals to provide the guidance through curriculum that meets state standards. Whether it be a future in police work, corrections, as a parole officer or even in the security industry, Johnson believes the diversity of options created through Harper is one of its strongest components. The new facility has only bolstered that approach.

“It was a real commitment by the college to give us a state of the art facility. We are going to use these facilities to the utmost,” Johnson said, adding more training exercises of this type are on the horizon. “We're preparing people for the field. This is all very practical.” ❤️



A call to Arms

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To fully acknowledge the contribution D.S. Arms has made to serving and protecting, follow their leaders an hour into the bush county of South Africa. Zulu rangers are patrolling the terrain, searching for poachers seeking to scalp horns from the dwindling population of rhinoceros and leave them bloody and suffering. Each horn can be sold for up to \$1 million, money that is often funneled to finance terrorist organizations.

Only the FAL 7.62 tactical rifles and expertise that the noted firearms innovator from Lake Barrington has provided the past few years gives these rangers a tactical advantage against the military-trained poachers. The Zulus have taken out several poachers already, and, with DSA planning to add to the to add additional units to the previously delivered to the South African Kenyan law enforcers, there is a great chance at preserving the less than 1,000 rhinos still alive.

The rhino preservation mission means the world to DS Arms owner and founder Dave Selvaggio. With the guidance of DSA Training Director Daniel Lombard, a former South African cop and cur-



rent Chicago police officer, and General Manager Mark Christensen, this quest has grown the company's commitment to serving those who serve and protect in Illinois and throughout the world to an unparalleled dedication.

That intensity will advance the mission into other countries in need, and even ultimately lead to a network television documentary that will truly raise the awareness. But it also accentuates the D.S. Arms build-it-one-gun-at-a-time allegiance that makes the job about so much more than selling firearms. D.S. Arms knows that operators' lives, and those of endangered species, are on the line.

"Certainly there's a marketing opportunity to promote our brand," Lombard confirms. "But here's a gun company trying to do something good, and you don't find that in the gun industry. Why do we need semi-automatic rifles? Why do we need people in America making guns? Here's why. And it's a great reason."

When Selvaggio first met the end users and saw their requirements, he didn't know the extent of the situation until the rangers showed him the bloody details. But an instinct, indeed a savvy developed since he first started buying and selling firearms more than 30 years ago, has made D.S. Arms a vital partner for law enforcement in Illinois and worldwide.

The latest manifestation of the D.S. Arms service is a wondrous showroom that opened this year on its Lake Barrington campus, where agencies, tactical units and individual cops can get the hands-on experience that is quintessential to the business practice. Clearly, the propensity to design, machine, fabricate, shape, mold, detail paint, inspect and further customize each and every gun DSA delivers leads to going to extremes. This is a company that has tested the durability of its products by blowing up its FAL with C4 to ensure it can take a blast and continue to last.

"When you look at firearms, and especially rifles, it's hard to say this is the best or one size fits all," Selvaggio explains. "The trend has been toward custom-building, so you're seeing a lot of manufacturers going in that direction who were previously focused on cookie-cutter production. But we've been doing it so long that it's normal for us."

In Arm's Way

The new showroom makes a visit to the D.S. Arms facility like touring the Heineken factory; after seeing all the equipment and expert craftsmanship you get to taste the beer. Russ Mallek, the showroom manager and chief tour guide, constantly moves the displays around so every time customers walk in they get a new and unique experience.

These are the nuances that fuel the what-we-do-differently spirit that drives DSA. Mallek begins the tour by showing the rifle he built for himself. "I picked out every piece and built it one piece at a time," he explains. As he imparts details, Mallek also reveals that he acquired his vast knowledge of gunsmithing, "little by little; by asking questions every day." D.S. Arms has built both guns and the business to serve individuals, dealers, gun shops, distributors, law enforcement agencies, the U.S. military and foreign military and police agencies the same way.

"What we find most rewarding is to never stop, to constantly keep it growing," Christensen confides. "You have to let go of how you did things in the past so you can grow sometimes, and we feel we're good at that. We're constantly looking at new products and new markets and servicing the growth. Markets are constantly in motion and you have to move with them. Looking at new products, new markets and servicing the growth is part of it."

Christensen can show the latest product or ammunition innovation, but the sales pitch always culminates with emphasizing the lifetime warranty that comes with every firearm sold. It doesn't matter if the piece has changed owners 10 times; D.S. Arms stands by its parts and craftsmanship that much.

Sure, the passion goes into building the rifles that have made DS Arms an industry leader. But it comes out with a goal to make sure not to put the wrong gun on the street. As a result, each product is tested by a human firing 30 rounds. Additionally, DSA is ISO 9000-certified, which is one of the highest ratings of quality given by the American Society of Quality, and has met the standards to make firearms for the U.S. Military.

It seems obvious that the passion has continued to grow from

when Selvaggio first started buying and reselling surplus to actually manufacturing complete systems. Today, the Lake Barrington “plant” houses millions of dollars’ worth of gun-making and inspection equipment he has purchased.

DSA manufactures the FN FAL 7.62mm rifle system in the U.S. utilizing new tooling, improved materials and modernized processes. In addition, DSA produces the M16 series rifle and components for OEM customers and is a noted specialist in U.S. and foreign small arms weapon systems up to .50 caliber.

“We’re trying to give end-users more options, especially the end-user that doesn’t have large amounts of money to purchase a new firearm system. This has many end-users opting to modernize legacy systems such as FALs, M16’s, M14’s, G3, AK47’s,” Selvaggio reports. “User-familiarity is a big thing; we’ve seen it around the world. The modernization of a legacy system for which an agency already has the training protocols, familiarity, a reliable track record and the spare parts can be of great value as opposed to having to buy a new system. These are programs we pursue.”

For sure, the passion has made DSA an industry leader and an industry superstar. The company has been featured on the Outdoor Channel’s “Shooting Gallery” four times, the “Firepower” series on the TV Guide Channel and “Tactical TV” on The Sportsman’s Channel.

Up in Arms

From NASA to Toyota to LEGO, access to the building and development is guarded by a keypad with a code that changes when security clearance needs to be increased. The D.S. Arms “plant” is similarly secured, though there aren’t really any secrets behind these closed doors other than that the time and effort put into the manufacturing process knows no limits.

Ironically, Mallek’s key code fails to open the doors as this tour begins. This is probably a sign that a new U.S. contract has recently come in, and once the doors are opened it’s a bit like walking into Charlie’s Chocolate Factory.

A look inside doesn’t put state secrets at risk. Rather, it’s a chance to witness the customs behind the customization and customer service:

The central gathering place is known as “Billy’s Cage,” where long-time master gunsmith Billy Sparks houses all the rifles currently in various stages of being built. The cage goes on for racks and racks, double-stacked.



Among the Multi-Spindle Automatic Screw machines and 3 Axis Turning Center, equipped with 12-station Turret and Programmable Tailstock are a series of mills, drills, lathes and chuckers, thread rollers, grinder/sanders, specialty equipment, finishing equipment, compressors and inspection equipment. DSA buys the raw materials to build the firearms and puts them through all of the above.

“What makes us different is that we own the tools to make the parts,” Mallek says. “The owner is very big on owning the equipment. It goes a long way toward quality control.”

But wait, there’s more to see (and learn).

Once the parts are made, they are hand-assembled by one person. Actually, one might build the front assembly and another the back assembly, and that merely doubles the expertise going into each product. A technician can spend up to eight hours building one receiver. It all leads to another entry in the what-we-do-different department: every gun is hand-fit and fine-tuned.

The finishing process concludes at a machine that handles the paint job. Every gun gets a custom paint job, and there are hundreds of colors. There’s even an option for tiger stripes.

D.S. Arms uses Duracoat and Ceracoat products depending on the customer and finish desired. A final test-fire and quality inspection is then performed.

With so much work that goes into making and servicing the AR15 and M16 rifle versions for military and law enforcement, D.S. Arms continues to offer a lifetime warranty. DSA’s pièce de résistance is the FAL, for which so much is put into and topped off with testing that has included dropping it in a lake and letting it sit overnight, dragging it behind a truck, mud tests, freezing it, and blowing it up with binary explosives. And that leads to a definitive output.

“For the M16, there are now many assemblers but that doesn’t mean they are manufacturers,” Mallek submits. “We actually manufacture a large portion of the firearm and we build a good quality product that customers will come back for.”

“With the FAL, we are the name in the game. We make the Bentley, the Rolls Royce.”

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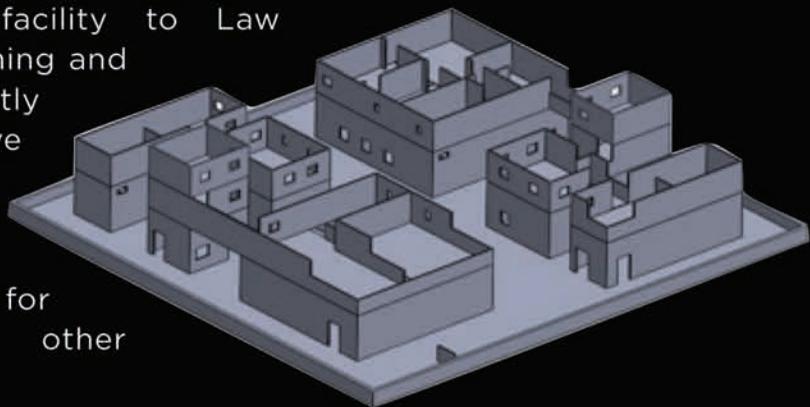


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D.S. Arms manufactures. The showroom also features all major name-brand manufacturers of handguns and long arms.

"It highlights the variety of customization we can do," Mallek asserts. "We're creating an experience."

Christensen or Mallek or any other member of the DSA team – every DSA team member sells – will sit down with a police department, show officers a base rifle and walk them through it part by part. Law Enforcement has gravitated to the showroom because it exudes the gun culture they live in, and it reinforces the tactics cops need in this day and age of law enforcement.

At D.S. Arms, they seem to know where you are coming from.

"The law-enforcement mindset is a protect-and-serve mindset, and that protection can come with many factors, sometimes deadly force," says Christensen, whose many years in the business include working with H&K law enforcement products and being a law enforcement demonstrator for Glock. "They have to worry about collateral damage, and that has made it more viable to put rifles on the street. Agencies want them because they have the precision to limit the collateral damage and stop the threat."

DSA's M4 has been a rifle of choice for law enforcement because of its military history and because it's lightweight, maneuverable, easy to reload and has low recoil. Actually, though, DSA sells as many duty weapons as rifles to its law enforcement clientele, and the showroom was opened as a tool to serve cops. But it's more than a place to show the vast array of products and dissect weapons all the way down to the gas block.

The experience is all about getting hands on the guns and service law enforcement officers' desire to know the reasons behind every application. Selvaggio asks that cops who come in take their time



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to put their hands on the products and try them out, because until you've shot it, you just don't know. There are many options, and opinions vary depending on what options customers are exposed to and prefer.

"They know our products are good, but we have to know how to put the right package together for the officer," Christensen adds. "Because of active shooter incidents, terrorist threats and other challenges, we need to make sure they know they have the right stuff at the right time. We know they depend on their equipment and that it's good and it's ready."

So that's the mission, and the mission is the method. The D.S. Arms story is, and always will be, about dedication to law enforcement, dedication to serving those who serve and protect. In Illinois and South Africa, and, really, around the world. ❤

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NLEFIA brings new tactics to firearms instructors

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

Working the floor at the annual ILEETA conference in Wheeling, Jason Wuestenberg showed a burst of energy every time someone approached.

As the executive director of the recently launched National Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors Association, Wuestenberg couldn't wait to talk about the new organization and encourage officers to consider a membership.

His passion for, and experience with, the subject, not to mention the adrenaline of a busy 2015, have helped put NLEFIA well on its way to securing 700 members this year.

"I'm looking for everyone in every state," Wuestenberg said during a brief moment away from the ILEETA crowds.

NLEFIA's motto describes the organization as a place for firearms instructors to learn more and for veteran trainers to give back. Wuestenberg exemplifies the mission. After spending four years in the Army in the early 1990s, he joined the police department in Phoenix, Arizona, where he has worked the past 20 years.

Wuestenberg, currently a sergeant, earned his certification in 1997, and in 2000 became the department's youngest full-time instructor in its firearms training unit.

He spent the next five years training recruits and sworn personnel on handguns, shotguns, rifles and other tactical weapons, as well as developing a shoot house training program and certification course.

After a few years working in tactics and then handling duties as a patrol sergeant, Wuestenberg returned to the firearms training unit in 2010 in the rifle training squad, which has a total of four instructors working with approximately 380 officers.

In 2012, Wuestenberg started the Arizona Law Enforcement Rifle Instructor Symposium, a three-day program designed to bring in top trainers to talk methodology, equipment, drills, curriculum and more in ways that would benefit agencies across Arizona.

Listening to Wuestenberg discuss NLEFIA's birth, it becomes easy to see how increased communication among firearms instructors is a common thread within the symposium's design and the new organization's goals.

"I started this organization to fill some gaps that were open for firearms instructors nationally," said Wuestenberg, who was born in Moline.

NLEFIA is advocating, among other things, developing a forum for information sharing and rolling out mobile training opportunities. Wuestenberg preaches "creativity and innovation" as the ways to get the most out of firearms training.

"Our job is not to push technique," he said.

The flagship training is a three-day advanced firearms instructor course that Wuestenberg believes goes deeper than other programs. The mobile aspect – meaning it goes wherever it is



NLEFIA Executive Director Jason Wuestenberg, with his Melissa, at the ILEETA Conference in Wheeling.

requested – remains a key benefit. Training courses are already slated for New York, Texas and Pennsylvania later this year. An annual conference is on the radar among future plans for NLEFIA, he added.

NLEFIA currently has six core instructors with another 15 going through the evaluation process.

"We're looking for a specific type of instructor," Wuestenberg said, noting his expertise and passion for the work that keeps him involved in personally leading training.

Although Wuestenberg serves as the face of NLEFIA at events ranging from ILEETA to sniper week in Florida, he credits an experienced board of advisers for supporting the organization's mission.

"Our board of directors is made up of some of the top trainers in the nation," he said. "I'm just the guy trying to make the day to day work."

For now, that means growing the organization online and in person. Wuestenberg said NLEFIA will have a presence at the National Tactical Officer's Association conference later this year.

For more information, visit NLEFIA.org. Membership is \$50 per year for law enforcement officers. ♥

Proper Use of Force:

A mix of education, training, experience and common sense



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Law enforcement officers begin their use of force training at the police academy. However, I would argue that their ability to use proper force starts long before this.

We definitely want to recruit officers that are intelligent, physically fit, brave and compassionate, but one of the most important characteristics of a good police officer is common sense. Some of the best officers I have had the honor to work with have no more than a high school education. Regardless, these officers had all of the aforementioned attributes and excelled in common sense and emotional intelligence. They were able to relate to people and, most of the time, make an arrest without using any force at all, only doing so when necessary and reasonable. This is not to say that officers with a higher level of education are inferior; the point is that an officer can excel regardless of his or her level of education.

The most important skill an officer has is the ability to talk to people. Most arrestees will comply if treated and spoken to properly and with respect. This makes the tactics simple: talk the subject into a cuffing position and then place them in handcuffs. Remember, a cooperative person is not necessarily a polite or respectful person. Therefore, even if an arrestee is cussing at the officer and calling them every name in the book, providing they are complying with every request they should be deemed cooperative and no physical force should be necessary.

If an arrestee is a true passive resister, then they are simply not doing what the officer is asking or telling them to do, albeit without physically resisting. Therefore, the officer should do for that person the action they are not doing. For example, the officer should place the arrestee into either a standing or prone cuffing position and then place them in cuffs.

If a subject is actively resisting, then this is somewhat more complicated, although it does not need to be so. Officers should take into consideration the basic tenets of the 1989 case of *Graham v. Connor*: (1) reasonable and necessary; (2) reasonable officer; (3) totality of circumstances, which includes the severity of the crime; (4) officer's perception at that moment; and (5) no 20/20 hindsight vision, knowing that circumstances evolve quickly and officers have to make split-second decisions.

Circumstances can include the following: age, size and gender of suspect or officer; number of officers or suspects present; history of suspect (if known); what is being said by the suspect; any weapons involved; crime being arrested for; and surroundings.

Obviously, the more resistance officers meet, the more force they can use. The goal is to control the subject whilst standing, since the situation becomes significantly more dangerous once the fight goes to the ground. Even if the officer is a good ground fighter, once on the ground, all the tools available to the officer

(handgun, pepper spray, Taser, etc.) also become available to the arrestee. However, if the subject cannot be controlled while standing, then the officer has three options: 1) disengage and get to another tool; 2) take the subject to the ground; or 3) retreat.

For example, a scenario involving a six-foot-six-inch aggressive, intoxicated and athletic male resisting arrest would fall into the active resister level. However, so would a four-foot-ten-inch elderly female resisting arrest while holding on to her walker. It is common sense that the type and amount of force used in these two different scenarios would be very different, but although these two examples are extreme, they serve to remind us that discretion and common sense must be used when facing active resisters since not all tactics and techniques are applicable to every situation.

Deadly force can be defined as an action that is likely to cause death or great bodily harm. In 1985's *Tennessee v. Garner*, it states, "Where the officer has probable cause to believe the suspect poses a threat of serious harm, either to the officer or to others, it is not constitutionally unreasonable to prevent escape by using deadly force." In this situation, based on the officer's perception at that moment of the totality of the circumstances, the officer's goal is to stop the threat. However, it is important to emphasize that the goal is not to kill the assailant but simply to stop the threat, which may as a consequence involve the death of the assailant.

It is the responsibility of the police academies to provide the education necessary to understand proper use of force versus excessive use of force. However, it is also the responsibility of the academy to provide an adequate number of scenarios (with role players) to give a new officer as much experience as necessary before going to their Field Training Officer. It is the philosophy of the University of Illinois Police Training Institute to combine classroom instruction with dozens of real-life scenarios throughout the 12 weeks to better prepare officers for solo patrol. This includes shoot-don't-shoot scenarios, and each recruit will have experienced (on the mats) more than 100 mini-scenarios of resisting subjects by the time they complete the program.

Officers receive training and gain experience in the academy, with the FTO, and while on solo patrol. When combined with common sense, this will allow officers to make the best decision necessary to ensure control and the safety of all. Afterward, it is up to the departments to continue educating and training, including a scenario-based training regimen to ensure that officers are prepared to properly meet force. ♥

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Casstevens

Buffalo Grove chief making a run at IACP office

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

The deadline to announce candidacy for International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Fourth Vice President hits the third week of June 2015. So far, Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steve Casstevens is the only candidate to make a run.

Any candidates considering a run might find themselves struggling to keep up with this 37-year, highly decorated law enforcement crusader. Casstevens has been on the campaign trail for nearly nine months now and has secured endorsements from chiefs' associations in Texas, California, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Florida, among several other states. He is the preferred candidate of was fielded as a candidate by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, and his candidacy, was more than two years in the planning.

"When I travel around the country, the first question I'm asked is why are you running, and the second is what is your platform," Casstevens relates. "I'm not going to come up with three or four topics and say, 'Well, if I am elected, I am going to do this.' 'I tell them that my job is twofold - serving the leaders of today and developing the leaders of tomorrow - which is the tagline for the IACP. I tell them I want to know what keeps them awake at night, and those are the issues we should be handling on a global level."

The list of Casstevens' qualifications to become IACP Fourth VP and begin the five-year progression to president is long and distinguished. But his forward thinking is perhaps what makes him most suited for fulfilling the IACP mission of serving the leaders of today and developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Capping off 30 years of service to the Hoffman Estates Police Department as Deputy Chief helped Casstevens develop his progressive approach to being a law enforcement executive. He begins this perspective by asserting that the chief's job is not about arresting the bad guys, but protecting those who are catching the criminals.

"I have always thought law enforcement needs three things to do the job: tools, knowledge and desire," he continues. "My job as chief is to make sure you have the best equipment so you have the tools and the best training so you have the knowledge. And it's the officer's job to bring the desire."

As a long-time advisor to the Judson University Criminal Justice program, the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and Northeast Multi-Regional Training, Casstevens has ascertained some practical solutions to the resource challenges all departments face these days. He contends that the rhetoric about doing more with less is just that - rhetoric.

"We're not being asked to do more with less; we're being asked to do the same with less," he submits. "We have to step back and look at how we were doing police work 20 years ago. We need to get back to core services and really look at what type of services our community expects of us."

A recipient of the President's Award from the Illinois Association of Chiefs and Police, the Cook County Medal of Honor and the prestigious J. Stannard Baker Award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Casstevens has a definitive opinion about dealing with the biggest challenge currently plaguing law enforce-



ment. He believes that the public and media bashing of cops can be combatted, if not eradicated, by becoming as pro-active in storytelling as law enforcement is in crime prevention.

"What we have not been good at is marketing our profession," he asserts. "We need to talk about our successes. If we don't, who will?"

To do so, he adds, law enforcement must overcome its fear of using social media or what Casstevens calls the "hashtag media."

"The hashtag media is out there telling our story and shame on us if we're not doing it. We need to follow the example of the Boston PD after the marathon bombing. They were posting updates on Twitter every five or 10 minutes."

Clearly, Casstevens has exhibited the policies to make him more than a worthy candidate. But if that isn't enough to get the votes needed, this race could very well become a runaway because the IACP 2015 Convention is being held in Chicago in October. Would a candidate from outside the state want to come up against Casstevens on his home turf?

And if that's the case, Casstevens could be sworn in as IACP Fourth Vice President in Chicago and then ascend to president when the convention returns to town in 2019. That would mark the first time for that to happen in the 125-year history of the IACP. ♥

A true public servant

Kalenik serves the community with deep purpose

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

Soldier.
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Pete Kalenik modestly acknowledges that what he's achieved by age 30 stands out a bit, especially considering he won't complete his probationary period as a police officer until August. Kalenik points out two simple motivations – a strong sense of purpose to make a positive difference in the world by treating others with respect, while also paying tribute to his brother who died in his late teens and never had a chance to chase his life's dreams.

"I completely recognize my need to overachieve is because of my brother passing away," Kalenik said, adding that throwing himself into so many service opportunities has been a "legitimate way to escape the grief."

Kalenik represents the continuation of a legacy that has seen one of his family members working for the Chicago Police Department continuously since 1940. He's also a part of the modern trend of law enforcement officers earning multiple academic degrees to improve their work while creating more professional opportunities in the future.

Kalenik graduated from Lane Tech High School, where he captained the football team and played varsity baseball. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 2007, then joined the Army as a way to pay for graduate school. He originally enlisted in the military through the "National Call to Service" program, which involved a commitment in uniform in addition to performing some form of national service.

In Kalenik's case, he first served as a paratrooper at Fort Bragg. Then, in 2009, he transitioned to the Army Reserve and volunteered with AmeriCorps, living and working on Chicago's Southside as a middle school science teacher. Today, Kalenik continues his military service as an Army Staff Sergeant.

It was also in 2009 that Kalenik began his pursuit of two master's degrees. First, as a beneficiary of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, he completed a degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University in 2011. Then, as a beneficiary of the Illinois Veterans Grant, he earned a second master's degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 2013. But before enrolling in graduate school, he tested for the police department.

"I thought it would be a good way to do something with my military training," he said, noting that he spent four years on the CPD hiring list. "I almost forgot about the opportunity to be honest."

Kalenik did get hired in February of 2014, earned an outstanding recruit award from the Chicago Police Academy and is now working on foot patrol on the city's west side. Kalenik describes his role as being involved in a multi-faceted approach to common criminal problems that includes hyperlocal interactions with residents. He mentions going after owners of dilapidated properties that might attract trouble as example of his work.



Officer Kalenik with students at Visitation Catholic School on Halloween 2014.



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Kalenik talks with particular fondness about playing football with neighborhood kids and distributing "junior" police badges to youngsters in an effort to build trust in law enforcement at an early age. Those examples befit his belief that his career trajectory won't necessarily be tied to titles and ranks, but about the difference he can make.

"I'd have no problem being a beat cop for 20 years if it meant I was effective," he explained.

He continues to stay active. Law school starts later this year for Kalenik, and he was recently named a National Service Ambassador with the Franklin Project. In this capacity, Kalenik will work toward making national service a civic right of passage in America by creating volunteer opportunities designed to address local issues across the country under the leadership of retired Army General Stan McChrystal.

Kalenik's view of the world, and policing, has been shaped in many ways, including time dedicated to teaching, soldiering and volunteering in the community. Then, there are the basics.

"Every day when I left the house, my old man ... said 'don't ask someone to do something you wouldn't do yourself,'" Kalenik recalls. "The Golden Rule always pops up in interactions I've had with folks. It's just a matter of going out there and treating people with respect." ♥

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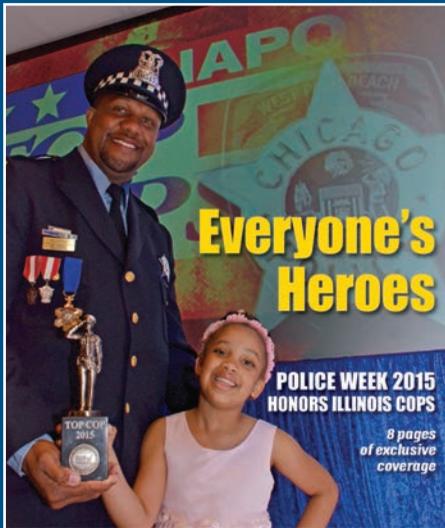
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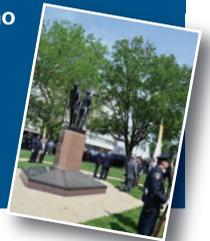
Chicago Police Officer Brandon Murphy and his 5-year-old daughter, Makayla, salute the Top Cops who were honored at the awards banquet in Washington, D.C., including Murphy and five of his CPD brothers. The event was part of the Police Week festivities that paid tribute to cops in D.C. and Illinois. This special report captures the events, including...



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'The Chicago Way'

CPD officers are true Top Cops

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL
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Chicago Police Captain Edward Kulbida was lying in the vestibule on the first floor of an apartment building near West 72nd Street and South Lowe Avenue in Englewood approaching the verge of bleeding out. On the afternoon of Oct. 7, 2104, his team from the CPD's Seventh District had responded to an anonymous tip that a fugitive from Indianapolis suspected of committing a triple homicide was hiding out in his sister's apartment, and was on the scene to support Chicago's Fugitive Apprehension Unit. In the midst of a gunfight with the fugitive, Captain Kulbida was hit in the shoulder and the head. And along with members of the Fugitive Apprehension Unit Marshals who had come to his aid, they were trapped.

The fugitive, Daniel Brown, fired repeatedly at officers, cutting off an escape through the front door of the building. The only way out was through an adjacent apartment. Kulbida admitted he was at the point of starting to lose consciousness when Detective Chris Ross and Officers Thomas Gorman, Joseph Fernandez, Anthony Munizzi and Brandon Murphy decided they were going to brave the gunfire and carry out the captain.

"I said, 'No you're not going to carry me out. I'm walking out of here,'" Kulbida recalled as he once again prepared to lead his fellow officers, this time to accept their Top Cops award from the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) on May 12 in Washington D.C.

"I was in pain, but I walked out," Kulbida continued. "The Marshals bandaged my head, and I said to myself, 'You're not going to die. You're still in charge. You need to keep a level head.'"

After nearly 30 minutes of Brown continuing to shoot at them, Kulbida stood and the team members, all assigned from the CPD, decided it was time to move. Murphy provided cover fire; Ross and Gorman formed a shield around the captain and led him through the adjacent apartment door to safety.

The CPD officers were among a total of 30 representing seven states honored as Top Cops, dubbed the Academy Awards for law enforcement and considered by many to be the top award for cops in the U.S. Other honorees performed equally once-in-a-career (hopefully) acts of heroism, including taking down active shooters in a shopping mall and catching a man who was riding off with a little girl he abducted.

But what the Chicago cops pulled off in combat-like conditions seems to go above and beyond the above and beyond of Top Cops. Super would certainly be too strong a modifier, and to a man the six would say they were just doing their jobs.

NAPO might have put it best calling this effort, "The Chicago Way." If The Chicago Way is all-for-one, disciplined, leave-no-man-behind, fearless-yet-fearful, tough and tough-minded, then, yes, getting Kulbida out and getting Brown was done The Chicago Way. Talk about tough? Detective Ross was also shot in the fray but didn't even realize it until



Chicago Police Department Commander Ed Kulbida makes his acceptance speech at the Top Cops awards banquet.



the following day. Talk about tough? Kubilda left the hospital after three days and was back on the job two months later.

"We're among heroes. That's a word we never really use but like everyone said, this is our job and we're in a room with everybody who did what we're supposed to do as police officers," Ross said. "We're all fortunate that a couple scrapes, a couple shots and we all made it out."

Days like Oct. 7, 2014 never start out as the typical day for some reason. The Fugitive team went into action early in the morning and staked out the apartment where Brown was hiding for four to five hours before deciding to "knock" on the door. And the anonymous tip that came in to the Seventh District led Captain Kulbida and his team officers to find the location by matching up motor vehicle information.

But perhaps the most serendipitous aspect of the day came early in the morning. Murphy was leaving for work and saying goodbye to his 5-year old daughter Makayla. Makayla promptly reminded her dad, "Make sure you catch a bad guy today."

Murphy was the team member who breeched the door, a job he has done many times since joining the unit in 2011 and one he has done several times following the incident. He also exchanged fire with Brown from nearly 10 feet away, and stayed with his position until a police armored vehicle was called in to get him and the rest of the officers out.

"After I got out, the first person I called was my baby girl," Murphy confirmed. "She said, 'Daddy, did you catch a bad guy today?' I said, you

wouldn't believe the bad guy we caught today."

After Captain Kulbida was ushered to a safe exit, he actually walked to the ambulance that took him to Cook County Hospital. An escort of nearly 100 CPD cops was there to help. He suffered a broken clavicle from the hit in the shoulder that went out through his back, and a broken cheek bone from the bullet that is still lodged above his temple.

Such a shooting to an officer who has been on the job for 30 years might be a sign to retire. But not Kubilda, who never wanted to do anything but follow in the footsteps of his father who retired as a CPD sergeant. And in April, he was promoted to Commander of the 12th District.

"I never thought about calling it a day," he said. "Absolutely not. No way I'm going to let this coward decide when I'm going to quit my job."

Indeed, all six officers have not wavered in the aftermath about the commitment to the job. The hardest part might have been getting up on stage to accept their awards presented by Penny Johnson who plays Captain Victoria on the ABC hit cop show *Castle*. "That was the most stressful part," Ross quipped. "They don't teach you that at the academy."

And the significance was not lost on these officers. Gorman explained that it wasn't an act of heroism but an act of law enforcement.

"I think President Reagan said it: Heroes aren't braver than anyone else; they're just braver five minutes longer," he reminded. "We didn't have a choice. We had to do this. Otherwise, more people get hurt or die."

Make no mistake, these cops are not superhuman. Just human. At the end of the awards ceremony they were not beyond choking up or being left nearly speechless. Fernandez, who says he is a man of few words anyway, tried to find ones that summed up what led to them all coming home safe after battling a man who, Kubilda explained, was determined to kill cops that day. And finally he found what made the difference in the end:

"The will to win," he said.

Perhaps that is what defines a Top Cop.



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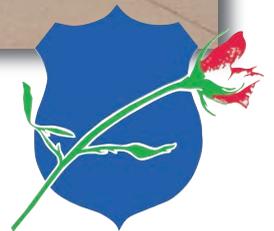
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A toast to Jim



Oak Forest officers come to D.C. for a special tribute to their fallen brother



■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL
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The band of brothers and sisters from the Oak Forest Police Department stood tall and stood out amongst the thousands of cops gathered at National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. for National Police Week on May 13. A crowd actually started to gather to watch when the 26 officers stood for a ubiquitous photo.

The image with the wife and three sons of their brother, Jim Morrissy, at the center resonated loudly as the fitting memorial to the only Oak Forest officer ever lost in the line of duty. In his reserved, albeit direct, manner Morrissy could galvanize his fellow officers as he did so many times during his 34 years of service.

And so an otherwise somber night when Morrissy's name was added to the courageous fallen officers inscribed on the Memorial walls turned celebratory with tales of "Policing According to Jim" and other stories that flowed as bountiful as the beverage that often accompanies a gathering of cops like this.

"This night has been about remembering Jim fondly, the sacrifices he made and what he meant to our department and our city," said Oak Forest Police Chief Greg Anderson. "We are just so proud that he was part of our department."

Stories about Morrissy, who was killed in a crash while responding to a call for back-up on March 17, 2014, and testament to his legacy, seemed to sustain his wife, Janice, sons Kyle, Jake and Mark and the department members prior to the Candlelight Vigil, the culmination of Police Week. Though Janice said she would "take a deep breath to get through" the memorial service, she didn't hide her pride.

"It's amazing that all the police officers from around the country are here to help honor Jim. It gives me goosebumps," Janice shared. "Jim always wanted to be a cop. It was his passion."

Among the many tributes to Morrissy was Chief Anderson's presence on the dais for the Candlelight Vigil. A select few law enforcement and government dignitaries are asked to sit with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, and it was perhaps an honor given to Anderson to recognize Morrissy's longtime, relentless service.

The remembrance triggered conversation about how Morrissy made a powerful impact on the department in his later years by taking on field training of new officers. Chief Anderson called this training “Policing According to Jim.”

“Very strict and to the book, but fair,” explained Kyle, the oldest son, about Policing According to Jim. “He prided himself on knowing all the laws, all the ordinances. After he died, they joked that the city would lose so much money because he knew all of the vending machine ordinances, and he was the one who wrote the tickets and made sure everybody was in compliance.”

Jake, the middle son, related a story about how his father was honored once by the city because he was the one officer who stopped trucks with loads over the legal weight limit and ticketed the drivers when they came through Oak Forest. That’s a legacy that lives on.

“He really took pride in knowing every minute detail about the law,” added Mark, the youngest son. “To be able to pass that on to the young recruits – he really loved that.”

Based on the tributes, it would be easy to fathom that Morrissy would not have gone much for the pomp and circumstance of Police Week. “He hated the attention to the fact that he was just doing his job,” Jake noted.

Perhaps the part of Police Week that Morrissy would have loved most is how the officers from around the country and the survivors of other cops lost in the line of duty embraced his family. He was about action, not recognition.

Most members of the Oak Forest Police Department probably didn’t know that Morrissy worked part-time at a Disney Store. They probably didn’t know that whenever department members had a baby, they received a Winnie the Pooh with the child’s name and date of birth stitched in. Anonymously. Courtesy of Jim.

“My favorite story about Jim,” began Deputy Chief Timothy Kristin, whose father-in-law worked with Morrissy and whose wife knew Jim from the time she was a kid. “A lot of people didn’t know he was a master furnisher refinisher. When my wife’s father passed, he had a chair he would always sit in. Jim worked on it, and he wouldn’t take a



dime. I see that chair every time I walk into my house. It’s a great lasting memory of Jim.”

When the names of those being added to the wall were read, and it came time for Morrissy, the 26 Oak Forest officers stood at attention, just like they did when Andersen read a poem at the Illinois Police Memorial in Springfield on May 7 and when they retired his badge No. 172. But the best part of this might have been the 14 Oak Forest officers who weren’t in D.C. They stayed behind and worked double shifts so a proper contingent could be there for Morrissy and his family.

The Vigil culminated with the lighting of the first candle, which is used to light the next and so on and so forth until 20,000 lights are burning bright throughout the square block of the National Law Enforcement Memorial. Such a display accentuated what Morrissy truly cherished about being a cop.

“You always hear that being in the police force is a brotherhood,” Kyle related. “But you don’t get a true sense of what that means until you actually see something like this. It would have meant a lot to Dad.”

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Their place in history

Illinois Memorial honors more than 100 years of state's heroes

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Nancy Crawshaw stood briefly to honor the great-grandfather she never met.

For many years, the story of Albert Wood's death was shared throughout the family. Wood, a constable, stepped in front of a bullet to protect a fellow officer from a gun-wielding assailant in 1904, according to Crawshaw. He left behind a wife and six children, but his legacy of bravery was never forgotten.

"I grew up with a picture of him on the dresser," Crawshaw said.

In a sea of blue surrounding the Illinois Police Memorial outside the capital building in Springfield on May 7, Crawshaw and her husband watched as 13 names were eternalized on the memorial for Illinois cops who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The 30th annual Illinois Police Officers Memorial ceremony honored Oak Forest Police Officer James Morrissy, who died in an auto accident in 2014, as well as 12 historic names, including Wood some 111 years after the shootout claimed his life.

"There is so much emotion. The loss is still there," Crawshaw said, adding that the memorial tribute will help carry on Wood's story for years to come.

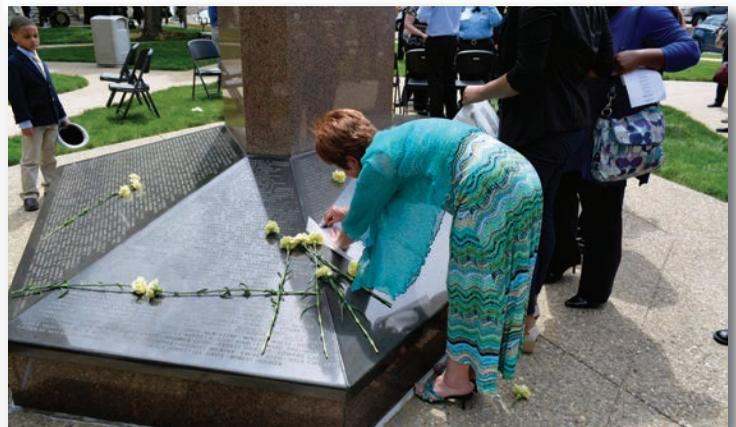
Speakers and those in attendance reflected on the ultimate sacrifices made by the officers while also recognizing the challenges faced by law enforcement every day.

"There's no such thing as an ordinary day for you," Secretary of State Jess White offered. "Thank you for giving. Thank you for caring. Thank you for making a difference."

Glenview Police Patrol Officer Jim Rocuskie has attended the memorial ceremony nearly a dozen times during his 24-year police career. While it affords a chance to catch up with colleagues, Rocuskie grasps the greater meaning and shares it with younger officers he has join him in Springfield.



Morrissy Family



"It just means paying respect," he said of why he regularly returns to the event.

Standing next to Rocuskie, Glenview Detective Jake Popkov said he recognized the importance of coming together in support of fellow officers and departments who have lost officers, but also to reinforce the solidarity of the badge during a difficult period for law enforcement.

"I think it gets lost in the day-to-day shuffle," Popkov said of the bond among police, something newer officers can understand better by coming to Springfield each May. "They need to see the big picture in law enforcement."

Earlier in the day, hundreds in uniform gathered in the majestic chapel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, which sits not far from the future home of the Illinois State Police Memorial Park. The Rev. Christopher House spoke of the sacrifices being made by police for the sake of those in need of protection.

"The shepherd is one who is willing to lay down his life, is one who is selfless ... (is) willing to offer themselves wholly for the greater good," House shared.

House's homily also touched on the families and friends who live with the loss of "brave men and women" taken too soon. He encouraged a celebration of their loved ones to turn sorrow into joy and bring some solace and offered in conclusion:

"It's that peace that keeps us standing."



IN LOVING MEMORY

The Illinois Police Officers added to the state memorial in 2015 and their End of Watch:

Oak Forest Police Officer James Morrissy - 2014

Chicago Police Officer Sidney Sam - 1971

Illinois Department of Conservation Investigator Milton Rueck - 1973

Maroa Police Officer George Runyon - 1935

Mounds Police Chief Marshall Bagby - 1925

Chicago Police Officer Luke Howe - 1928

O'Fallon Police Marshall Benjamin Schmitt - 1916

Cairo Sergeant Wilfred French - 1910

Spillertown Police Chief James Dayley - 1906

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A night of valor for 100 Club

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The 100 Club of Chicago celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its Valor Awards by honoring 11 individuals who performed above and beyond the call of duty in their respective departments in a ceremony on April 29 at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

Among the recipients was Captain Edward Kulbida of the Chicago Police Department. On Oct. 7, 2014, Captain Kulbida, along with other CPD officers and U.S. Marshalls, attempted to serve an arrest warrant on a suspect who was wanted in the state of Indiana on multiple accounts of attempted murder. He was struck in the head and shoulder by gunfire during the incident, and the injuries resulted in a broken jaw and clavicle.

Detective Christopher Covelli of the Lake County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant for child pornography at a residence in Zion. Covelli elicited a confession from the male homeowner to possessing child pornography on his computer. After continued questioning, the offender admitted to sexually abusing two of his biological daughters over the course of three years and pled guilty on the account of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and Child Pornography charges.

Special Agents of the FBI Chicago Division Squad, Richard Tipton, Lynda Thomas, Mary Harris and Supervisory Special Agent Edward McNamara were awarded for the 2012 arrest of Steven Mandell and Gary Engel, which prevented the kidnapping, extortion, torture, and murder of a Cook County businessman. The successful investigation and prosecution resulted in a life sentence for

Mandell.

The 100 Club also honored Crystal Schultz, widow of Wauconda Police Officer Eric Schultz. Officer Schultz lost his life at the age of 30 after a six-year battle fighting a rare form of bone cancer.

Honorees were each presented with a 100 Club Medal of Valor, a commemorative plaque and a Seiko watch donated by Marshall Pierce and Company.



A tribute to Emily Beazley

■ PHOTOS BY JAMES PINTO

We all send our deepest prayers and condolences go out to the family of Emily Beazley.

The 12-year-old from Chicago lost her four-year long battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma on May 18. The Chicago community showed continued support for Emily and her family, and the Chicago Police Department swore in Emily and her sister, Olivia, as honorary police officers during a ceremony at headquarters in April.



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Buffalo Grove honors K-9 officer



The Buffalo Grove Police Department's K-9 officer, Danielle Baron, was presented with the Officer of the Year award at a March 16 board meeting.

The awards committee cited Officer Baron's leadership, hard work and her unselfish, consistent willingness to help others.

The 15-year veteran officer serves as the department's K-9 officer and has been involved in more than 190 cases, including serving search warrants, finding narcotics in vehicles and more with K-9 partner Saxon.

"I felt very honored that I was chosen," said Baron. "We are a large agency with a lot of hardworking officers. There were a lot of deserving officers and I appreciate the fact that my supervisors recognized mine and Saxon's hard work."

In April, Officer Baron and the Buffalo Grove Police Department lost K-9 Saxon. Saxon was recently retired from service as a result of a cancer diagnosis and had undergone surgery to remove a tumor. A memorial service was held at the Northern Illinois K-9 Memorial in Libertyville on April 10. Donations can be made in Saxon's memory to the Northern Illinois K-9 Memorial. For information, visit www.policex9memorial.org

Aurora patrolman named Kane County Officer of the Year



Aurora Police Officer Samuel Aguirre was honored with the Louis Spuhler Kane County Officer of the Year award for his exemplary efforts to save an injured man after a crash on Interstate 88.

Officer Aguirre and another Aurora officer, David Brian, responded to the Jan. 27, 2014, crash involving Illinois State Trooper Douglas Balder and tollway maintenance worker Vincent Petrella. Each stopped to assist a semi-truck, which was stranded on the side of the road when another eastbound semi-truck struck the trooper's vehicle and the maintenance truck causing both to catch fire.

While a third Aurora officer, Brian Hester, provided first aid to Trooper Balder, Officers Aguirre and Brian attempted to remove Petrella from his burning truck. Aguirre climbed onto the truck's hood, removed the windshield with his bare hands and comforted Petrella despite heavy smoke and fire.

"Our entire law enforcement community is proud of Officer Aguirre and the bravery and compassion that he showed on that day," said Dave Kintz, president of the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association and St. Charles Deputy Police Chief.

Master Sergeant Calvin Brown receives ILACP award

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) named the 2015 Rising Shields of Law Enforcement recipients. Master Sergeant Calvin Brown, from the Illinois State Police, was bestowed this year's award.

The Rising Shields of Law Enforcement represent the brightest, up-and-coming leaders in law enforcement. Recipients are nominated by their agency and then rated by the ILACP based on leadership attributes, law enforcement initiatives, personal beliefs in the value of law enforcement and peer recognition and engagement.

"Master Sergeant Brown's leadership skills and mentoring

abilities have been instrumental in the investigative efforts of his work unit," stated Major Chris Trame. "He continues to set the example when it comes to leading crime fighting efforts in the Metro East."

With 18 years of law enforcement experience, Master Sergeant Brown has been with Illinois State Police since 2001 and is an investigator with the Illinois State Police. Throughout his career he was assigned to the gangs unit, the violent crimes unit and served as an intelligence officer. He is currently assigned as the squad supervisor for the Metro East Police Assistance Team (MEPAT).

When is an encounter consensual or a seizure?



DANIEL HERBERT

Across the nation, law enforcement is facing unprecedented scrutiny. Police officer actions are routinely examined and analyzed by persons who lack a basic understanding of the law. These critics are wholly unfamiliar with what the law allows or requires in many of the situations officers are confronted with on a daily basis. Unfortunately, these misinformed opinions resonate with a growing minority of the public that disapproves of police-citizen encounters. Officers regularly encounter citizens who instruct them about “rights” that officers are violating by approaching or questioning a citizen. So in order to actively police and maintain effective interaction with the public, officers must be well-



versed in the factors that Illinois courts examine in determining whether a police-citizen encounter was consensual or constituted a seizure.

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution guarantee individuals the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. A seizure under the Fourth Amendment is viewed under a “Totality of the Circumstances” test and a seizure will be found when a reasonable person would believe he is not free to leave. On the other hand, a consensual encounter between an officer and citizen is an encounter when the person is not seized under the meaning of the Fourth Amendment. Illinois courts have held that not every encounter between the police and a citizen involves a seizure

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or a search. An encounter between an officer and a citizen that does not involve coercion or detention is a consensual encounter that does not violate the Fourth Amendment or the Illinois Constitution.

Reviewing courts look at a number of factors in determining whether an encounter was consensual or whether it involved coercion or detention making it a seizure under the law. The key factors include, but are not limited to, the amount of officers on scene and whether their presence could be found threatening; whether any weapons were displayed by an officer; whether there was any physical touching of the person by an officer; and whether an officer used language or a tone of voice that compelled the person to comply with the officer's requests. Therefore, a police-citizen encounter that lacks substantial evidence of these factors should be found a consensual encounter by an examining court.

Because officers may uncover evidence of a crime leading to an arrest by engaging in a consensual encounter with a citizen, they must be aware of these factors and carefully articulate all of the relevant circumstances when documenting a consensual encounter. Foremost, any display of weapons or physical touching by an officer during a consensual encounter is a critical fact that must be thoroughly documented. Additionally, the amount of officers on scene, their dress and their particular roles should also be reported in detail. Lastly, it is extremely important that the specific language and tone of voice an officer uses during a consensual encounter should be documented accurately. Courts have found that when officers shouted, made demands or gave commands to citizens, this was evidence that



could help establish the existence of duress or coercion.

Officers know all too well the varied nature of their daily encounters with the public. Not every encounter will be consensual and not every encounter will constitute a seizure or end in an arrest. However, any consensual encounter that leads to an arrest should be thoroughly documented and should include a clear description of the circumstances that would allow a reviewing court to apply the factors required under Illinois law to determine the nature of the encounter.

Citizens complain about being stopped now more than ever. It has not been a good year for law enforcement, and it is easy to become cynical and assume the entire public is against you. I still believe that the vast majority of the public is pro-law

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enforcement; however most people are afraid to express their true opinions for fear of humiliation. As a result of the barrage of one-sided media reports, one would have to be foolish to defend police officers when the topic is raised at the neighborhood barbeque. It is for these reasons that I was so impressed with the courage displayed by Bob Schieffer, longtime CBS newsman and host of "Face the Nation" when he said the following during his weekly commentary several weeks ago:

"I want to add a paragraph or two to the rash of stories lately about cops gone wrong. This is not about them. This is about all the cops you don't read about. They deal much of the time with the dregs of our society. The schemers, the murderers, those who prey on the weak. And most of the time, the police deal with them humanely, and as they should. What we overlook is just how difficult that can be sometimes. It's not easy to remain passive when a child-beater looks you in the eye and tells you, 'you have to understand, the kid was keeping him awake.' It takes a lot of professional training and strong character not to respond in anger. I know, because I spent my early years on the police beat listening to some of these awful people. Sometimes, I wanted to hit them myself. I didn't, but it helped me understand how hard it is to do a cop's job right. As hard as it is, the great majority of our cops still do just that."

Well done Bob. ❤️

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Walking into roll call, you see the same tired coppers sipping Red Bull, Monster, Rock Star, AMP or knocking back Five Hour Energy shots. Within a few hours, needing another fix, they say, "Let's get something to drink." I know too many coppers who could not function without drinking a massive energy drink.... and later crash hard during the tour of duty. These drinks also affect their partners. Don't believe me? Ask a few police officers, and they will tell you.

We know energy drinks contain large amounts of caffeine, which can provide a temporary energy boost. Some energy drinks contain sugar and other substances. The boost is short-lived, however, and may be accompanied by problems.

Recently, I spoke to a few supervisors at the Chicago Police Academy and discovered that energy drinks are banned in the classroom. Following an incident that hospitalized a recruit, bosses realized the dangers of allowing the new hires to drink them in the classroom.

The Mayo Clinic recently reported that energy drinks contain excessive amounts of sugar and contribute to weight gain. And too much caffeine, or caffeine-like substances, can lead to nervousness, irritability, insomnia, rapid heartbeat and increased blood pressure.

Cops do not need more obstacles during a tour of duty. Mixing energy drinks with alcohol may be more problematic because they can blunt the feeling of intoxication, which may lead to heavier

drinking and alcohol-related injuries.

Further, energy drinks have been found to cause irreversible damage to tooth enamel and detrimentally affect the contraction of the heart. A study published in the issue of *General Dentistry*, the peer-reviewed clinical journal of the Academy of General Dentistry, found that an alarming increase in the consumption of sports and energy drinks is causing irreversible damage to teeth. The high-acidity levels in the drinks erode tooth enamel, the glossy outer layer of the tooth.

Users may want to consider consumption habits. A moderate source of caffeine, such as coffee or green tea, can help them through working hours instead of energy drinks. Drinks containing multiple energy-inducing ingredients are the source of too many problems, and we do not know the effects of long-term usage. Remember, the more you use caffeine before and during workouts, the less effective the workout becomes.

If you're an energy drink user, consider their effects on your body. Take time to understand why you feel so lethargic. You may wish to consult a doctor about your diet and sleep habits. Using these drinks to mask a deficiency of energy won't fix the problem and is likely to make it worse. ♥

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