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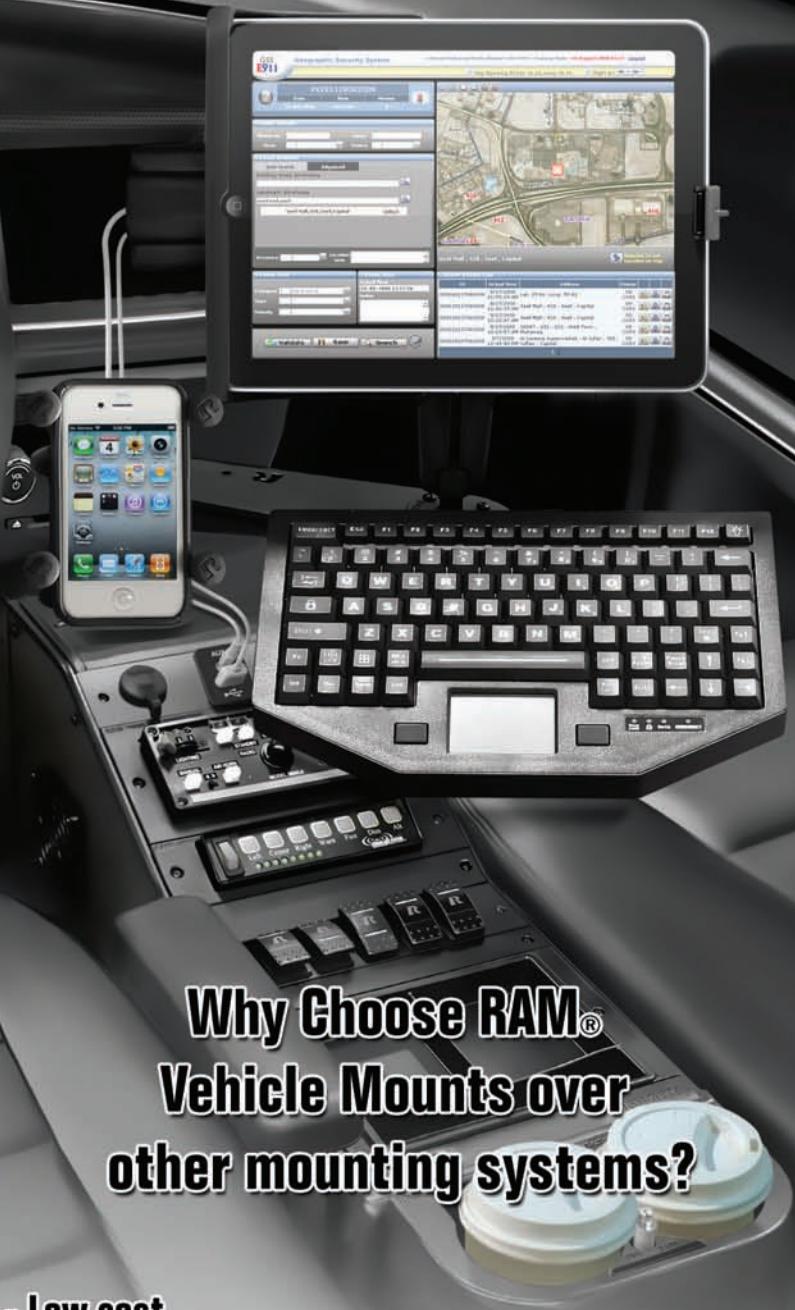
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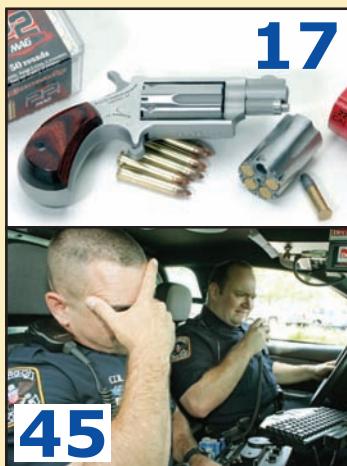
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Ramesh Nyberg

AMERICA IS STARVING FOR LEADERSHIP

***Management is doing things right;
leadership is doing the right things.***

- Peter Drucker

After I left police work in 2006, my old commander from homicide, Jim Loftus, became the director of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). It's not surprising to see him in charge of this agency, a sprawling county sheriff's office with some 3200 sworn officers. He is a natural born

leader with a commanding presence (being six feet, six inches tall doesn't hurt, either). With a gentle (yet deliberate and compelling) voice, Loftus has left no doubt with the public and his own officers what he stands for: He loves his department and his officers and he strives for professionalism,

excellence, and compassion. He is not afraid to bear his own emotions, as he did when we lost two veteran detectives to a street thug's bullets early in 2011. He is likewise unafraid to hold his troops accountable for the unwavering ethical standards he insists upon. Recently, the MDPD suffered an embarrassing blow: A police officer was found in his patrol car, passed out and drunk. The marked unit's engine was running and it was parked *in an intersection*.

Loftus was called when the officer was discovered and he gave the caller very specific instructions to make sure the officer was treated just like anyone else; that meant physically arrested for DUI and booked into Dade County Jail. Instead, someone saw fit to have the officer sign a "promise to appear" and had him driven home. I pity that person.

I haven't seen any press releases on TV as yet, but, knowing Jim Loftus, he will go on television and tell the public how embarrassed he is and that, once all the facts are confirmed, there will be no special consideration given to this offender. He will be treated as any civilian would be. He will restore the public's faith in their police department and, within his own ranks, reaffirm that there is wisdom and stability at the top.

I tell this story because I feel strongly about leadership. I also fear that, with each generation, we are putting less and less emphasis on what should be a core value in our society. We need leaders and good leaders – ones who want to lead and have the courage to lead – are getting harder and harder to find.

I was very lucky when I first got into police work. My rookie year was with a small town police department in the City of Opa-Locka, Florida. In 1979, Opa-Locka was basically a large ghetto with the highest violent crime rate in the United States. The city had been fraught with corruption and the 33 man police department was no stranger to it, either. They hired a new chief, an unusual man with some strong beliefs about police work and community. His name was Ruben Greenberg. Greenberg was black – and Jewish – and had leadership qualities which would earn him national attention when Opa-Locka, unwilling to shed its addiction to small town politics and corruption, let him go. Greenberg had clear-cut ideas and standards for his officers. As he told me in my interview, "There is no room for lawbreakers in police work. If someone asks you to do something you know is wrong, you tell him, 'F— you and the horse you rode in on.' And, then you report it."

Greenberg would put on his uniform and ride the streets and, occasionally, show up at calls. I remember arresting a woman for shoplifting one day after a grocery store manager called the police. Even after being handcuffed, the hostile woman struggled with me as I was putting her in the cruiser and, as I pushed her into the backseat, she yelled and cursed for anyone who would hear.

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Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Greenberg roll up and I thought, "Oh, no...the Chief!" She saw him, too, and cried out, "Hey, this goddamn cop is treating me like I'm a common criminal!"

He walked up and said, "Well, that's exactly what you are. Now, shut up and get in the car and do as this officer says."

Greenberg, everyone soon learned, would back you 1000% when you were right, and would slam you like a blitzing linebacker if you were wrong. You always knew where he was coming from and there was a certainty among the troops that things were under control. That's what it really is, isn't it? It's a feeling of *confidence*, not just that the person steering the ship knows precisely where he is going, but that everyone onboard knows where they are going as well and that everyone onboard is...onboard.

The thing I have learned in my life about effective leaders is that they don't just tell you to blindly follow them; they challenge you to do as they do. There's action involved in being onboard. Greenberg brought everyone up to his standards – and the ones who didn't elevate themselves ended up gone – either by their own hand or his.

Unfortunately, some of the powers that be in city government weren't willing to accept the challenge and they fired him. His newly renovated detective bureau had transformed themselves from a bunch of slackers to a very effective team of investigators who had uncovered a heroin ring



New Austin Investigative Unit Aims to Improve Burglary Case Clearance Rates

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On average, ten percent of burglaries in the United States are eventually solved, but, in Austin (Texas), police were achieving only half that rate. The city's Public Safety Commission wanted a solution, so the police department instituted a special burglary unit.

At a time when many other law enforcement agencies are scaling back on special units and reallocating detectives to general assignments and patrol, APD has gone the other way. Detectives assigned to the unit do not have to be responsible for the violent crimes which once kept them from investigating burglaries and, as a result, they're able to work more effectively with investigators from other units in their department, as well as agencies in other jurisdictions.

The handpicked detectives are assigned to different areas of the city and are immediately notified when a burglary takes place. This is a departure from previous procedure when dispatchers would transfer most calls to 311 for report taking; crime scene technicians would only be dispatched if blood or fingerprints were visible; and detectives might never talk to the victims.

Now, detectives follow up regularly with victims even if no suspect has been apprehended or property recovered. This kind of contact is important when burglars hit different spots daily and sell property almost as soon as they've stolen it.

Although the unit has few hard numbers yet, investigators say they are making a difference – especially with regard to identifying serial burglars and patterns in the crimes – including 100 felony warrants issued in just three months. Detectives' morale has improved, too, even though their cases can number into the dozens. They say it's because working in a small unit makes them more cohesive.

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in the city. The investigation had lapsed at the doorsteps of a city commissioner and Greenberg would not back down or turn a blind eye. A criminal was a criminal. And, before you knew it, Greenberg was gone.

His next stop was Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston had been sort of a much larger version of Opa-Locka. The difference was, when Ruben Greenberg started implementing his strategies there, it took hold from top to bottom. Officers, he taught them as he taught us, don't curse at civilians. You treat them with respect, but you never give a criminal a break. They will be held accountable and so will we. We will enforce the law vigorously, but we'll do so with professionalism.

Charleston did a 180. The crime rate dropped; the officers regained the respect of the citizens; and Greenberg's work earned him national recognition.

Those of you who have been in police work for a while have seen a disturbing trend: officers breaking rules, disregarding ethical standards, looking like slobs on duty, and having an uncaring attitude towards the "old" standards we were always taught to uphold. There seem to be more stories of terrible judgment, indecisiveness, and apathy. Recently, I was told by a friend who is still on the job that many officers don't bother to show up for court, so much so it could be called an epidemic. How does that happen? It happens when supervisors don't bother

to hold their subordinates accountable. It's laziness, it's apathy, and it's a lack of leadership.

I try to encourage my students to develop leadership skills. A precious few don't have to be taught – you see them take the reins all by themselves and you can envision where they will be in a few years. Earlier in the year, rummaging through my school's supply room, I found a documentary called, simply, *Police*. The back cover said it covered the history of policing and how policing had evolved into a profession. It looked good, I thought, and I showed it to my sophomores. Halfway through it, there on the screen was my old boss, Ruben Greenberg. Nearly half the video covered his tremendous turnaround of the Charleston Police Department. I smiled, and then paused the video to tell the students my association with Greenberg and how proud I was to have been one of his troops. He even ended up on their next exam.

People never forget their favorite teachers because their favorite teachers didn't just fill them with knowledge; they filled them with hope and confidence because they were good leaders.

You don't forget your favorite police chiefs, either. I'm sure the people of Charleston will never forget Ruben Greenberg, who is now retired somewhere in the mountains, from what I hear. I hope the people of South Florida know what they have in Jim Loftus, too.

We are all capable of leadership. Don Shula, in a book he coauthored with Kenneth Blanchard, called *Everyone's a Coach*, says that you just have to have the courage to stick to your principles, and the commitment to teach those principles to your people and the resilience to make sure they commit to them.

Yes, it's easier said than done, but worth striving for at any age. 



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SAY GOODBYE TO MY EDUCATION BLUES

Why go back to college?

Dear Mike,

I need you to settle an argument my wife started last week. I've got 18 years of experience as a police officer; I like what I do and I have no interest in being promoted. I can do this job easily for years – and I plan on it because I can't retire until I have 30 years on the job. Here is the argument. She thinks I should go back to college and finish my degree. (She's a high school

teacher.) I went to college for a couple of semesters right out of high school and didn't do well. But, then I got the job I really wanted (this one) and didn't finish college. What I'm saying is that I'm happy doing what I'm doing. Getting a college degree won't make me any better at being a cop and there really isn't any good reason for me to go back to school. Who's right? I'd rather spend my free time doing something I like to do rather

than being in a college classroom with kids half my age trying to remember how to write a research paper!

You don't really expect me to settle this argument for you, do you?

How about this – maybe you are both right!

I don't think this is the time to talk about whether a college degree makes a better police officer or not, but ponder this... the minimum requirement to get hired as a probation or parole officer in most parts of the country is a bachelor's degree, plus two years of experience *or* a master's degree. A police officer's job is just as complex and challenging as those jobs (if not more), so why is the *minimum* requirement to take a police officer test in the vast majority of the country still only a high school diploma or GED. But, back to "the argument"....

Let me offer some thoughts as to how both of you could be right. Maybe (remember that I said "maybe"), your wife has two different reasons for suggesting you go back to college (yeah, they're tricky like that sometimes). Perhaps she is hoping that by doing something different or by challenging yourself, you could get out of a "rut" which you might be in. She might think that you are losing motivation or becoming too complacent. Maybe you can't see this, but she (or your bosses) can. It's not easy to maintain the same motivation or enthusiasm for any job after 18 years. So, by suggesting that you go back to school, she is trying to get you to challenge yourself; to try something different; or to get out of your comfort zone. It could be good for you – both personally and professionally.

So, what other reason would your wife have for talking about college? Maybe she is working on "plan B." Everybody should have a "plan B" and even a "plan C." You already told me what your "plan A" is – finish out a 30 year career and retire. Well, what if "plan A" doesn't happen? What if you get into a jam and get fired? What if you get hurt (on or off duty) and have to retire early? What else can you do? What other marketable skills do you have for another career? I know that it is not likely to happen, but what if it does? You should have a "plan B" and "plan C" just in case. (We recently had a county deputy sheriff fired for discharging his weapon at a moving vehicle. He had 12 years on the job and then he was fired. I really hope that he had a "plan B.") Maybe your wife is thinking that if "it" does happen, then having a college degree will give you a place to start after the "what if."

A very wise person once told me that no one can work more than five years doing the same job and not get bored and lose motivation. Once that happens, it is bad for a person both personally and professionally. I have found that bit of advice to be very beneficial to my career. So, in your situation, perhaps you should consider doing something different, or out of your comfort zone, to challenge

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yourself. It does not have to be limited to going back to college. If college is not going to work for you, then how about learning a new skill? Challenge yourself and don't limit this to things you have already done – how about woodworking or gardening or learning to do electrical work or plumbing. For example, a few years ago, a friend of mine had a house built and wanted an elaborate home theater in his basement. Some other unexpected expenses happened during construction and his wife told him that they could not afford his home theater (around \$25,000). So, he decided to learn how to do it himself – and finished it for about \$7,000. He had to learn about electrical wiring, computers, carpentry, electronics, etc. Since then, he has started doing this as a side business and he's really excited about being able to do this for other people. (I've always thought that learning to be a locksmith would be interesting.) Plus, if you develop a marketable skill which you enjoy, you could set yourself up for an enjoyable second career when you retire from the police department.

As a side note, don't dismiss your wife's suggestion about college too quickly. First, just because college was not a good fit for you when you were 18 does not mean it would not be a good fit now. You are much more motivated and on track than you were back then. Returning adult students almost always do better than the typical 18-

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year-old kid fresh out of high school. But, more importantly, there might be something at college which might really spark your interest. You don't have to take a class in criminal justice just because that is your background. For example, you could learn sign language; take a photography course; improve your computer skills; learn to cook; take a class on white-water rafting or astronomy – the list goes on and on. You could learn a new skill – go to college – and make your wife happy – all at

that same time!

Let me know who wins the argument!

Dear Mike,

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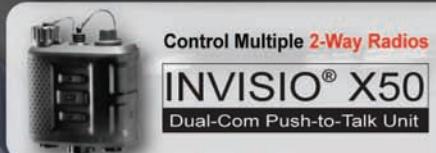
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of jobs in the field of criminal justice who face very serious personal and/or professional problems at various times in their career. The job is difficult and stressful enough without adding on the weight of serious personal matters. A recent issue of *The Police Chief* magazine (Nov. 2011) stated, "Job-related stress is a major health concern for the law enforcement community because it can affect the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of the officers. Stress-related emotional problems such as divorce, suicide, and alcoholism are prevalent in the law enforcement community. Physically, stress has been linked to cardiovascular disease, hypertension, lower back pain, and gastrointestinal disorders." You need to worry about your physical health AND your mental health (they're both connected). Obviously, you are worried about it which is why you contacted me. That's the first step in digging yourself out of the hole you are in.

You did not specify if you are a county or state correctional officer, but, either way, there are resources available to you which you should take advantage of immediately. A good place to start is to see if there is an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available through your employer (either county or state). These services are free, confidential and will put you on the right track to deal with the issues which are clouding your personal and professional life.

Another option would be to seek professional help on your own through a reputable psychologist or mental health counselor who is trained and certified. It is possible that your employee contract would pay for such services or you may have to pay out-of-pocket. Either way, although the hourly rate may scare you, the services of a reputable mental health professional can get you back on track.

If you are hesitant to seek professional help locally for fear of "the guys" finding out, then by all means drive an hour or two out of your area to seek support. Unfortunately, there is still a stigma in some areas of criminal justice that only the weak need mental health support. The reality is that we could probably all use a little professional help at some time or another in our lives.

Please do something positive as soon as possible.

Readers: This is a serious problem which many people face who work in the field. Please give me some feedback about services which are available to your employees, or specific steps which this reader might take to get back on track or other related information. I would like to put together whatever responses you all send me as a follow-up article in P&SN. 

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GOOD FAITH POLICE WORK: FOLLOWING THE LETTER OF THE LAW

Should the exclusionary rule be applied to evidence seized by the police conducting a search in full compliance with binding precedent which is later overruled?

Recently, in *Davis v. United States*, the United States Supreme Court said, "No!" According to the Court, "When the police conduct a search in objectively reasonable reliance on binding appellate precedent, the exclusionary rule does not apply."

"The Fourth Amendment protects the right to be free from 'unreasonable searches and seizures,' but it is silent about how this right is to be enforced. To supplement the bare text, this Court created the exclusionary rule, a deterrent sanction that bars the prosecution from introducing evidence obtained by

way of a Fourth Amendment violation. The question here is whether to apply this sanction when the police conduct a search in compliance with binding precedent that is later overruled."

The Case: The question in this case arises due to a change in the law related to searches of automobiles incident to arrests of recent occupants. In *Arizona v. Gant*, 129 S.Ct. 1710 (2009), the Court replaced the bright-line rule of *New York v. Belton*, 101 S.Ct. 2860 (1981) and held that the police "may search a vehicle incident to a recent occupant's arrest only if the arrestee is within reaching distance of the passenger compartment at the time of the search or it is reasonable to believe the vehicle contains evidence of the offense of arrest."

The search here in *Davis* took place two full years before the holding in *Gant* was announced. "On an April evening in 2007, police officers in Greenville, Alabama, conducted a routine traffic stop that eventually resulted in the arrests of driver Stella Owens (for driving while intoxicated) and passenger Willie Davis (for giving a false name to police). The police handcuffed both Owens and Davis, and they placed the arrestees in the back of separate patrol cars. The police then searched the passenger compartment of Owens's vehicle and found a revolver inside Davis's jacket pocket." Davis was later indicted on one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

In Davis's appeal from an unsuccessful motion to suppress, the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit applied *Gant*'s new rule and held that the vehicle search incident to Davis's arrest violated the Fourth Amendment. Nonetheless, the Eleventh Circuit ultimately concluded that suppression of evidence was not warranted "because 'penalizing the [arresting] officer' for following binding appellate precedent would do nothing to 'deter Fourth Amendment violations.' " It therefore declined to apply the exclusionary rule. *The United States Supreme Court agreed and affirmed Davis's conviction.*

The Law: As the Court has held on numerous occasions, the sanction of "[e]xclusion is 'not a personal constitutional right,' nor is it designed to 'redress the injury' occasioned by an unconstitutional search. * * * The rule's sole purpose is to deter future Fourth Amendment violations." In this regard, the Court instructed:

Exclusion exacts a heavy toll on both the judicial system and society at large. * * * It almost always requires courts to ignore reliable, trustworthy evidence bearing on guilt or innocence. And its bottom-line effect, in many cases, is to suppress the truth and set the criminal loose in the community without punishment. * * * Our cases hold that society must swallow this bitter pill when necessary, but only as a "last resort." * * * For exclusion to be appropriate, the deterrence benefits of suppression must outweigh its heavy costs.

"When the police exhibit 'deliberate,' 'reckless,' or 'grossly negligent' disregard for Fourth

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Amendment rights, the deterrent value of exclusion is strong and tends to outweigh the resulting costs.” But, when the police “act with an objectively ‘reasonable good faith belief’ that their conduct is lawful, * * *, or when their conduct involves only simple, ‘isolated’ negligence, * * * the ‘deterrence rationale loses much of its force,’ and exclusion cannot ‘pay its way.’ ”

The question in this case is whether to apply the exclusionary rule when the police conduct a search in objectively reasonable reliance on binding judicial precedent. At the time of the search at issue here, the Court had not yet decided *Arizona v. Gant*, and the Eleventh Circuit had interpreted the decision in *New York v. Belton* to establish a bright-line rule authorizing the search of a vehicle’s passenger compartment incident to a recent occupant’s arrest. The search incident to Davis’s arrest in this case “followed the Eleventh Circuit’s [] precedent to the letter. Although the search turned out to be unconstitutional under *Gant*, all agree that the officers’ conduct was in strict compliance with then-binding Circuit law and was not culpable in any way.”

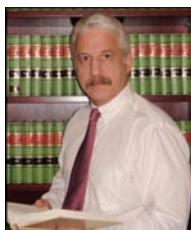
“The officers who conducted the search did not violate Davis’s Fourth Amendment rights deliberately, recklessly, or with gross negligence. * * * The police acted in strict compliance with binding precedent, and their behavior was not wrongful.” Thus, the exclusionary rule has “no application in this case.”

“About all that exclusion would deter in this case is conscientious police work. Responsible law enforcement officers will take care to learn ‘what is required of them’ under Fourth Amendment precedent and will conform their conduct to these rules. * * * But, by the same token, when binding appellate precedent specifically authorizes a particular police practice, well trained officers will and should use that tool to fulfill their crime detection and public safety responsibilities. An officer who conducts a search in reliance on binding appellate precedent does no more than ‘ac[t] as a reasonable officer would and should act’ under the circumstances. * * * [Indeed], the harsh sanction of exclusion ‘should not be applied to deter objectively reasonable law enforcement activity.’ * * * Evidence obtained during a search conducted in reasonable reliance on binding precedent is not subject to the exclusionary rule.”

In this case, the police reasonably relied on binding court precedent. “That sort of blameless police conduct *comes within the good faith exception* and is not properly subject to the exclusionary rule.” Concluded the Court:

It is one thing for the criminal “to go free because the constable has blundered.” * * * It is quite another to set the criminal free because the constable has scrupulously adhered to governing law. Excluding evidence in such cases deters no police misconduct and imposes substantial social costs.

The Court held, therefore, that “when the police conduct a search in objectively reasonable reliance on binding appellate precedent, the exclusionary rule does not apply.” 



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Conversely, its diminutive size means it can be hidden or concealed almost anywhere; there's no safety to disengage; no magazine to pop loose; no slide to fail to cycle; and .22 Magnum rimfire ballistics are adequate, as it drives a 25- to 45-grain lead or jacketed hollow point bullet out of its 1 1/8" barrel just shy of 1000 fps. This will certainly do more than give someone an "owie." The NAA 22MS fits the criteria of a handgun which can be secreted somewhere on your person to be used only when you have nothing else left with which to defend yourself. At this point, you use it or lose it (both your gun and your life).

Historical Perspective

This most certainly is not a new concept, of course. I recall reading that General Douglas MacArthur carried a .41 rimfire Remington® derringer, belying his otherwise unarmed appearance.

I also know of a local officer (now retired) who carried one of these in his spare handcuff case for many years. More recently and on a personal note, my wife was preparing for a formal evening affair which naturally indicated a very small purse. Wanting to be armed, she tucked away an NAA revolver in .22LR next to the other necessities in her purse.

I recall being exposed to this practice of carrying a "hide-out" gun back in the late 1950s. I confirmed my decision in the early 1960s. The first inspiration was, of all things, the TV western,



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"Paladin." In it, actor Richard Boone (aka Paladin) hid a two shot derringer behind his single-action Colt® pistol belt. In a number of instances, he put the derringer to good use when, after being apparently disarmed by a bad guy, he produced his concealed derringer and evened things up!

Then, in 1963, two Bakersfield lawmen were taken hostage by two armed thugs who killed one officer after one was disarmed at gunpoint and the other had surrendered his service revolver when the one perpetrator threatened to shoot his partner if this was not done. This incident became known as the "Onion Field Murder." The following synopsis provides the general details of the tragedy:

"On March 9, 1963, at about 2200 hours, Los Angeles Police Department officers Ian Campbell and Karl Hettinger were conducting plainclothes patrol when they initiated a traffic stop on a maroon Ford coupe for an inoperative license plate light. The occupants, Gregory Powell and Jimmy Smith, were armed and looking for an easy target to rob. As Powell exited the Ford at Campbell's request, Powell drew a gun, surprising Campbell and using him as a shield so that Hettinger could not shoot without hitting Campbell. At Campbell's repeated request, Hettinger handed his revolver to Smith. With both officers disarmed, they were ordered to squeeze into the two-door Ford coupe with Smith and Powell and were driven to an onion field

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near Bakersfield, CA. Ordered out of the coupe, Campbell was shot and killed. Hettinger successfully escaped into the darkness, eventually finding a farmhouse, where the residents called for help at about 0100 hours." The matter was memorialized by former LA police detective and noted crime author Joseph Wambaugh in his 1974 novel, titled *The Onion Field Murder*.

Don't Leave Home Without It

From this tragedy, policies and procedures were developed and instituted covering car stops and officer safety, along with what to do or not to do if taken hostage. Unofficially (to the best of my knowledge), lawmen looked at this incident and saw the wisdom of carrying what was then termed a "hold-out" or "stingy" gun – a gun of last resort, if you will.

This is the niche for the North American Arms revolver and others of its ilk. The NAA 22MS, chambered in .22WMR as noted earlier, is a five shot, stainless steel single-action revolver with laminated rosewood grips; a blade front sight integral with the barrel; and a fixed rear sight notch. An optional .22LR chambered cylinder can be ordered for more economical shooting and one was provided for this review.

Another worthwhile item was also included – a LaserLyte laser which mounts on the top strap of the pistol. (The assembly was challenging, though, as "tiny" only begins to describe its assembly screws!) Several more nice accessories were sent: optional imitation stag and pearl grips; a boot grip which changes the round grip to a square and longer grip; pocket and belt holsters by DeSantis Gunhide®; and a lockable, soft carrying pouch.



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How to Load and Carry

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“The IPICD’s seminal excited delirium app is designed to assist officers in recalling specific action steps which were taken by the officers, or excited delirium behavioral cues which may have been seen by the officers when trying to capture, control, and/or restrain the individual,” said Dr. John G. Peters, Jr., Ph.D., CLS, President of the IPICD. In the presence of behavioral cues, struggling and/or resistance can indicate an immediate medical emergency which takes precedent over criminal prosecution.

Many times when first responders return to their desks or vehicles and then begin to recall what happened for

report writing, actions and/or behaviors get forgotten. The IPICD excited delirium app is designed to assist with memory recall and lists many of the scientifically-based behaviors which are often exhibited by individuals who are in a state of excited delirium. For excited delirium trained officers or other first responders, the IPICD excited delirium app is designed to assist them, report writers, public information officers, and others with the identification and/or recall of specific behavioral cues which an individual may have exhibited.

The 1st Annual IPICD Agitated Chaotic Event™ (ACE) award winners were also announced at the 2011 IPICD Conference. The awards were presented to law enforcement and correctional officers who submitted reports and/or video to the IPICD about the successful handling of an excited delirium and/or ACE event. Awards were presented to Lt. Dave Nickels, Appleton (WI) Police Department and to the Washoe County (NV) Sheriff's Office. Lt. Adam Hopkins accepted the IPICD ACE Award on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

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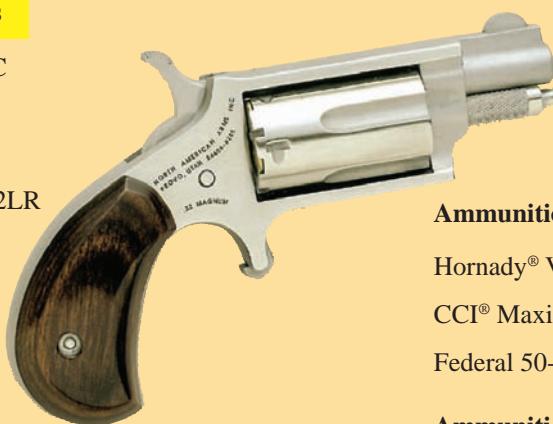
Overall height: 2 7/8"

Width: 7/8"

Weight unloaded: 5.9 ounces

Operation: Manual

Trigger pull: 5.5 pounds (average)



Chronograph Results

The following results were obtained using a ProChrono chronograph at 300 feet above sea level, with an ambient temperature of 63 degrees. Velocities are in feet per second with five shot averages at ten feet.

Ammunition (.22WMR)	Velocity	Standard Deviation
Hornady® V-MAX™ 30-gr.	967	37
CCI® Maxi-Mag 40-gr. JHP	943	44
Federal 50-gr. JHP (Mfg. circa 1993)	683	51
Ammunition (.22LR)		
CCI Mini-Mag 36-gr. HP	718	13
Remington® Target 40-gr. LRN	631	22
Winchester® Super-X® 40-gr. PRN	670	21

and reverse the unloading action while keeping your fingers away from the gun muzzle.

In real use and to the good, all NAA revolvers can be safely carried fully loaded if the hammer is lowered into the cylinder safety slots which are halfway between the cylinder locking notches.

Performing this action takes practice with an unloaded gun. The revolver must never be carried in the half-cocked position, as the purpose of this midway cocking position is to prevent the gun from firing if the hammer slips out from beneath your finger when cocking the pistol.

Results from the Range

Range work showed it's easy to make effective torso and head hits at a one or two arm's-length distance. With the laser attached and on, hits were made (or not) based on how steady the gun was held while pulling the 5.5 pound trigger of the 5.9 ounce gun (unloaded weight). Without the laser, one-handed shooting at five yards gave us four inch to six inch five shot groups.

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Depress this plunger and pull out the rod to remove the cylinder to load or unload the revolver.

The .22LR conversion cylinder was an easy switch (simply follow the directions in the instruction manual). I found the cylinder easier to remove and install if done from the right side of the gun.

I shot an assortment of .22s, both .22LR and .22WMR, as indicated in the accompanying chronograph table. However, here's an important note: In a supplemental sheet supplied with the sample and dated May 17, 2004, is the following warning: "... NAA has recently learned that the use of PMC .22 caliber ammunition (Magnum and LR) may affect the performance of its revolvers. Specifically,



The upper group is four inches for four shots with .22LR, while the lower six inch group was fired using .22WMR. Both were shot one-handed at five yards. Putting on the optional boot grip definitely improved our shooting grip.

NAA has become aware of a phenomenon where an inadvertent, double-discharge (two rounds simultaneously discharging, one aligned with the barrel and the other out of battery) may occur when PMC brand ammunition is used in NAA .22 revolvers..."

Realistic Shooting

At the range, Ted Murphy and I did more realistic shooting at point-blank to seven yards. The gun shoots where you point it and that's all you can ask for. All of the NAA revolvers are "last-ditch" or absolute deep concealment handguns. We did find, however, that the alignment of the fixed sights needed adjustment, as the gun shot about six inches low at seven yards. Point shooting was more effective.

That said, this sample's chambering of .22WMR or its sister version in .22LR should not be quickly dismissed as not adequate for the task. The chronograph results in the sidebar are encouraging as to the defensive effectiveness of this new group of .22WMR rounds, particularly when coupled with the new bullet designs. We did experience two misfires and two instances of a fired cartridge case head swelling to the extent that cocking the pistol for another shot was difficult. Since we had fired over 50 rounds at this point, I suspect both difficulties were due to our not firmly seating fresh cartridges in the now fouled charge holes. We had no such difficulties when, after a cylinder swap, we shot .22LR (but fewer rounds) and had similar accuracy results, but no misfires or swelling. The .22LR chronograph numbers are lower, of course, but they remain lethal.

The NAA .22 Magnum Rimfire Mini-Revolver with 1 1/8" barrel and conversion

cylinder, the NAA 22MS-C, retails for \$249; the LaserLyte laser is \$109. The NAA Web site (see below) has further details as to adding the .22LR cylinder if you already own an NAA 22MS. [P&SN](#)

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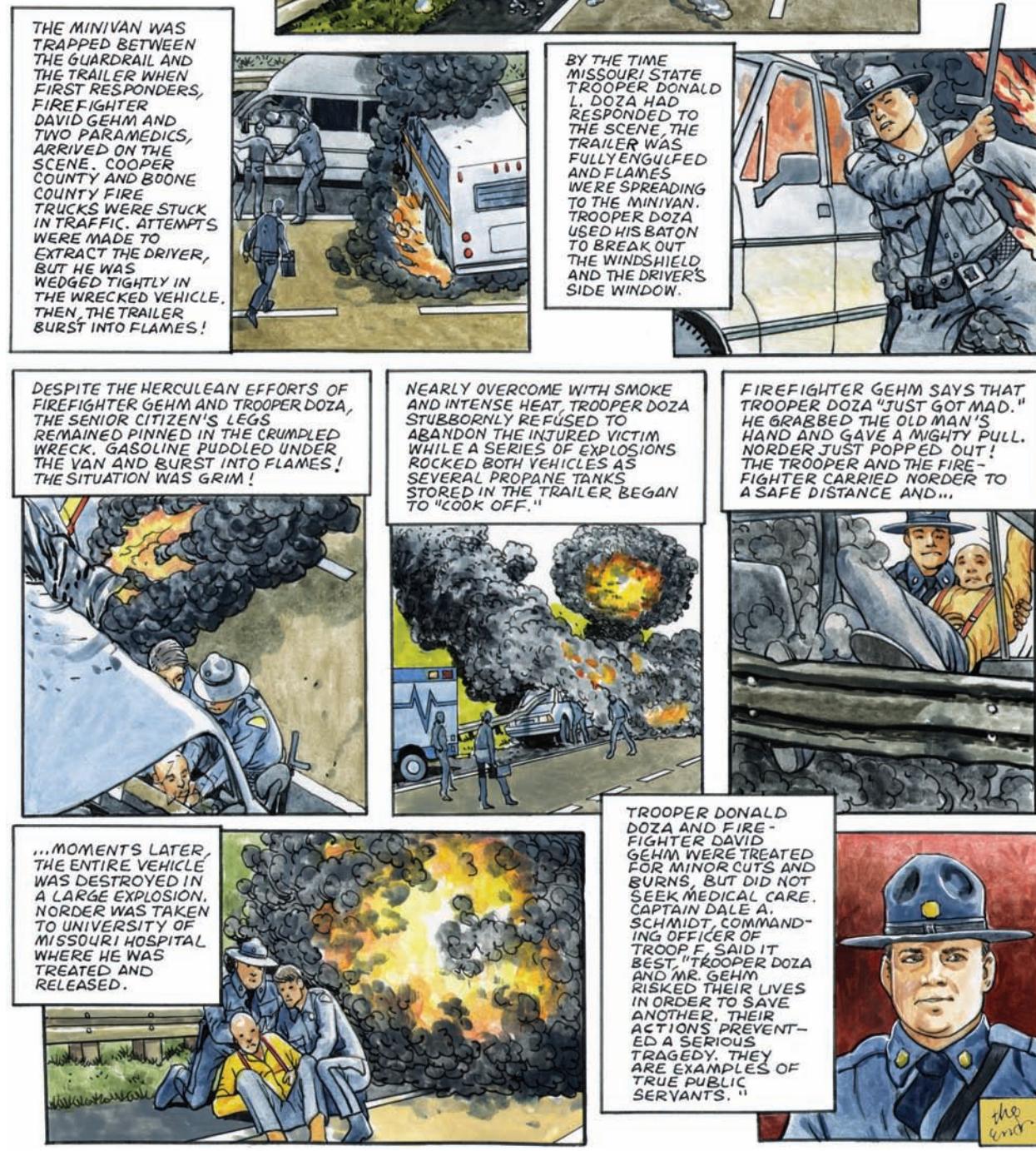
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Police in New York, Los Angeles and Elsewhere Engage in Counterterrorism

NEWS



On-line and in person community policing, intelligence gathering and officer self-education have all become part of the way many law enforcement agencies protect their communities from terrorism.

The outreach encourages Muslims to talk to police if they believe someone they know is becoming radicalized, while the information helps police better understand how terrorists and insurgents function. Outreach can include sporting events, in addition to meetings between police and Muslim community leaders, as well as helping with more mundane details like securing permits for events.

Some agencies, including the New York City Police Department, send officers to Muslim countries overseas to continue to learn and collect intelligence. Other foreign-born officers, fluent in Arabic, Urdu, Farsi and other languages, are trained to conduct undercover investigations. In all, 1,000 NYPD officers work counterterrorism, compared with 700 in Los Angeles.

More likely is for local agencies to assign officers to work with federal agents at the 72 fusion centers nationwide. These teams analyze suspicious activity reports for patterns of activity, behavior and other signs that terrorists may be planning an attack. Crimes like identity theft can lead investigators to subjects who have been scrutinized in other cases, although many reports are unfounded.

Indeed, some police officials are concerned that agencies have recouped only weak returns on massive expenditures. Less than accurate, misinformed training is one concern. So is the decreased emphasis on more traditional or more prevalent crime, including gang activity. And civil liberties groups have expressed concern that fusion centers have encouraged police to monitor people whose nonviolent activism is protected speech.

Whether all this has helped local police

to prevent terrorist attacks in their cities is unclear, although it's likely that the efforts of law enforcement policy and practice, combined with more alert civilians (such as the New York City street vendor who reported the attempted Times Square bombing in May 2010), have deterred several plots.

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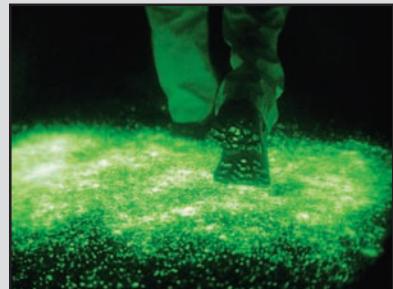
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A POTPOURRI OF POLICE PRONOUNCEMENTS AND PRODUCTS

Just a few odds and ends from the end of last year

Greetings and welcome to a review of the world of police cars which brings you all the info we've been able to gather this past year. Of course, the sad news for 2011 took place on September 15, as the last Crown Victoria Interceptor rolled off the line at the St. Thomas Assembly Plant. We'll

have an in-depth article on the demise of the most popular police car EVER at a later date.

Are You Tired?

In the last issue, we covered the annual Michigan State Police (MSP) Vehicle Evaluation in-depth. A lesser known (but just as significant) an-



Five tires failed the tests due to tread separation.

nual test is conducted jointly with the MSP and the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) – the annual Police Vehicle Tire Evaluation. The test is conducted at the MSP facilities and uses many of the test vehicles from the earlier vehicle tests.

Results of the 2011 Tire Evaluation are in and there are some interesting findings. The good news for owners of Dodge Charger (and Magnum) police vehicles is that there are now several companies offering OEM replacement tires. Departments with the Mopar® cruisers were subjected to sticker shock when they needed to replace the Continental tires which came with the cars. It seems Continental was the ONLY game in town at that time and the only company building pursuit rated tires in the unique 18" size. And, the Continentals were quite pricey for departments already strapped with vanishing budgets. Now, there are at least three other companies offering OEM replacement tires for the Dodges – Goodyear®, Cooper, and Firestone – so you can do some real comparative shopping.

The 2011 tests were conducted using the 2012 Chevy Caprice, 2011 Dodge Charger, 2011 Crown Victoria, 2011 Chevy Tahoe and the FWD 2012 Chevy Impala. The following tires (and models) were tested: Goodyear RSA; Nitto® NT 850+™; Nokian WRGZ; Cooper CS4; Firestone Firehawk™ GT Pursuit; and two Pirelli® tires, the P6 Four Season and the PZero Nero. The tires were tested new and used (after 100 miles, the tires were considered used) and were purchased at retail stores. The test vehicles were all outfitted with new brake pads and rotors and the tires were inflated to OEM recommended pressures posted in the doorjambs. They were tested on dry and wet pavements on a road course and subjected to rigorous brake testing. Each of the test vehicles were driven by four drivers and the results combined.

Five tires failed the tests due to tread separation resulting in those tests being stopped. The Charger shredded the Cooper and Firestone entries, while the Tahoe shredded the Goodyear. Both the Impala and Crown Vic lost tread on the Cooper

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tires. The test photos reveal separation ranging from a split between the treads to entire large chunks leaving the tire. All of the results can be downloaded from the MSP Web site at www.michigan.gov/msp.

Well, Ain't that the PITs!

Any department which uses the PIT procedure should check out an article on PoliceOne.com by Robert Smyth of the Pinellas County, FL, Sheriff's Office. Smyth is a PIT instructor and his article points out the dangers of attempting PIT maneuvers on late model cars equipped with Electronic Stability Control (ESC). ESC has been around in limited use since 1987, but all vehicles sold in the U.S. after 2012 will be required to be so equipped.

Based on Smyth's research, it is important to know that, at speeds below 35 mph, an ESC equipped target vehicle may not fully rotate out of the way of the PIT vehicle due to the vehicle's ESC working to keep the vehicle traveling in the direction the steering wheel is aimed. The potential is that the target vehicle may stop in a T-type position where either the driver's or passenger's door is at right angles to the officer's front end and only scant inches away with possible catastrophic results. Your actions at that time would be to either turn sharply in one direction or the other, or reverse away. Just remember that, since you are the PIT vehicle, there may be other pursuit vehicles immediately behind you.

At higher speeds, the target vehicle will probably rotate a full 360 degrees if the PIT is done correctly, but it will end up pointing in the same direction it was originally traveling, thanks to ESC. A YouTube video was widely circulated earlier this year which clearly showed this in action. Filmed from a news chopper, a late model Mustang was repeatedly PIT maneuvered only to spin 360 degrees and then it continued to speed away. What amused viewers (and was erroneously credited to a really capable driver) was, in reality, probably the work of a computer somewhere inside the Pony car.

Light 'Em Up

My regular readers know by now my position on police car lighting. Simply stated, I believe you can't have too much lighting – front, back and side. In the past, some naysayers have referred to this as the "Queer for Lights Syndrome." Hey, if that's what they think, so be it! All I know is that I've had to work traffic on a 70 mph interstate with nothing more than a halogen lightbar, a flashlight and my wits. Significant police car lighting saves your officers' AND citizens' lives. Admittedly, I'm not a fan of all blue lighting. I prefer a mix of red, white, blue and amber.

A significant new lightbar was unveiled this year which you just might have missed. I saw it at the Police Fleet Expo in St. Louis this summer and was quite impressed. The Valor™ by Federal Signal is an all new low profile LED bar which



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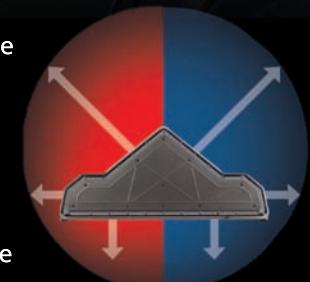
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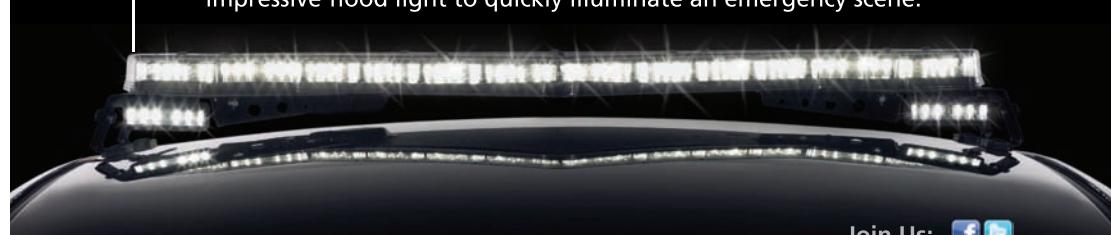


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The Dreaded T-bone

I always enjoy having our friends from England and Germany visit. Whenever we ask them what they'd like to eat, the response is always the same: "American steaks." At our favorite steak house, without fail, they always order T-bone steaks and, when the steaks arrive, they photograph them before eating. I'm used to it by now, but I must admit to being quite surprised when it first happened. It seems the photographs are to taunt friends back home because bone in beef products are banned due to the prevalence of mad cow disease.

But, as much as I'd like to reminisce with you at length about great steaks I've enjoyed, this section is about another kind of T-bone and not pleasant at all – the T-bone traffic accident. I've been fortunate to survive two high-speed T-bones on

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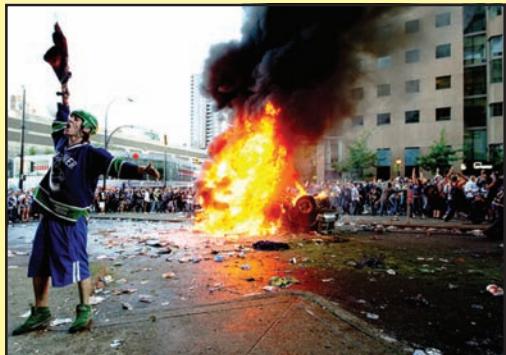
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Whether meant for harmless fun or illegal activity, flash mobs – spontaneous public gatherings of strangers who organize via social networking sites, then proceed to have water gun or pillow fights, dance or protest – have caused headaches for police in recent years. The mobs are often composed of younger, tech-savvy people who typically don't have permits to gather, and can snarl traffic or annoy nearby businesses.

In Los Angeles over the past summer, a group of bicyclists planned to gather along a strip of roadway which was closed for construction. Police, who were monitoring Twitter, were able

Flash Mobs Pit Public Safety Against Freedom of Speech, Assembly

to send enough units to stop the mob from taking place. But, in situations when police react to an existing flash mob, rather than heading one off, violence can break out.

The same is true of flash mobs which are not planned to be innocent fun. Police in Germantown (Maryland), Las Vegas (Nevada), and Philadelphia have found themselves responding to looting, robbery, vandalism and street fights, all organized via messaging services like Twitter, Facebook and BlackBerry® Messenger. In most cases, mobbers enjoy a certain degree of on-line anonymity and can easily get caught up in mob mentality once they are on the scene or watching the action unfold on their smartphones.

Mobbers also assume that police are not actively monitoring their communications. Budget cuts to many agencies render this likely, but, on the other hand, police in Philadelphia got FBI help and both the LAPD and NYPD do have officers devoted to social media monitoring. The NYPD, in fact, recently instituted the first Social Media

Unit in the nation. And, Germantown police were able to use YouTube together with old-fashioned legwork to identify and apprehend looting suspects.

Still, traditional measures, such as curfew enforcement and more police presence, may only be effective in the short term – especially if they require protracted resource allocations. The more police can do on-line, the better knowledge equipped they will be to respond proactively. Understanding the slang, communication conventions (such as Twitter “hashtags” used to promote easier searches), and people’s networks may be able, for instance, to help bridge the gap between taking action to protect public safety and interfering with the rights to assemble and speak freely.

Indeed, little legal precedent exists for social enabled technology. In August, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) authorities were criticized when they prevented flash mobs from assembling in their stations by shutting down underground wireless transponders. Critics noted that the measure seemed uncomfortably close to what governments in Egypt and Iran had done to quell political dissent during this

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year's "Arab Spring." Perhaps partly as a result, the mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, vetoed a proposed city ordinance which was intended to criminalize the use of social media to promote public disturbances. He thought the ordinance went too far over the line. And, even in Philadelphia, police have so far refused to stop cell phone service, preferring instead to focus on curfew enforcement.

Other legal issues come from technology itself. Even though social media postings are generally considered to be fair game when publicly made, private information still requires a warrant to search. And, other tools which go far beyond the sites' original intent can cause problems, too. Facial recognition software, coupled with tools which can show entire networks, enable police to cast a wide net – even among people who may not be involved with any criminal activity at all. Facial recognition capabilities have been banned in countries over fears that they encroach on the privacy rights of the innocent.

Flash mobs are one aspect of social media which the International Association of Chiefs of Police seeks to address in its Web site, iacpsocialmedia.org.

speakers available, but there is still a need for better side lighting. I'm very pleased to take this opportunity to introduce two new lighting products which will save your officers' lives.

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at www.soundoffsignal.com.

The next product is equally amazing. Say hello to the HG2 Runner™ Lighting System from HG2 Emergency Lighting. This unique system is a narrow strip of LED lights which mounts under the rocker panels of all the contemporary squad cars and SUVs. It also provides excellent intersection protection with a variety of changeable patterns and colors, yet boasting a small footprint.

Before hitting the marketplace, these units have been field-tested by a variety of different agencies for three years. They are built in Orlando, Florida, by HG2 and boast of an easy install. They feature superbright, wide angle LEDs; a high impact CAB housing; and an anodized, black finished, black extruded aluminum mounting sleeve for a stealth mount, resulting in an assembly which is nearly invisible when off, but can be seen 400 feet away when lit up. Check out the videos of the HG2 Runner in operation at the company's Web site at www.hg2lighting.com.

Over and Out

That's it for this issue. We hope we've provided you something which will help you provide safer, economical, professional service delivery to your communities while maximizing your officers' safety at the same time. 



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Care Under Fire:

Lifesaving Measures for Patrol Officers

Richard Johnson

Being shot is a very real possibility for every patrol officer. When your shift begins, it is impossible to know what it holds for you. Even simple calls can turn deadly in a heartbeat.

Most departments train officers on how to move and shoot under fire. We teach our officers to use light, cover and team tactics to overwhelm a violent attacker. But, when it comes to teaching officers how to treat their own injuries, we barely pay that lip service.

Many officers are taught basic first aid in the police academy and most agencies provide annual training in CPR. Beyond that, many officers never receive any lifesaving medical training. After all, fire rescue and EMS are just a few minutes away. Why would we need to teach our personnel liability sensitive topics from the medical field?

"All Units – Officer Needs Help at the Bank of America"

On February 28, 1997, two heavily armed men walked into the North Hollywood branch of the Bank of America. During the next half hour, hundreds of rounds were fired and multiple officers were shot. Radio traffic was understandably frantic:

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"More than one! More than one!"

"We are all pinned down by automatic gunfire..."

During the incident, officers who were hit were largely without help. Withering gunfire from the

suspects made it nearly impossible for backup units to affect any kind of rescue for many of the wounded officers.

EMS and fire rescue were not able to get to the wounded officers. A man can bleed to death in just a few minutes, yet paramedics could not treat



Developed by the US military, TCCC looks at treating casualties under fire as part of the overall tactical problem.

the wounded officers for half an hour or more.

If shot and pinned down, do your officers have the tools and skills to stop massive bleeding and stay alive long enough to be rescued?

Care Under Fire

After the Battle of Mogadishu in 1993, the United States military developed a new protocol for treating battlefield injuries called Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). Initially, the Special Forces used TCCC; however, due to the success of the program, the protocol was expanded to all combat troops.

TCCC looks at treating casualties under fire as part of the overall tactical problem, rather than solely as a medical response. In the civilian world, EMS will not deploy into an unsafe scene where an officer may be injured. Officers must solve the tactical problem first before medical assistance can be deployed. Therefore, it would appear that the TCCC structure makes sense for adaptation to the law enforcement arena.

The TCCC model considers various phases of medical intervention including care under fire, tactical field care and tactical evacuation care. For the purposes of this article, we will deal with the care under fire aspect only.

Battlefield Fatalities

TCCC identifies the three most common causes of preventable battlefield deaths: bleeding (hemorrhage) from an extremity injury (about 61% of preventable deaths); tension pneumothorax (a buildup of pressure in the chest from a penetrating injury which is responsible for about 33% of preventable deaths); and airway obstruction (about six percent of preventable deaths). Some wounds are nonsurvivable and were not included in the military's research.

In developing the TCCC model, the military took into consideration the most common causes

of preventable combat deaths; the need to accomplish the overall mission; and the need to prevent additional casualties to those who might try to treat or rescue the original casualty. With these objectives in mind, the most recent TCCC guidelines for care under fire are:

1. Return fire and take cover;
2. Direct casualty to remain engaged as a combatant, if appropriate;
3. Direct casualty to move to cover and apply self-aid, if possible;
4. Try to keep casualty from sustaining additional wounds;
5. Casualties should be extricated from burning vehicles or buildings and moved to places of relative safety. Do what is necessary to stop the burning process;

6. Airway management is generally best deferred until the tactical field care phase; and

7. Stop life threatening external hemorrhage, if tactically feasible:

- Direct casualty to control hemorrhage by self-aid, if able;
- Use a CoTCCC recommended tourniquet for a hemorrhage which is anatomically amenable to tourniquet application; and
- Apply the tourniquet proximal to the bleeding site, over the uniform, tighten, and move the casualty to cover.

Keep in mind that the statistics on preventable battlefield deaths are military specific. It is easy to assume that, since police officers in combat are likely to suffer similar injuries to soldiers in combat, the stats on officers would be similar.

However, police officer statistics might be significantly different.

No Best Practices for Police

Currently, there is not a universally accepted model for the application of TCCC concepts to police work. Additionally, there is only the beginning of medical research to show what are "best practices" for TCCC in law enforcement.

In "Learning from tragedy: Preventing officer deaths with medical interventions," Matthew D. Sztajnkrycer, MD, studied the circumstances of officers murdered in the line of duty from 1998 through 2007. His examination of the data on murdered police officers suggested that officers killed by extremity injury hemorrhaging might be significantly fewer (by percentage) than the same cause of death in military casualties.

Additionally, Sztajnkrycer determined that the majority of preventable police officer deaths were chest wounds (about 73%) and only about 1.6% of preventable deaths were from extremity injuries. However, Sztajnkrycer noted that the use of a tourniquet on scene would have likely saved the officers killed by extremity wounds in this time frame.

While Sztajnkrycer's research does not include data on officers who were assaulted and subsequently saved by rapid medical intervention, it does suggest that there may be significant differences between military and law enforcement injuries and that different interventions may be needed.

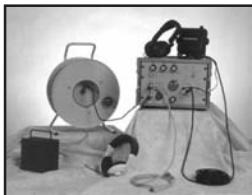
Care under fire emphasizes controlling bleeding as a primary form of medical intervention. Other medical interventions, such as treating tension pneumothorax, are typically not feasible in an under fire situation. However, future research may show treating tension pneumothorax may be more important in the law enforcement setting than in the military context.

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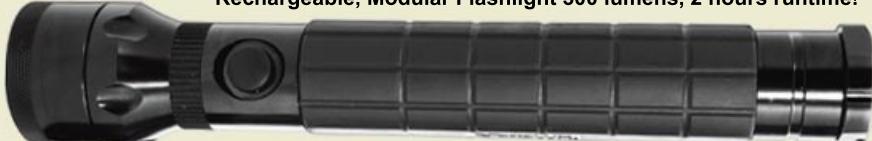
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Training

Incorporating TCCC into your department should involve an initial introductory class with follow-up practical exercises. Additionally, TCCC should be incorporated into all future scenario and force training exercises. The ultimate goal is for the skills to be a well integrated part of the officers' overall training.

Steve Rabinovich is a police veteran and Director of Operations for The E.C.H.O. Group, a not for profit organization which teaches TCCC concepts for law enforcement. Rabinovich said introducing TCCC skills should be done in a classroom environment and then integrated with other

law enforcement skill training.

"The unique concepts, new skills and levels of appreciation for them simply dictate that, initially, it can't be combined," said Rabinovich. "However, the medical tactics don't function in an environment separate from others already taught and are part of the whole picture. They have to be implemented with defensive tactics; firearms; and, most importantly, force on force scenario-based training."

Introductory classes can be from four hours to two full days, depending on the skills which a department wants to teach. At a minimum, officers should be taught the general concepts of TCCC and how to control bleeding, including the use of a tourniquet.

The basic class should demonstrate the use of any tools which will be used and must include practical exercises for the officers to practice the skills and demonstrate proficiency.

With many agencies, small steps are easier to accomplish than radical changes to policy. "A basic introduction on all TCCC facets is necessary, but focus can remain with care under fire, massive hemorrhage control and use of tourniquets, at least initially," said Rabinovich.

After completing basic TCCC training, all future scenario training should include medical self- and buddy-care. Scenario training should not end when a suspect has been neutralized. Officers should go through all of the steps to control

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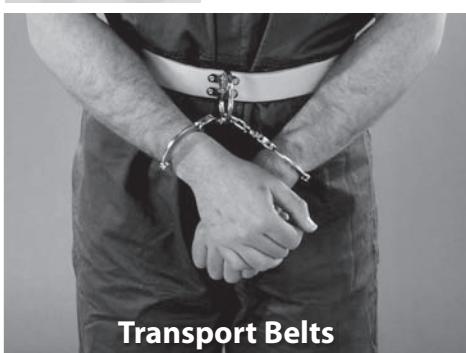


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A new Web site, www.IDThisPerson.com, has become a resource for police to ask for help from private citizens. A subscription service in which police departments sign up and then upload subject images, the site offers \$25 gift cards to anyone who can provide a tip as to subjects' identities.

IDThisPerson.com is the brainchild of two police officers who pay for it with minimal ads and do not require subscription fees from either police or citizens. Photos are often taken from surveillance video and can be of suspects, or possible associates or witnesses. The pictures include no details about why police want to talk to the subject and ask tipsters only for names; nicknames; places where the subjects spend time; and cars they drive, along with any other information.

In turn, citizens can log in and search pictures within their area. They can submit tips anonymously, though they must submit an E-mail in order to be eligible for the \$25 gift card – which they receive only if their tip is accurate (but does not depend on whether an arrest is made). Tipsters do not have to talk to police to receive the gift card.

Police who have signed up expect that the site will help them identify subjects from out of state, as well as those in their local areas. Retail theft, identity theft and robbery are among the crimes which may be queried.

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bleeding or otherwise address wounds.

Possible scenarios include:

- An officer is ambushed when arriving on a bank alarm call. The suspects withdraw, but are still in the area. The officer has been shot in the leg and there is massive bleeding. A backup officer provides cover and directs the wounded officer to employ the tourniquet. The backup officer then directs the wounded officer to engage suspects when they reappear.

- An officer responds to an officer down call. Upon arriving, the officer observes a subject with a gun shooting at people. The officer must neutralize the gunman and then provide care to a wounded officer who is unable to care for himself.

- The officer responds to back up another officer on a traffic stop. On arrival, the suspect vehicle is on scene, but the driver is not anywhere in the area. The primary officer is unconscious on the pavement. The backup officer must address the threat of an unknown suspect who may be in the area. The unconscious officer has been shot with a rifle through his vest, but there is no obvious injury. Responding officers have to check under the vest and they will discover the penetrating injury.

These are just a few of the possible scenarios which can be specifically made for practicing TCCC skills. Each of the scenarios emphasizes an unsafe scene into which EMS will not respond. Additional aspects, like directing the injured person to care for himself or to remain a combatant, are also included.

TCCC Tools

The skill set of your department's officers will largely determine what medical gear is needed. At the minimum, all officers should be issued a tourniquet which can be applied one-handed, such as the Combat Action Tourniquet (CAT) and the Special Operation Forces Tourniquet (SOF-T).

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Scenario training should include both medical self-help and buddy care.

Additional supplies (such as an Israeli pressure bandage, occlusive dressings, QuikClot® Combat Gauze and decompression needles) should also be provided to match training and skill levels.

One of the best kits on the market is the ETA Trauma Kit made by ITS Tactical. The kit is a vacuum-packed pouch containing the tools needed to address casualties during care under fire. Add a tourniquet to the kit and your officers will be well outfitted to handle combat casualties.

Having the equipment to treat wounds under

fire is only useful if the officers have it with them when they need it. A pretty box loaded with medical gear is useless sitting in the patrol car's trunk. Wounded officers need the gear where they are.

The best solution is to carry the gear on your person at all times. For officers wearing a nontraditional uniform with BDU-type pockets or wearing an external vest with pouches, this is easily accomplished. For officers wearing a traditional uniform, compromise may be needed.

A tourniquet can be worn in a belt pouch if there is room between all of the other gear. BLACKHAWK! manufactures a tourniquet pouch with an opening strap which runs under the tourniquet. When the officer pulls the flap open, the tourniquet is automatically pulled up and into the hand.

Alternatively, an officer can carry the tourniquet under his uniform shirt. Carried under the shirt is not ideal, as a buddy officer isn't likely to know it is there if he needs to apply it to the downed officer. But, having it with the person is far better than leaving it in the car.

A small kit containing additional medical gear can be kept on the front seat of the patrol car as part of a bailout bag. When the officer arrives on a hot call, he can sling the bag over his body and he will have the supplemental gear wherever he goes.

There are countless examples of officers who

have been injured when EMS response was not readily available to them due to hostile fire and other more mundane reasons. Similar incidents in the future are a certainty. Law enforcement officers must have the skills and basic tools to be able to treat themselves or a buddy so he will not die waiting for an ambulance. 

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The Problem

**with Handgun
Stopping Power**

Dave Spaulding

**What exactly is the secret to stopping
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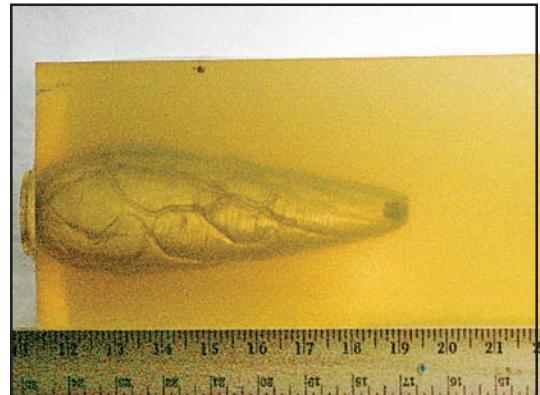
I have long been fascinated with the topic of handgun stopping power. For almost 25 years, I read everything I could on the topic. I went to autopsies; spoke with coroners and emergency room physicians; interviewed people who had shot others in self-defense; pursued shooting reports from

many law enforcement agencies; and I even wrote my master's thesis on the topic. After all of this, you'd think I'd have a good handle on the subject, but I don't. Many look to the ballistics laboratory for a definitive answer, but a human's resilience can't be recreated in a block of ballistics gelatin.

How about looking at actual shooting data? Sounds like a fine idea, but for every successful shooting with a particular load/caliber I uncovered, I found one or two others where it performed miserably. Is handgun stopping power a problem? Most certainly it is.

Handgun Ammo vs. Rifle Ammo

What do we know for sure on the subject? We know handgun ammo is not long gun ammo. Rifle ammo travels at almost twice the velocity as the fastest handgun ammo, creating a true hydrostatic shock wave, an effect which can damage human tissue beyond the area the ammo actually contacts. Shotguns can launch rounds which strike the body with multiple projectiles at once, creating an overload/shock to the system, or they can deliver one large, heavy hunk of lead weighed in ounces instead of grains.



While testing in ballistic gelatin is a good indicator of potential performance, it should not be viewed as absolute.

Standard handgun ammunition must touch the tissue or organ in order to disrupt it which means that, for a handgun projectile to cause physiological incapacitation, it must hit something important, such as the brain, heart or major vessels, which will rapidly leak blood and lower blood pressure. This means that pistol fire must be more accurate than rifle fire which is a tall order considering the handgun's short barrel, short sight radius and few points of body contact. The handgun is portable, but not really effective. Use it until you can get your hands on a long gun, and don't expect it to work with only one or two rounds.

Handgun Caliber

What about caliber? Is one better than another? Common sense dictates a bigger bullet is a better bullet. However, a bigger bullet is also a heavier bullet which means it will deliver more felt recoil to the shooter. Because the majority of law enforcement officers are not gun people and will only train with their sidearm when required, we need to take this recoil factor into account. Multiple shots which miss the target are like not shooting at all – unless, of course, they travel down the street and hit some poor four-year-old riding her tricycle. Then, they will be the only rounds fired in the eyes of the community at large.

Can added speed make a smaller bullet more efficient? Sure, it can. Picture a truck hitting a wall

at 25 mph and a VW Beetle hitting the same wall at 50 mph. So, yes, a smaller, faster bullet can do considerable damage, but only if it slows inside the body to deliver its energy to the surrounding tissue. If you're restricted to using only full metal jacket ammo (like the military), using a fast, slow moving bullet makes more sense because it has a greater chance of slowing in the body, delivering energy and reducing overpenetration hazards. A smaller projectile traveling at great speed can zip in and out of the body like an ice pick, damaging very little along the way. Such a bullet must be designed to deform and stop prior to leaving the torso. For instance, take the 9mm. It can be a good choice for some, but it's load dependent, requiring a hollowpoint bullet of reasonable weight driven at a high velocity. For many, the 9mm is a wise option due to the reduced recoil it offers over the larger bullets of the .40 calibers, but only with carefully selected ammunition.

Ammo Recommendations

Over the years, I've found certain "formulas" of handgun ammunition which work quite well. First, relying on anything smaller than a .38 Special is less than wise. While smaller calibers can certainly prove lethal, they are less effective than those of the .38 Special or larger. Persons shot with a good quality .38 or larger tend to react to the blow. Those shot with lesser loadings may not even



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know they are shot, unless the bullet impacts a vital organ immediately. That said, here are the handgun ammunition formulas I've seen work well on the street:

.38 Special: 158-grain all lead hollow point. Made by all of the major manufacturers, this may be the most proven load in law enforcement history. The Speer® 135-grain Gold Dot® hollow point is also a proven load.

9mm: 124-/127-grain hollow point loaded in

excess of 1,200 feet per second (fps). This bullet is heavy enough to penetrate deeply and moves fast enough to ensure expansion (at least as much as anything like this can be assured) and deliver energy. The most proven 9mm load is the Winchester® 127-grain +P+ SXT hollow point moving at 1,250 fps. Friends in the NYPD tell me that they are very happy with their Speer 124-grain +P Gold Dot hollow point duty load which travels at 1,230 fps and expands – regardless of the intermediate barriers it encounters. I know of a large municipal agency in Kansas which moved back to the GLOCK® 17 with the 124 Gold Dot +P load from a .40 S&W load because they believed their officers shot better with the 9mm (they hit what they were shooting at!) with no loss in effectiveness from the .40.

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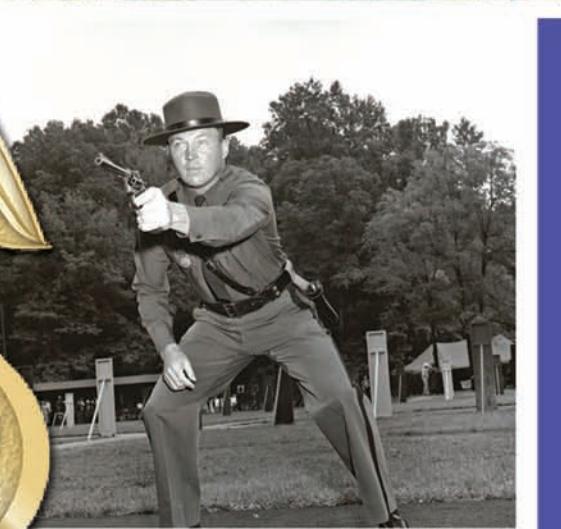
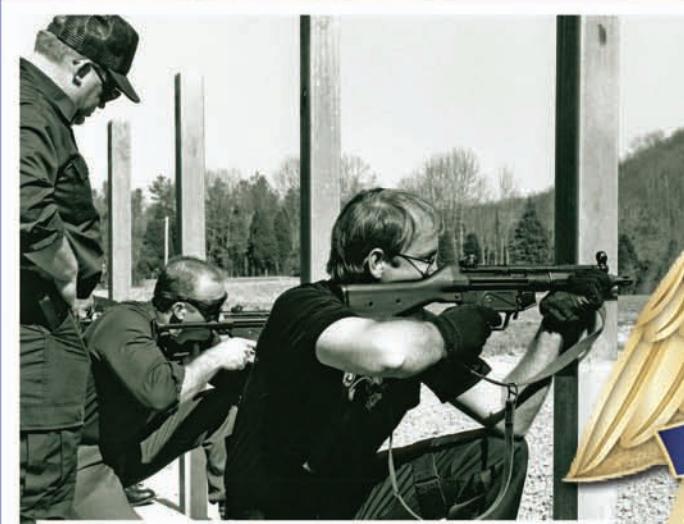
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Hitting Something Important

Ammunition which fails to stop an adversary is usually due to poor shot placement and not poor ammo performance. Expansion is a means to an end and not the end result. A bullet which fails to expand as shown in the gun magazines will not result in an incapacitation failure as often as a fully expanded bullet which does not hit a vital area of the body. Remember: To be effective, handgun bullets must be placed on an adversary in a vital location and no amount of expansion or bullet diameter will change this. The best thing any law enforcement firearms instructor can do to ensure



The primary factor in handgun stopping power is, and always will be, shot placement.

the agency approved gun and ammo incapacitates dangerous felons is train his (or her) personnel to hit vital areas of the body while bobbing and weaving, as in a real fight. This equates to training time and ammunition and no super-duper, thermonuclear +P+ hollow point will make up for this.

Dr. Vincent DiMaio, one of the nation's foremost experts on wound ballistics, says the secret to handgun stopping power remains where you shoot your opponent and how many times you shoot them. It makes sense to me. Hardware will never make up for sound training and accurate shooting.

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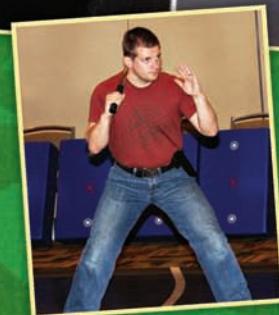
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BROKEN RECRUITS:

Common Field Training Problems and Solutions

Richard Johnson

**Every Field Training Officer has at least one:
A story about a rookie who was so awful that he nearly put
the FTO in an early grave from the stress of having to train him.**

Some of us have many such stories. The funny thing is that many of the stories not only refer to officers who are still employed by the agency, but also people we now consider friends.

The gruesome stories about the incompetent recruits who turned out to be good cops prove that an FTO can really help a new officer become something special. Experienced FTOs have a bag of tricks and ideas they can rely on to help coax great officers out of the lumps called recruits who show up every now and then.

Through the years, I have had my fair share of trainees. No recruit shows up performing at the level of a solo officer. All rookies have varying strengths and weaknesses. However, I have found some problems seem to occur frequently: spelling and grammar, navigation, fear, radio codes and DUI investigations.

The recruit can overcome each of these problem areas, but success often requires special effort from the FTO. I have developed strategies for addressing those deficiencies and will share them with you here.



Some recruits can try the patience of even the most experienced FTO.

Spelling and Grammar Issues

Spelling and grammar are the two sides of the coin called written communication. Correct spelling and grammar are critical in relaying accurate information. A misplaced comma or missing period may radically alter the meaning of a sentence.

Misspelled words can create confusion or even alter the facts you are attempting to document.

Basic writing skills, including spelling and grammar, should be part of the education any public school graduate receives. Sadly, my experience has taught me that even many college graduates have a tenuous grasp of essential spelling and grammar skills.

Here are a few ideas an FTO can use to help recruits achieve acceptable written reports:

Quizzes – The FTO can identify what words the recruit is routinely misspelling and turn them into a list. That list should be given to the recruit to study and the FTO can use the list to perform oral or written quizzes.

Technology – Less than 20 years ago, distance learning was handled through the mail: A course was mailed to you, you studied the material, took a proctored exam locally and then mailed the course back. That's all changed. There are many on-line resources available to the recruit for improving his (or her) spelling and grammar skills. One of these resources is the iTunes® University.

iTunes University is part of the free iTunes computer application from Apple® and it works on both Windows® and Mac® computers. The University section offers more than 300,000 files available for download. The classes range from elementary school level through advanced college courses.

Topics range from theology to science to art to foreign languages.

At the time of this writing, a search for "English grammar" found 36 different classes on English composition and grammar topics. Any one of these courses may be just what a troubled

recruit needs to improve his (or her) writing.

Tutor – A recruit who is not able to write basic reports, and who is not showing signs of significant improvement, may need to seek out a tutor or an adult studies class. Department policies and union contracts may influence how this can be

accomplished, but the field training program should be willing to assist the recruit in finding an outside tutor, if needed.

Fear

Fear is a perfectly natural and understandable emotion a recruit officer will experience when responding to high risk calls or dealing with hostile people. How he (or she) performs while experiencing fear can make the difference between becoming a career cop or just another rookie washout.

Recruit performance in the face of hostility will frequently improve with experience. It is for this reason that the FTO should seek out the "hot" calls. The role of the FTO is to guide him through this adaptive process, ensuring that the recruit maintains officer safety and makes sound decisions under stress.

Unfortunately, some people seem to be overwhelmed with fear and are unable to perform in, or react rationally to, stressful situations. Sometimes, additional exposure to hostility worsens the problem rather than improves it. What can an FTO do with this recruit?

Confidence and Training – Many times, a recruit will experience fear due to a lack of confidence in his (or her) ability to handle the situation. It is important to identify the areas in which the recruit officer needs more training and to train up those skills. For example, a recruit who is timid in the face of a belligerent drunk may not have any confidence in his defensive tactics skills. With this recruit, it would be very important to get him on the mats to build both skill and confidence.

Role-playing – Role-playing scenarios can frequently help a recruit officer build confidence in decision-making and use of force. It is critical that role-playing allow a recruit officer to successfully handle the call when they make reasonable decisions. The point of role-playing scenarios is to reinforce good judgment and build confidence. Scenario training should never be used as some form of hazing or punishment.

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Skills like handcuffing can be difficult for some people to learn. Take the time to provide supplementary training in a safe environment when you discover a problem.

Role-playing should be done in a safe environment. No real weapons (gun, baton, etc.) should be allowed in the training area. Too many officers have been killed in training due to guns which were believed to be unloaded.

Open Dialogue – Fear is a mental stumbling block and, sometimes, the roots of the fear are not easily discerned. Talking frankly with the recruit can often be the best method of finding why the recruit officer is having problems dealing with fear

and stress. Have the recruit officer evaluate himself and describe what he is feeling and thinking when he encounters problems. Frequently, this alone will give you all of the information you need to work out a plan for improving his performance.

An FTO should explain to the recruit that fear is a perfectly natural reaction to danger. The reaction is an innate warning alarm which humans have to alert us to danger. Fear in and of itself is not bad. It is how we react which is good or bad.

Orientation and Navigation

Even for the recruit who is familiar with your jurisdiction, seeing it as a cop is a whole new experience. Most people move through life without consciously knowing where they are. A recruit officer is suddenly expected to know where he (or she) is at every moment and to know how to get to other locations using the quickest routes.

For some people, navigation and orientation are as natural as breathing. For others, it doesn't come as easily. Even though orientation seems to be a more common problem for recruits, it is also one which is easy to correct in most new officers.

Where Are We? – Constant verbal quizzing of the recruit while on patrol will force the new officer to make a habit of watching street signs and learning block numbering. Verbal testing can be as simple as asking, "Where are we?"

If you need to stress the importance of knowing your location, you can stage a simple exercise in which you tell the recruit to stop the car

immediately (preferably not in the middle of a busy highway). Tell the recruit he has just been ambushed and shot. Then, ask where he is.

I have used this technique with a great deal of animation and a voice which progressively gets louder. I generally describe how blood is running out of their chest and they are close to passing out. I then count down five seconds to see if they can give me their location. This can add stress and drive home the importance of orientation.

Maps – Computer maps are great. However, from my experience, many recruits seem to learn the streets better when they use old-fashioned map books. Instead of seeing the blinking arrow pointing to the destination on a computer screen, the recruit has to puzzle out where the target address is and then figure out how to get there.

Radio Codes

Many law enforcement agencies use some form of signals, codes and ten codes. If you work for an agency which relies heavily on the use of radio codes, you will likely encounter recruits who have difficulty in learning all of them.

In many cases, learning the codes and signals is an exercise of rote memorization. Depending on how many codes the recruit needs to learn, you can divide up the list and assign parts of the list for memorization in each of the first few weeks of training.

The recruit can then be orally quizzed while on the road. The FTO can also administer written

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tests on the codes. Several practice exams early in the week can help point out the recruit's weaknesses which can direct his (or her) study. A final exam on the codes can be administered at the end of the week.

The recruit can also be encouraged to listen to his (or her) radio while at home. Listening to the language used on the radio can help give meaning to seemingly random numbers. Developing associations for the signals and codes can greatly aid in memorizing meaning.

If your agency does not issue radios which can be taken home, there are many Web sites which

stream radio traffic. Additionally, there are applications for smart phones which perform the same function.

DUI Investigations

Driving Under the Influence (DUI), or drunk driving investigations are frequently difficult for new officers to learn. Each state has very specific laws and procedures related to the investigation and prosecution of these crimes. Learning all of the steps to a DUI investigation can be overwhelming.

Mock Investigations – Using other FTOs as suspects, have the recruit complete a DUI investigation in a controlled environment. Getting practice in conducting the investigation in a safe setting will help the officer recall the procedure in the field later.

For an officer who has a lot of problems with an investigation, start with the basics in a classroom. Have the recruit work through the standardized field sobriety tests until he is comfortable with the instructions and for what clues he should be watching.

Once the rookie seems to grasp the fundamentals, move out of the classroom to the parking lot. In the pseudofield conditions of the department parking lot, the new officer will now have the added realism of darkness, emergency lights, uneven pavement and an uncertain environment. These added variables would help the recruit once you get him back on the street with real suspects.



If you have to discipline a trainee, make sure you don't unnecessarily embarrass him in front of his peers.

Checklists – Many agencies put together a checklist for reference when officers are investigating a DUI case. Providing the checklist to the recruit officer may help him to visualize the process.

Alternatively, have the recruit develop his own checklist as you instruct him. If the rookie officer develops his own list, he is more likely to commit the information to memory. It is very important that the FTO reviews the checklist to ensure everything is accurate and no steps are skipped.

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from a shift or two riding with them. Observing multiple DUI investigations can help burn the procedure into the new officer's memory.

Additionally, experienced DUI officers typically get more court time than almost any other position. Those court appearances teach the DUI officer the nuances of building a solid case. The hard lessons learned in court can be passed on to the new officers which can help build their confidence.

The Bottom Line

Very few recruits are without hope. Most new officers can be taught how to do the job, assuming they apply themselves. We should give them every opportunity to succeed.

If a rookie officer is having problems, try tackling the problem from a different angle. Sometimes, just changing how the recruit looks at the problem can help them beat a mental block. Other times, building confidence through practice repetitions

can get them over the hurdle.

It is important to do everything you can to help that recruit learn the job. Someday, they will respond as your backup. How well do you want your backup officer trained? 

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First Amendment Protects Filming Police in Public



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The U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston (1st Circuit) has ruled that private citizens can, under the First Amendment, record police officers as they go about their duties in public. Stemming from a case in which three officers confiscated the cell phone and flash drive of a man who had used the devices to record an arrest, the ruling affirmed the Boston Municipal Court's denial of the officers' motion to dismiss the civilian's civil rights lawsuit which claimed that the officers violated his First and Fourth Amendment rights.

The ruling made note of the rise of "citizen journalism" in particular: "The proliferation of electronic devices with video recording capability means that many of our images of current events come from bystanders with a ready cell phone or digital camera, rather than a traditional film crew, and news stories are now just as likely to be broken by a blogger at her computer as a reporter at a major newspaper. Such developments make clear why the news gathering protections of the First Amendment cannot turn on professional credentials or status."

Moreover, even though the officers had originally charged the plaintiff with a violation of Massachusetts wiretapping laws – a charge brought by officers in other states – the lower court dismissed it, noting that the recording was captured in plain view in a public place – not surreptitiously in a private setting.

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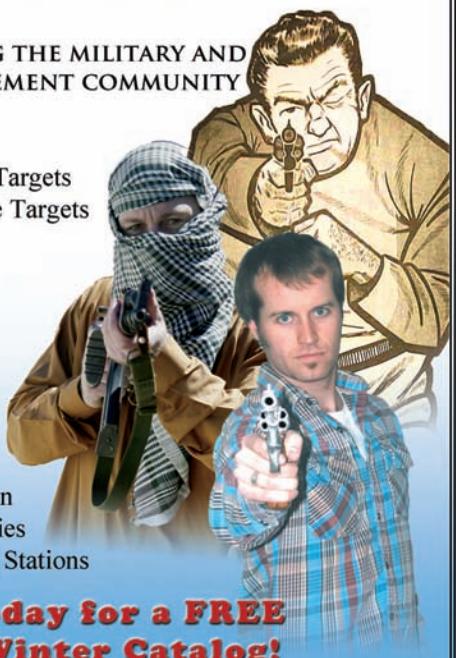
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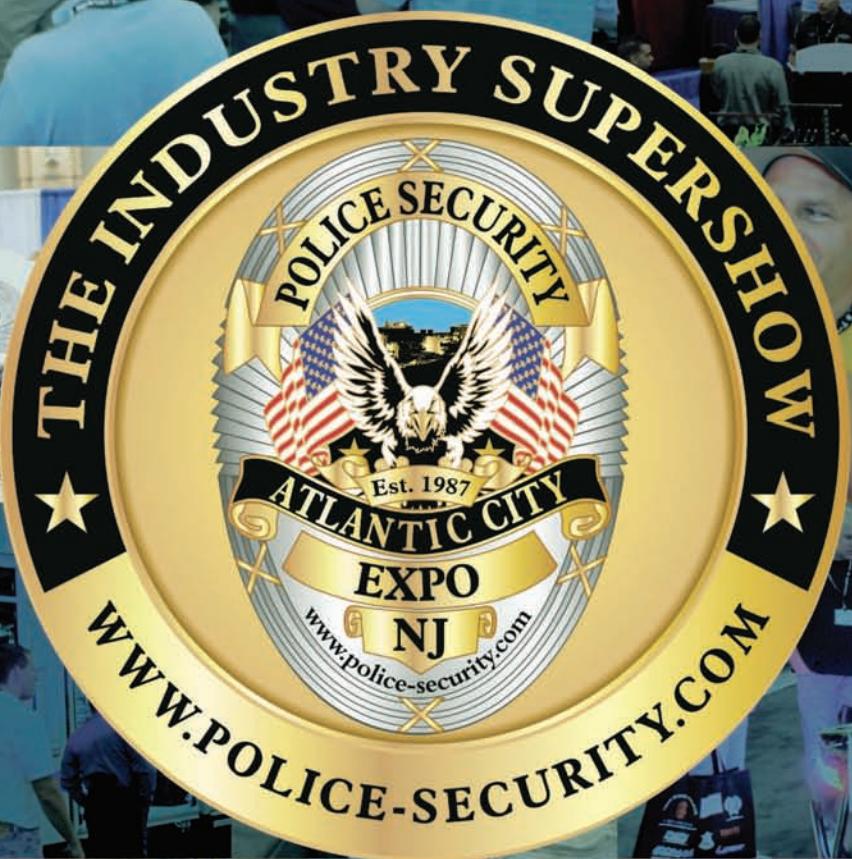
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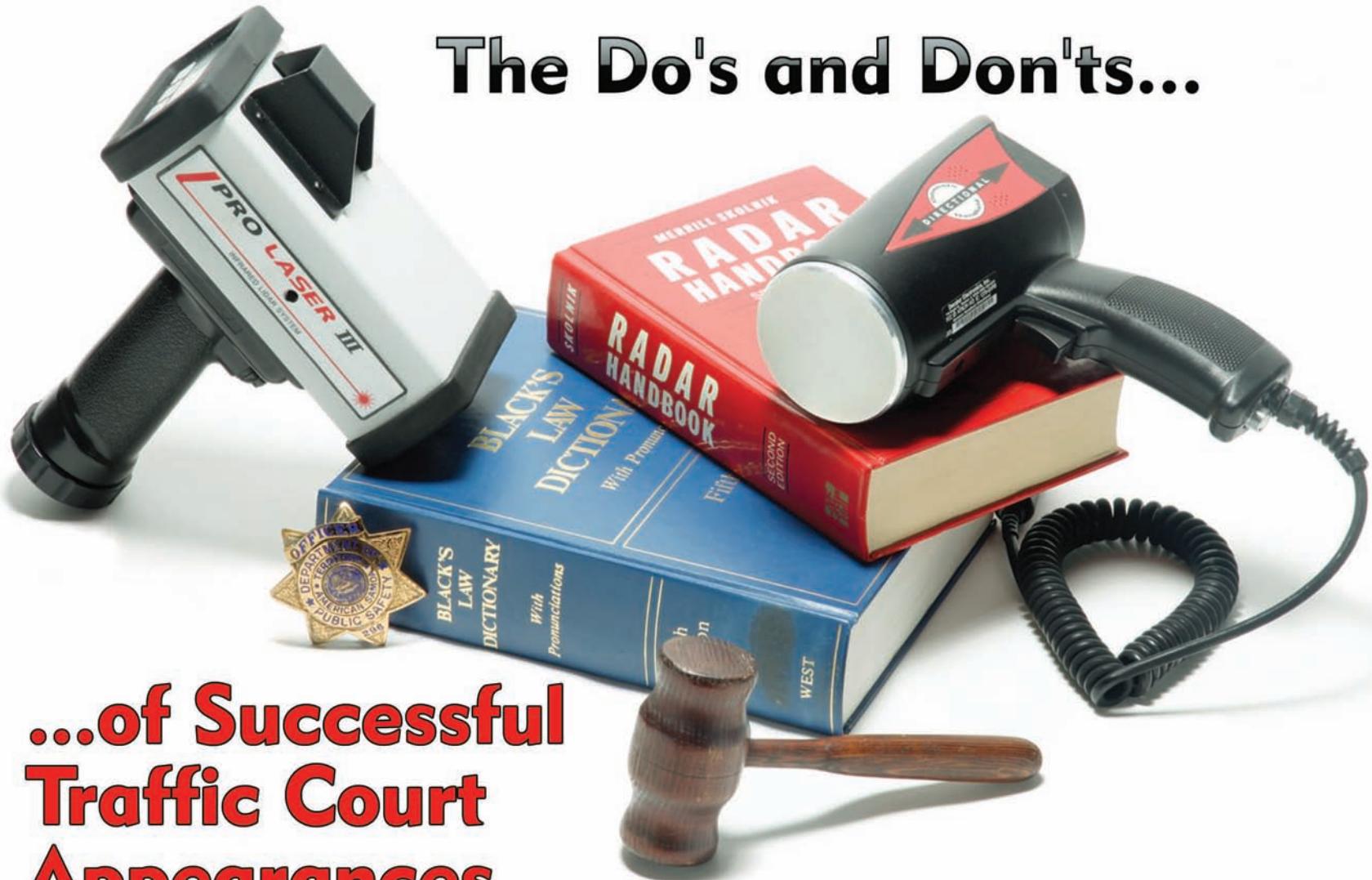
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Getting Tougher Out There

Last year, Harris County, Texas (Houston), took over 100 radar guns out of service. The reason: There was no officer training and the equipment was not recertified. In Hawaii, the Supreme Court (*Assaye v. Hawaii*, 2010) ruled against Honolulu's laser gun training program and officers were not performing daily checks of accuracy as described in the manufacturer's operator's manual. In Ohio, an expert witness must be called for moving radar cases (*Wilcox v. Ohio*, *Ferrell v. Ohio*), even though 60 years have passed since the first radar citation. The Illinois Senate voted down legislation which would have approved statewide judicial notice for laser use in the state which means that every jurisdiction must get court approval to use lasers. Pres-

ently, seven states have statewide judicial notice of laser use by law enforcement: Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Minnesota, Florida, Maine, and Connecticut. In Texas (*Hall v. Texas*), "the officer stated to the court he was not certified nor trained to use the laser gun and wasn't sure who was responsible for the maintenance to insure its accuracy." The case was closed and dropped.

What Officers Need to Know and What Questions to Expect

Challenges from the courts and defense attorneys are based on three areas: officer certification; daily checks of radar or laser guns for their accuracy using operator's manual guidelines; and recertification of equipment. Let's look at each one in detail.

The most important fact in any citation is the valid visual tracking history of the suspect vehicle by the officer – it's *prima facie* evidence. A recent Ohio Supreme Court case (*Barberton v. Jenny, No. 2009-1069*, decided June 2, 2010) affirmed this fact by saying, "A police officer's unaided visual estimation (visual tracking history) of a vehicle's speed is sufficient evidence to support a conviction for speeding without independent verification (radar

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or laser guns) of the vehicle's speed if the officer is trained, certified, and experienced in visually estimating vehicle speed."

Don't: The officer should not give specific speeds of visual tracking history.

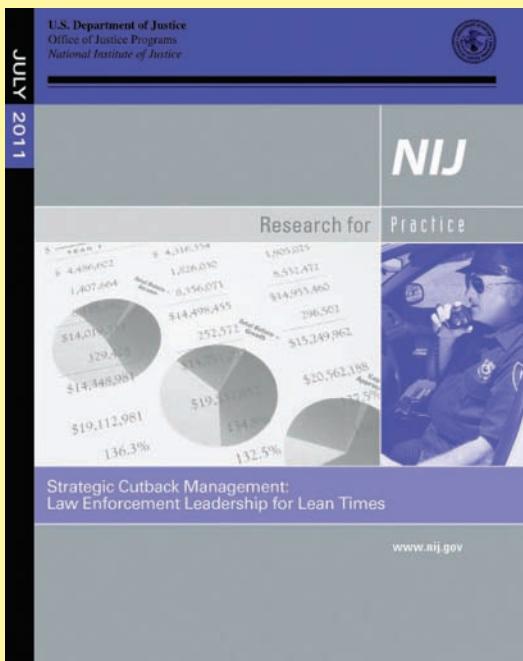
Do: The officer should say the suspect vehicle was traveling faster than the speed limit and should give a range of speed estimated.

In many cases, the defense attorney will ask about the qualification of the officer.

Don't: The officer should not try to be an electronics expert and get caught in this trap.

Do: The officer should state the court case used by prosecutors across the country – *Honeycutt v. Kentucky* (November 1996). In this case, the court said, "First, the courts will take judicial notice of the fact that a properly constructed and operated radar device is capable of accurately measuring the speed of a motor vehicle. Officers, based on visual observation (visual tracking history), must identify the vehicle and evidence the accuracy of the radar unit had been checked earlier that day by a **calibrated tuning fork**. It is sufficient to qualify the operator as having such knowledge and **training** enabling him to properly set up, test, and read the instrument. **It is not required that he understand the scientific principles of radar or be able to explain its internal workings.**" You must have your officers memorize what the court said – especially that officers do not have to understand the scientific principle of radar or laser. Many courts on all state and national levels have affirmed *Honeycutt v. Kentucky*.

Strategic Cutback Management: NIJ Report Helps Police Manage Lean Resources



Drawing on experience from past recessions, the National Institute of Justice has released a report, "Strategic Cutback Management: Law Enforcement Leadership for Lean Times." Among its primary recommendations: avoid sweeping cuts which can disproportionately harm communities; use the crisis to improve management and productivity; think long-term, according to a strategic plan which will last years; look for revenue opportunities in addition to cutting costs; invite innovation; look to other agencies, academics, vendors and other experts for help and advice; and plan for targeted layoffs rather than less effective hiring freezes.

In spite of these opportunities, police departments face numerous challenges. For one, unlike many other government agencies, police cannot simply cut back on operations. For another, communities continue

to demand high levels of service which they became used to over years of proactive community building. External pressures, such as collective bargaining and political leaders' decisions, can also affect an agency's budget – and morale within both agency and community can diminish.

To get around these challenges and to realize the full potential of the recognized opportunities, the NIJ recommends a number of alternatives based on real-world public sector applications.

- Business process re-engineering includes cutting operational waste and finding ways to streamline. This might involve new technology or even a governmentwide process improvement as governments shift some tasks to agencies or vice versa.

- Performance measurement ties an agency's work to its goals through the use of metrics – not just conventional ones like crime and arrest rates, but also metrics such as those pioneered by CompStat and similar programs, including intelligence led policing.

- Budgeting for outcomes involves improving the effectiveness of the funding which is not cut. Tied to performance measurement, in that it focuses on the price an agency is willing to pay to get its desired results (instead of on the cost of existing programs), budgeting for outcomes is done across an entire government in order to respond to the results citizens demand most.

The NIJ report also covers current cutback management strategies, including proactive overtime management, healthcare cost review, volunteer staff, specialized unit reductions or cuts, and supervisor to staff ratios. Training cuts, hiring delays, furloughs and early retirements are discussed – albeit with a note of caution that they are only short-term measures, not strategies and not for long-term relief.

Finally, the NIJ discusses how partnerships and technology can help relieve budgetary stress. Outsourcing for nonessential services like IT or facility management, joint purchases or colocation with other agencies, and collaboration with private security are examples of good partnership strategies, while "force multiplying" technology, data linking, economies of scale within vendor agreements, and retirement of outdated technology can help relieve the stress of reduced staff. Vehicle cost reduction strategies are also described.

For more information, including an appendix which lists key questions for effective cutback management, see <https://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/232077.pdf>.

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Officers should confirm that the radar unit was checked for accuracy with a calibrated tuning fork.

Defense attorneys will ask if their radar or laser gun has ever made a mistake.

Don't: The officer should never say his radar or laser gun has made a mistake!

Do: The officer should say that radar and laser guns must be operated within the guidelines outlined in the operator's manual provided by the manufacturer, using the radar or laser gun to verify their visual tracking history. If pressed by the defense, the officer should concede that certain op-

erational effects are common with both radar and laser systems, including *cosine effect*. This is not an error, but an *effect* which is always to the advantage of the driver. This means that, as the angle of the reading increases, the speed reported (indicated speed) is slightly less than the true speed of the vehicle. The officer should have a cosine angle conversion table with him during the testimony.

The defense will ask when and how their radar or laser gun was checked for accuracy.

Don't: The officer should never say it was checked by using the test button on the device.

Do: The officer should say it was checked for accuracy per the directions of the device's operator's manual. The frequency of such checks varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and from state to state. It is best to follow what is used by the individual state police agency within a state. The NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) recommends that accuracy should be checked before and after each shift. Remember, this is only a **recommendation**. There are wide variances. Radar guns are checked for accuracy by using calibrated tuning forks and laser is checked for accuracy using two basic checks: 1) **known distance**, placing a reflector on the wall at the police station and shooting the laser at the reflector (the distance shown should be the same each time); and 2) the laser should also be tested for **vertical and horizontal sight alignment**. The tuning forks should be taken to court and, if permitted, a demonstration by the officer testing the accuracy should be done. For laser, it is best to take the laser gun to court in the range mode and have both the defense and the judge operate the device. Several new laser guns have a unique feature called Memory Log[®]. Each citation event is logged, along with the logging of the daily test of the laser gun by time and date. This feature eliminates the necessity of written logs and preserves the *chain of evidence*. The certifications of the tuning forks, the radar or

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New York City heroin manufacturers have changed tactics in recent years, moving their operations from Skid Row to upper middle class neighborhoods in the area, including apartments which rent for thousands per month or which are located near colleges.

Typically, the manufacturers are more disciplined in their approach, package purer product and sell to higher income buyers, including professionals and college students from Long Island and Westchester County. Many of those snort the heroin instead of shooting it, having been introduced to it via prescription drugs.

Dealers are primarily Dominican, hired by Mexican drug cartels to sell the heroin. They package it under brand names like "LeBron James," "Lady Gaga" and "95 South," and are in the business strictly for the money (up to \$5,000 per week, if they work enough 12 hour shifts). Many often work around-the-clock.

As well taken care of as the workers are – provided with respirators or even ventilation systems to protect them from heroin dust; transported for free from their homes to the mills; and fed while on the job – their customers do not fare as well. The number of fatal heroin overdoses has increased in recent years, along with the number of people seeking treatment at city rehab centers.

Also on the rise are the numbers of people arrested and the amount of product seized on every raid – from less than 200 pounds in 2009, to nearly 300 pounds in 2010, to 205 pounds in the first half of 2011 alone. Police believe that all of these factors indicate how much demand has risen in just the past few years.

laser gun, the recertification documents, and the officer's certification should be taken to court.

The defense will ask who conducted officer certification and how it is renewed.

Don't: The officer must not say, as in the case of *Hall v. Texas*, that he was not certified to use the equipment. This necessity was highlighted by *Tisdale v. Ohio*, 2008. The court said, "Although Officer Smith testified that he was certified to use the radar system, his training was not otherwise described, nor was his certificate of training offered into evidence."

Do: The officer should say that he was certified to state police standards either by attending the state police curriculum, the state law officer's association, departmental certification, manufacturer certification, or certifications offered by universities or independent certification organizations. Independent organizations were defined by the Ohio Supreme Court, *Barberton v. Jenny*, 2010, when the Court said, "...if the officer is trained, is certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy or a similar organization that develops and implements training programs to meet the needs of law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve and is experienced in visually estimating speeds." Officers should present the court and the defense with copies of their certification. Copies of the accuracy logs must also be taken to court to prove the device was tested for accuracy. The NHTSA recommends recertification of equipment and officers every three years. This varies state to state. The court and department should follow the state standards of the state police organization.

The defense will ask who sets and tests the performance standards of radar and laser guns. They will also ask who performs the equipment recertification.



The accuracy of laser guns is confirmed using two basic checks.

Don't: Never tell the court the department or state organization sets performance standards of radar or laser!

Do: Present to the court and to the defense copies of USDOT/NHTSA performance standards of both radar and laser guns. These performance standards – DOT HS 809 912 for radar and DOT HS 809 811 for laser – are on the USDOT's Web site at www.dot.gov and have both the logos of the United States Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Administration. Further, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (www.theiacp.org) publishes a Conforming Product List (CPL) of approved radar and laser speed assessment systems. Models not appearing on the CPL listing may not be used by law enforcement. This CPL listing is published in cooperation with the NHTSA.

The necessity of testing and the development of performance standards came about as a result of the court's decision in *Aquilera v. Florida* in

1979. This case was known as the national radar case when Judge Nesbitt observed a radar gun clock a palm tree at 86 miles per hour. The result of this case called for federal testing and formulation of performance standards for both radar and laser guns. These performance standards were revised in 2004, replacing those from 1994. Several states have increased performance standards to complement those set by the federal government. In Colorado (*Cooke v. Colorado*, 2003), the court mandated that police laser guns be checked for accuracy annually by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Equipment recertification should also follow the state police standard in a particular state. There are several sources for recertification of equipment, including the manufacturer, identified universities, and private equipment recertification companies. However, private recertification companies must have the necessary equipment to follow performance specifications as itemized by DOT HS 809 812, 811 and have an FCC technician performing the recertification of equipment. Copies of the recertification certificates should be presented. 

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THE TIN MAN HAD MORE BRAINS THAN THIS GUY. I WONDER WHAT THE WIZARD COULD DO FOR HIM?

An escaped convict was caught following a day on the loose after he knocked on a cabin door – only to find out the man renting the lodge was an off duty guard at the prison from which he just escaped. Authorities said the 39-year-old fugitive convict made an early morning escape from the Washington State Penitentiary. Early the next day, the escapee – still wearing his prison uniform – went to the cabin asking to use the phone, said a Department of Corrections spokesman. After a scuffle, he got away and ran off. The guard reported the incident and the escapee was caught a few hours later. (*Ah, well, such is life. Some days, you're the pigeon and, some days, you're the statue!*)

These “hands of law enforcement” apparently aren’t able to grip a steering wheel well enough to drive a car!... A Ferrari F50 stolen from a Pennsylvania dealer was found five years later. The FBI agent assigned to move the car invited an assistant U.S. attorney to join him on a “short ride.” The ride was indeed “short.” “Just a few seconds after we left the parking lot,” the assistant U.S. attorney wrote in an E-mail to the dealer’s insurer, “we went around a curve and the rear of the car began sliding. The agent tried to regain control, but the car fishtailed and slid sideways up onto the curb.” The car, one of only 50 in the country and worth \$750,000, was totaled. The insurer is suing the government, but the U.S. Justice Department says it has no liability in the case, because the car was “in the hands of law enforcement,” and won’t release any information on the case other than the E-mail detailing the car’s destruction. (*Let’s see if I’ve got this right: After an expensive car is stolen from a*

dealer and taken into custody by a government agent, the agent destroys the car and expects the insurance company to pay for it? Hmm...)

Since there’s no room on his forehead, he needs to have the following verse tattooed on his backside, “Folly is joy to him who lacks sense!”... A 51-year-old man was arrested in Horry County, South Carolina, and charged with assault and battery. This seemed particularly odd in view of the fact that he had a humble tattoo on his forehead which referred to a Bible verse. The text of the tattoo stated, “Please forgive me if I say or do anything stupid.” (Let’s begin with the fact that he has a tattoo on his forehead – that immediately qualifies as “anything stupid!”)

Here’s a lawyer who is multitalented – he’s able to talk and say stupid things at the same time!... The lawyer for a man expressed shock in a formal motion before the court after his client’s murder trial in Springfield, Massachusetts (in

which he was convicted). How could it be, he asked the judge, that, despite having to evaluate 19 witnesses and examine 55 pieces of evidence, the jury could so quickly have decided (in a mere three hours) that he and his partner were guilty? The lawyer insinuated that the jury had thus either been inattentive or biased, but did not mention the possibility that the two were so obviously guilty that no more time was necessary. (*That’s odd – you’d think that, as a summa cum stupid graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Law and Appliance Repair, he would have known better!*)

I think the lawyer was right: A 48 inch chest would obstruct just about anything at the trial table – including justice!... In a small claims case in a Chicago courtroom, a lawyer objected to what he claimed was a tactic employed by the opposing lawyer. He said that a woman with a reported 48 inch chest was seated at the trial table only to draw the attention of the jury away from court proceedings. (The fact that she didn’t have a steno pad, laptop or briefcase didn’t help this charade.)

It’s never a good idea for a man to stuff live lobsters into his pants...unless he’s interested in singing soprano in a prison choir!... A man in southern Mississippi is accused of trying to walk out of a D’Iberville grocery store without paying for food items he’d stuffed into his cargo shorts – including live lobsters. The police chief says the 35-year-old suspect was arrested after allegedly being caught stuffing food into his cargo shorts – two bags of jumbo shrimp, a pork loin and two live lobsters. He says the suspect, of Biloxi, tried to escape by throwing the pork loin at employees at the local Winn-Dixie, but fell while running away. He was arrested at the scene. (Lobsters in his underwear? Exactly how strong are those rubber bands they place on the lobster’s claws?)

To confirm their suspicions, the officers subjected the suspects to an I.Q. test – and the results were negative!... Police say two men hoping to stage photos of an arrest locked themselves inside a Pennsylvania constable’s van and ended up getting arrested for real. Radnor police told a Philadelphia newspaper that the two men, ages 21 and 22, were arrested early on a Saturday morning when another person called 911 to report the men were trapped. The men left a party and allegedly got into the van so they could take photos of themselves pretending to be arrested. Investigators say a friend discovered the men inside the van, but couldn’t unlock it and called police. Both men posted bail after being arraigned on charges of theft, public drunkenness and criminal mischief. (These morons should feel privileged – art critics agree that photos of a real arrest have far greater appeal than photos of a staged arrest!)

If this guy were any more stupid, he’d have to be watered twice a week!... A bailiff says that a 33-year-old convicted car thief spent almost half an hour at his sentencing by “shucking and jiving” an Ogden, Utah, judge before finally finagling

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probation (instead of 15 years in prison). He did this by expressing parental love for his young daughter and blaming his habitual criminality on his girlfriend's infidelity. However, literally seconds after the judge announced probation, the man noticed his girlfriend in the courtroom. He then made a gun triggering motion with his thumb and fingers and said, "Boom, bitch." A bailiff reported the gesture to the judge who declared the man in violation of his brand-new probation and ordered him resentenced. (*The man has a severe speech impediment – his foot! Let's see if a little jailhouse therapy will clear that up!*)

This is not only a "victory for America," but it's also a victory for everyone with an I.Q. higher than two!... A school bus driver was called to his supervisor's office after he rescued three people from a storm and he reasoned that he may be receiving a commendation for his deed. But, that didn't happen – he was fired instead. "Employee endangered welfare of student he was transporting when he picked up three unauthorized passengers," the termination notice said. The three men he picked up were stranded, their car destroyed by flooding. The driver of the SUV-style vehicle had only one child aboard. Could the three men he picked up be "undesirables?" Probably not in most people's opinions: They were police officers. After a public outcry over his firing, the driver was rehired. "I think it's a victory for America," he said after being reinstated. "I don't think anyone should have to second-guess helping first responders." (This guy rescued three cops from drowning only to find himself drowning in red tape? This is clearly a school where adult supervision is sorely lacking!) P&SN

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New Version of Body-Worn Video System

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New System from Digital Ally



DragonCam integrates the *Laser Ally* LIDAR with a rugged camera and tablet interface to record encrypted HD images or video with detailed metadata. The system features integrated GPS; flash and printer compatibility; wireless transfer options and more.

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Fechheimer has introduced a new pant to their Vertx® line. Lighter in weight than the other pants, the wrinkle-resistant 65-35 poly/cotton blend **Phantom LTs** are extremely durable. The exclusive Intelli-Dry™ technology provides liquid repellency and stain resistance on the outside and moisture wicking on the inside for comfort. The pant appears to only have two pockets, but actually has nine which increases security and the ability for discreet carry.



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Law Enforcement Trauma Kit

OfficerStore.com has announced the availability of the **Trauma Kit** by PerSys Medical. The kit contains a six inch bandage with a sliding pad; a four inch bandage; a SOFTT tourniquet; EMS shears; a Response Pak; a HALO chest seal; disposable gloves; and QuikClot® combat gauze. All of this equipment is housed in a Response Pak carry case which can be utilized as a fanny pack or carried by convenient handles.

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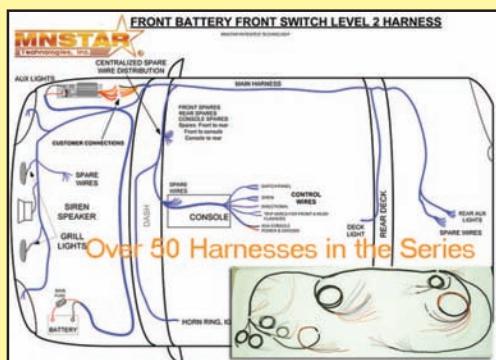


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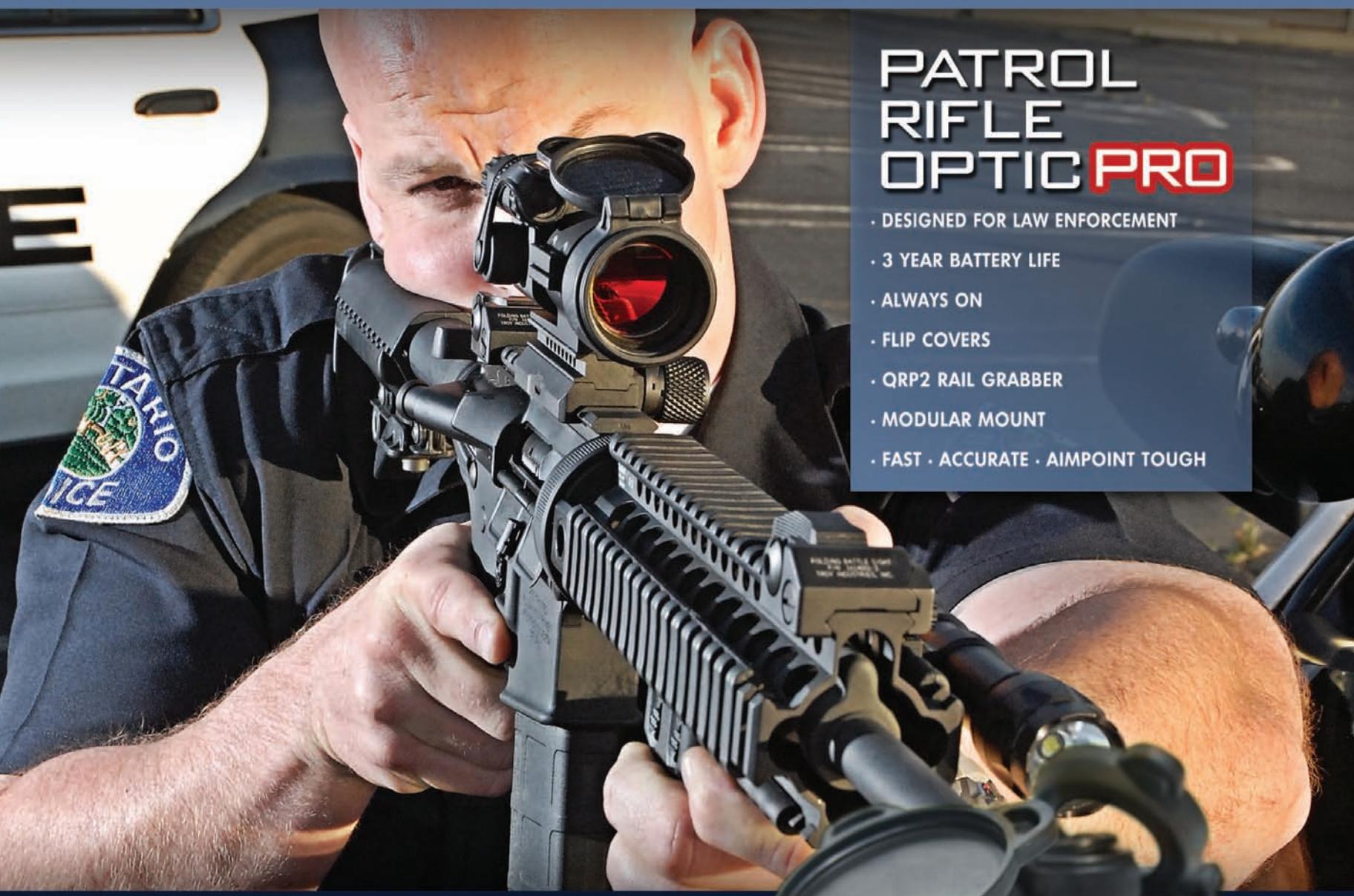
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