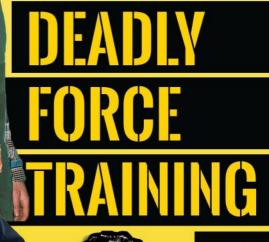
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...AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Ramesh Nyberg

fficer Dudley Doneright arrives at a call – a dispute complaint at the local train station.

"What's the problem here?"

The complainant is cloaked in a weird gray armor plated suit of some kind and is wearing a pair of pointy ears and a long nose strapped to his head.

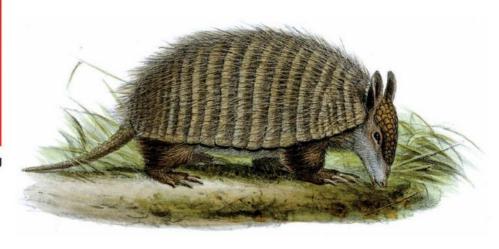
"Officer," he says, "there is no armadillofriendly bathroom here. It's an outrage."

Doneright frowns. "Armadillo? Hey, you're a dude, obviously, and I don't know what costume party you came from, but the men's room is right over there."

"No, no no...I don't identify with the male gender. I identify with the sexuality of armadillos. I'm a transdillo. Perhaps you've heard of us? The Transdillo Society? We fight for the rights of TD people everywhere."

Officer Doneright scratches his head. "I'm not...really...sure...if..."

"Well, you should be more aware. Your police department clearly lacks training and sensitivity."



Future World

As our scene opens, it is the future, the near future, maybe even a year from now - in Anytown, USA.

The security guard breaks in. "Listen, officer, I don't know what to do here. We have five different bathrooms already: men, women, family, transgender, and handicapped."

"How *dare* you say handicapped!" the TD says. "That's so 1995!"

The security guard winces. "He's going to have to choose one or leave."

"HE! Did you hear that officer? This person assumed I am male and profiled me right in front of you! Sexist hater!"

"Alright, let's calm down," Doneright says, turning to the security guard. "You know, under the new statute, 981.07(b), it is a misdemeanor to refer to people by the old gender pronouns, so please watch yourself."

"Exactly!" TD says, adjusting his strap on nose.

The security guard shakes his head. "Whatever happened to the First Amendment?" he asks sadly.

"You haven't heard?" Doneright says. "The Supreme Court is working on it, making some adjustments."

TD pokes Officer Doneright's stomach. "I want to know what the city is going to do about this and I want a report!"

"Hey, watch it with the poking," Doneright says. "You know the rules. You can only poke us from the clavicle down six inches."

The security guard throws his hands up. "I can't do anything about the city and what kind of bathrooms they make. I'm just here to make sure people don't cause trouble, you know?"

"Alright, look, I'm going to call my supervisor." Doneright gets on the radio and, moments later, a huge uniformed man in a golf cart with a police emblem on the side arrives.

"What's the problem, Doneright?" he says.

"Hey, Sarge, nice golf cart! When did you get that?"

The sarge is panting. "I told the city I was too heavy to walk – shoot, man, I'm up to 385 pounds. So, I told them they

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better get me a cart to ride around in, so I don't have a heart attack, cuz it'll be on their asses."

TD frowns. "Aren't you police officers supposed to, like, stay in shape and stuff?"

"Hey," the sergeant says, "are you stereotyping us?? Just cuz we're cops, you think we all work out, stay in shape, all that kinda stuff, huh? Cuz that's pretty freakin offensive."

"No, no," TD grins apologetically. "You're right, absolutely right. My bad, my bad."

"By the way, Doneright," Sarge says, "I'm sorry to tell you this, but um...can you...please trim your beard. No offense...really, I don't mean anything by it, but it's pretty damn long."

"SOP says it can be down to my navel, as long as it doesn't obscure the badge. It's still within limits," Doneright says defensively. "Gosh, getting all, like, controlling, aren't you?"

The sarge holds up both hands in surrender. "Alright, alright, I meant no harm. Sorry."

"This man – I mean this, uh, transdillo person here says that the city needs to build a bathroom for, uh...transdillo people. He wants a report because there isn't one."

The sergeant nods thoughtfully and taps some keys on his laptop which is mounted to the golf cart. "I'll make sure the city commission gets this memo about your complaint, sir."

"Thank you," TD says, crossing his arms, "and don't call me 'sir.' My name is Monarch ScrubNuzzler."

"Monarch...Scrub...Nuzzler," the sarge repeats, tapping on the laptop again. "Got it."

The security guard scratches his head and Doneright motions to him. "You can go back to work now."

The guard looks at his Apple® Watch. "Time for my two hour break anyway. Thanks, officer. And, good luck, uh...Monarch...whatever..."

Doneright arrives home after a long and stressful shift.

"Where's Dudley, Jr.? Still at practice?"
"No, honey," his wife says, "football practice was cancelled. They found a rare miniature beetle living in the soil on the field. It's an endangered beetle. PETA filed a suit against the school board, saying that, if a football cleat injures one

of the beetles, they'll lose government funding for sports. Football is cancelled indefinitely, until they can rescue all the beetles."

"Hmm. So, where is he?"

"He's in the den with Mrs. Jenkins, his math teacher."

"Mrs. Jenkins, his math teacher from school is here?"

"Yes, she actually told him he had to shape up or he was going to fail the class. Can you imagine that? So, our son – I'm so proud of him – took the initiative and went to the principal. He complained that Mrs. Jenkins caused a hurtful and unreasonably stressful atmosphere in the classroom. The school sent her here to apologize to him."

"That's my boy. He'll be a helluva lawyer someday."

"I agree! And, now that law schools can no longer require that pesky bachelor's degree prerequisite, our little Dudley can get a student loan based on his terrific C average at the community college and go right in!"

I guess it's safe to say that "we've met the enemy and it are us." Or, something like that. Hey, grammar won't matter much



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one day, as I think we'll all be using text acronyms to communicate.

When did our society get this way? I guess it's been brewing for a while. Change isn't all bad and I'm openminded enough to accept a lot of things. I just wonder that, if we start allowing and accepting everything for the sake of not hurting anyone's feelings, we're going to end up a very, very selfish place, with no understanding – or even concern – for things like appropriateness, etiquette, and that word which is the building block of all of our laws: reason.

I know - I'm so 1995. P&SN

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New Factory "No Profile" Front Interior Visor Lightbar



Ford has announced that it will offer a new, factory installed, front interior visor lightbar which provides a stealth appearance for Police Interceptor Utility vehicles. When activated, it flashes bright alternating red and blue bars through the top of the windshield. It can also be programmed for red/red or blue/blue operation.

Another advantage of the new interior visor light is that the dark shade band at the top of the windshield is replaced by clear glass when the light is ordered, providing superior color visibility and brightness.

The **visor light** features bright white "takedown" and "scene" capabilities for excellent forward visibility. It can be programmed from full intensity down to 20 percent and provides auto-dimming capability as well.

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A new central controller board provides numerous flash pattern options and also makes programming flash patterns easier than ever.

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Managerial Mistakes to Avoid

Michael Carpenter

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL?

hile conducting a leadership training seminar for police managers at an academy several years ago, we decided to do a class exercise during one particular block of instruction. We took a survey of the command level managers who were attending this managerial training class and asked them to write down a list of the

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administrative mistakes they had made in their careers. We found the results very interesting. More than half of the class didn't list <u>any</u> mistakes they had made, while the other commanders (a few honest ones?) in the class only listed one or two. We then asked the same group of managers to make a second list of some of the mistakes they had seen *OTHER* managers make. They had no problem creating a long list!

We conducted that same exercise at other managerial training classes after that and we received similar results.

From that second list of mistakes which *OTHER* managers make, I have listed six which we frequently see. Now, of course, remember that these are mistakes *OTHER* managers make.

Indecision

In a profession which deals with public safety, and where seconds can make the difference between a successful police action or a disaster (or a successful police career or a disaster), it's no wonder that indecision is on this list of management mistakes. The process of making sound and timely decisions is a learnable skill for most people. Therefore, there should be no excuse for a police commander – at any rank – to be guilty of indecision.

Often, a manager's inability to make timely decisions comes from a lack of confidence in his (or her) own abilities. Of course, managers make mistakes, especially in critical incidents where they have limited resources, limited information and limited time to seek input and support. And, of course, their subordinates make mistakes, whether through lack of experience, lack of training or lack of common sense. A commander cannot avoid making mistakes, but too many poor bosses avoid making decisions in hopes of not making a mistake. Successful commanders have the knowledge, skills and abilities to deal with the fallout when mistakes are made (and their subordinates know this). Unsuccessful bosses fear making decisions because they know they are incapable of dealing with mistakes (and their subordinates know this, too). They are not leaders - they are merely a person with a title.

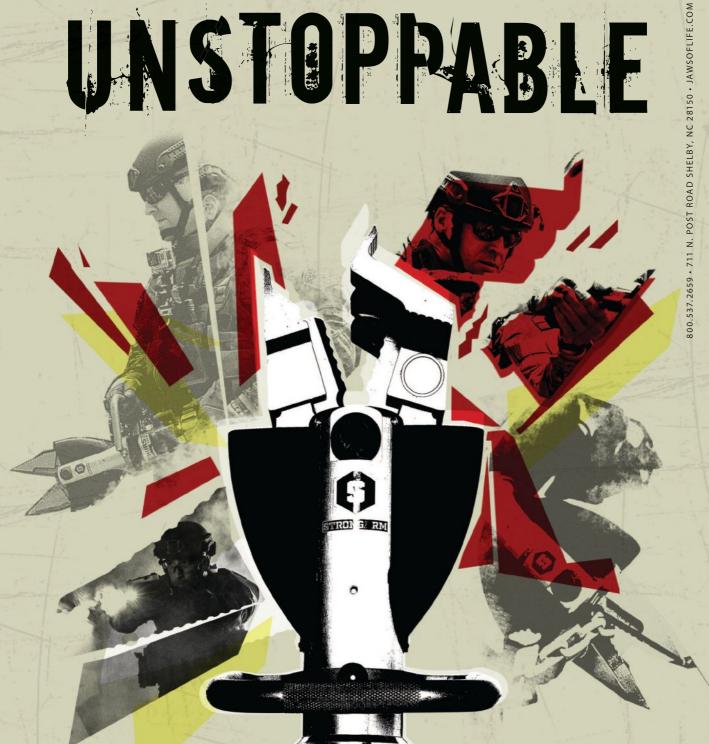
Failure to Motivate Subordinates

When subordinates fail to meet a commander's expectations, he (or she) should try to motivate the individual member who is underperforming. Motivation can be defined very simply. A typical dictionary definition would be, "The general desire or willingness of someone to do something." But, any successful commander knows that there is far more to this simple definition than those ten words. Good bosses are good because they inspire their subordinates to "do something." Too many bad bosses believe they have



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to <u>order</u> their subordinates to "do something." Many studies have been done on the topic of employee motivation and the common denominator in <u>all</u> of them is that successful bosses get the job done AND take care of their subordinates. Bad bosses give orders, yell, promote fear and their subordinates do not like them or respect them. Good bosses inspire their subordinates.

Failure to Give Positive Reinforcement

The very nature of police work requires officers to catch people doing something wrong. After years of this behavior on the street, officers are promoted and continue to do what they do best—catch people doing something wrong. The problem is that they try to catch their subordinates doing something wrong. Police commanders at all ranks need to overcome their past if they are to avoid this managerial mistake. Your people want to be commended for exceptional work, as

well as simply being recognized for doing everyday work well. Take the time out of your busy day to catch some of your people doing something right. If you have ever tried to train a dog or raise children, you know that positive reinforcement is much more meaningful and more long lasting than negative reinforcement.

The next three managerial mistakes are all interrelated and are very common mistakes made by both new and experienced police commanders. Try to avoid all of them – individually and collectively.

Failure to Solicit Input from Subordinates

It is a foolish commander who thinks he (or she) knows everything and makes a perfect decision every time. Your people have information which can help you make a better decision in a given situation. They can also help you foresee any problems down the road when you select one option over another. However, you have to be smart enough and willing to

work with your subordinates as a team. On a team, every player has a role to play and every role is important if the team is going to be successful. Successful bosses know that.

Another common problem in policing is that we become used to giving orders to people and we expect immediate compliance with those orders – no questions asked! That is what happens when we arrest someone or when we have to stop people from doing what they want to do. We become very good at giving orders and we don't often ask for input from those we manage about what's going on. So, after a few years of this, we get promoted and then we continue old habits. It's a very bad habit to get into!

Successful bosses realize that many of their officers are very sharp people. They have ideas, talents and knowledge which they would like to share – if someone would give them a chance. We all have ideas, information and opinions which might actually help the department/ agency or help the boss to solve a problem. Give your employees a chance. Even if the final decision doesn't go their way, they will feel some ownership of the process and the satisfaction of having had the opportunity to be heard.

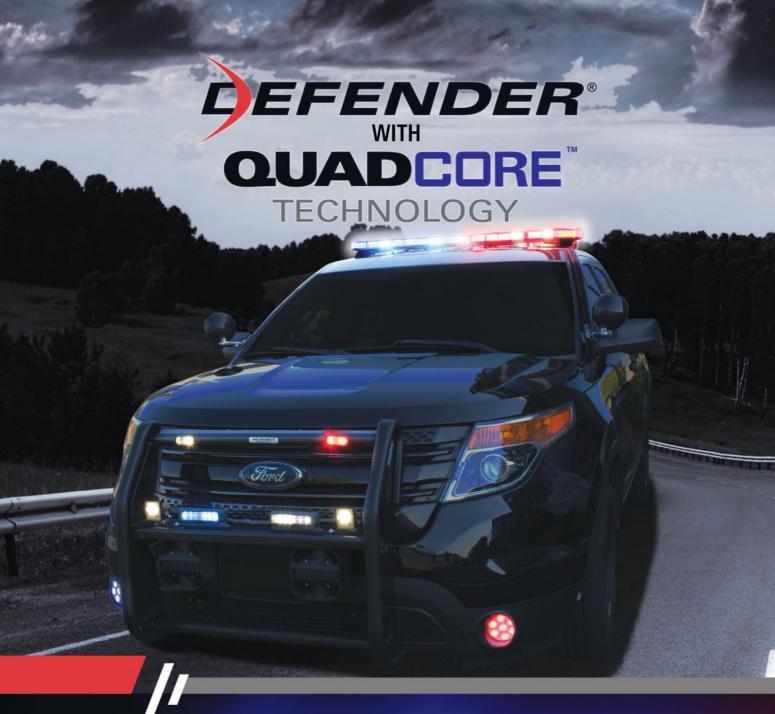
Coming on Too Strong

A police supervisor or manager has to battle a set of skills that, on the street, might be very beneficial and useful. We want to instill a hard to describe, but very important, phrase called "command presence" in all of our police officers. We want them to demonstrate confidence and assertiveness, yet we don't want them to overdo it and come on too strong with the public. Where is the balance point with our officers? Where is the balance point with our supervisors and commanders?

Newly promoted supervisors or bosses of all ranks who take over a new unit or a new command are often told that it is better to come on a little too strong than a little too weak. The theory supporting this is that it will be much easier to "back off" a little once established than it is to retake any position your weakness gave up. That is not necessarily bad advice, but how strong is too strong? As the new commander, you need to evaluate the unit's mission, performance and personalities. Remember that your "command presence" may be matched by any, or all, of your subordinates' "command presence" and that they are not easily bullied or easily intimidated.



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Being Too Autocratic

It is quite possible to be a strong leader without being perceived as "ironhanded." Professional commanders focus primarily on their "people skills." "Technical skills" are important, but you can often find someone with technical skills to help you solve that kind of problem. Often, the defining characteristics of successful bosses can all be put under the label of "people skills."

Of course, there are times when you must, as a police commander, lean toward the autocratic. For example, at a hostage situation when you tell the SWAT team to engage, there shouldn't be a lot of room for a group discussion about their "feelings" or whether the group feels it is a good decision! However, most of the time you can operate in a subordinate friendly and approachable manner.

You should treat your people with dignity and respect and seek their input on both important and small matters. A

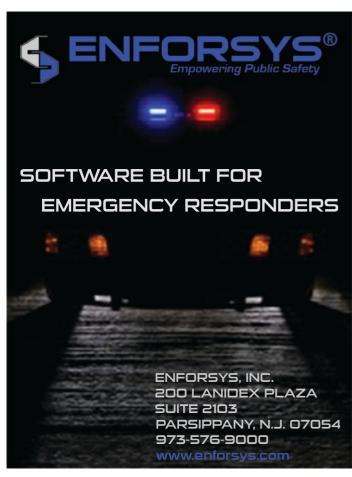
well-known management theory about this is called "Theory X-Theory Y." Basically, this theory says that Theory X bosses believe their employees are lazy, cannot be trusted, have nothing of value to add and need to be ordered to do things. "Theory Y" bosses believe that employees want to get involved; accept and often seek added responsibility; are creative; and have something to offer to the agency. Theory X bosses are referred to as "autocratic" because they believe they have to order their subordinates; have to watch them every minute because they can't be trusted; and have to use fear and the threat of discipline to get them to do anything. Theory Y bosses are called "democratic" and they believe in "participative management."

In your career as a supervisor or commander, rest assured that you will occasionally make a managerial mistake. Mistakes come with the title and they also come from being human. However, with

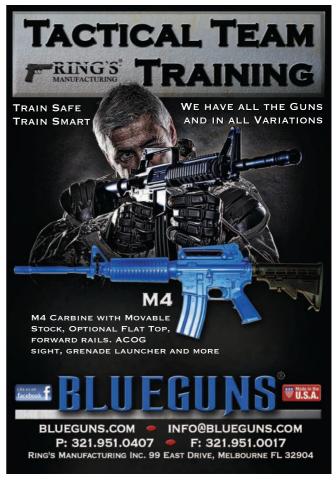
a healthy dose of leadership skills, confidence in your own abilities, and now being able to avoid the six common mistakes that you just read about, you'll be able to avoid the mistakes you see *OTHER* managers make.

Best wishes for a long and successful career. P&SN

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NEWS

Department of Justice Opens Grant Solicitation to Help Local Law Enforcement Hire Additional Community Policing Officers

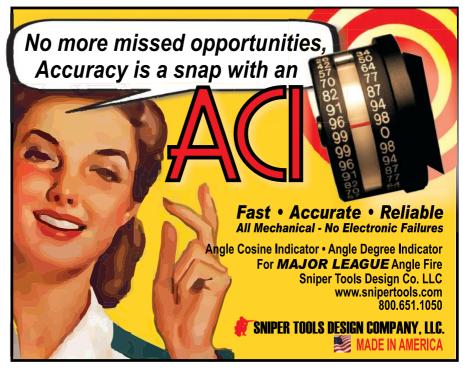
Funding Is Targeted for Agencies Seeking to Advance Public Safety Through Community Policing

The Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) recently announced that it is accepting applications for funding through the COPS Hiring Program. The grant program provides funds directly to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Applications will be accepted through June 23, 2016.

The COPS Office is committed to advancing the recommendations in the *President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report* and will give consideration to agencies which are focused on building trust between their departments and the communities they serve.

The COPS Office, headed by Director Ronald Davis, is the federal component of the Department of Justice responsible for advancing community policing nationwide.

For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.



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LEGAL UPDATE

THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO "BEAR ARMS" IS NOT LIMITED TO FIREARMS.

Our Second Amendment Protects Stun Guns

Larry E. Holtz, Esq.

t is a well established principle that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms and that right applies against both the Federal government and the states - see District of Columbia v. Heller, 128 S.Ct. 2783,(2008); McDonald v. Chicago, 130 S.Ct. 3020

(2010). That right vindicates the "basic right" of "individual self-defense." *Ibid*. Moreover, in *Heller*, the United States Supreme Court held that, on its face, the Second Amendment extends "to all instruments that constitute bearable arms, even

those that were not in existence at the time" of this nation's founding.

Most recently, in Caetano v. Massachusetts, (3-21-16), the Court rejected the holding of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts which found that stun guns were not included under the Second Amendment's umbrella.

The Case: "After a 'bad altercation' with an abusive boyfriend put her in the hospital, Jaime Caetano found herself homeless and 'in fear for her life.' She obtained multiple restraining orders against

her abuser, but they proved futile. So, when a friend offered her a stun gun for self-defense against her former boyfriend, Caetano accepted the weapon."

"It is a good thing she did. One night after leaving work, Caetano found her exboyfriend 'waiting for her outside.' He 'started screaming' that she was 'not gonna [expletive deleted] work at this place' any more because she 'should be home with the kids' they had together. Caetano's abuser towered over her by nearly a foot and outweighed her by close to 100 pounds. But she didn't need physical strength to protect herself. She stood her ground, displayed the stun gun, and announced, 'I'm not gonna take this anymore. I don't wanna have to [use the stun gun on] you, but if you don't leave me alone, I'm gonna have to.' The gambit worked. The ex-boyfriend 'got scared and he left her alone."

In the fall of 2011, police discovered that she was in possession of the stun gun. She was arrested, tried and convicted under a Massachusetts law which outlaws the possession of stun guns. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court affirmed her conviction.

The Massachusetts court provided three reasons to support its holding that the Second Amendment does not extend to stun guns. "First, the court explained that stun guns are not protected because they 'were not in common use at the time of the Second Amendment's enactment." This reason, however, is inconsistent with Heller's clear statement that the Second Amendment extends to arms "that were not in existence at the time of the founding."

The state court next discussed whether stun guns are "dangerous per se and unusual," in an attempt to apply an "important limitation on the right to keep and carry arms," referring to the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of "dangerous and unusual weapons." In so doing, the state court concluded that stun guns are "unusual" because they are "a thoroughly modern invention." Nonetheless, by "equating 'unusual' with 'in common use at the time of the Second Amendment's enactment,' that court's second explanation is the same as the first; it is inconsistent with Heller for the same reason."





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"Finally, the court used 'a contemporary lens' and found nothing [to] suggest that [stun guns] are readily adaptable to use in the military." But, as pointed out by the United States Supreme Court, Heller "rejected the proposition 'that only those weapons useful in warfare are protected.'

For those reasons, the federal Supreme Court reversed the Massachusetts court and held that stun guns are protected by the Second Amendment. As pointed out by Justice Alito's concurrence:

Caetano's encounter with her violent ex-boyfriend illustrates the connection between those fundamental rights: By arming herself, Caetano was able to protect against a physical threat that restraining orders had proved useless to prevent. And, commendably, she did so by using a weapon that posed little, if any, danger of permanently harming either herself or the father of her children.

Under Massachusetts law, however, Caetano's mere possession of the stun gun that may have saved her life made her a criminal. * * *

"Good lawyers know the law; great lawyers know the judge."

- Author Unknown

This reasoning defies our decision in *Heller*, which rejected as "bordering on the frivolous" the argument "that only those arms in existence in the 18th century are protected by the Second Amendment." The decision below also does a grave disservice to vulnerable individuals like Caetano who must defend themselves because the State will not. * *

Electronic stun guns are no more exempt from the Second Amendment's protections, simply because they were unknown to the First Congress, than electronic communications are exempt from the First Amendment, or electronic imaging devices are exempt from the Fourth

Amendment. * * * As *Heller* aptly put it, "We do not interpret constitutional rights that way." * * * [T]he pertinent Second Amendment inquiry is whether stun guns are commonly possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes today.

Accordingly, although "less popular than handguns, stun guns are widely owned and accepted as a legitimate means of self-defense across the country," and "Massachusetts' categorical ban of such weapons therefore violates the Second Amendment." P&SN

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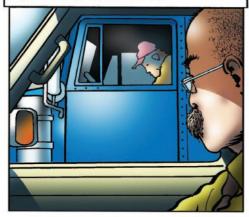


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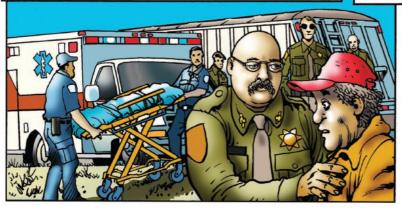
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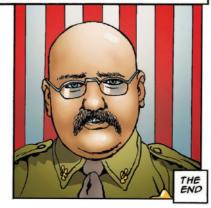


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DEPUTY TODD VOLK WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS QUICK THINKING AND LIFESAVING ACTIONS WHICH RESULTED IN A POSITIVE OUTCOME, ABOVE AND BEYOND.





2015 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

The National Rifle Association honors Officer Marcus Pesquera as the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for showing valor and heroism in his quick, life-saving action during a gunfight that severely wounded his field training officer, Gabriel Garcia, in August 2014.

Around 2 a.m. on August 22, Field Training Officer Gabriel Garcia of the San Bernardino California Police Department and his trainee, Officer Marcus Pesquera, were on patrol together, checking some high-crime areas. At the time, Field Training Officer Garcia was a six-year veteran of the department, and Officer Pesquera had only recently graduated from the police academy and been in training for seven weeks.

Turning down a remote unpaved road, the officers came upon a group of people standing around a vehicle with its hood up and its doors open. Due to a recent spate of stolen vehicles and other serious crimes in the area, the officers exited their vehicle and approached the subjects on foot.

One of the subjects they were about to encounter was a documented gang member with a lengthy and violent criminal past that should have kept him off the streets. The officers had no way of knowing of his violent past, or that he was wanted.

The subjects were standing apart, so the officers moved away from each other by several feet to maintain a tactical advantage, with each officer maintaining visual contact of different subjects. Officer Pesquera then heard Officer Garcia say words to the effect of "come over here" and "let me see your hands," which was answered by immediate gunfire.

Officer Pesquera did not know that Officer Garcia had been gravely wounded by the gunman's fire. Despite his limited patrol experience, Officer Pesquera reverted to his training, drew his handgun as rounds were being fired at him while dropping to the ground to get to cover, and began returning fire as dozens of rounds were exchanged.

During a slight Iull, Officer Pesquera yelled to check on his partner. After getting no response, he left his position of cover to try to find him. Officer Pesquera found his partner shot in the head, not moving, and unresponsive. He then radioed the communications center that his partner was down and needed immediate medical assistance and that he was engaged in a gunfight.

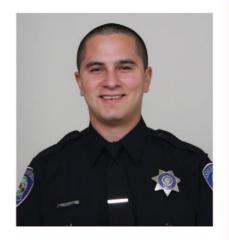
Seconds later, another volley of 20 to 30 rounds was exchanged between Officer Pesquera and the gunman. The gunfight lasted for over a full minute before Officer Pesquera's rounds neutralized the shooter, ending the deadly assault and further danger to Officer Garcia, bystanders, responding officers, and medical rescue members.

Officer Pesquera's courage under fire and heroic actions allowed immediate response by medical personnel to reach Officer Garcia and begin life-saving measures. Officer Garcia was rushed to a local hospital, where he received emergency medical treatment for serious head and chest injuries. He was placed into a medically induced coma in an effort to save his life. Since then, thanks to the actions of Officer Pesquera, Officer Garcia continues to fight towards full recovery.

Officer Pesquera's heroic actions under the most stressful and dangerous circumstances are a credit to himself, his department, and the community he serves. They are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement. The National Rifle Association recognizes Officer Marcus Pesquera of the San Bernardino California Police Department for his valorous actions by naming him the 2015 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Garcia to perform life-saving measures."

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Officer Marcus Pesquera
San Bernardino California
Police Department

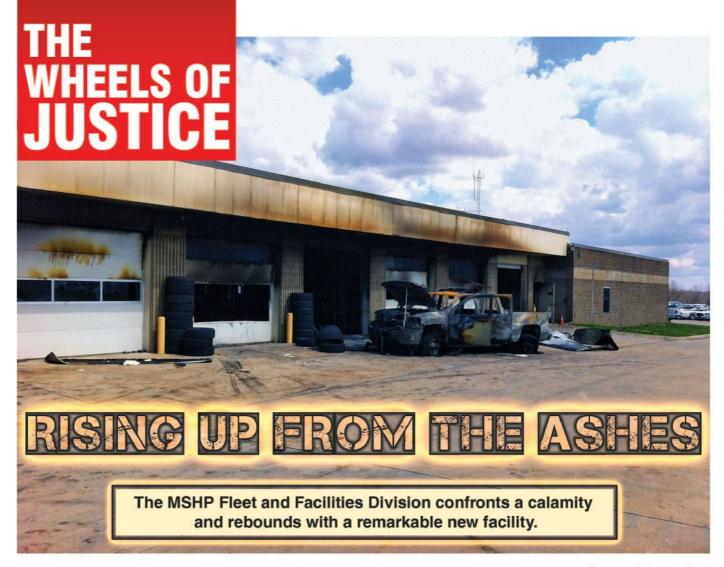
"It is with our greatest pleasure to honor Officer Pesquera's courage, bravery, and quick thinking as the NRA Officer of the Year," said NRA President Allan D. Cors. "His heroic actions ended a deadly assault and allowed first responders to safely and quickly reach Officer Garcia to perform life-saving measures."



Scan this code with your smartphone or tablet to get more information about the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year recognition.

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Sergeant James Post

t's been 12 years (2004) since we last visited the Missouri State Highway Patrol Fleet and Facilities Division. Back then, we took an in-depth look at both their successful used vehicle sales program and at the talented folks at the General Headquarters Garage who make it all possible. This year marks the 85th

anniversary of the Patrol and, from those humble beginnings in 1931, it has grown to be one of the premier state enforcement agencies in the country.

The 55 patrolmen who made up the first academy class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1931 are all gone now, but they would be amazed to see the

changes in their beloved Patrol. While they drove Model A Roadsters with no tops, the 1300 uniformed members of today's Patrol (up from 1040 in 2004) now protect and serve in everything from Dodge HEMI® Chargers to helicopters, fixed wing aircraft to Harley-Davidson® motorcycles and SUVs from Chevrolet and Ford to watercraft.

Sadly, no mention of the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is complete without paying respect to the troopers who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the line of duty. Thirtyone troopers have died in the 85 year history of the Patrol, the most recent being Trooper James Bava, 25, who perished during a pursuit in August of last year. It's often been said that it's not important to remember how these heroes died, but, instead, how they lived. Rest in peace.

The Beginnings

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THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE

roads. With the emergence of paved roads and highways connecting multiple states, it became apparent that traffic laws needed to be written and agencies had to be created to enforce them. Although originally designed as traffic enforcement and safety officers, many of these agencies soon took on a crime fighting stance, too, because depression era criminals ignored state borders as they terrorized the nation.

The Missouri Patrol was no different. In addition to traffic enforcement, the first year those 55 patrolmen were on the road, they made 38,000 arrests, recovered 131 stolen vehicles, arrested 14 bank robbers and

solved several homicides. In the years since 1931, the Patrol's duties have multiplied many times over. The wheels which keep all of this in motion can be found in Jefferson City at the General Headquar-



The fire which destroyed the MSHP garage originated from an electrical short in a truck parked inside overnight.

ters (GHQ) Garage, home of the Fleet and Facilities Division.

Up from the Ashes

Originally opened in 1981 on a hilltop, five acre tract approximately five minutes

south of General Headquarters, the GHQ Garage has served the Patrol well, providing both maintenance and repair duties, as well as being the place where new vehicles are upfitted for duty and prepped for resale when retired. The original building was about 20,000 square feet with ten service bays and two detail bays, plus a radio shop.

Missouri is divided geographically into nine patrol areas, or troops. Troop F is in Jefferson City and the GHQ Garage services their vehicles, as well as those assigned to Headquarters. The remaining eight troops have their own service technicians who perform routine service and minor repairs.

In 2014, an 8000 square foot building housing a two bay body shop and a three bay marine shop was added to the garage complex. The marine bays became necessary following the merger of the



Highway Patrol and the Water Patrol in 2011 when the garage became responsible for watercraft.

On April 8, 2014, Larry Rains, Director of the Fleet and Facilities Division, was awakened from a sound sleep with a telephone call which would drastically change the next two years of his life, as well as the entire Patrol. He was alerted that the garage which had nobly served the Patrol for 33 years was engulfed in flames. The fire, fueled by tires, gasoline and other chemicals, raged for some time, but the Jefferson City Fire Department eventually knocked it down. The building was a total loss, as well as eight vehicles inside, one of which was a new Tahoe being upfitted. It was determined the fire was caused by an aftermarket invertor installed in a Water Patrol Silverado which had been towed to the garage following a noticeable lightning strike. The pickup had numerous electrical issues and was left in a bay overnight awaiting repairs. Apparently, an electrical short ignited the blaze.

The Long Road Back

A replacement facility became the top priority for the Patrol because, not only is the GHQ Garage responsible for vehicle service and repairs, it is also the hub for the constant rotation of vehicles in and out of the fleet and into the resale program. But first, Fleet and Facilities had to find ad-

equate facilities to keep the troopers on the road. Several state owned properties in and around Jefferson City were put into temporary use and the new body and marine shop became their emergency office and upfit center. Three part-time drivers were hired just to shuttle Patrol vehicles throughout the city.

Simultaneous to this, planning for the new garage began in earnest. It was de-



The front entrance of the new GHQ Garage which is now a two-story facility

termined that the new facility would retain the same footprint as its predecessor, but, to gain the space needed for an operation (substantially more complex than in 1981), it was decided to go up instead of out. The new GHQ Garage was completed on December 18, 2015, and it officially reopened on December 21, 2015, just three months shy of two years since the fire.



THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE

The resulting structure is 26,797 square feet which includes a 6000 square foot mezzanine storage area above the ground floor. It has 11 service/repair bays - four of which are upfit/decommission bays and two are detail bays. The garage has seven lifts and one alignment rack. All of this sits on a spectacular, highly polished concrete floor with a mirrorlike finish. In fact, two of the three parttime retirees hired to shuttle vehicles during construction were retained to maintain the spit and polish of the new building. The most significant feature of the building's design is the "drive-through"

capability, similar to that of a contemporary automobile dealership.

The garage operates from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is staffed by nine auto technicians, two



An overhead view of the install bays

first line technical supervisors, one collision technician, two marine technicians, the garage superintendent and two assistants. In addition, one of the auto technicians is cross-trained as a motorcycle technician. An additional ten technicians are assigned to the remaining eight troops.

Work performed at the GHQ Garage has increased significantly since we last wrote about them. More collision work is now performed in-house. Some warranty and air bag work is performed there, as well as at dealerships. Maintenance of the Patrol's Aircraft Division (fixed wing and helicopters) is performed in a hangar at the Jefferson City Airport by two technicians assigned there.

The Garage has a fuel station where Troop F and GHQ vehicles are fueled.

Fuel for vehicles assigned to the remaining eight troops is obtained at Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) sites throughout the state or at local service stations.





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The Fleet

The current fiscal year budget for vehicle replacements is \$13 million, up \$3 million from 2004. State policy dictates that monies from the sale of retired vehicles is recycled directly back into this acquisition budget. The Patrol typically purchases 400 to 500 vehicles a year.



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During the "Crown Vic years," the Patrol was primarily all Ford, with the exception of some support, admin and CID vehicles. With Ford's decision to retire the CVPI (the most popular police sedan ever built) with the 2011 model year, Missouri (and most of the other departments in the country) had to look outside the Ford box for suitable replacements. As you all know, Ford did

eventually bounce back with their downsized Interceptor Sedans and Utilities. During the "no Ford drought," Missouri experimented with several LE vehicles and settled on Dodge HEMI Chargers and Chevrolet Impalas and Tahoes. As Ford got back in the game, the Patrol added Interceptor Utilities, but it is unlikely the Patrol will ever return to being all Ford. The Impalas are now being phased out due to GM's decision to stop building them.

The MOSHP (enforcement) fleet at the time of this writing consisted of 619 Dodge Chargers, 210 Ford PI Utilities and 96 Chevy Tahoes. In addition, there are some pickups, PI sedans and Impala 9C1 sedans in use. Approximately 20% of the enforcement fleet is "slick top." All PI Utilities and Dodge Chargers in service are AWD. Commercial vehicle enforcement troopers utilize 3/4 ton crew cab pickups and Tahoe PPV SUVs. The Patrol also has nine 2014 Harley-Davidson FLHTP motorcycles in part-time service. They are included in the resale program and are typically retired af-



This new garage offers "drive-through" convenience!

ter three years of service.

All-in, the entire MOSHP fleet racked up 31.7 million miles in 2015, up from 25 million in 2004. The increase in miles might be due in part to the cheaper fuel prices of the last couple of years. The entire sedan and SUV fleet rolls on Goodyear® tires.

The Patrol upfits all of the fleet themselves in the garage and does not purchase a great deal of emergency equipment offered by the manufacturers. After years of practice, their upfitting program is geared towards the ease of prepping vehicles for resale. They utilize their own wiring harness/fuse box looms built inhouse, leaving factory wiring harnesses for the next buyer. Their consoles are built by Department of Corrections' inmates. Lightbars are mounted without drilling holes in the vehicle's roof and the cable is routed up the outside of the A pillar. Radios, controls, cameras and computers are all installed in-house by the radio shop. The Patrol has resisted changing their graphics (which date back to 1931) because of a strong tradition and because studies have shown that vehicles wearing elaborate two-tones and stripes take more time to decommission and have been proven to hinder resell, therefore reducing profit. It takes approximately 16 hours to prep sedans for duty. The trucks and SUVs take longer.

The Field of Dreams

Being a 30 year police car collector and writer, I think of the MOSHP sale lot as "The Field of Dreams." In 2004, I referred to it as an "Easter basket full of cars" because of the Patrol's unique multicolor fleet which consists of nearly every factory color offered. Once again, color choices are resale driven. When the



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fleet was mostly Crown Vics, customer demand caused them to purchase 75% white units. Now, with the variety of makes and models offered for sale, the Patrol purchases about 50% white units.

When I walk that lot behind the GHQ Garage, I'm like a kid in a candy store. The rows and rows of pristine cruisers sit patiently waiting to chase that next speeder or catch that next criminal or even become a reliable family sedan for someone like myself. But, before I reach into my blue jeans for a handful of cash, I'm jarred into reality as I remember that I can't buy one. Missouri State

Law dictates that these vehicles be offered to other agencies FIRST. Resale prices are also set by the State Commissioner of Administration and are 60-70% of MSRP. There's no dickering or haggling as each unit has a set price. Those of you who purchase used cruisers for your department might think these prices are high for used police cars, but over 200 repeat customers would argue with you. In fact, there are many other agencies which also purchase vehicles, only less frequently.



The fully stocked warehouse section ensures a steady supply of necessary parts.

Over the years, used MOSHP vehicles have been sold to agencies in nearly every state in America. Units which do not sell to agencies can be sold to the general public. These sales are usually handled through direct sales or occasionally at auctions conducted by the Missouri Agency for Surplus Property.

So, Why Is Their Program So Successful?

Well, first of all, they've had over 40 years to perfect it. Actually, the MOSHP

has been selling their used cruisers themselves since the '60s and '70s. There was a time when they were retiring the cars at 10,000 miles and the public was often paying retail prices to score one. New state laws changed a lot of that, but unlike a lot of questionable new laws passed, the state fathers didn't screw this up. The rapid turnover and long waiting lists attest to that. The bottom line is the Patrol does exactly what I've been preaching for 17 years in this column: Plan your resale before you ever buy a police vehicle. With new police units approaching 30 grand, it is just plain crazy to drive them until

the wheels fall off, or rack up two hundred thousand miles on the odometer and sell them for a few hundred bucks. Sure, at a few hundred bucks each, you'll have police impersonators and wanna-bes lined out the back door to buy one, but if you are financially well-off enough to buy new cruisers, why not retire them early and sell them to departments who can't afford new ones?

Okay, here's how it works. I've already explained how the vehicles are initially



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The MSHP vehicle resale program has enjoyed a great deal of success for over 40 years.

prepped to facilitate easy removal of the equipment upon retirement. The patrol sedans are retired at 54,000 miles – no more, no less. Obviously, with the miles the troopers drive, it doesn't take long to rack these up. The Tahoes and PI Utilities are retired at 64,500 miles as they tend to have higher resale values. The retired vehicles have been driven (and taken home) by one trooper or perhaps two, at the most. They are pampered, babied and every Missouri trooper I've ever known has pictures of themselves and every unit he (or she) has been assigned. Weekly

field inspections keep the cruisers standing tall. By state law, the use of all tobacco products in the vehicles is forbidden and the troopers cannot modify the vehicles.

Once the equipment is removed, the vehicles are given a complete inspection, not just a quick once-over. Any items needing service or replacement are taken care of and brakes and tires with less than 50% remaining life are replaced. Cosmetic damage is then repaired or, if they elect not to repair it, the vehicle is discounted. Finally, all emblems are carefully removed and the unit is treated to a complete detail - inside and out. Unlike many used police car dealers, the Patrol's fleet is sold with spare tires and jacks and all service records are included as well. The garage no longer has to drill the rear quarter panels to install whip antennas. There are usually two antenna holes in the roof and the garage caps them and leaves the coax for the next owner.

It's not impossible to initiate a resale program like Missouri's. Obviously, few departments could afford to start a similar program for an entire fleet at first, so phase it in gradually. If you only buy ten

cars at a time, decide that you'll retire half at 50,000 miles. Follow the tips in this article on how to prep your cars for service and resale and don't deviate or spend the proceeds on something else; roll those funds right back into the fleet and, then, repeat.

My sincere appreciation goes to Director Rains and other members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol for their assistance with this article. The years have not diminished my respect and awe of what they would refer to as "just doing our job."

For further information about the MOSHP resale program or their new garage, visit www.mshp.dps.mo.gov. P&SN

Sergeant James Post always welcomes your comments and suggestions. He can be reached at kopkars@arkansas.net.



NEWS

JCAT Releases 2016 Intelligence Guide for First Responders

Recently, the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) released the 2016 Intelligence Guide for First Responders. The guide was produced for first responders by first responders and was designed to improve information sharing among state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions and the federal government. Some topics included in the resource are handling and protecting information, how to gain access to Internet-based U.S. government systems, and understanding the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative.

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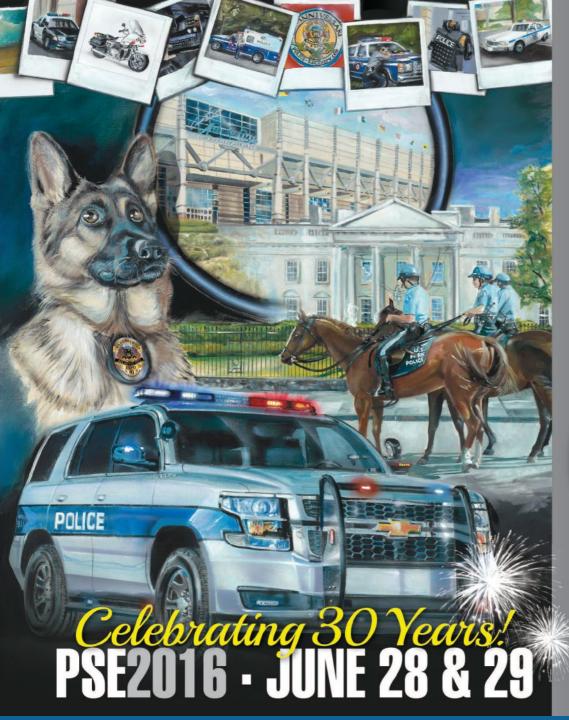
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Facial Recognition Technology Training

Examination training is imperative in generating the correct investigative leads. Overview: What training is needed to conduct a facial recognition investigation.

Presenter: Lora Sims, Senior Biometric Examiner (Ideal Innovations, Inc.)

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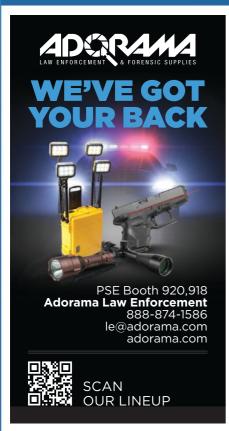
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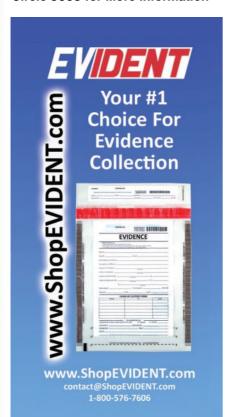
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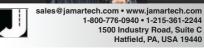
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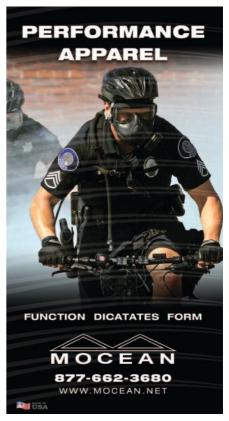
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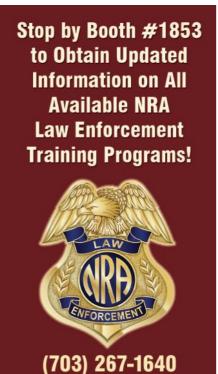
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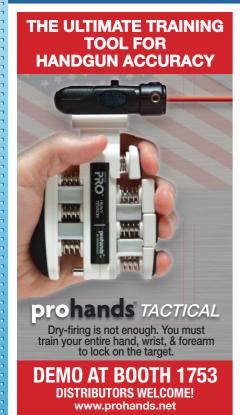
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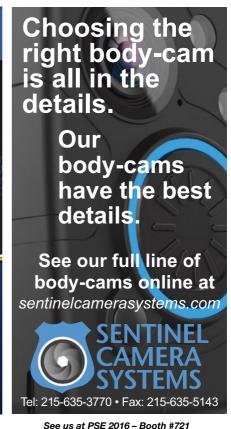
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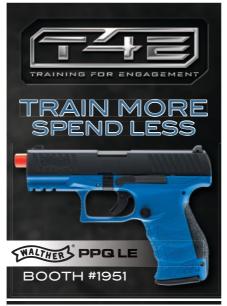
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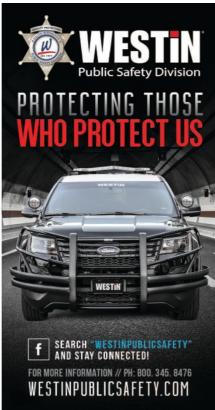


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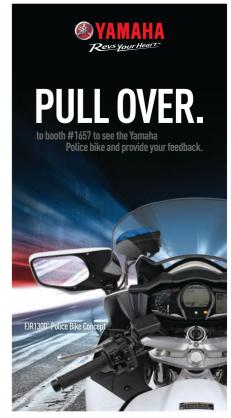


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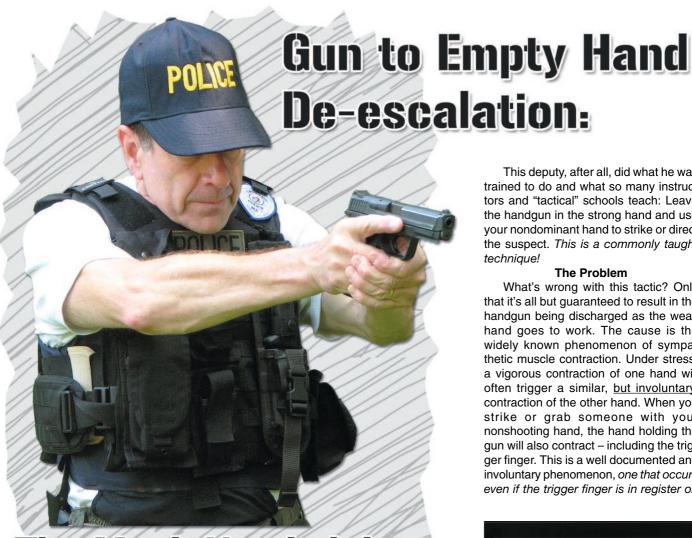
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This very situation occurred several years ago in a case in which I was asked to consult. During a raid on a suspect's house where the suspect was known to

posses a gun, deputies entered the residence and encountered the individual who came at them aggressively, waving his hands. The deputies properly challenged him with their drawn handguns, but, as the suspect got closer, it became clear that he was unarmed. Not being able to retreat (for reasons which are immaterial here, but were guite real), and not having the time to reholster before the suspect was on top of them, the closest deputy kept his handgun in his strong hand, lowered the gun and engaged the individual with his off hand. As he so engaged, sympathetic muscle contraction caused the strong hand to discharge his handgun, striking a fellow deputy.

This deputy, after all, did what he was trained to do and what so many instructors and "tactical" schools teach: Leave the handgun in the strong hand and use your nondominant hand to strike or direct the suspect. This is a commonly taught technique!

The Problem

What's wrong with this tactic? Only that it's all but guaranteed to result in the handgun being discharged as the weak hand goes to work. The cause is the widely known phenomenon of sympathetic muscle contraction. Under stress. a vigorous contraction of one hand will often trigger a similar, but involuntary, contraction of the other hand. When you strike or grab someone with your nonshooting hand, the hand holding the gun will also contract - including the trigger finger. This is a well documented and involuntary phenomenon, one that occurs even if the trigger finger is in register on



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The police officer challenges the bad guy with a long gun. If a nonlethal force application is suddenly called for, the officer removes his strong hand from the gun, controls the gun with his support hand and engages the bad guy with his strong, dominant hand. This is how we've all been taught.

the frame, and, thus, you can't completely train it away. (However, because the chance of it happening is related to the stress the officer is under, you can somewhat mitigate its probability with realistic stressful training.)

The Answer

So, what's the solution? What's a better technique? I first saw the answer years ago in an article by Gary Klugiewicz in an issue of *The Law Enforcement Trainer* (the

publication of the now defunct ASLET). To ease you into it, think of what we've all been trained to do with long gun to empty hand transitions. Slung or not, we lower and control the shotgun or rifle with our support hand and use our strong hand for empty hand maneuvers (or to draw a handgun). Well, the same exact principle applies to the handgun. We simply withdraw our dominant hand from the handgun, leaving the handgun in the

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It should be the same with a handgun. If a nonlethal force application is suddenly called for, the officer removes his strong hand from the gun, controls the gun with his support hand and engages the bad guy with his strong, dominant hand.

support hand, inherently in a position in which, no matter how hard we squeeze, the gun cannot be fired and use our strong hand for whatever empty hand tactics are called for. The accompanying photos illustrate this.

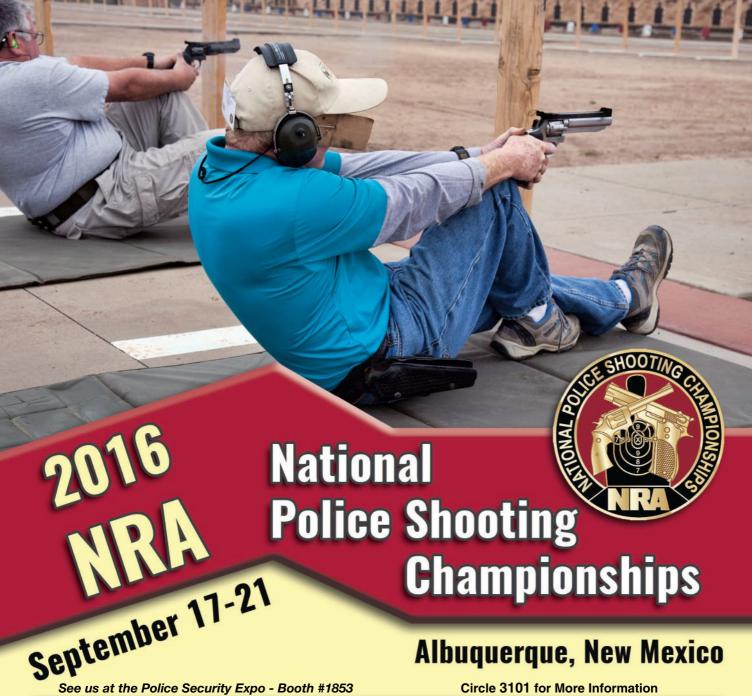


Note that the nondominant hand is now holding the gun in a way which makes it impossible for the gun to fire.

Rebuttal

Now, I can hear some of you saying, "Just reholster the gun, for cryin' out loud!" And, some more of you adding, "Only an incompetent can't reholster quickly." It is true that we should focus more than most of us do on rapid reholstering skills, but there are situations when the situation is evolving too fast for reholstering to be practical, as simple close quarter simulations have proven. For those times, let's teach a technique which is safe rather than one which is inherently unsafe. P&\$N

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The "objectively reasonable" law enforcement officer knows that regular recurrent firearms training is necessary to function safely on the often deadly streets of America today.

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roficiency in shooting and marksmanship skills regarding both handguns and shoulder weapons derives directly from repetitive practice using the methods taught by expert firearms trainers.

The skill of shooting a firearm, especially handguns, will diminish over time. Preventing diminishing marksmanship skills requires recurrent, repetitive in-service firearms training.

Diminished marksmanship skills for police officers are a recipe for disaster. It is predictive of negative safety consequences for the officers themselves, fellow officers and the general public.



Firearms instructors should be carefully selected – utilizing those who possess strong leadership skills.

Mandatory Firearms Skill and Marksmanship Training

During my service as an FBI Special Agent, agents were required to shoot and qualify at an outdoor firearms range four times a year. In addition, during the cold winter months, we were offered the option to shoot indoors for an additional four times.

During the four mandatory outdoor qualification sessions, FBI agents had to meet, or exceed, qualification standards during each of the four shoots. There were no exceptions. Performance records were maintained by the FBI firearms instructors and remedial training

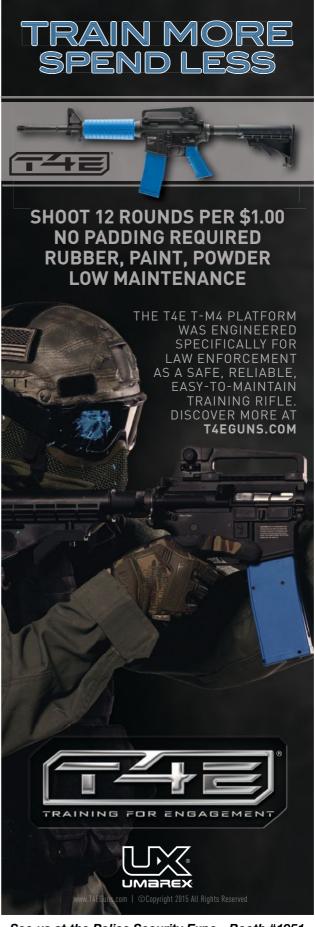
was given to those failing to qualify. Agents who were unable to attend a given mandatory training session were marked absent and were required to attend a makeup session at a later time. Agents were not excused from training and those unable to qualify were not given a pass. They received remedial training until they qualified.

There is no minimum national standard and no legal mandate regarding how many times annually active duty officers must shoot and qualify with respect to firearms. I understand that many state and local departments across America are unable to meet the FBI standard due to budget and manpower constraints. Nonetheless, the FBI requirement of four mandatory qualification shoots per year serves as a worthy goal. At a minimum, in-service firearms training must adhere to all state and, if more stringent, departmental standards for all state and local officers.

In February 2007, Ken Forbus, an NRA Certified Firearms Instructor, posted a blog that reviewed an FBI study, entitled "Violent Encounters: A Study of Felonious Assaults on Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers." The FBI study was published in 2006 and, according to Forbus's review, the study focused on 40 violent encounters between 43 violent offenders and 50 law enforcement officers.

One disturbing finding of the study was that 80% of the offenders practiced regularly with handguns. In fact, these offenders averaged 23 practice sessions per year. In contrast, the victim officers in these violent encounters averaged 14 hours of handgun training annually and 2.5 qualifications annually. This indicates that many of the victim officers officially practiced training with their weapons substantially less than their on the street adversaries. This study alone sends a clear message —more firearms training for law enforcement officers is necessary.





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Makeup sessions should be held for those who were unable to attend in-service training.



Firearms skills diminish over time
– if your department doesn't offer regular
training, it's up to you to practice at a local range.

Law enforcement trainers should be selected carefully by police administrators. These men and women must not only excel at shooting, but they must also exhibit strong leadership skills and be capable of sharing their wisdom effectively. Law enforcement trainers and administrators must take all necessary steps to insure that all recruit and in-service training is taken completely serious by trainers and participants. No officer should ever be excused from training. Makeup sessions must be held for those unable to attend. Participants who attend each session must qualify by the end of each session. Officers unable to qualify must receive remedial training until they qualify. Anything less is unacceptable and must not be tolerated.

Trainers must keep proficiency records on all officers. Trainers should be aware that these records may be subject

to subpoena, judicial review and disciplinary hearing scrutiny in the event of an officer involved shooting. In the event of a shooting incident, training officers and police administrators are likely to be required to testify **under oath** in a civil lawsuit, grand jury or a disciplinary hearing about the firearms training received by all of the officers involved. Great care should be taken to insure that those records are accurate, correct and truthful in every respect.

Falsification of training records could result in criminal charges, including perjury, against the offending officials. There can be no doubt that, once false records are entered, the likelihood of perjury is greatly enhanced during legal proceedings which may follow. The best way to avoid a cover-up is to avoid false record keeping from the outset.

Police administrators must insure that all reasonable training actions and decisions by their firearms trainers are fully supported and never undermined. The cardinal sin of a firearms trainer and police administrator would be to allow an unqualified officer to take a loaded firearm onto the street while on duty.

Being called to answer for allowing this to happen after a tragedy occurs would be my worst nightmare. Trainers and administrators must take all necessary steps to avoid a local news headline like the following, "Local Officer Shoots Innocent Bystander; Firearms Training Records Falsified."

One final point to be made regarding firearms marksmanship skills is obvious for law enforcement officers. If your department does not offer regular repetitive firearms training, officers should seize the initiative and join a local rifle and pistol club to enhance these skills on their own. It is similar to obtaining preventive maintenance on your automobile. You pay for it yourself, but such maintenance is a prophylactic to disaster. Likewise, enhancing firearms skills privately will likely be a significant factor in saving one's life down the road.

Even when your department schedules regular firearms training, shooting on your own will contribute substantially to saving your life someday.

Firearms Training – Beyond Marksmanship

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to actual street shooting confrontations as possible. Realistic firearms training (at a minimum) must include realistic targets with actual pictures of armed perpetrators. It should also include interactive video simulator training with realistic laser-style weapons involving shoot and don't shoot scenarios.

Likewise, force on force training scenarios should be created in which "real bad guvs" (i.e., law enforcement officers acting as bad guys) and law enforcement officers confront each other with realistic looking paint bullet (marking cartridges) or airsoft weapons and ammunition. Training should also include requiring officers to shoot on the move because many gunfights involve substantial movement by perpetrators and officers alike. Finally, officers should be constantly trained and reminded to seek available protective cover during regular training sessions to lower the chances of being shot and killed or wounded.

All of this training should be regularly repeated so that officers will not have to pause and think about what they need to

do. The training must be so ingrained into their psyche that it becomes second nature as though they are acting on autopilot. This is the kind of training which will allow officers to not only survive a firefight, but definitively win it.

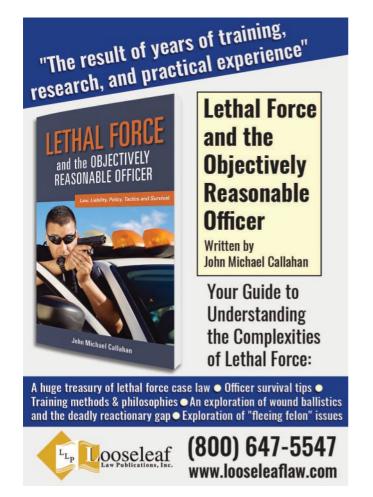
Training on Realistic Targets

Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman, in his book, *On Combat*, speaks extensively on the kind of targets that law enforcement officers should be shooting at during regular firearms training. Grossman has summarily dismissed bull's-eye (i.e., circle targets) and silhouette targets (i.e., targets with the image of a human torso and head) as grossly inadequate. Instead, he recommends that targets be "photo-realistic" and contain a picture of a real looking human holding a firearm or some other dangerous weapon.

Grossman believes that officers who train consistently with photo-realistic targets will become mentally prompted to act immediately to defend themselves from being shot and killed or wounded by a menacing adversary. In other words, because of repetitive training involving



Paper targets should be photo-realistic and depict armed and dangerous individuals.





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realistic targets, officers will react without hesitation to the danger confronting them. Hesitation in such dire circumstances significantly raises the likelihood of death or serious bodily harm for the officer and others. Repetitively shooting at targets containing armed and dangerous human images will cause the officer to react instantly without conscious thought or delay during an actual shooting event.

Colonel Grossman reinforces his point by contrasting the training of the US Military in World War II and the Vietnam War. Grossman points to a study conducted during World War II which revealed that, unless ordered to fire by a superior, only 15% to 20% of US soldiers would fire at an exposed enemy soldier. He concludes that, "When soldiers were left to their own devices, the vast majority of them...could not kill." Grossman correctly points out that this was a problem with training which could not be allowed to continue. In war and in officer involved shootings, failure to quickly shoot at your adversary exponentially

"You need to be prepared for the possibility of being shot. The key is to not be overwhelmed by it. Keep your head about you and fight back. Combat soldiers sustain some pretty serious injuries on the battlefield and live to tell about it. Don't think that just because you've been shot that this is the end."

- Michael T. Rayburn, Combat Gunfighting

raises the probability of your own demise.

Colonel Grossman reports that our soldiers in WWII were trained to shoot at bull's-eye targets. He observed that bull's-eye targets present no threat, don't shoot back and don't condition the soldier/law enforcement officer to immediately shoot in self-defense. US Military trainers recognized this gross deficiency in training after WWII and corrected it before the Vietnam War.

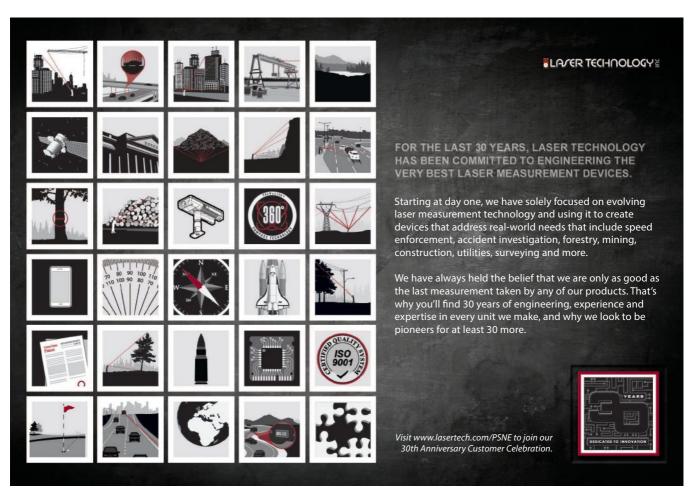
Colonel Grossman reports that soldiers who have served in our military since Vietnam have been universally trained to shoot at man shaped targets which pop up in their field of view, "thus

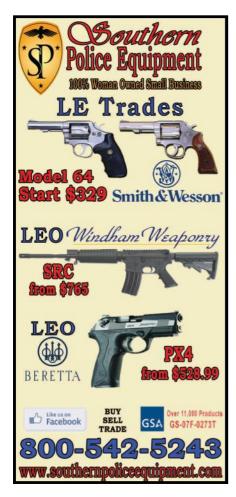
ingraining in them a conditioned response. The stimulus appeared and they had a split second to respond." This kind of training was repeated time and again and resulted in a sea change in mindset. In fact, during Vietnam, the shooting response rate of our soldiers increased from 15%-20% to 95%.

Law enforcement officers in America today deserve to receive the same lifesaving training which has proven to be the best for our military. Paper targets must contain photos of lifelike armed adversaries. Firing ranges should be equipped to the extent possible with targets of armed subjects which appear suddenly in the path of trainees. Constant repetitious shooting at targets of this nature should be the norm rather than the exception.

Video Simulators and Force on Force Training

By now, it should be abundantly clear that firearms training which is limited to shooting at paper targets for qualification





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purposes is grossly inadequate.

It is the duty and obligation of law enforcement administrators, public officials and police firearms trainers to provide the best training which is financially feasible for their officers. This training should attempt to condition officers and expose them to what it is like in actual officer involved shooting situations. Officers exposed to realistic training scenarios requiring deadly force are much more likely to survive and win real-life deadly force confrontations.

Accordingly, training should include regular exposure to computer controlled video simulators which involve lifelike video scenarios which permit officers to interact with the video taking place before them. Realistic looking firearms are used to connect the officer mechanically to what is occurring on the video screen before him/her. Places of cover and concealment should be set up adjacent to the officers to allow them to choose available cover to protect themselves as though the simulation is real. Interaction with the video will teach officers when to shoot or not shoot. It will drive home how quickly "routine" interactions turn into life-threatening confrontations. It will demonstrate to officers the split second decision-making which makes the difference in lifeand-death situations.



Video-based training simulators create realistic scenarios where deadly force decisions are made in real time.

The most realistic method of recreating real-life deadly force incidents involves force on force training. Force on force training involves actors (police officers or otherwise) involved in assuming the role of armed and dangerous perpetrators. These actors are provided a script and will directly confront law enforcement officers involved in the training session. All participants will be dressed in protective gear and both trainees and "bad guys" will be armed with training firearms which are designed to fire paint bullets, aka marking cartridges, or airsoft projectiles.

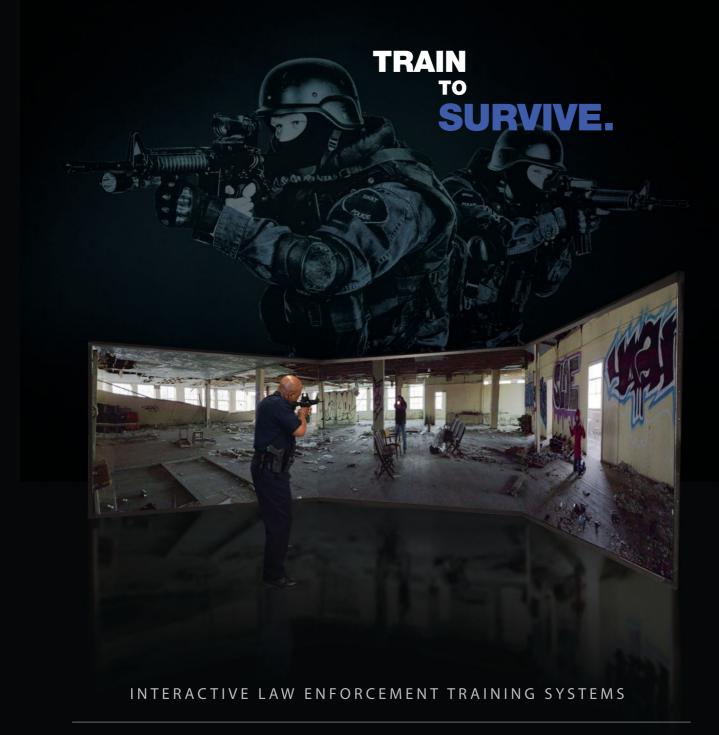
In his book, Colonel Grossman comments about force on force training and observes, "There is a powerful obligation to participate in this type of realistic training. There are many officers who do not want to participate in paint bullet training for fear of having to lay their training skills on the line in front of their peers; fear of feeling the sting of a round impact their skin; and a general fear of having to function outside their comfort zone. Yes, these factors do exist in this valuable, realistic training – but they also exist in a real gun battle."

As mentioned previously, the point of force on force training is to condition of-ficers to the extent possible on what it is like to be involved in a real firefight before they are actually in one. Imagine the impact on an officer in a force on force training session which is shot once or multiple times with paint bullets. Being shot in a paint bullet training exercise will have a lasting positive impact upon involved officers.

Officers involved in force on force training will learn to rely on their safety training in a more positive way. They will approach potentially dangerous subjects more cautiously. They will learn to take cover and not to expose large portions of their bodies to their adversaries. They will draw their



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firearms to the ready position in dangerous situations to react more quickly to dangerous actions by suspects. They will learn to move laterally in the face of danger and shoot before being shot. They will realize in an unforgettable way, the lifesaving value of wearing protective body armor. They will also experience the positive and negative aspects that the release of adrenaline will have on their minds and bodies during life-threatening situations.

In the Line of Enemy Fire – Move and Shoot

The concept of "action v. reaction" reveals that, when a shooter has made up his mind to shoot and has his finger on the trigger of a pointed handgun, he will be able to fire nearly four bullets in one



second. An officer will never be able to draw a holstered weapon and respond to the threat in time to stop it. Even if the officer has already drawn his/her own weapon, the end result will be the same. Before the officer can fire his/her weapon at the offender, the offender will fire three or four bullets at the officer. Of course, this is an unacceptable result and outcome.



When I was still in the FBI in the late 1990s, the FBI trained its agents to take several steps to the right when facing this situation and fire multiple rounds at the offender while moving. Dave Spaulding, a well-known law enforcement firearms trainer, wrote an article on this subject for Policeone.com in July 2006, entitled "Firearms: Don't be a Sitting Duck." In the article, Spaulding speaks about the necessity of officer movement in the above described situation. He says, "We all know hitting a moving target is harder than hitting a



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Force on force training removes officers from their comfort zone and exposes them to high stress situations.

stationary one. Sitting ducks in a gunfight get hurt or killed. So, don't just stand there - move."

In my view, Spaulding is spot on in his thinking. By moving in the above circumstance, the officer is immediately altering the action v. reaction dynamic. The suspect who initially had the advantage is now required to react to the



Sitting ducks get killed in a gunfight, so it's critical to practice moving laterally and finding cover.

officer's movement. The officer is no longer standing where the suspect thought he was. There will follow the inevitable suspect need for split second adjustment - both mentally and physically - to the officer's position change. Meanwhile, if the officer has drawn his weapon, he can begin to fire at the suspect before the suspect has adjusted to the change of position. The concept of action v. reaction has been turned in favor of the officer and rounds are now traveling directly at the

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offender. Moreover, the officer is also creating distance between himself and the offender. Distance increases the odds of not being shot by the offender.

Spaulding states, "The most common and best utilized movement in a gunfight is the lateral movement. In fact, you should incorporate the lateral movement

just about every time you practice the draw. Consider this: You confront an armed suspect [and both draw your weapons]. He...attempts to deliver his gun in your direction, but you aren't there. You've sidestepped (i.e., moved laterally) which gives you just enough time to get into his reaction/response loop, creating lag time for him and allowing you to deliver the first accurate shot...This move has saved cops...time and again."

In a later article, titled "Shooting While Moving," Spaulding once again speaks about the concept of lateral movement and states, "The truth is getting off the line [the direct line of fire between the bad guy and the officer] does work, but the

"Some folks are under the impression that if you ask an undercover cop if they are, in fact, a cop, they are legally obligated to tell the truth. They aren't."

- Adam Plantinga, 400 Things Cops Know

single lateral step taught on many square ranges doesn't accomplish this. Lateral movement, to be effective, must be explosive and is more likely to work, if your opponent is [at] 12 o'clock and you're [at] six o'clock ...drawing and shooting as you...move laterally in an aggressive manner away from your opponent."

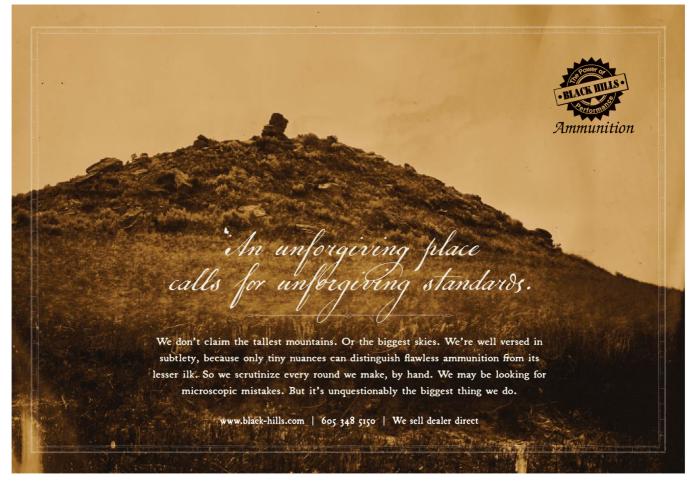
Officers need not wait for their next department sponsored training session to practice this technique. It can be practiced over and over again with a safe and empty duty firearm. Place a target of an armed subject holding a firearm on your basement/ garage wall. Stand between five and ten feet away and repetitively practice moving laterally away from the target while

dry firing multiple rounds at the target. It may someday save your life.

Repetitive Regular Firearms Training – A Necessity

In his book, On Combat, Lt. Colonel Grossman is a major proponent of regular recurrent and repetitive firearms training for both law enforcement officers and the

US Military. He reports that, in 2003 while training US Marines before their deployment to Iraq, he was approached by a marine who told Grossman what a veteran marine once told him about training and combat. The marine said, "Colonel, my old gunny taught me that, in combat, you do not rise to the occasion, you sink to the level of your training." Colonel Grossman believes that "Whatever is drilled in during training comes out the other end in combat." He also believes that, when officers practice lifesaving techniques over and over again in training drills and on their own, the techniques become part of their very nature. The techniques become so ingrained in the officers'



psyche that, when confronted by a deadly adversary, they react without conscious thought, if you will, on autopilot.

Firearms Training in Close Quarters

FBI LEOKA [Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted] statistics for the ten year period between 2002 and 2011 reveal that 500 law enforcement officers were murdered by firearms and 399 (approximately 80%) of those officers were standing between zero and 20 feet from their killers when shot. This statistical data is highly instructive and cries out for change in the manner that firearms training is delivered to officers throughout the United States. When the well-known "kill zone" is 20 feet or less, why do we spend scarce training time shooting from distances of 25 yards or beyond? Shouldn't the training focus be on training officers to not only survive, but also win, deadly confrontations in the "kill zone"?

Kevin Johnson, a journalist for *USA Today*, reported on January 7, 2013, that the FBI has radically changed its firearms training to reflect the need to focus on what historically has taken place in the "kill zone." Johnson reports that the FBI reviewed nearly 200 shootings involving FBI agents over a 17 year period and found that 75% of them involved suspects who were within three yards of agents when firing took place.

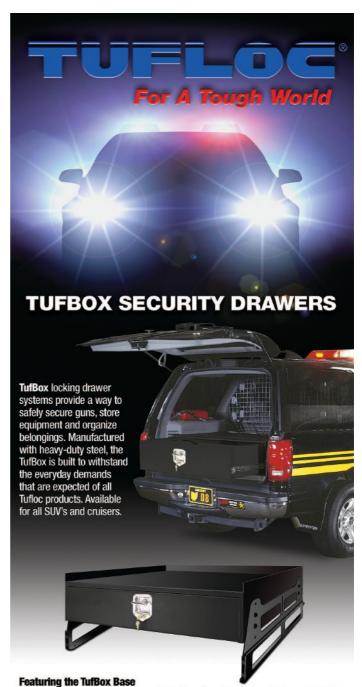
Johnson reports that flowing from that review was a dramatic shift in FBI firearms training which, for several decades, focused on longer-range marksmanship training. Prior to the change, FBI agents qualified with their pistols by firing 50 shots, more than half fired from the 15 yard line and the 25 yard line. The new qualification course involves firing 60 rounds, and 40 of them are fired from seven yards and up to three yards from the target.

Regular Training on Constitutional and Departmental Deadly Force Standards

Marksmanship with a firearm and combat shooting are only part of the full required training picture. The rest of the picture involves a complete understanding of constitutional and departmental policy standards regarding use of deadly force. Sending officers out on the street with shooting skills, but no understanding of when they can be used, would be like sending football players into a game without knowing football field rules. Failure and chaos are sure to follow.

Spending cuts by federal, state, and local governments and law enforcement agencies on critical firearms and deadly force training programs are penny-wise and pound-foolish. The relatively small amount of money saved will be swallowed up in the failure to train lawsuits which follow. More important, our frontline officers who risk their lives daily to protect and serve will be placed at a distinct personal safety disadvantage by these shortsighted money saving measures. These officers deserve the best available deadly force training to save their own lives and the lives of innocent civilians they represent. P&\$N

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couple of times a year, we still read about a police officer killed during training supposedly conducted with "safe" or "unloaded" weapons. These deaths are not the result of the "law of large numbers" – they are completely unnecessary!

Why do these accidents continue to happen? Well, the obvious reason is that live weapons were somehow introduced into the training area. Why does this happen despite a number of existing good safety protocols? Clearly, either 1) a good safety protocol wasn't implemented, or 2) a good safety protocol was implemented, but insufficiently followed.

Why wasn't a good safety protocol implemented? Frankly, it's due to laziness or incompetence. We still see way too many simulations run off-the-cuff, with some half-assed protocol sort of implemented some of the time. Included here as half-assed are "protocols" which fail to search an officer anytime he leaves the simulation area - to take a call, hit the head, go to lunch, or whatever. Part of the reason this happens is that we simply, as a profession, do not yet have a culture of safety in simulations. This is in contrast to our religious following of the four cardinal firearms safety rules whenever we engage in firearms training. Sadly, we simply haven't reached that level of concern as a cultural norm with simulation safety yet. No one howls when a simulation is run unsafely; no one gets fired; no one gets disciplined. In 30 years, our kids or grandkids will look back at these training deaths and wonder, "What the hell were they thinking?"

Why would a good safety protocol be insufficiently followed? It's not because an instructor who knows them wakes up one morning and says, "The hell with the safety procedures today." Rather, it's because the protocol is too complicated or impractical to be followed. It may be 100% safe if it is, in fact, followed, but if it consumes too many resources (too many officers, too much space, or too much equipment) to implement, or if it consumes too much training time to implement, or if it's just unworkable under the demands of a law enforcement trainer working with small budgets and too little time and people who still need training, then it's going to fall by the wayside. In this vein, we have seen protocols which require several police officers acting as safety officers so that two officers could train. We've also seen protocols which had so many "rings of safety" that, in order to run a simulation in a room inside a building, you'd have to shut down not just the room, but the corridor leading to it, the entire building, and its parking lot (no kidding!).

Is there a solution? Yes, there is. The Massachusetts Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and Arrmorer's Association (MLEFIAA) has a Simulation Instructor Course which solves this problem. It's available from them on DVD for only \$10.00 and the MLEFIAA charges \$35 if you want to take the included test and get a certificate of completion (available to LEOs only).

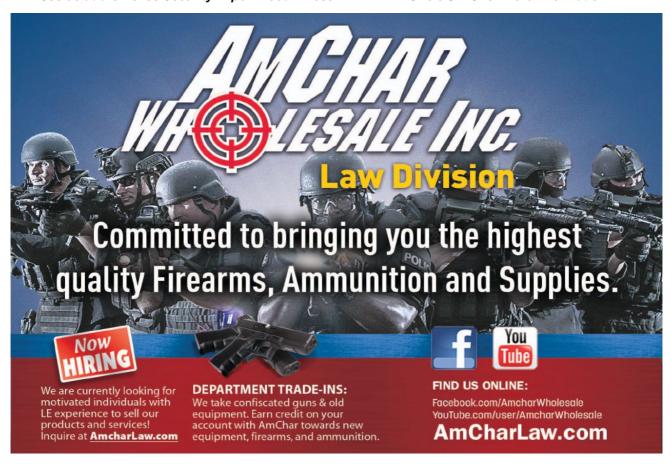
The MLEFIAA protocol centers around keeping all real weapons - loaded or unloaded - out of the simulation area. It just makes our jaws drop, but we still see simulation training conducted with real and supposedly unloaded weapons. An unloaded real gun is nothing more than a dangerous dummy gun. With dummy guns running only maybe \$50, there's no excuse for every officer not to have one. If force on force is part of a simulation, then you can't use real guns anyway you need something like airsoft guns. So, not only is there no reason for real guns to be present in simulations, there's no training needed for them.

The MLEFIAA protocol requires only two people to run a simulation: an instructor and a safety officer (but you can use as many safety officers as you like). It em-



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MLEFIAA SAFETY PROTOCOL SUMMARY

Setting Up the Area

- Define a physically separate simulation area with barriers or tape;
- Specify one and only one entry point;
- Position a secured weapons sanitizing chamber and the simulated weapons arsenal appropriately for flow. An "on deck" area just outside the entry point is also a good idea;
- · Clear the simulation area for weapons:
 - 1. Visually look thoroughly
 - 2. Interrogatively ask someone familiar with the area
- Instructor assigns a Safety Officer (SO) and posts him/her at the single entry point.
 Clearing the Participants
- Instructor and SO clear each other:
 - 1. Visually look to see if they have a weapon
 - 2. Physically search them (physically, not with a manometer)
 - 3. Interrogatively ask if they have a weapon
- SO clears every person (including the Instructor) entering the simulation area every time:
 - 1. Visually look to see if they have a weapon
 - 2. Physically search them (physically, not with a manometer)
 - 3. Interrogatively ask if they have a weapon.

Protective Gear for Airsoft

(Other Technologies May Require More Protection)

- Face fitting goggles for everyone who could be hit by a projectile; and
- Face and neck protection for all role players and breast protection for women.

ploys a simple, yet complete and redundant, protocol to insure that no real weapons enter a defined simulation area. It is very quick to implement, adding no more than five percent to the time of the training. It is 100% safe and easy to remember, and it requires no special equipment.■

For more Information, contact the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and Armorer's Association (MLEFIAA) on their Web site at www.mlefiaa.org. P&SN

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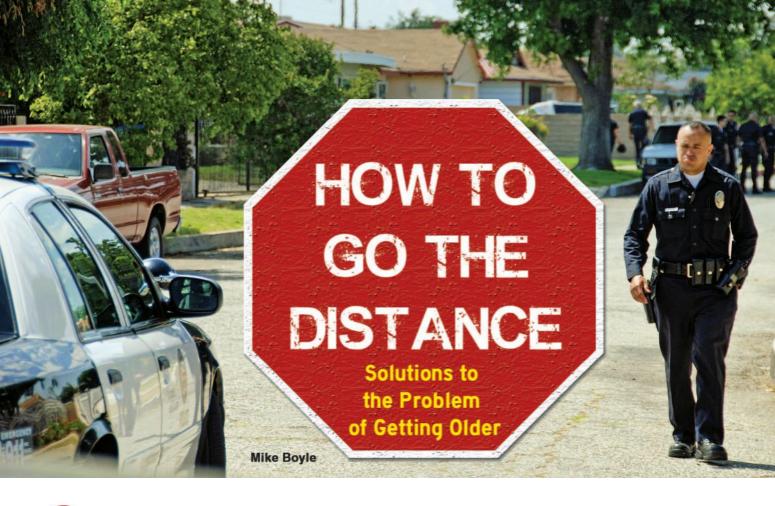
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rowing older remains one of life's better practical jokes. Just when you've got it all figured out, the various parts of your body begin to betray you one by one. More so in law enforcement than most other professions, encroaching middle age can have an adverse impact on performance. Over time, many of us have found that heavy gun belts and long hours behind the wheel of a cruiser make for a perpetually sore back. Others may note that their handgun qualification scores have taken a dip.

Although we can't turn back the clock, there are a few things we can do to keep Father Time in check. With a little bit of effort and the right gear, you may, in fact, find that Fountain of Youth. I'm afraid these measures will not make your waist-line shrink or your hair grow back, but they can improve performance in a few vital areas.

See the Sights

I have been blessed with pretty good vision and I didn't need reading glasses until I was past my 50th birthday. Shortly thereafter, the fine print on business cards and the front sight of my pistol became fuzzy. When I began missing a shot or



Revision's StingerHawk™ glasses protect the eyes from range hazards and can include the Rx Carrier with prescription lenses.

two in instructor demos at my firearms classes, I knew the time had come to get corrective lenses.

Revision Military, Inc. is a leader in providing quality eyewear for soldiers and cops. A few months ago, I began using Revision's StingerHawk™ Spectical System which, to date, has met all of my expectations. The StingerHawk offers superior ballistic protection, flawless optics and full impact protection in a low profile design. These glasses meet the U.S. Military's ballistic impact resistance requirement. The lenses are scratch-resistant and also feature an antifog coating.

Best of all, my StingerHawk glasses accommodate the Revision Rx Carrier. The Rx Carrier can be fitted with prescription lenses from your eye care specialist and can be discreetly snapped into your protective eyewear. Not only are your eyes protected from the usual range hazards, but I can once again see the sights clearly. If I miss now, I can no longer blame my compromised eyesight!

Shoot a 9mm

In the early 1990s, there was a push in the law enforcement community to go with larger caliber pistols, such as the .40 S&W and .45

ACP. I own and shoot pistols chambered for both calibers and have never felt them to be hard kickers, especially when compared to my old .357 Magnum service revolver. But, make no mistake about it, there is a bit more muzzle flip and felt recoil with the larger calibers.

Many senior law enforcement officers will admit that shooting a handgun is not nearly as much fun now as it was earlier in their careers. Arthritis, carpal tunnel and injuries compromise the comfort factor in a very big way and, as a result, performance suffers. I've endured a couple of different injuries to the hand and wrist and

I can say with some degree of authority that a light kicking caliber, such as the 9mm, can help you get back on track. Infrequent shooters, as well as individuals who have difficulty in achieving acceptable marksmanship scores on qualification day, will also be well served by the 9mm Parabellum cartridge.

Recent studies by the FBI illustrate that the disparity in terminal performance between the 9mm and larger pistol calibers has narrowed quite a bit. The Bureau now feels that the slight advantage in terminal ballistics is insignificant compared to the average agent's ability to shoot the 9mm to a higher standard.

It is not my intent to enter into that endless debate of 9mm vs. .45 ACP. Improvements in bullet design have blurred the lines between the various calibers and it's a pretty safe bet that today's 9mm loads are head and shoulders above what was available a generation ago. If you find that your .40 S&W or .45 ACP has grown a bit rude, consider a switch to 9mm. In the end, it's all about shot placement.

Easy on the Knees

If a bad back is number one in the law enforcement officer's complaint book, the knees aren't too far behind. A number of my associates have all sorts of knee issues ending in arthroscopic surgery or knee replacement. Quite simply, we need good wheels to do our job. Since our job includes risky activity, such as running, jumping, climbing, and fighting with bad guys, try to take some precautions to protect your knees. Before engaging in defensive tactics or firearms training, be sure

to stretch out and get loose. Even something as routine as getting down behind a range barricade can play havoc with middle-aged knees.

I, for one, now find kneeling on hard surfaces is downright painful. If I know I'm going to be involved in a lot of



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kneeling or prone work, I'll strap on a set of knee pads. Depending on what I'm doing, I might even include a set of elbow pads in the mix. This enables me to get low behind cover at game speed without worrying about banging up my knees.



The 24/7 Big Dot System from XS® Sights is easier for middle-aged eyes to pick up at speed than the popular three dot system. These sights are visible in all light conditions.

Of late, I've been using Advanced Tactical Knee and Elbow Pads from BLACKHAWK!®. Closed-cell foam padding enveloped in a 600 denier nylon shell provides shock resistance. An injection molded flex cap further protects the knees

from small stones or broken glass and hook and loop elastic straps keep the pads in place. So equipped, I can now get down on the ground at game speed with little risk of getting banged up. They are not just for SWAT!









5.11® Zero-G Plates™ are worn inside the duty belt and shift weight from the back to the hips.

Index on Target

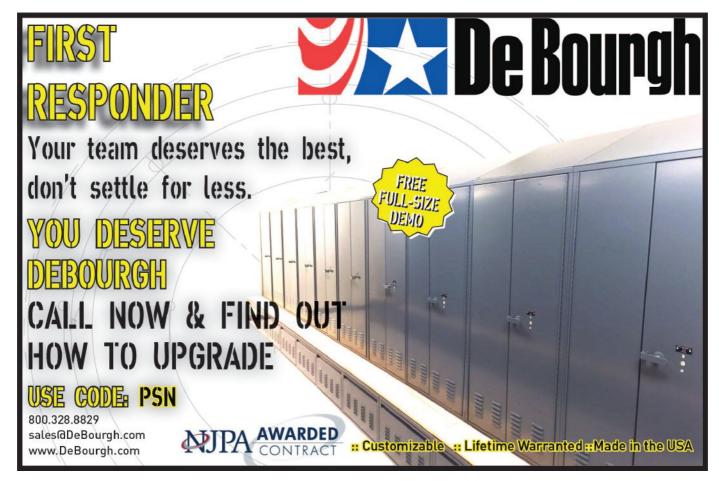
As indicated earlier, I have an issue getting the sights in sharp focus unless I'm wearing corrective lenses. Another way of solving this problem is to use big, bold sights which contrast against most backgrounds.

One of my favorite setups is the 24/7 Big Dot System from XS® Sights. I'll admit to initially being a bit skeptical about

this setup, but, in the end, it all comes down to results – and they deliver. The front sight consists of a large white dot with a tritium insert, while the rear is a shallow V notch with a vertical tritium bar in the middle. In poor light, these sights emit a soft green glow, enabling me to clearly define the sights. Unless you are in an environment totally devoid of light, the oversize white dot front will clearly

stand out against most backgrounds. At distances out to 50 yards, I've been able to make center hits.

I've recently set up my SIG SAUER® P226® with a set of XS 24/7 Sights and have been very pleased with the results. Today, many officers carry pistols with three dot tritium night sights. Unfortunately, that arrangement doesn't work well for me. If you have similar issues, check out the



24/7 Big Dot System from XS Sights.

Another Option

By now, most of us are familiar with the various "dot" sights which have become commonplace on rifles. These optically enhanced sight systems use fiber optics, batteries, tritium, or some combination thereof to provide the user with a sight picture. Simply superimpose the dot over what you want to shoot and press the trigger. Might we enjoy a similar advantage with such a sight on a pistol?

At a recent firearms trainers' event, I took a class on handgun reflex sights which was conducted by Trijicon®. Trijicon has been turning out high quality optical sights for years and I was curious to see what advantage, if any, a reflex sight would offer on a handgun. A variety of GLOCK®, SIG SAUER and Smith & Wesson® M&P® pistols, equipped with Trijicon RMR® (Ruggedized Miniature Reflex) sights, were made available to the participants. Drills included shooting at typical combat distance and nontypical

positions, as well as some long-range work. In the end, I was convinced the hits came a bit easier. Sure, I could make those hits with iron sights, but the Trijicon RMR equipped pistols might very well hold an advantage in poor light or when stress levels have gone through the roof.

The Trijicon RMR sight is crafted from aluminum to MIL-SPEC standards. Several different models are available, including LED, adjustable LED or dual Illuminated. Dot size ranges from 1.0 MOA to 13 MOA to suit user needs. One quality I like about the RMR sight is that it is visible in all light conditions.

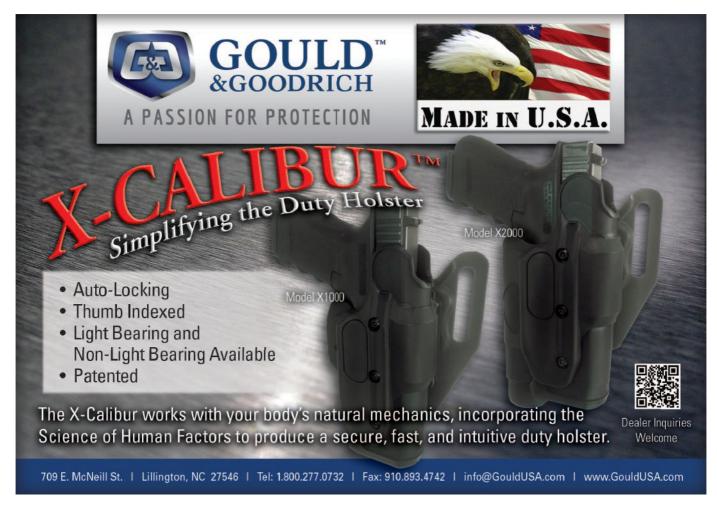
Twenty years ago, weapon mounted lights for service handguns were pretty much unheard of. Now, they are relatively commonplace. Might pistol reflex sights follow suit?

Give Your Back a Break

It's rare to encounter a senior patrol officer who doesn't at least occasionally experience back discomfort. Over their careers, many officers develop serious



A quick Google search on the Back Defender revealed a great deal of positive feedback from users of this product.



back problems. There is no doubt that a contributing factor is that heavy duty belt we strap on every day.

When I first got into this racket, my Sam Browne rig carried my revolver, a pair of dump pouches, a cuff case, and a ring for my baton. Today, a patrol officer's duty belt contains a pistol, spare magazines, an expandable baton, chemical agent, a TASER®, a portable radio, cuffs, and a tactical flashlight. Is it any wonder we collectively suffer with back issues?

For the last couple of weeks, I've been wearing what may be a solution to constant back discomfort caused by a heavy duty belt. Zero-G Plates™ from 5.11® can be best described as a load bearing system which helps distribute the weight of the duty belt across the hips and down to the femur. This little trick does indeed take pressure off the spine and abdominal muscles, leaving you far less fatigued at the end of a long day.

Zero-G Plates are rendered from carbon fiber and are affixed to the duty belt by a pair of hook and loop straps. Their appearance is very low profile and professional. I've worn the Zero-G Plates with two different duty belts, one harboring a GLOCK 17 and the other a steel frame 1911. Initial feedback is very positive. I was able to detect a difference in weight transfer as soon as I put on the belt with Zero-G Plates with minimal back fatigue, despite putting in some long training days.

Another worthwhile option is the Back Defender from Back Defense Systems. This system functions like a pair of suspenders; however, the difference is that the Back Defender is designed to be worn under your shirt. This product does take a short while to get used to (referred to as "the learning curve") and it also requires you to loosen your duty belt at least one and a half inches. Also, you must have duty pants with at least one and a half inches of extra room in the waistline. That said, it does take the pressure off of your hips and can definitely help those officers who suffer with lower back pain.

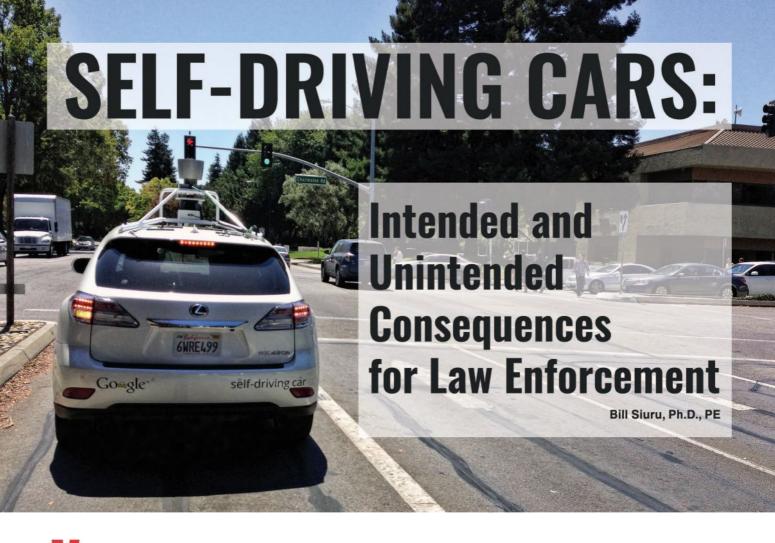
Final Thoughts

Unfortunately, there is no turning back the hands on the clock. However, I have found that the aforementioned products have enabled me to keep pace with some of my younger associates.

Gear is only part of the picture. Try to eat right and engage in some sort of regular exercise. That combination will help you be at your best in training and help keep you safe. P&SN

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irtually, all major automakers are well on their way to developing completely self-driving, or autonomous, vehicles. These vehicles will start appearing in dealer's showrooms starting in the early 2020s. Tesla is already including its Autopilot as standard equipment in its Model S. This new Autopilot technology

features cameras, radar, ultrasonic sensors, and other electronics to automatically steer while driving down the highway, to change lanes and to adjust speed in response to traffic. At its destination, Autopilot scans for a parking space and parallel parks itself.

Pros and Cons

Since vehicles are a key part of law enforcement – both in terms of mobility and traffic enforcement – police officers will be directly affected by all of this new technology. Mostly, autonomous driving technology will benefit the

police officer. Imagine no longer having to juggle driving while talking over the radio, using a computer, monitoring a CAD screen, using speed enforcement equipment, operating the lights and siren and so many other tasks, while at the same time watching out for criminal activity.

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However, this capability would also be



The Tesla Model S is the first to offer "hands-free" driving with its Autopilot, but this is just the tip of the iceberg of what's to come in autonomous driving technology.

available to the bad guys. A recent FBI report says it could possibly help law-breakers make a faster get away and make pursuits more dangerous. Like in a police cruiser, it could allow previously impossible tasks which require the use of either hand or taking one's eyes off the road. This includes better aiming of weap-

ons. Terrorists (or the deranged) could even load a driverless car with explosives and program it to crash into a building.

Current Technology

Full automation will come incrementally with higher levels of this technology being available as new models are launched. Cars, SUVs and light trucks with self-driving technology are already on the road. This includes adaptive cruise control which automatically maintains a safe following distance in traffic and parking assistance to automatically maneuver into or out of a parking spot.

Other currently available automated-related technologies include lane departure warning, obstacle warning and blind spot detection.

Since more of this technology will be mandated by the federal government or become standard on more vehicles, expect to see some of it in the vehicles your agency purchases in the near future. Electronic Stability Control (ESC) or Electronic Stability Program (ESP) is already required on all light vehicles, and backup cameras will be required on all new vehicles starting in 2018. Next, the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-

tration) plans to make automatic braking, i.e., braking systems which slow or stop a vehicle without the driver's intervention, mandatory. Even without a mandate. many automakers, including Ford and General Motors, plan to include automatic braking as standard equipment which undoubtedly includes police vehicles.

Can some of this technology affect the operation of a police vehicle (for example,



This officer can talk on the radio, use the computer, monitor a CAD screen, use laser radar, operate the lights and siren, and many other tasks while letting autonomous technology do the driving.

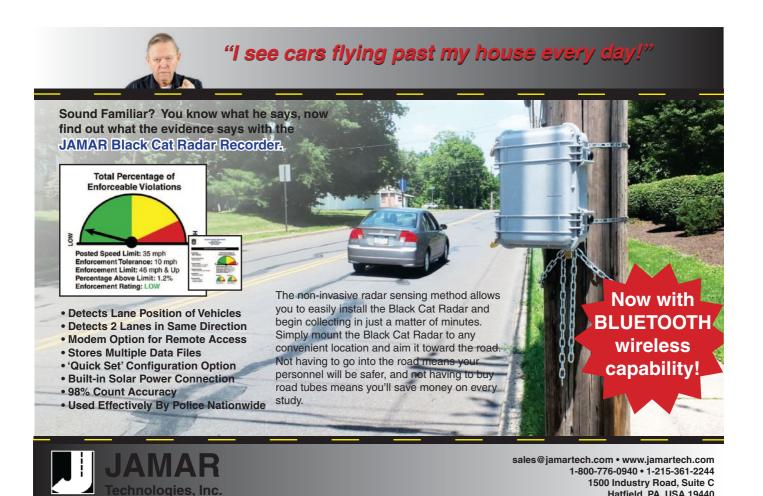
automatic braking, lane control or collision avoidance) in a hot pursuit? Will it eliminate the ability to do a PIT maneuver? So far, most of the autonomous systems allow drivers to override it, but the law enforcement community has to be vigilant to insure that the new technology does not hinder the use of vehicles in police duty. Also, police driving instructors and officers themselves will have to learn to use the technology to their advantage and not view it as a hindrance.

Automated Communication

Part of this emerging technology is Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) communication. V2V technology allows exchanging information like speed and GPS derived locations to identify risks and provide drivers with warnings designed to avoid rear-end, lane change and intersection collisions. The DOT and the NHTSA are also taking steps to require V2V communication technology in future vehicles.

With V2V, officers will no longer have to perform a routine traffic stop to warn a driver about a burned-out taillight which puts the officer at risk on the side of the road. Officers could even issue a citation for a minor violation without a traffic stop. The downside of this is less frequent use of a traffic stop as a means of identifying other criminal activity or offenders on the run.

A good example of current V2I tech-



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ing horse carriages. Next was the widespread adoption of police radar and the introduction of Lidar. According to experts, the industry is on the verge of a third.

The revolution this time is in the form of software. Both Lidar and radar guns are helpful to law enforcement, but police still record the data by hand - the same way they did when those devices were in-

Officers using TraffiCloud enabled Lidar have vehicle speed, distance, direction and the time of each capture recorded instantly to the TraffiCloud. They can also add notes and images to each capture. The system tracks the effectiveness of enforcement efforts with

vented. For this reason, All Traffic Solutions and DragonEye Technology developed the TraffiCloud™ Enforcement Suite, combining All Traffic Solution's TraffiCloud Web-Based Management Services with Dragoneye's Lidar devices. This partnership makes it easier for departments to improve accuracy, save time and reduce court challenges.

upload data which optimizes the enforcement and data collection process. data, such as how many captures were taken, the number of citations written and statistics on the enforcement session.

While best in class hardware like Lidar helps improve traffic enforcement, many departments are still looking for complementary software to improve the effectiveness of the officers' time in the field, so they are more efficient when they're back in the office. With the TraffiCloud Enforcement Suite, the captured data is uploaded, confirmed and essentially ready before officers get back to their desks.

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Additionally, officers can access the data needed for court with a click of a mouse. No more scrambling for daily test logs. The TraffiCloud gives the officer the ability to log daily accuracy tests and save certification documents. This is vital in supporting the accuracy of the instrument and ensuring that fewer citations will be disputed resulting in quicker citation resolution.

Another benefit to departments is utilizing other TraffiCloud connected equipment, such as speed displays, to collect traffic data at an enforcement site. Having the 85th percentile speed at the enforcement location can be used to confirm that the violator is an outlier and warranted a citation.

Radar and Lidar may still be seen as revolutionary in speed enforcement, but cloud technology enabling the devices is the silver lining.

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nology is BMW's Traffic Light Assistant which enables the vehicle to communicate with traffic lights in order to inform the driver of the proper speed needed to match the timing of the traffic lights. The new BMW 760Li can now read speed limit signs. It subsequently sends this information to a BMW server which forwards the updated information to other navigation systems in all Internet capable BMWs, thus allowing for constant updates to changing speed limits, as might be found in new construction zones, for example.

Safety

A major aim of autonomous driving is to reduce accidents. Designers and engineers have been informing us that they can make self-driving cars safer than ones driven by humans. Sensors and computers can already do a better job in monitoring surroundings and can provide faster reaction times than humans. Increased reliability and reduced reaction times mean fewer accidents. Because traffic accidents will be reduced significantly and automated vehicles can be programmed to obey the rules religiously, officers can do criminal work rather than traffic enforcement. Of course, communities will have to replace traffic fines with other sources of revenue.

DUIs and DWIs could also be a thing

of the past – just put the drunk in the car and punch in his (or her) home address in the navigation system. Likewise, they will provide mobility and independence for those who can't drive, including the sight impaired and the elderly.

Government regulations limit and, in most cases, now prohibit the use of driverless cars on public roads. This is already changing. Nevada, Florida and California have passed or have proposed legislation addressing self-driving vehicles. Since self-driving vehicles will cross state lines, it is important that regulations are uniform nationwide. For example, California has proposed rules which would bar

autonomous vehicles without human controls and a licensed driver. This would ban driverless vehicles such as the Google car which is designed to navigate safely through city streets. The NHTSA, in writing guidelines for self-driving vehicles, has already said that the artificial intelligence system controlling a Google car could be considered the driver under federal law.

Security

Cybersecurity is also important as vehicles become "connected."

Just like computers and smartphones, "smart" cars can be hacked.

Along with V2V and V2I, automakers are beginning to update vehicles and add new capabilities via the Internet. For example, Tesla is using Over The Air (OTA) updating of onboard software including Autopilot. New models have Internet radio and Wi-Fi hot spots. Hackers can possibly modify the vehicle's computer code to set off the air bags, lock the doors so

Automakers are taking cybersecurity

you can't get out, or even take control of



Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication will allow vehicles to talk to one another, exchanging safety and other information.

seriously and should take advantage of the vast experience in cybersecurity used for years – even decades – by the military, the computer industry, financial institutions, telecommunications companies, etc. A key cybersecurity principle is isolating Internet connected infotainment systems, like navigation systems, Internet radio and Wi-Fi hot spots, as well as other points of access from systems which involve vehicle operation and safety. This

can be difficult, but not impossible, especially with OTA since the software updates are often directed at critical systems.

To combat this threat, systems can be employed which split functions into separate operating systems, isolating them down to the hardware level with nothing shared being utilized. Infotainment supplier, Harman, adds its own layers of security via software to separate their systems from the vehicle's network. Major component supplier, Continental, has teamed up with IBM and Cisco to provide firewalls which limit interaction between devices in a vehicle.

Most everyone agrees that self-driving vehicles represent the future of transportation and some are claiming that these will be a reality much sooner than later. P&SN

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James L. McClinton, Ph.D

Dumb thieves aren't equipped to handle smart phones... Police in Columbus, Ohio, said thieves broke into a Verizon store, but the only items they managed to steal were not going to do them much good. Columbus police said the early morning burglary caused significant damage to the store, but the only items stolen were fake phones installed for display. The culprits used large rocks to break the glass door of the business and they cut the phony cell phones loose from display areas. Investigators said the store's real phones are locked in a vault by employees every night. (And these guys are probably still driving around Columbus looking for a "hot spot" with five bars.)

What can Brown do for you today?... In Akron, Ohio, police had begun searching the home of a 46-year-old suspect (with a warrant in hand) looking for evidence of drug dealing. At that very moment, a UPS driver appeared at the front door to make a routine delivery. The package he delivered consisted of four pounds of marijuana. (The Denver return address label was probably a dead giveaway.)

It puts the "smart" in "smartphone"...
Probably one of the dumbest consumer products from 2015 was a gun shaped iPhone® case. The case is so realistic that it became difficult to find one to purchase, even at the online Japan Trend Shop which previously offered models from \$5 to \$49. When asked about this product, one police officer said, "Why would you want to make yourself look like a threat [to cops]?" (It's a great gift for that "friend" you don't really like.)

Maybe they're shooting a new "Police Academy" movie in Winnipeg?... Police in the Canadian city of Winnipeg apologized after a lewd conversation about sex was broadcast from the loudspeakers of a police helicopter to a neighborhood below. Officers on a routine helicopter patrol inadvertently activated the aircraft's public address system while they were having a private conversation, the Winnipeg Police Service said. "Some content of the conversation was inappropriate. The involved members were not able to hear the public address system from within the aircraft. They became aware their conversation had been broadcast and immediately turned the system off," the police said. Residents who

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And, as a follow-up assignment, students had to write a paper on how to post bond...

A Texas school district is reviewing a sixth grade assignment which had students make a step-by-step plan showing how cocaine gets from a drug cartel to a street dealer. A teacher in Keller (northeast of Fort Worth) gave out a science class assignment called, "The Cocaine Trade: From Field to Street." One parent says he contacted administrators after his 11-year-old son brought home the study sheet for an assignment on "Following a Sequence." He says he felt it was "a diagram of how to become a drug dealer." Administrators issued a statement saying the assignment "will be reviewed before being considered for future use," adding that the district will continue efforts to regularly "review, remind and revise drug educational material." (On the bright side, at least they are likely to get some exposure to the metric system.)

could hear the conversation took to social media to urge the police to turn off their loudspeaker. The police department said the incident was under review. (Time to install a huge "ON AIR" lamp in the cockpit!)

The officers should have expressed their gratitude by sending him a case of mixed nuts... A California man sent 20 dozen coconut doughnuts to police officers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as payback for getting kicked out of a Badger football game. The man traveled from Los Angeles to see the Badgers play Northwestern at Camp Randall Stadium and was assigned a seat in the student section away from his friends. But, when he tried to join his friends, officers threw him out. On Monday, 240 coconut doughnuts mysteriously appeared at police headquarters. The delivery driver gave the officers the man's name. A university rep tracked down an E-mail address and began corresponding with him. "This was meant as

a harmless way to both show general gratitude for the job you do (which is awesome), but slight disdain for my treatment Saturday (which was not so awesome)," the man wrote. Police donated the doughnuts to the Salvation Army. (Sadly, only six were left for the shelter.)

You want proof...you want proof? You can't handle the proof!... A pedestrian crossing in Cambridge, Massachusetts, may have the most confusing traffic light in the world. If the three clusters of three lights each are dark, drivers proceed. If a pedestrian comes along, one light will blink yellow, then solid yellow, then two solid yellows, then two reds, until two flashing red lights appear in each cluster. In Cambridge (but only in Cambridge!), flashing red lights mean...go (unless pedestrians are actually present). The city has prepared a 12 diagram pamphlet to explain the whole thing and officials say they have statistical proof from tests that the system enhances safety. (Statistics mean never having to say you're certain!) P&SN

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