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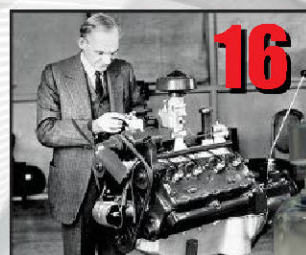
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A Master Interviewer – Gregory M. Smith

April 19, 1953 – October 27, 2017

Ramesh Nyberg

You've heard it before: *Those who can, do; those who can't, teach.*

As one who did and one who taught (and still does), I respectfully disagree. But, I won't use myself as an example because that would be presumptuous. Instead, I'll use as an example a guy named Greg Smith who just passed away a few months ago. Greg was a really special dude and I owe him a lot. In fact, since Greg was my partner in homicide for the better part of 14 years – and a great friend; fishing and drinking partner; and lifetime confidant – I'll dedicate this issue's installment of my column in his memory.

As I write this, I'm flying back from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, after teaching a class called "Interviews and Interrogations" at their police department. It was regional training, with officers from departments all around the area of Hopkinton, a small town which has the honor of being the starting point of the Boston Marathon. I taught this class at our police academy years ago when I wasn't teaching the homicide investigation class for in-service personnel. I have a warm spot in my heart for this topic because I think understanding how to talk and listen to people and get them to tell you secrets they never thought they would tell is an essential, irreplaceable skill. It's also something Greg was astonishingly good at. It's important to be an effective communicator in police work – no matter your assignment. Uniform officers use their interview skills on every call and in every citizen encounter, including traffic stops. Your ability to spot deceit, elicit the truth and expose the meaning of what people are saying is critical. It can solve a case; protect a victim; recover a missing person; and, in some cases, keep you alive. In hopes that I can help the readers of this column tap into some hidden talent, I want to tell you what Greg Smith was all about.

I reported to homicide in January 1985 and, a year later, one of my cases thrust the two of us together. An unfortunate young woman who was addicted to freebase cocaine was found dead in a field and, after we noticed that two other women were found in similar circumstances, my sergeant decided that we should look closer at these cases, in the event that we might have a serial killer in the area. Greg was on the Cold Case squad at the time and the powers that be decided that I would be detached, as would he, and we would be a two-man team to work and examine these cases exclusively. Greg was different than most cops. He truly liked people and he loved nothing more than talking to folks. He never had to try hard to have a conversation with someone – anyone – and he spoke to everyone the same way whether they were a homeless person on a street corner or a multimillionaire. In the interview room, with his gentle, patient way of talking and his relaxed, slow approach to the question at hand, Greg was deadly.

"How ya doin', I'm Greg," he would say when he introduced himself to a suspect. It was never "Detective Smith."

The department sent me to two very good training seminars: The Reid School of Interviewing and the Kinesic Interrogation Workshop, put on by the Southern Police Institute. Both of them were excellent and I learned a lot, but nothing could replace what I saw on a daily basis from my partner. Watching him and listen-

ing to him describe the conversations when he came out of the interview room taught me more than those seminars ever could. One of the most impressive attributes Greg possessed was his patience. As investigators, when we identify someone whom we are pretty sure is our offender, we can't wait to get him (or her) in the interview room and start working him (or her). The idea of getting a confession is a thrill and, yes, when you get that confession, there are few things in this job which can rival that feeling. So, we want to get to the nitty-gritty as soon as we can, don't we? But, I urge you to take a page out of Greg Smith's book: Take your time. I've seen Greg literally sit and bullshit with a murderer for as long as *three hours* before actually getting into anything about the case facts, much less anything accusatory. He was a master at getting to know the person, talking about things they liked whether it was sports, music or whatever it might be. He would take his time, listening, chatting, laughing, and finding some common ground where you wouldn't ever think there could be. He got people feeling so relaxed around him that they almost forgot he was a cop.

Gradually, he would work in his own knowledge of the case and the person would be in awe of the command Greg had of the facts and circumstances of the case. People don't tell secrets to just anyone, especially someone sitting across from them who is projecting a single attitude: "I want to put you in prison." When they looked at Greg, they saw someone whose face said, "I want to help you unburden yourself of this secret. You can tell me everything."

And, they would. His reputation became well-known. I cannot count the times when detectives from other teams would run up against a brick wall with someone. They would search through the squad room looking for Greg and ask him, "Would you mind taking a shot at this guy?" Way more often than not, a confession would be the result.

When you spent time outside the interview room with Greg, you saw how and why he operated the way he did. He would strike up a conversation with anyone – tollbooth operator, someone on an elevator, taxi driver – and it was never an act. That's when you realized that the interview room wasn't an act, either. It was simply the way he was. He did some teaching in our police academy, too, but his real teaching was running down leads every day with me and the others he worked with, interviewing countless witnesses, suspects, and BSing with our server at a restaurant.

The thing which made Greg a great cop and investigator was his love of people. It was this same quality which made him a cherished friend and someone everyone in his family felt lucky to have. I was a better cop for knowing him and, when I stand up and teach "Interviews and Interrogations," it's really "The Greg Smith Show" in disguise. **P&SN**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP

ARE YOU A GOOD BOSS?

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**Michael
Carpenter**

The reality is that honestly determining whether or not you are a good police commander can be difficult.

There may be people around you who will praise your virtues, no matter what you do. Of course, there will also be those whom you will not be able to satisfy, no matter how good you really are as a commander. Somewhere between those two extremes is the truth about your abilities. However, it is important for you to effectively evaluate your supervisory abilities in order to take the next step in developing a successful

career path.

So, how do you cut through these extremes to learn how effective you really are as a boss? One way is to know what your subordinates (and bosses) want in a police commander. Then, you can evaluate yourself and perhaps make some adjustments to your management style to assume the attributes and accomplishments which are expected of a successful police commander.

To help you better understand your role as a police commander, we surveyed 600 police sergeants as part of a major research project we did several years ago to find out what they most respected in a good leader. Here are five of the top responses from that survey.

1. LEADERS ARE HONEST

Far and away, this is the single most important attribute police commanders must possess. Subordinates have clearly stated, in several surveys, that their commanders must be honest and have great integrity to be truly effective.

This is easy to achieve. Keep your promises or don't make them. Deal with every person you come in contact with as an honest and forthright person, in an honest and straightforward manner. Your reputation will both follow and precede you. This positive reputation sets the groundwork for your interactions with those above you and below you.

2. LEADERS HAVE GOOD COMMON SENSE

Practical problems in policing require practical and workable solutions. That requires "common sense" on the part of police command personnel.

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But, of course, you've heard the saying, "Common sense is not that common." This ability to successfully complete the problem at hand (common sense) is seldom accidental. It is not obtained merely by putting in your time and doing the minimum of what is expected of you. It is obtained by hard work, study, attending schools, education, and learning from your (and others') mistakes, as well as the successes. It is taking proactive and positive steps to become the best officer you can be, and then taking proactive and positive steps to becoming the best sergeant you can be, and then taking proactive and positive steps to...you get the idea.

3. LEADERS TAKE COMMAND

A commander who doesn't command is not a commander; he is merely someone with a title. Repeated studies have shown that the person who "assumes command" of the situation is viewed as the person in charge. Now, if the commander does not assume command, then someone else should. It could be a supervisor; it could be the informal group leader among the officers; it could be a commander from another agency if you're involved in an inter-agency situation, but someone will assume command. If you have successfully developed the two previously mentioned attributes, then you will have the confidence in your abilities and the support of your peers and bosses (from working with you where you previously exhibited honesty and common sense) to step up and do the right thing.

Nothing is so weak on the list of "biggest mistakes that a boss can make" than a person who has a command position who is unwilling, or unable, to make command decisions.

"When in command, take command" is an age-old phrase which is as applicable today as it was in ancient times. A command vacuum will be filled, either by you or someone else.

4. LEADERS ARE FAIR

A true commander is fair to all – to his superiors, his peers and the people under his command. He is fair to all, regardless of their race, color, ethnicity, sex, age, or disability. It's not the laws which ensure this; it's the attitude of the commander which ensures this.

Based on this fairness, successful police commanders can be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time. Their subordinates know what to expect most of the time. They know that they need to be professional, motivated and thorough. They know that their commanders, at any rank, will require that they do the right thing at all times, consistent with existing laws, policies and procedures because their commanders do the right thing!

Further, they know that, if they do the right thing, their command officer will back their decisions and actions.

5. LEADERS ARE WILLING TO HELP

From an employee's perspective, the one question which often determines whether a boss is a "good boss," or not, is this, "Does my boss make my job easier or harder?" True police commanders are always willing to help their personnel and their constituents. Whether it's clearing red tape for their subordinates, or solving problems for their constituents, they are always willing to help in any way they can.

"THE SURVEY SAYS..."

So, now that you know what five attributes make you a "good boss," how do you stack up? How can you objectively and fairly determine if you are a "good boss" or not? Here is one way – take a survey! We have designed a "Supervisory Survey" for you to take which will clear out the guessing, eliminate the speculation and remove the extremes we talked about in the opening paragraphs

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There are three steps which you need to take in trying to evaluate your supervisory or management effectiveness.

Step #1 – Fill out the survey. On a scale of 1-10, rate yourself for each trait. Be honest with yourself or the value of this survey is meaningless.

Step #2 – Now, it gets interesting. If you want to get a different perspective on you and your abilities as a supervisor or manager, make a copy of this survey and give this survey to each of your subordinates. Ask each of them to anonymously submit their opinion of your supervisory abilities in each of these ten categories on that same scale. You might be surprised at the results of this survey (for good or for bad!) when you compare your opinion of "you" with their opinion of "you." It is VERY important for a supervisor to learn to see things through the eyes of their subordinates. This is a very good exercise to start that "understanding."

If you give the survey to ten or more subordinates, you can "throw out" the best and worst survey results. That helps to eliminate the extreme opinions of you which we mentioned earlier. Tally up the remainder of the scores and comments. Remember that this is what your subordinates think of your management style. The results may, or may not, agree with your results, but, nevertheless, we believe that what your subordinates think of you is far more important than what you think of you. Pay attention to the results of this survey!

Step #3 – If you want to continue to gather data on your

strengths and weaknesses as a supervisor or manager, take the next big step. Make a copy of this survey and give it to your bosses. This may be awkward, or it may not work at all if you only have one boss, but you would be surprised at how many people above you with whom you interact have some insights into your abilities. So, pass this survey to as many command level staff as possible in your agency. Much like in Step #2, tally up the results and heed the comments. It is very important to understand what your bosses think of you (or, more accurately, what they think of your strengths and weaknesses as a supervisor or manager).

Use the information from all three steps in this survey to improve yourself, improve your management style and improve your career!

If you fail to assume your leadership position or fail to maintain the confidence of your personnel, you will fail in both your objectives and as a leader.

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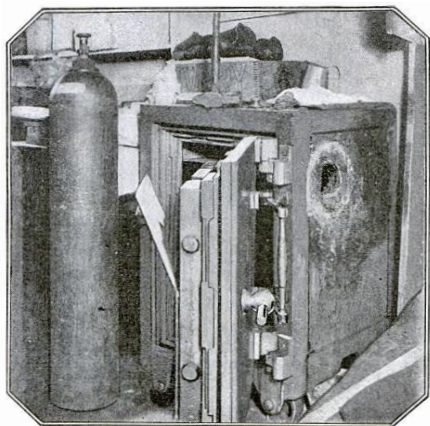


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Back in the year 1920, when a state-of-the-art safecracker was ready to start on a job, he would take stock of his equipment to make certain that he had incorporated the latest methods and tools. His most recent addition would seem to be an oxy-acetylene blowpipe. As pictured to the left, burglars were able to cut through the side of a “burglarproof” safe in an effortless manner with the aid of this tool. They then blew out the door with nitroglycerin and helped themselves to the loose cash in the safe. Had the safe been originally built with a manganese

steel lined safety box, this would have foiled the cutting powers of the oxy-acetylene torch. The criminals left behind a large hammer and two cylinders of gas. Police subsequently discovered that these, too, had been stolen. The accompanying image shows the hole which was burned into the safe along with one of the gas cylinders. The safecrackers also made use of the property of the firm they were robbing—helping themselves to everything they required, from baking soda to employees' clothes. **P&SN**

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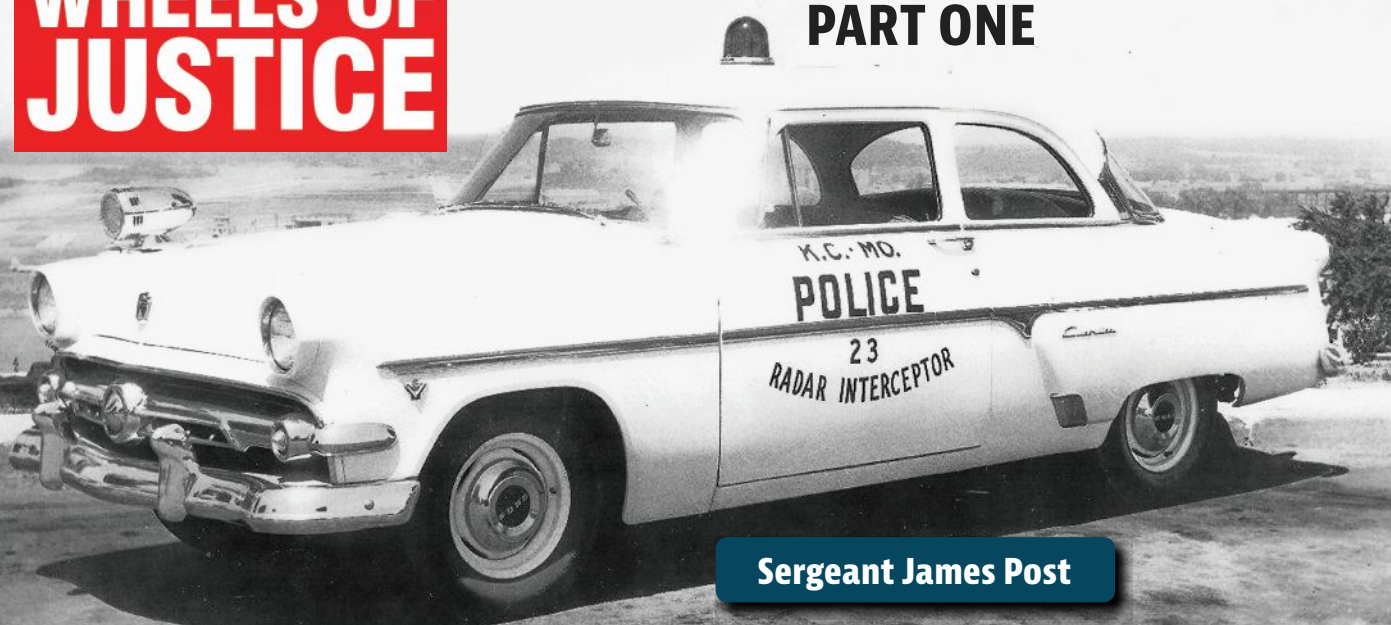
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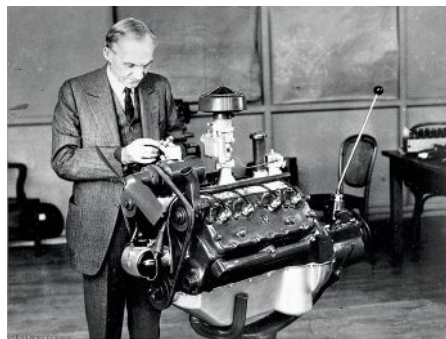
A CONDENSED HISTORY OF POLICE CAR ENGINES (AND A FEW COOL CRUISERS, TOO)

PART ONE



1954 Ford®, featuring their first OHV (OverHead Valve) V-8, a Y-block which produced 130 hp at 4200 rpm

We all think of history in different ways. Your high school history teacher probably traced history by the dates of significant events, while architects categorize history with building styles and sports fans track history by the big (or bad) games of their favorite teams. But, automobile fans (car guys/gals) organize their thinking by favorite years, makes and models. However, performance-minded buffs go even further and chart automobile history by engine type and size, aka horsepower. Because I spent the last 50+ years behind the wheel of police cars, I even take that a step further by identifying with police car engines.



Henry Ford examining his revolutionary V-8 engine which produced 65 horsepower – Mr. Ford played a direct role in its development.

Following, you will find my chronological history of significant police car engines and the emergence of police “pony” cars. This is not official and it is probably not universally shared; it’s just my humble opinion based on police cars I’ve owned and/or driven.

NOTE: Descriptions will alternate between numerical and litre designations, depending on what the manufacturers used at the time.

1932

After building nearly five million Model As, Ford® replaced them with the 1932 Model B, aka “The Deuce.” The new Ford included their first V-8 which had the distinction of being loved by both cops and criminals alike. After years of the so-so performance of the Model A four-bangers, cops loved the new V-8. Gangsters like John Dillinger and Clyde Barrow were big fans, too. In fact, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn has letters from both Dillinger and Barrow on display in which both praised the Ford V-8. There is one from Barrow (dated April 10, 1934) and one from Dillinger (dated May 16, 1934); however, both of these have been disputed by family members and handwriting experts alike. But one from Dillinger (dated May 6, 1934) is probably genuine because



This 1936 Ford, utilized by the Fort Worth (TX) Police Department, was powered by a V-8 flathead engine which produced 85 hp.

it was sealed in Henry Ford’s safe for 75 years, perhaps because Dillinger, after praising the V-8 for giving him the ability to “get away from the coppers,” signed off by stating, “Yours ‘til I have the pleasure of meeting you.” s/s John Dillinger. That meeting, or one with Clyde Barrow, for that matter, never happened, as both of their careers were terminated through lead poisoning (by law enforcement) later in 1934. Bonnie and Clyde were killed in a stolen 1934 V-8 Ford near Gibsland, LA, May 23, and Dillinger was shot to death on a Chicago street on July 22nd.

The original Ford “flathead” V-8 was a scant 65 horsepower (hp), but increased to 75 hp in 1933/34 and ended its 21 year

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reign in 1954 at 125 hp, when it was replaced by Ford's first OHV, the 239 Y-block V-8.

1951

A lot of today's "young gun" Mopar® guys think the current HEMI® was born in 2006; however, the original Chrysler HEMI V-8 first appeared in 1951; although, at that time, they wore names like "Fire Power," "Fire Flite," "Fire Dome," or "Fire Ram," depending on the make of vehicle in which they were installed. These were also Chrysler's first V-8s, replacing six cylinders. Weighing in at a scant 180 hp, those first HEMIs were discontinued in 1958, but would be reborn as humongous engines in 1964.

1955

The small-block Chevy V-8 was unveiled in 1955 and is, hands down, the most popular American engine ever built. Naturally, they were soon powering police cars. Although starting out at a mere 160-180 hp, they eventually grew to simply



The 1955 small-block Chevy V-8 engine (265 cubic inches) with its two-barrel carburetor was rated at 162 hp.

being referred to by numbers such as 283 (230 hp), 327 (365 hp) and 350 (360 hp). That original configuration small-block continued until 2003.

In 1967, my department bought a handful of Chevys with the gutsy 4bbl 327. As was the practice, they rotated the cars among the precincts and officers. One dog

watch night, I drew one of the Chevys and it was quite a departure from the six-cylinder Plymouths I was used to driving. I was dispatched to back up another officer on a particularly hot call and the car was amazing. As I approached (at a speed which was well over all sensible speeds), I saw the officer and I tried to stop...nothing. Then, I stood on the brakes with both feet and I slid a half block past him! Yep, they ran like the wind, but those drum brakes with bias tires wouldn't stop you on a hundred bucks worth of dimes.

1956

This was the first Chrysler small-block V-8, a 318. Most of you are probably more familiar with a different 318 which powered the popular Diplomats and Gran Furies decades later.

1958

The first GM big-block V-8 appeared a scant three years after their small-block debuted. The first big-block was a 348 and was used until 1961. The 348 was

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This 1959 Dodge Coronet Police Special was built featuring a 383 cubic inch V-8 producing 320 hp with a single four-barrel carburetor.

replaced with a big-block eight which was so popular that a hit record by the Beach Boys was named after it...the 409. The 409 reigned until 1965 when it was replaced by the 396 which was replaced by the 454 which lasted throughout most of the Seventies.

During GM's early V-8 years, most police departments opted for the small-blocks, but, occasionally, hot-rodders were surprised by big-block Chevy police cars in their rear view.

1962

The small-block Ford V-8 was born as a 260 and, in 1964, it grew to a 289. Even-

tually, it grew to a 302 and then it became the very popular 5.0 in the Fox-body SSP Mustang police cars (1982 through 1993), but more on those later. The 5.0s were also found under the hoods of other Fox platform police cars, notably the Fairmont (1978-1982) and LTD (1984-1985), often called "4DR Mustangs."

1964

Chrysler revived the HEMI as a Gen II 426, the darling of NASCAR, NHRA and AHRA alike, with legends like Richard Petty, Don Garlits and John Force. From 1965



Your humble columnist standing next to a 1960 Arkansas State Patrol Chevy which sports a 283 small-block V-8, producing 170 hp

to 1971, Mother Mopar delighted street rodders everywhere with their "Street HEMI" installed in their Plymouth and Dodge muscle cars in aptly named promotions such as "The Scat Pack" (Dodge) and "Rapid Transit System" (Plymouth). The 426 also got its own tribute record from Jan and Dean in their song, "The Little Old Lady from Pasadena" and her "brand-new shiny, super stocked Dodge."

1966

Chrysler's first 440 "wedge" engine was unveiled and, two years later (in 1968), a smaller hp version, the 383, was born. Soon, Chrysler added the name "Magnum" to the 383 and 440 engines, perhaps to attract even more cops to their cruisers. (What cop couldn't identify with a name like Magnum?) Also offered (but not on police cars) was an option of three two-barrel carburetors on a high-rise intake manifold, called a "Six Pack."

One of the most famous 440 Magnum powered movie police cars ever was not even in a police movie, the 1974 Dodge Monaco Bluesmobile, driven by Dan Aykroyd in 1980's *The Blues Brothers*. His character describes the Monaco this

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A cutaway view of a 1966 Chrysler HEMI® 426 engine

way, "It's got a cop motor, a 440 cubic inch plant. It's got cop tires, cop suspension, cop shocks." Aykroyd was so enamored by the car that he bought one for himself.

1969

This was the year when we first heard of the 351 V-8 from Ford. They were often referred to as 351 Cleveland (1969) or 351 Windsor (1970), a reference to where they were built. Thousands of these engines powered Ford cruisers back in the day, but, when car guys hear 351, they fantasize about the 1971 Mustang Boss 351.

1970/1971

These were the glory days for Mopar gearheads and cops alike. Not only could performance junkies order the screamin' 383 and 440 Magnums in their Cudas, Challengers, Road Runners, and Super Bees, WE could order them in Dodge and Plymouth police cars, too! And, there were thousands on the streets and highways of America. But, wait, there's more...in 1970 and 1971, power-hungry buyers could still buy the last of the HEMIs, now rated at 426 hp. It's rumored that a few might have ended up in police cars.

In the late Eighties, I purchased a used 1977 Missouri State Patrol Plymouth Fury with a 440 Magnum. As I was still suffering the pain of the oil embargo and the influx of imports and detuned domestics, I loaded my 13-year-old son in it and told him, "I'm so sorry that you will never be able to do this when you start buying cars. These days are over." I pulled the old war horse out onto the street and nailed it, leaving black strips for (I swear) half a block! Okay, it was up a slight incline, but my son got the point.



The 1974 Dodge Monaco, driven in the 1980 movie, The Blues Brothers, sported a 440 high performance Magnum engine which was rated at 280 hp.

But, fast-forward 30 years and, wow, was I wrong about the future of police cars!

This ends Part One of our look in the rearview mirror (or should I say under the hood) of police cruisers. Stay tuned for Part Two and the birth of pony police cars, the "pocket rockets" from Ford and Chevy. **P&SN**

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LEGAL UPDATE

US Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Police in DC House Party Case

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A boisterous, late night Washington, DC, party leads to the arrest of partygoers and, ultimately, to a decision regarding probable cause.

Recently, in *District of Columbia v. Wesby*, 583 U.S. ____ (2018), the United States Supreme Court rejected a claim made by 16 trespassing partygoers that the police lacked probable cause to arrest them.

The circumstances unfolded at about 1:00 a.m. in the middle of March 2008 when District of Columbia police officers responded to a complaint about loud music and illegal activities at a house described as “vacant” by the caller, a former neighborhood commissioner. Upon arrival, several neighbors confirmed that the

house should have been empty.

When the officers knocked on the front door, one of the partygoers opened the door and the officers entered. The house “was in disarray” and looked like a “vacant” property. “The officers smelled marijuana and saw beer bottles and cups of liquor on the floor. In fact, the floor was so dirty that one of the partygoers refused to sit on it while being questioned. Although the house had working electricity and plumbing, it had no furniture downstairs other than a few padded metal chairs. The only other signs of habitation were blinds

on the windows, food in the refrigerator and toiletries in the bathroom.”

“In the living room, the officers found a makeshift strip club. Several women were wearing only bras and thongs, with cash tucked into their garter belts. . . . After seeing the uniformed officers, many partygoers scattered into other parts of the house.” In one of the upstairs bedrooms, the officers found a naked woman and several men. One partygoer was located hiding in an upstairs closet and another who had shut himself in the bathroom refused to come out.

The officers questioned the 21 people in the house, but were unable to obtain a clear or consistent story. Two of the women working the party said that a woman named “Peaches” was renting the house and had given them permission to be there. She did not know Peaches’ real name, but was able to call her on her phone so that an officer could talk to her. When asked about who had given her permission to use the house, Peaches became agitated, nervous and evasive. Ultimately, she admitted that she did not have permission to use the house.

The officers then contacted the owner who confirmed that he had not given anyone permission to be there. At that point, the officers arrested the 21 partygoers for unlawful entry. At police headquarters, a lieutenant decided to change the charge to disorderly conduct. “The partygoers were released and the charges were eventually dropped.”

Sixteen of the partygoers sued the Dis-

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strict and five of the arresting officers for false arrest under the Fourth Amendment, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983. Although the District Court and Court of Appeals concluded that the officers lacked probable cause to arrest and that they were not entitled to qualified immunity, *the United States Supreme Court disagreed and reversed.*

Preliminarily, the Court addressed whether the officers had probable cause to arrest the partygoers. "To determine whether an officer had probable cause for an arrest," courts will "examine the events leading up to the arrest, and then decide whether these historical facts, viewed from the standpoint of an objectively reasonable police officer, amount to probable cause." Here, we are looking for "only a probability or substantial chance of criminal activity, not an actual showing of such activity."

In this case, there was no dispute that the partygoers entered the house without the permission of the owner. "Considering the totality of the circumstances, the officers made an 'entirely reasonable inference' that the partygoers were knowingly taking advantage of a vacant house as a venue for their late night party."

From all accounts, it was apparent that the house had been vacant for several months. It had no furniture, except for a few padded metal chairs and a bare mattress. "The house had a few signs of inhabitation – working electricity and plumbing, blinds on the windows, toiletries in the bathroom, and food in the refrigerator. But, those facts are not necessarily inconsistent with the house being unoccupied." Indeed, the partygoers could have brought the food and toiletries.

"In addition to the condition of the house, consider the partygoers' conduct. The party was still going strong when the officers arrived after 1:00 a.m., with music so loud that it could be heard from outside. Upon entering the house, multiple officers smelled marijuana. The partygoers left beer bottles and cups of liquor on the floor, and they left the floor so dirty that one of them refused to sit on it. The living room had been converted into a makeshift strip club. Strippers in bras and thongs, with cash stuffed in their garter belts, were giving lap dances. Upstairs, the officers found a group of men with a single, naked woman on a bare mattress – the only bed in the house – along with multiple open condom wrappers and a used condom."

"Taken together, the condition of the house and the conduct of the partygoers allowed the officers to make several 'commonsense conclusions about human behavior.' Most homeowners do not live in near barren houses. And, most homeowners do not invite people over to use their living room as a strip club, to have sex in their bedroom, to smoke marijuana inside, and to leave their floors filthy. The officers could thus infer that the partygoers knew their party was not authorized."

The partygoers' reaction to the officers' arrival gave them further reason to believe the partygoers were trespassers. "Many scattered at the sight of the uniformed officers. Two hid themselves, one in a closet and the other in a bathroom." This behavior was "certainly suggestive" of wrongdoing. Moreover, the partygoers' answers to the officers' questions also suggested their guilty state of mind. When the officers asked who had given them permission to be there, "the partygoers gave vague and implausible responses." Additionally, "some of the partygoers claimed the event was a bach-



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el or party, but no one could identify the bachelor. The officers could have disbelieved them since people normally do not throw a bachelor party without a bachelor."

Peaches, after initially insisting that she had permission to use the house, "ultimately confessed that this was a lie – a fact that the owner confirmed. Peaches' lying and evasive behavior gave the officers reason to discredit everything she had told them."

"Viewing these circumstances as a whole, a reasonable officer could conclude that there was probable cause to believe the partygoers knew they did not have permission to be in the house."

Accordingly, the Court reversed the DC Circuit's holding that the officers lacked probable cause to arrest and concluded that the District and its officers were entitled to summary judgment on all of the partygoers' claims. The Court's conclusion that the officers had probable cause to arrest the partygoers was sufficient to resolve this case. Nonetheless, the Court went on to rule that the officers were also clearly entitled to qualified immunity under §1983. **P&SN**

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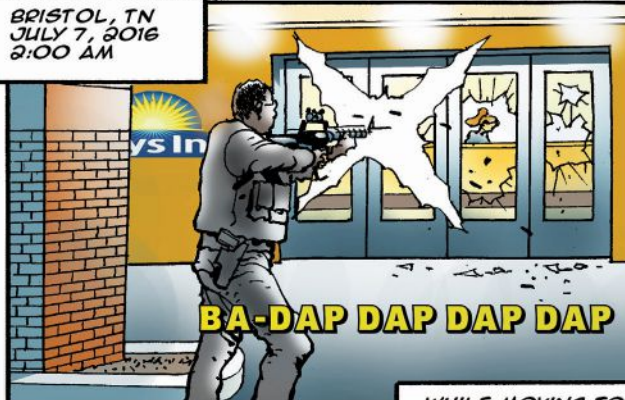
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WHILE MOVING TO CATCH UP WITH THE OTHER TWO OFFICERS, COUSINS OBSERVED THE ARMED ASSAILANT COMING OUT FROM BEHIND THE NEIGHBORING AUTO PARTS STORE AND ORDERED HIM TO DROP HIS WEAPON! THE PERP REFUSED AND OPENED FIRE ON THE OFFICERS.



IN THE EXCHANGE, SGT. COUSINS WAS SHOT IN THE LEG, BUT CONTINUED TO RETURN FIRE UNTIL SCOTT WENT DOWN, WOUNDED.



EVEN THOUGH DOWN, THE INJURED SCOTT ATTEMPTED TO RAISE HIS WEAPON TO REENGAGE. SGT. COUSINS ADVANCED AND PUT AN END TO THE THREAT BY TAKING SCOTT INTO CUSTODY!



K-9 OFFICER SGT. MATHEW COUSINS' CLEAR-EYED APPROACH TO THE SITUATION THAT MORNING - SPOTTING THE EXPENDED .323 CASINGS WHICH CAUSED HIM TO RETURN TO HIS VEHICLE FOR HIS OWN LONG GUN - MAY WELL HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN EVENING THE ODDS FOR THE OFFICERS AND IT HELPED BRING AN END TO THE EXTREME SITUATION AND NEUTRALIZE THE THREAT. FOR HIS ACTIONS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, OFFICER COUSINS RECEIVED THE 2017 NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD.



THE END



NRA 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

During the early morning hours of July 7, 2016, officers of the Bristol, Tennessee Police Department were dispatched to a local Days Inn motel to a report of shots fired.

Upon arrival of the officers, shortly after 2:00 AM, Sergeant Mathew Cousins, the second of three officers to arrive, discovered spent .223 shell casings on the ground. Realizing that the situation was very serious and the suspect was apparently armed with a rifle, Sergeant Cousins returned to his vehicle to obtain his patrol rifle while at the same time alerting other officers of the situation.

At this point, Sergeant Cousins observed the shooter emerging from behind a nearby auto parts store apparently to ambush the officers from behind. The suspect was armed with a rifle and a handgun.

Sergeant Cousins immediately challenged the suspect and ordered him to drop the weapon. The suspect ignored the commands and opened fire on the officers.

All three officers returned fire striking the suspect causing him to fall to the ground. Even though he had been wounded by the police gunfire and is on the ground, the suspect continued to try and fire his rifle at the officers.

Sergeant Cousins advanced on the downed suspect during an intense gun fight and the suspect was taken into custody.

Only when the gunfight had ended was it determined that Sergeant Cousins had suffered a minor gunshot wound to his leg.

The clerk at the Days Inn had suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was immediately transported to the hospital.

The suspect survived and it was later learned that he had fired several rounds into passing cars on an adjacent four-lane roadway, killing a local paper carrier, Jennifer Rooney.

The suspect also admitted to "being in a rage" and that his attack was racially motivated.

Thanks to Sergeant Cousins' quick observation of the spent rifle casings and realization that the suspect was armed with a rifle, as well as, his quick response to obtain his patrol rifle and the fact that he spotted the suspect moving in from behind the officers to ambush them, he prevented further injuries or deaths.

Additionally, Sergeant Cousins' decision to advance on the downed shooter, who was still firing at the officers, turned the tides on the gun fight, which resulted in the quick resolution to the matter.

As such, it is with great honor and pride the National Rifle Association names Sergeant Mathew Cousins as the 2017 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



Sgt. Mathew Cousins
Bristol Tennessee
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"The five million members of the National Rifle Association are proud to honor Sergeant Cousins as the 2017 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year," said NRA President Pete Brownell.

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Police Use of Naloxone

Chris Fleming, Tod W. Burke, Ph.D. and Stephen S. Owen, Ph.D.

Implementing overdose reversal programs has provided law enforcement agencies with a number of collateral benefits, including improved community relations. However, it is imperative to weigh both the benefits, as well as any potential drawbacks, before making any commitment.

In Wisconsin, police were dispatched to the scene of an unresponsive two-year-old after he allegedly consumed OxyContin® pills, an opioid derivative. Despite interventions from first responders, the toddler was pronounced dead at the scene. On March 15, 2017, law enforcement officials responded to a suspected opioid overdose in North Carolina. In this case, police were able to administer naloxone, a potentially life-saving drug used to combat the immediate effects of an opioid overdose.

Since 1999, opioid overdoses have quadrupled. With the increase of opioid addiction and overdose deaths, the 2017 report of the President's Commission on

Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis "recommended that all law enforcement in the United States be equipped with naloxone." With such a sweeping recommendation, it is important to understand the benefits, as well as implementation issues, related to naloxone.

In addition to this discussion, a listing of resources pertaining to naloxone use is provided with this article.

The Use of Naloxone

During the 1950s, researchers worked to find a safer drug which could reverse the effects of an acute opioid overdose. By 1961, pharmaceutical researchers Dr. Mozes Lewenstein and Dr. Jack Fishman applied for a patent for the drug naloxone. Unlike other drugs used at the time to treat opioid overdose, naloxone did not produce the effects associated with opioid use. Naloxone is effective because the drug forms a stronger bond than opioids to chemical receptors in the brain, replacing them and helping to reverse some impacts of opioid overdose.

In cases of severe opioid overdose, the central nervous system and respiratory systems are depressed to the point that a victim cannot breathe. However, after naloxone is administered, because it replaces opioids at the brain's receptor sites, the victim's breathing may be restored.

In 1971, the FDA approved the use



A lethal dose of heroin (shown on left) as compared to a lethal dose of carfentanyl (middle) and fentanyl (right)

of naloxone – intramuscularly, intravenously and subcutaneously – in part because of the drug's safety. Intranasal use of naloxone has also been found to be effective in the initial treatment of overdose victims. This provides less risk to the responder administering the drug and requires less medical training, as no syringe or injection is required. By 2015, the FDA approved the use of naloxone in NARCAN® Nasal Spray, further equipping laypersons with the ability to immediately treat opioid overdose.

In recent years, prescriptions for opioids have increased drastically despite pain levels remaining relatively consistent among Americans. Opioid overdose deaths, from prescription and illicit drugs, have continued to rise since the 1990s, recently surpassing automobile accidents as the highest cause of preventable death in the United States. Community programs throughout the

United States have begun to equip the public with naloxone to prevent fatal overdoses. Law enforcement agencies which work to provide their officers with naloxone can provide an additional line of defense against opioid deaths, both to the public and for accidental exposures to officers.

Benefits of Naloxone as They Relate to Law Enforcement

Accidental Exposure to Opioids

Exposure to opioids is becoming a greater problem for officers in the field. In 2015, the DEA warned that even trace amounts of opioids, such as fentanyl – an opioid 50 times stronger than heroin – can be fatal if an officer is unknowingly exposed. Recently, a police officer in Ohio overdosed after touching a white powdery substance, alleged to be fentanyl, after a traffic stop. The officer was treated with naloxone at the scene. Also according to the DEA, accidental opioid overdoses are becoming more common as first responders have begun to re-

port an increase in symptoms related to opioid poisoning while performing their duties. In fact, the DEA has specifically recommended the immediate use of naloxone in such cases.

Police K-9s are also susceptible to opioid overdose. For instance, to ensure the safety of their K-9s, handlers in Baltimore County have begun carrying naloxone. Because the drug is administered in the same manner as it is for humans, no additional training is required. Police agencies armed with naloxone would act to limit vulnerability to accidental overdoses.

Timing of Naloxone Administration


Rapid administration of naloxone is essential to the drug's effectiveness because death can occur within three hours of overdosing. This small margin of time becomes important as witnesses of the overdose may delay calling for medical attention out of fear of receiving criminal charges. Witnesses also may not immediately recognize that an over-



Police K-9s are highly susceptible to accidental opioid overdoses.

dose has occurred.

Some believe that only paramedics and other highly trained medical staff should be tasked with administering naloxone. However, medical responders may have longer response times than law enforcement, especially in rural areas. In addition, in some jurisdictions, emergency medical technicians may be prohibited from administering naloxone. Law enforcement officers have also demonstrated that they can perform ba-

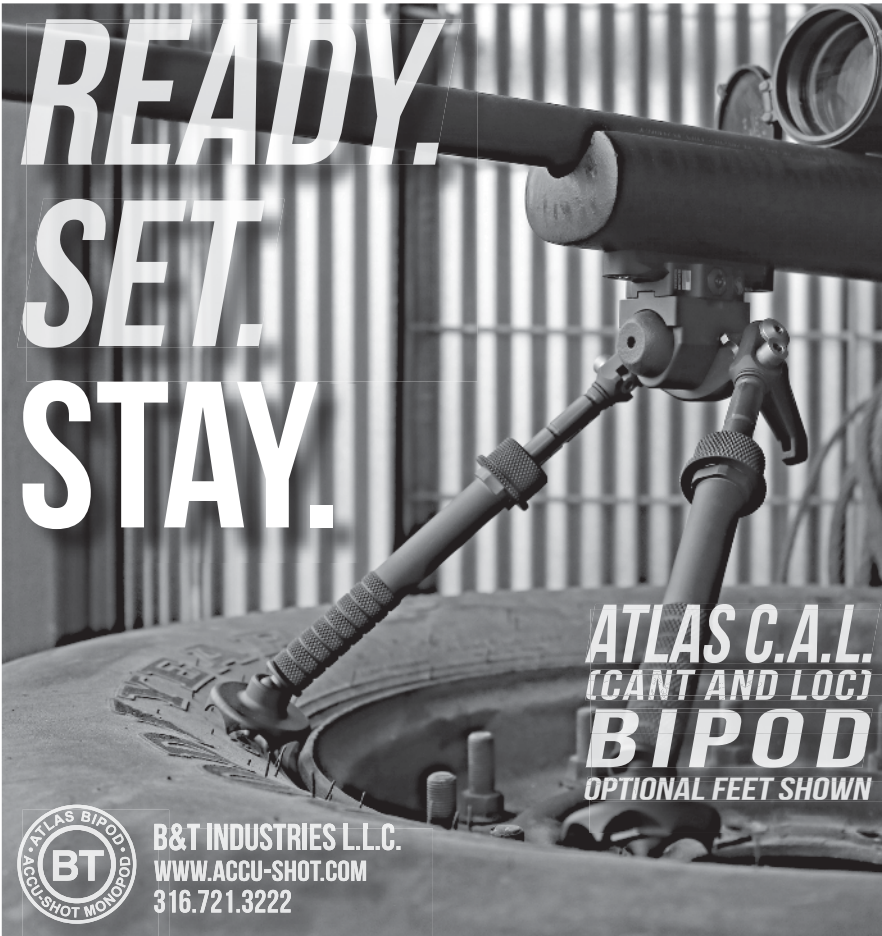


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The rising price of naloxone has become a significant consideration.

sic medical procedures – such as CPR (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) services – to prolong life prior to EMS response. By providing and training police to use naloxone, an initial dose of the drug could be administered in the valuable minutes before paramedics arrive at the scene.

Protecting the Public

Law enforcement agencies across the United States have been supplying their officers with naloxone since 2010. Naloxone administered by police has proven effective as countless overdoses

have been reversed. While some oppose extending naloxone access because it is believed to increase drug misuse among addicts, there is no empirical evidence to support this claim.

Police/Community Relations

Finally, police deployment of naloxone could help to build positive relationships with the public. A study of California law enforcement officers trained in naloxone administration found that the public conveyed their appreciation to officers for using naloxone when necessary and that officers themselves found its life-saving effects to be rewarding. The study also suggested that public awareness of law enforcement's helping role could lead to a greater willingness to call 911 for police response in overdose situations, especially when coupled with laws or policies which preclude charging callers for drug offenses, such as personal possession of narcotics and paraphernalia (California has such a law).

Possible Issues for Police Departments

Cost of Naloxone and Training

Research suggests that supplying officers with a naloxone kit which provides two doses has proven effective in limiting deaths; however, additional doses are occasionally required to reverse an overdose. While naloxone kits at one time were relatively cheap, prices have recently increased with the greater demand for the drug. For instance, providers have witnessed markups as high as a 500% price increase in the past three years. Depending upon supply, the cost of nasally administered naloxone ranges from \$70 to \$150 per dose; injectable forms of naloxone cost as much as \$4,500 (for two doses). In addition, naloxone typically loses potency within a year and a half to two years, requiring agencies to resupply their inventory (as well as maintaining current and accurate records to track inventory and its expiration dates). At the same time, some agencies may utilize grant funding to maintain naloxone supplies.

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Naloxone Resources

The following resources may prove useful in considering and developing naloxone policies for law enforcement agencies:

- Report of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, issued November 1, 2017: <https://tinyurl.com/yclwvj4g>
- Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center, Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit: <https://tinyurl.com/ycbcdcxr>
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Preparing for Naloxone Distribution: Resources for First Responders and Others: <https://tinyurl.com/y9qvungg>
- International Association of Chiefs of Police naloxone resource page, including a model policy (membership required): <http://www.theiacp.org/naloxone>
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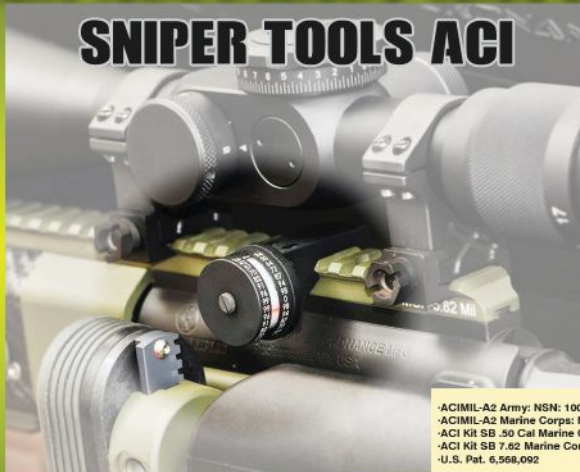
States require individuals who administer naloxone to be trained; however, there are a variety of types of training sessions. Programs largely resemble receiving certification to perform CPR, but, in this instance, training includes learning about opioids, detecting an overdose and properly administering naloxone through various routes. These courses take about 40 to 90 minutes to complete and some training can be completed online.

Naloxone's Possible Physiological Effects

While naloxone causes no response in persons without opioids in their system, it can cause an intense opioid withdrawal in opioid addicted patients. Although largely non-life-threatening, acute withdrawal can make patients violent. In 2016, two Pennsylvania state troopers were assaulted after reviving a man with naloxone. However, experts consider incidents of this nature to be exceptions to the rule, noting that most

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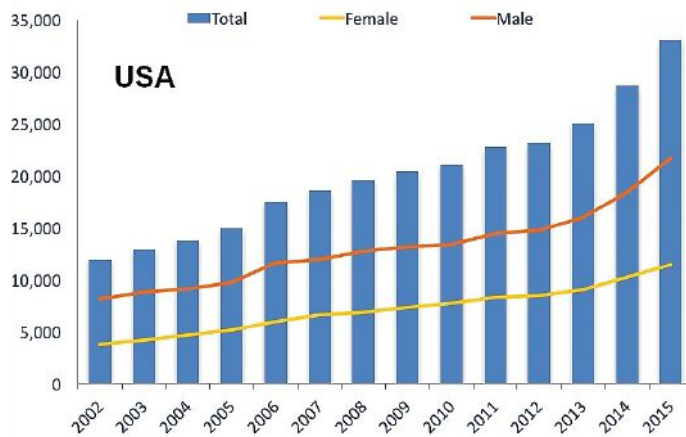
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Opioid overdose deaths, shown in this chart, have recently surpassed automobile accidents as the highest cause of preventable death.

patients feel sick or groggy upon revival rather than becoming agitated. Serious side effects, such as cardiac arrest and epileptic seizures, have been linked to naloxone administration, but typically only occur when in conjunction with preexisting conditions and are extremely rare.

This raises an important consideration about naloxone

which should be addressed in agency policy. Naloxone administration by itself does not provide complete treatment. Rather, evaluation by a medical professional is still necessary. The effects of opioid overdose may be longer lasting than naloxone's revival, placing patients back in respiratory arrest after naloxone wears off. Patients who do not receive follow-up care may become fatalities even after being revived with naloxone.

Legal Considerations

Law enforcement officers likely face little liability in cases of naloxone administration. Responses to opioid overdose are largely covered by "good faith" provisions allowing an officer to perform tasks deemed necessary to sustain life. Many states have enacted laws providing further protection to officers and laypersons from liability when administering naloxone. Additionally, naloxone does not produce any negative effects if improperly administered.

Qualified immunity can also provide protection to law enforcement officers who administer naloxone in the course of their duties. However, agency legal counsel should review naloxone administration policies along a number of lines, at the very least including training protocols (e.g., sufficient to withstand claims of the *Canton v. Harris* "deliberate indifference" standard) and distinguishing between positive duties to act (in which law enforcement's efforts for medical care may be protected) and failure to act (in which failure to provide care,

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including requesting EMS treatment and transport, can incur liability). One important issue to address is guidance on when naloxone should be administered. Sound policy guidance can address these and other issues while ensuring naloxone availability for use in medical emergencies.

Recommendations

Naloxone use by law enforcement professionals offers many benefits. As a tool which promotes life safety to responders and to the public, it merits sound consideration. Several recommendations follow, but readers are also directed to the listing of resources included in this article for additional guidance in developing a full agency policy.

To receive the medication, agencies should begin by immediately training their officers through appropriate public health entities. Naloxone is a prescription medication, but, in some jurisdictions, it may be purchased with the approval of a pharmacist. To address liability concerns, certification is required to receive and administer the drug.

Naloxone access for rural police agencies is especially crucial for three reasons. First, in some states, EMT basics are unable to administer naloxone due to current scopes of practice. In rural areas, EMT basics frequently respond before advanced medical personnel, limiting the intervention a subject receives until the arrival of paramedics. Although these protocols appear to be changing to accommodate na-



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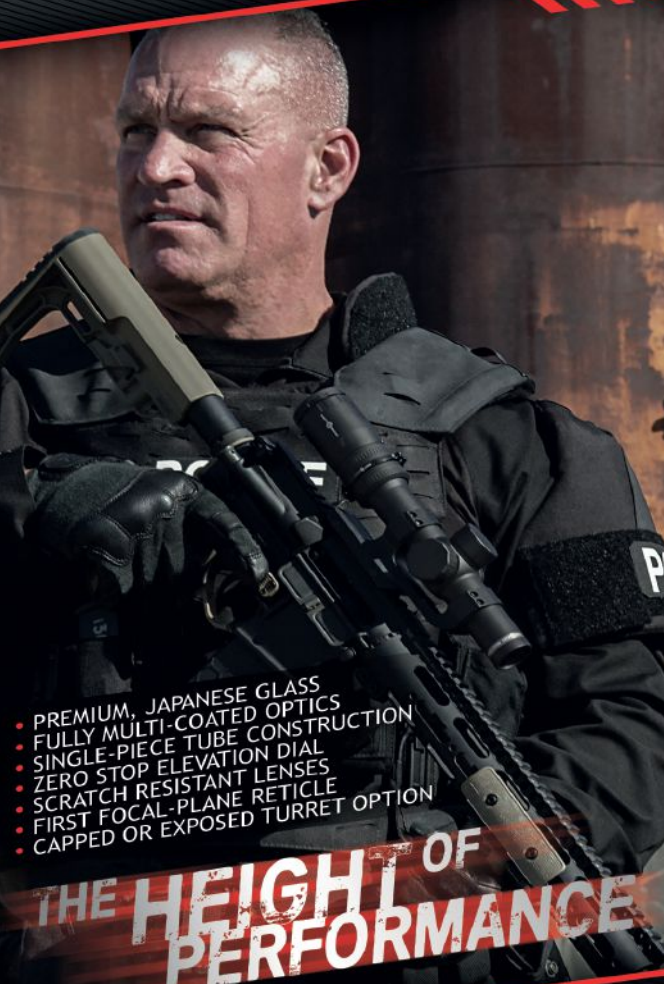
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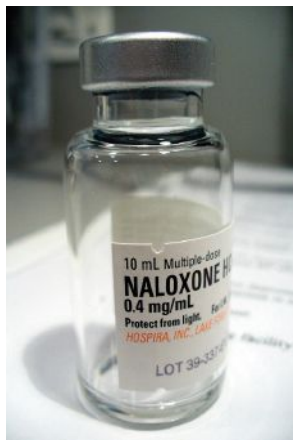




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tionwide addiction rates, supplying a police department with naloxone could bridge the transition for EMS once restrictions are lifted. Second, between 1999 and 2004, rural counties saw a 159% increase in fatal opioid overdoses. Third, in comparison to other first responders (e.g., EMS), police respond more rapidly to emergencies in rural areas.

Naloxone deployment may also be useful for school resource officers, as well as by agencies that police institutions

with heavy volumes of traffic (or significant residential or transient populations), such as universities and airports. These locations may well have a need for emergency opioid response, due to the sheer number of persons who traverse them on a given day.

Finally, widespread distribution of naloxone to police agencies – consistent with the recommendations of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Cri-

sis, is one positive and life-saving step in which law enforcement can help to address a public health crisis. And, in doing so, they may help to establish meaningful police-community relationships.

Conclusion

Naloxone has the potential to be an invaluable tool for law enforcement agencies, particularly with current levels of opioid addiction and use. While the drug will not serve as the "silver bullet" for the opioid epidemic and will require the development of sound agency policies to guide its deployment, it has worked to prevent many overdose deaths. Arming officers with the training and resources necessary to save lives is essential as overdose rates continue to escalate. **P&SN**

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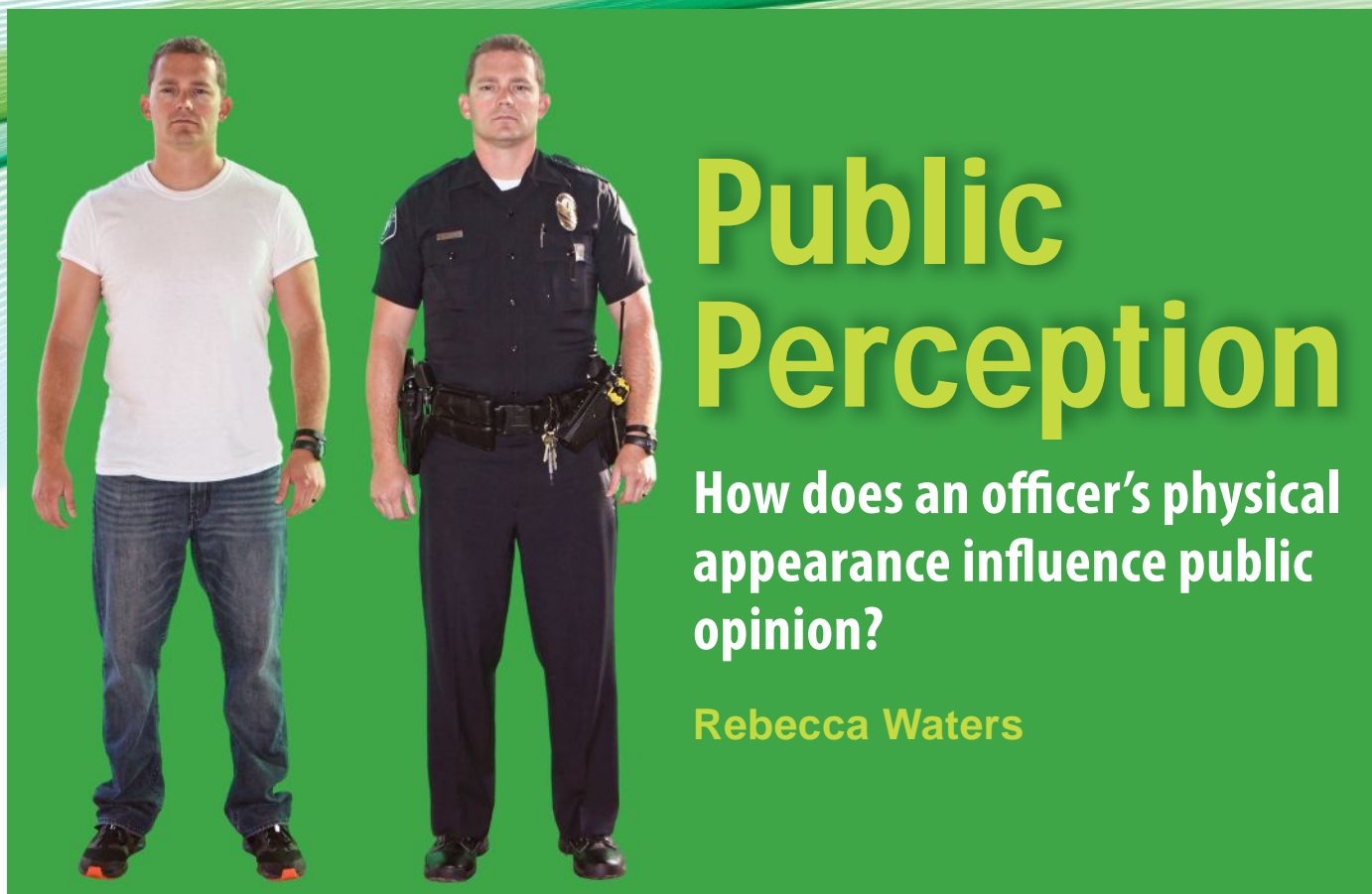
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Public Perception

How does an officer's physical appearance influence public opinion?

Rebecca Waters

Recent events involving police use of force have compelled law enforcement to spend more time considering their relationship with the communities they serve and how to improve the public's perception of officers and their role in the community. In addition to public outreach programs designed to bring citizens in contact with officers in constructive, positive ways, recent research suggests that an officer's appearance can influence public opinion.

"It is possible that even mere presence factors (i.e., absent contact), such as the appearance of police officers in different attire and patrol capacities, may be enough to impact their perceived approachability, accountability, respectability, and so on," posits Rylan Simpson, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine, in his recent research paper, "The Police Officer Perception Project (POPP): An experimental evaluation of factors that impact perceptions of the police," published in the *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

Simpson strives to extend previous research by identifying how police attire and patrol strategies influence public opinion.



Bike officers were perceived as being friendlier and more approachable.

"My interest in mere presence and the effects of such presence on perceptions of the police motivated my current research," Simpson said of his work. "Although few people engage with the police under formal conditions, most people observe the police at

least on a semifrequent basis: at traffic lights, civic centers and community events. I was curious how these informal, and often unceremonious, observations of the police impact the ways in which citizens perceive officers."

The Study

Simpson hypothesized that, as a symbol of a community and its values, a uniform serves to legitimize police, enhancing public perception of officers presented in uniform and diminishing an officer's perceived status when presented in civilian clothing.

The study presented participants with 64 images each depicting one of four officers in a uniform or civilian clothing and either in a vehicle, on foot or on a bicycle. For each image, the study participants were asked to categorize it along five subdivided variables: aggressive versus not aggressive; approachable versus not approachable; friendly versus not friendly; respectful versus not respectful; and accountable versus not accountable.

Results

"I find that participants generally reported favorable views of the police. Contrary to much public discourse, participants overwhelmingly rated images of police officers as accountable, respectful and approachable," Simpson concluded.

"Although participants perceived police officers as more aggressive when presented in police uniform (versus civilian clothing), they also perceived them as more approachable, respectful and accountable. The police uniform, therefore, appears to convey aggression, but it does so without compromising more favorable perceptions," he adds.

Patrol strategy also played a part in how participants perceived police officers, with officers being perceived as more approachable, respectful and accountable when presented on a bicycle or on foot than in a vehicle and as more friendly and less aggressive when seen on a bicycle than in a vehicle.

"Police departments may maximize the benefits of police/

community events by increasing the presence of officers on bicycles during such events. Where feasible, police departments may also consider incorporating more bicycle and/or foot patrol into their regular patrol practices,” Simpson writes.

Future Research

While this study represents a large-scale evaluation of factors which impact perceptions of the police, Simpson has further evaluated the effects of police vehicles (e.g., marked vehicles versus unmarked vehicles, etc.) and accoutrements (e.g., high visibility vests versus load bearing vests, black gloves, etc.) on perceptions in related manuscripts. “In future research, I intend to extend my work from the laboratory to the real-world environment,” says Simpson. “As part of such work, I hope to evaluate the effects of appearance on perceptions of officers under conditions where more dynamic and contextual stimuli are present. It is my hope that other researchers will direct greater attention to similar questions as well.”

Industry Insights

Steve Zalkin, President of the North-American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors (NAUMD), hesitates to classify the image of an officer in uniform as aggressive. “A well-dressed and groomed police officer in a Class A uniform reflects a dedicated civil servant to her/his community and portrays safety. A peace officer only wants to show aggression when an environment needs to be controlled,” he says.

“Police uniforms provide an image to the community that they serve. The image portrayed to the public can be professional, mil-



A police officer in a top-notch uniform reflects a dedicated civil servant to his (or her) community.

itaristic or community policing,” he adds. “Public opinion is a little more outspoken when a department has a military presentation. Uniforms need to fit the job function and need to be functional for the job description.”

Public perception is increasingly a concern for police departments, concedes Cory Nykoluk, Director of Design for First Tactical. “In today’s political climate, the appearance of an officer is vital,” he says. “Even before words are spoken, the uniform is the first point of communication. If an officer looks like he is prepping for World War III, it’s easier for public opinion to view that negatively.”

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Traditional MOLLE gear still tends to occasionally elicit a negative perception among some in various communities.

officer uniforms – all of which can affect how the public perceives officers: headwear (baseball cap versus dress cap versus no cap); shirts (tactical shirt versus dress shirt versus polo shirts); pants (dress slacks versus tactical pants [cargo side pants] versus shorts [hot weather environments]); jackets (professional outerwear versus athletic outerwear); and body armor (under uniform versus over uniform). These items can also be found in different fabrics and colors and public perceptions will differ based on those choices and how they are presented.

“Gloves are a great example of officers influencing their image,” Nykoluk adds. “Take the traditional molded knuckle plate on the outside of traditional hard knuckle gloves. The plate tells you that this glove is designed for a very specific purpose. Modernized hard knuckle gloves are becoming more low profile with the protective knuckles moving underneath the fabric and becoming less pronounced, thus giving officers a more professional appearance that isn’t ‘aggressive.’”

The addition of body armor and other protective gear can in-

fluence public perception, “depending on a person’s understanding of a police officer’s job responsibilities and job function. It depends on specific situations and the environment. Schoolchildren typically will relate better to resource officers who are in casual attire versus a tactical uniform. In an active shooter situation, I am running towards a SWAT officer first,” says Zalkin. “The uniform must fit the job function and be functional for the job. Patrol officers, horse patrol, K-9, SWAT, bomb squad, school resource officers, and command staff all can, and should, have a different uniform.”

“One of the big complaints you hear is that the traditional heavy MOLLE gear is the first thing that an untrained eye catches and responds negatively to,” says Nykoluk. “The MOLLE platform is seen throughout images of the military and the public sees that and thinks of war. In recent years, popular media has given this functional gear a negative connotation and, unfortunately, police departments have had to adjust accordingly.”

Dress for Success

There has been a shift in uniform styles, Zalkin notes. “During my tenure in the uniform industry, which began in 1983, there has been consideration by command staff in choosing uniforms to fit the public’s perception for the police agency. School resource officers wore embroidered polo shirts with khaki pants (a soft sell look); street officers wore Class A uniforms for a professional look; and only tactical teams wore the military look. Today, everything is about functionality, number one, and comfort, number two. In the



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past, body armor was always worn under uniform shirts. Today, many agencies wear body armor in MOLLE carriers over their uniforms. Uniform pants yesterday were traditional looking dress slacks; today, many agencies wear cargo pants or tactical pants.”

Nykoluk has also noted a shift in police uniforms. “Many departments have changed to polos with a refined tactical pant. Both items are still tools for their job (functional on the street, in the office and on the range), but are refined in silhouette, keeping a neat, clean and professional look. I think that directly ties into the idea of public perception driving the appearance of law enforcement officers.” Vest carriers which look like uniforms are also an emerging trend, he adds.

Zalkin’s advice: “Dress for success with the skew on officer safety and functionality. There is an old saying that perception is 99% reality. It is not just about the public’s perception. It is also about officer pride and department culture. Do you sew an American flag on the uniform? What does the department emblem look like? The emblem portrays the community.”

Conclusion

“Mere presence matters,” Simpson advises law enforcement. “Simply observing police in different attire and patrol capacities impacts perceptions of them. An officer does not necessarily need to initiate formal contact in order to change the way in which a citizen thinks about them. Even just driving, walking or biking through a neighborhood is enough to elicit perceptions. With that being said, different types of attire and patrol strategies elicit different types of perceptions. For example, officers are

perceived more favorably when presented on a bicycle, or on foot, than when presented in a vehicle. Officers should thus be mindful of the perceptual effects of their presence.”

“Appearance does not exist in a vacuum: Perceived visual characteristics may shed insight into perceived philosophical characteristics (e.g., guardian versus warrior). Officers must remain vigilant of the effects of their presence and how

they can manipulate their presence in order to enhance public/police relations,” Simpson adds. **P&SN**

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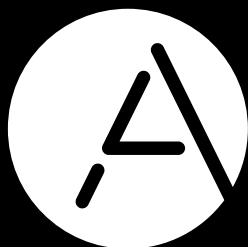
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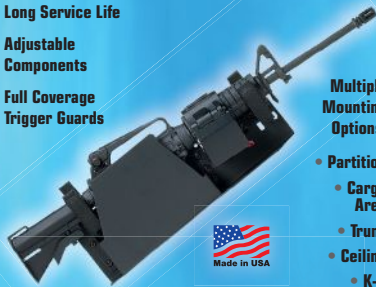
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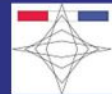
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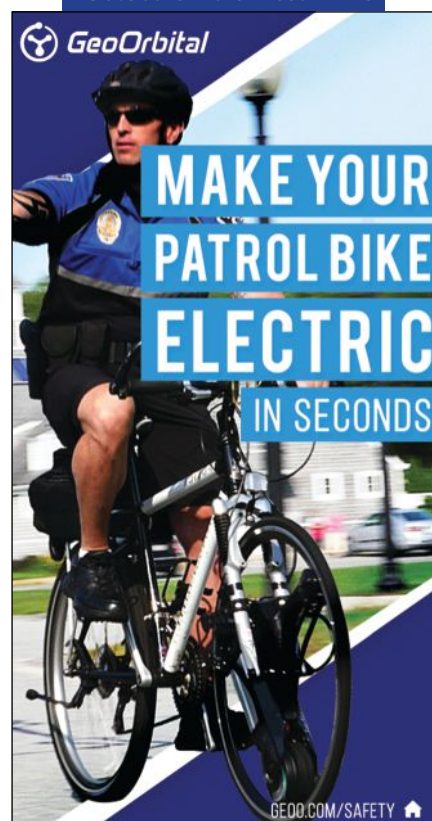
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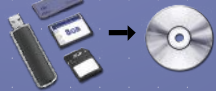
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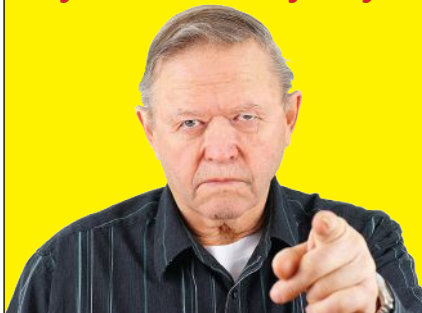


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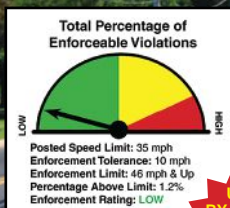
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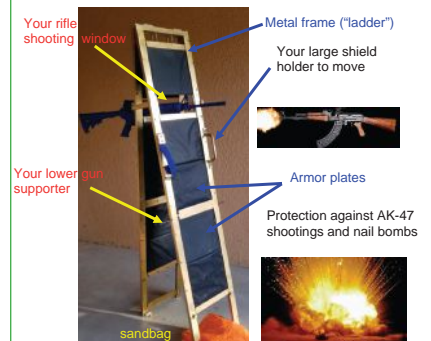
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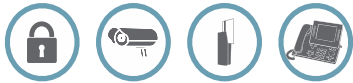
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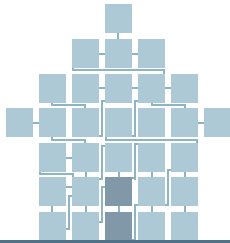
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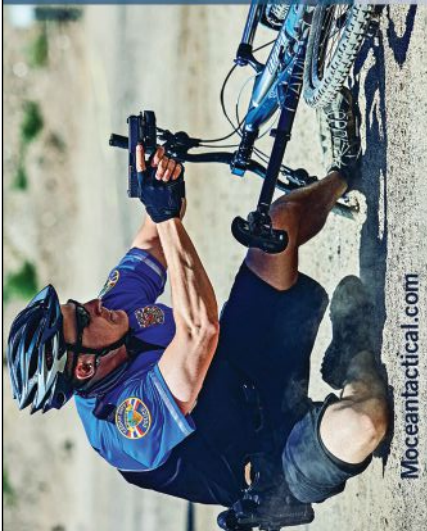
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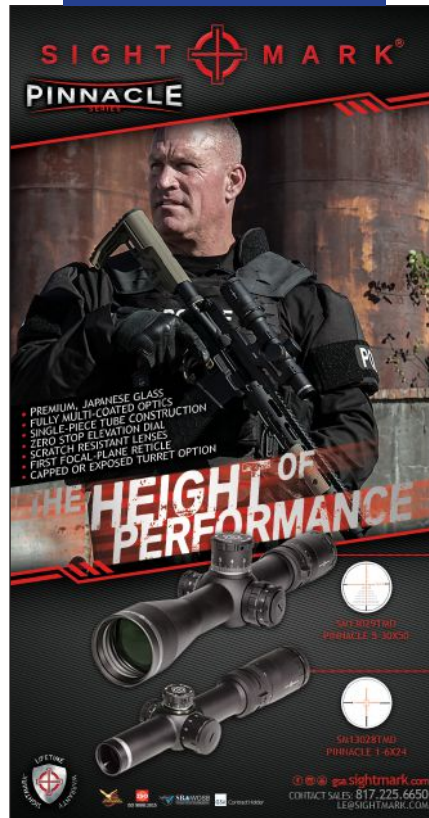
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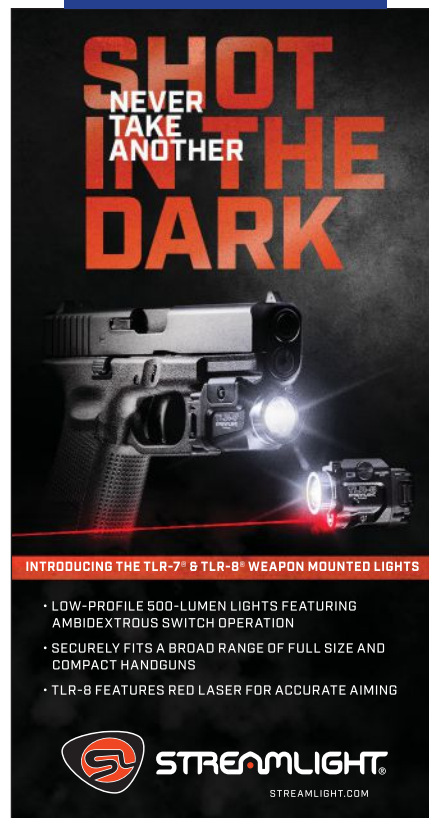
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The uniquely designed magazine is "funnel-shaped" which allows it to hold a full ten rounds.

to the plate and created something different. They started with an all-new magazine design and built the gun around it. The best way to describe the P365 magazine shape is "pyramidal." This pyramid shape makes for a double stack arrangement at the

bottom of the magazine, but tapers up to a single stack at the top.

On the frame, the SIG P365 comes equipped with a nicely designed beavertail and undercut trigger guard which helps maintain a high grip hold. This is especially important in small handguns due to the reduced surface area of the grip. The grip angle is the same as the SIG P320. At the bottom of the magazine well, SIG SAUER smartly added some relief cuts to the side of the grip frame where it meets the magazine base pad. This gives shooters the ability to strip a magazine from the pistol, especially in the event of a double feed malfunction. All too often, this is a custom addition to my personal handguns, so it's really a nice touch on a factory pistol.

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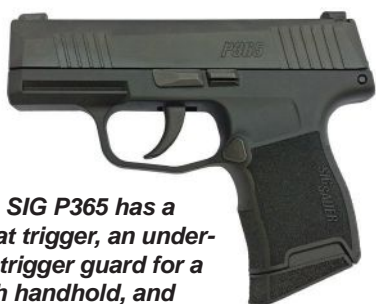
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The SIG P365 has a great trigger, an undercut trigger guard for a high handhold, and controls which are shielded from unintended activation (but are still easy to use).

WaistBand (IWB) holster. An aggressive texture on the grip frame when carried in an IWB can lead to discomfort and irritated skin. On the range, this handgun proved the value of the time and effort SIG put into the grip texture and design. Even with its small, micro-compact frame, I was able to keep the pistol planted firmly in my hands during combative speed drills.

Another problem encountered by those of us who carry off-duty is the accidental release of a magazine. Large, oversized magazine release buttons are great for

competition and most duty pistols. But, those same oversized magazine release buttons can be hazardous for our health when carried in an IWB or pocket holster. Accidentally releasing the magazine may result in one shot, or none, in the event your pistol is equipped with a magazine disconnect. Thankfully, the magazine release on the P365 is protected on the backside by a slight upturn in the polymer frame. This prevents users from accidentally depressing the release when carrying, but it's not so intrusive as to interfere with magazine changes when needed. Lastly, for those of us whose arms are on backwards, the magazine release button is easily reversible.

There are a couple of nice touches on the slide of the SIG P365. Well placed and designed front and back cocking serrations contribute to ease of use. I really grew to appreciate the surface area of these cocking serrations, especially with wet or gloved hands. They aided in working the slide, conducting press checks, loading, unloading, and doing malfunction drills.



The P365 comes from the factory with a set of sights for which many shooters would pay \$100, or more, to add to their everyday carry gun.

Quality Sights

SIG also equipped the P365 with their proprietary X-RAY3 Day/Night Sights. The most noteworthy feature of the front sight is how it visually jumps out at the shooter when presenting the pistol up on target. The front sight pops into view quickly and easily thanks to the bright green color which surrounds a tritium vial for extreme low light use. Complementing the front

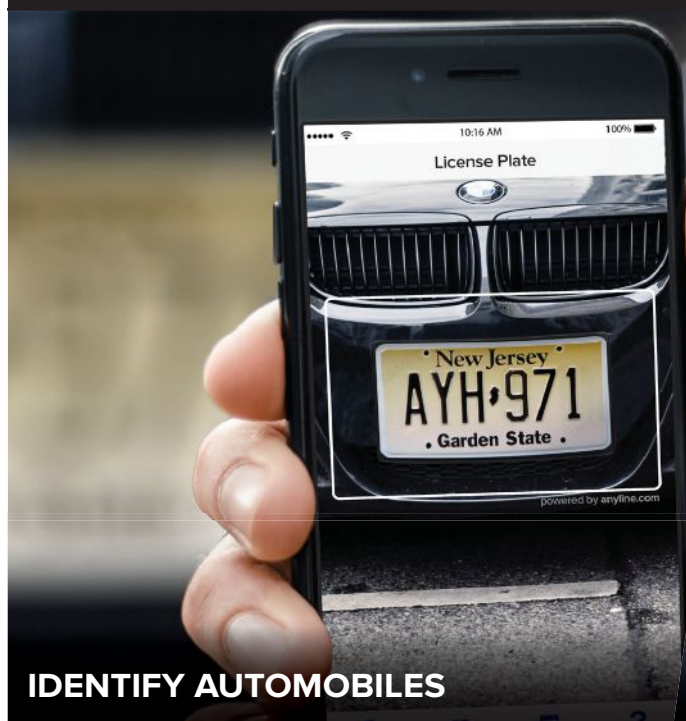
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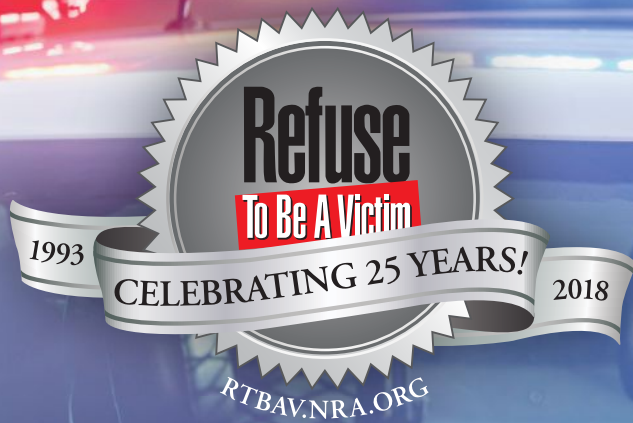


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sight is a wide tritium rear sight which is quick to acquire. The rear sight also works well for one-handed reloads where the shooter is injured and might have to use their belt, boot or some other surface to rack the slide in order to chamber a round. It's a nice touch on a handgun designed for everyday carry and off-duty use.

After giving it a once-over, I checked the owner's manual and lubed it as directed. On the range, this SIG P365 was more than put through the ringer. Instead of evaluating it like a small pistol which wouldn't be shot frequently, I wrung it out and tested it like a duty handgun. In other words, I ran it hard.

Range Performance

After numerous combative speed exercises and shooting drills, the P365 performed exceptionally well. More than 1200 rounds were put through my T&E sample without a single malfunction. The SIG P365 ate everything thrown at it and it just kept running. It ran reliably with a mixture

of 115-, 124-, and 147-grain ammunition including training and duty ammo. It also ran with no malfunctions using some mixed 65- and 85-grain frangible rounds as well. Even with magazines containing a mixture of ammunition weight and bullet types, the SIG P365 ran flawlessly without a single hiccup.

The SIG P365 is as accurate as any of the currently available everyday carry handguns. I'm not really one to put a handgun in a vice and shoot from 25 yards to test mechanical accuracy. (I find this to be tedious and boring.) Instead, I'm more interested in seeing if a pistol can maintain good combative accuracy running at combative speed with a variety of ammunition and still be reliable and dependable. Call it "minute of bad guy" or whatever, but most quality handguns on the market are capable of shooting better than me. With this being said, the SIG P365 is capable of shooting some ragged one hole drills, as well as running and gunning during combative speed and accuracy drills.

The SIG P365 also has a very good trigger for such a small handgun. This helped ensure acceptable accuracy on targets at distances beyond 50 yards which is quite a testament given the diminutive size of this micro-compact. There is a small amount of slack before reaching the pressure wall. The entire trigger travel is smooth and the trigger breaks cleanly with minimum over travel. Reset is obvious and short. Paired with the terrific sights, this combination makes



Comparison: The S&W Shield™(top) holds 7+1; the GLOCK® 43 (bottom) holds 6+1; and the SIG P365 (middle) – the smallest overall pistol of this category – holds 10+1.

for a micro-compact handgun which can be run hard and accurately. The sights are easy to track during recoil and the trigger can be reset and ready to go quickly. In fact, the SIG P365 easily maintained 0.23 second split times during Bill Drills.

The Bottom Line

If you're a fan of the SIG P320 pistols, then you will love the SIG P365. This handgun fits the role of an off-duty, everyday carry gun extremely well. Its diminutive size fits well in a pocket or IWB holster. It also fills the role of a back-up gun carried in an ankle holster. SIG added some custom touches to this pistol which are usually only available from the aftermarket, including a good trigger, great sights and grip frame relief cuts for the magazine. Plus, it proved itself to be duty reliable and dependable. Yeah, I liked it...a lot. Sorry, SIG SAUER, you're not getting this one back – I'll send you a check. This little warrior will definitely be a new addition to my armory. **P&SN**

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TRAIN for the FIGHT

When the moment of truth has arrived,
the time for preparation has passed.

Mike Rayburn

Are you training for the fight or are you training for the range? There is a difference, even though there shouldn't be, but some departments are still doing "range practice" when they should be teaching "street fighting."

In today's world of touchy-feely PC police departments, where we cry when we retire and can't wait to show off our latest

dance moves on YouTube, God forbid we actually call something for what it is. Let's be real here, folks, it is what it is.

Gunfights are nasty things. They don't happen on a square range in a sterile environment where the range officer has the final say on whether or not you passed. They happen in filthy alleys, dirty streets and run-down houses where you may get cut; bruised; and, potentially, even shot. The final score of whether or not you passed won't be determined by your firearms instructor or the bad guy – it will be determined by you and you alone.

A Survival Mind-set and Realistic Practice

Your mind-set to win at all costs; to prevail against all odds; and to be the one who determines your own fate is what will get you through this lethal encounter. However, you can't do it with mind-set alone; you need to have some realistic firearms training under your belt. So, let me ask you again: Are you training for the fight or are you training for the range?

If you're standing still, punching holes in a paper target from the 25 yard line, then you're training for the range and not for the street. If you're shooting from the standing, kneeling, and prone positions only, then you're training for the range and not for the street. If you're still shooting the dreaded "double tap," then you're just training for the range.

How do you train for the street? You train by being factual and realistic. The vast majority of Officer Involved Shootings (OISs) happen at close distances. More than one officer has told me that

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Training for the fight should include all of your weapons systems.



You need to have the experience of shooting from various positions on the range, so that you can call on those skills should you become wounded or injured in a fight.

their gunfight could be measured in inches, not feet or yards. Do OISs happen at greater distances than just a couple of feet? They most certainly do, but, again, the vast majority of them are up-close and personal; as some like to say, “at bad breath distance.”

If you’re on the range shooting a qualification course which includes the 25 yard line with your handgun, why are you not transitioning to your patrol rifle or shotgun? Your handgun is for emergency situations only. It’s not the “go to” gun for barricaded suspects or some other long distance standoff. That’s why long guns are utilized.

Should you train with your handgun at the 25 yard line? Absolutely, since you never know what might happen. However, why do we spend so much time trying to get officers “qualified” at greater distances when the vast majority of OISs are up-close and personal?

Imagine if you worked in the private sector and you told your boss you’re going to spend 95% of the company’s training budget on a task the company’s employees only do five percent of the time. Not only that, but the task which is only done five percent of the time can be done easier, safer and more accurately with another tool – in the case of law enforcement, a long gun. I don’t think you’d have a job as a training officer in the private sector for very long.

Move It or Lose It

Even if you don’t spend a lot of time out at the 25 yard line, are you learning to shoot on the move? Or, are you doing what a lot of departments do and just stand there like a row of ducks in a shooting gallery? You need to be able to shoot and move at the same time. More importantly, you need to be able to shoot accurately while moving.

Officer involved shootings are fluid situations which most often involve the bad guy, or guys, and the officer moving. If you’ve found effective cover, by all means, stay there and use it – but, most times, there is no cover available, or the officer hasn’t thought about cover until after the shooting has started. Trying to look for cover and trying to determine what is, or isn’t, ballistic-resistant, and then move to it while you’re getting shot at is difficult at best.

That’s why you need to be constantly thinking about cover. An example would be if a vehicle in front of you has just committed a minor traffic infraction and you decide you’re going to stop it and issue the driver a citation. Before you even turn on the



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overheads, you should be thinking about your stop location. Preplan your stops, so you have adequate cover if things go south and this turns into a potential lethal encounter.

Look for a safe spot not only for you, but for others as well. Are you stopping this vehicle across the street from a school? One of the rules of firearms safety is to always know your backstop and

beyond. Are you're initiating this traffic stop in a location which provides safety for you and others in the area should you become involved in a shooting with the occupant(s) of the vehicle?

Having available cover and a safe backstop should you have to shoot will also play a part in how you approach this vehicle. Some will say you should always do a right side approach. Granted,



In order for the steel wheel to provide you any ballistic protection, you have to be behind it.

the right side approach does have some advantages over the left side approach. However, if I've got a big tree for cover on my left and that school we talked about earlier is over my shoulder, I'll probably do a left side approach or call the driver out to me.

There's nothing in the books which says you can't call the occupants of the vehicle out to you. For that matter, the courts have ruled numerous times that we can call people out of the vehicle. If there's no cover on your right, and you're not comfortable doing a left side approach for whatever reason, then call the driver out to you and use his vehicle as your backstop. It's not the best of backstops, but it's better than nothing.

What Works as Cover?

Should you become involved in a shooting at this traffic stop, you should know how to shoot in, and around, your vehicle. Part of your training for the fight should involve knowing what parts of a vehicle are cover and what parts are not. Basically, other than the steel wheels and engine block, not much of your vehicle, or any vehicle, provides you with adequate ballistic protection. The door pillars do offer some ballistic protection, but the last time I checked, most cops are a little wider than a door pillar.

Because the steel wheels and engine block are your only real cover on a vehicle, you need to know how to shoot from behind those areas. If you've trained shooting from the kneeling and prone positions, that's a good start, as some departments don't even do that, but you will need to do more if you want to train for the fight.

Have you trained on shooting from your side, so you can maximize the cover of the steel wheels? If you crouch up into a semi-fetal position at an angle be-

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Part of your “training for the fight” should include shooting from your back, in case you’re knocked down or have fallen backwards during a lethal encounter.

hind the wheel, you can maximize the wheel as cover and leave little, if any, of your body exposed to incoming rounds. Learning to shoot from your side will also serve you well if you’re involved in a ground fight with someone, or if you’ve been wounded and are lying on your side.

There’s a famous case from the 1960s in which an officer was wounded and lying on his side. Witnesses to the incident said the officer “kept trying to sit up” when the suspect calmly walked over and shot the officer in the head. The investigation determined the officer was trying to sit up to reload his .38 revolver. He had been trained to shoot and reload from the seated position, but had never been trained to reload and shoot from his side.

There’s a saying in training circles that “you fall back on your training,” in times of high stress like an OIS. In some respects, that’s true. But, if your training is inadequate, such as not preparing you for the fight by teaching you how to shoot and reload from your side, then you’ll do what this officer did and fall back on what you do know.

That’s what training for the fight is all about: It’s about having options. Your only option shouldn’t be to sit up and reload; it should be about being able to reload and shoot from any position, including shooting from your back or from all fours. If you’re wounded or in a ground fight and have to shoot, you need to be trained to do so effectively. It’s not enough to just tell someone they can do it; you have to practice doing it. You have to train for the fight.

You wouldn’t tell an MMA fighter how to fight and then never practice it. Imagine that outcome in the octagon. When you read the account of the officer trying to sit up to reload, I bet some of you thought to yourself, “Why didn’t he just shoot from his side?” Because he had never been trained to do it, that’s why.

We need to get away from training for the range and start training for the fight. Start training for real life and for the perils of the street, not for the qualification on the range. **P&SN**

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One constant in any discussion among law enforcement firearms trainers is controversy.

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One area where both practitioners and instructors would probably agree is that only hits count. The ability to prevail in a gunfight is predicated on putting decisive hits on your adversary before he can seriously hurt you. That, of course, is easier said than done, particularly since the bad guy typically initiates the action,

But, if I could offer something which might just give you a tangible advantage and tip the odds in your favor, would you consider it? Quite frankly, I'll sign on for just about anything which gives me the upper hand, even if it involves cheating.

In the Beginning

Laser sights were first developed in the late 1970s, but were not ready for prime time until some years later. The credit for their development goes to Dr. John Matthews who created a helium-neon laser and adapted it to a Colt® revolver. It was a big, awkward and hardly cop-proof piece of equipment, but it paved the way for better things to come. Over time, laser sights evolved for the better and manufacturers were turning out units which could be fit to police service pistols and be carried in a standard duty holster.

Like many trainers, I have a somewhat conservative view of equipment and viewed laser sights with suspicion. Then, as now, there is no free lunch and success is rooted in the application of foundational skills. I'll confess that laser sights did not win me over right away, but, after taking a more critical look, I feel they can fill a useful niche. Make no mistake about it, you still have to apply those fundamentals, but, in many instances, a

laser will make this so much easier.

I don't feel mounting a set of laser sights will solve all of your problems or turn a poor shooter into Dirty Harry, but they do bring something to the table. Let's take a look and see what they have to offer.

Advantage

The term LASER is actually an acronym which stands for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. Unlike other light sources, lasers emit light coherently and spatial coherence allows light to be projected in a beam. Laser sights can cast a red or green visible beam or an InfraRed (IR) beam which can only be seen with special equipment. For law enforcement applications, red and green lasers are, by far, the most common with IR lasers pretty much limited to the military and SWAT. For ages, the endless debate of point shooting versus aimed fire has raged. From my perspective, there isn't much of an issue and I've come to the conclusion



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that we should use as much of the sights as we can. Obviously, at arm's length, we point and shoot, but, as distance increases, in order to hit, we need to get a reliable index on the threat. With traditional pistol sights, poor light, movement and body alarm reaction can muddy up the waters.

Laser sights neatly split the difference between traditional sighted fire and point shooting. A spontaneous, life-threatening attack in close quarters may cause you to focus on your attacker rather than the sights. However, since the laser projects a highly visible beam and superimposes an aiming spot on the threat, we now have a single plane focus. In short, you now have a reliable sight picture without using the conventional sights.

True, this is only a partial solution as laser sights are not visible in bright light. Green lasers can be seen under a wider range of light conditions than red lasers, but I, for one, am not convinced you will pick up on your aiming point in bright sunlight when subjected to extreme stress. But, indoors or outdoors in low light conditions, laser sights are highly visible and quick to pick up a target. To put things in perspective, consider that most police action shooting takes place under less than optimum light conditions.

Another consideration is that, in many shootings, either the officer or the threat is moving. In some circumstances, both will be moving simultaneously. How comfortable would you be engaging a moving threat in poor light? In my experience, a laser sight increases the likelihood of getting hits on the target. This is especial-



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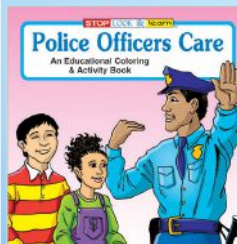
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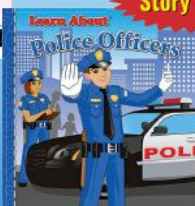
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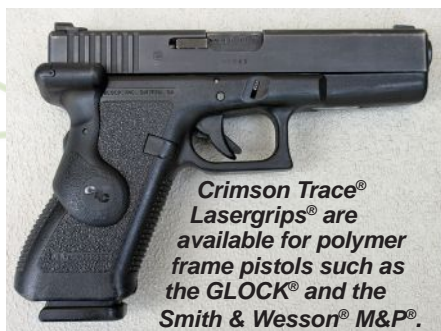
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ly true when engaging targets which are moving laterally or on an oblique angle. Sure, that dot is going to bounce a bit, but a laser will, in fact, increase the probability of a hit.

One of my pet peeves as a trainer is that many law enforcement officers do not use cover properly and needlessly over-expose themselves to danger. A laser can be a useful tool by helping officers maximize the use of cover while minimizing their exposure to a threat. This same concept can be applied when using ballistic shields.

As indicated earlier, law enforcement officers are reactive by nature and there

is no guarantee that you'll be striking the first blow or firing the first shot. What if you're struck in the arm or shoulder or have fallen to the ground and cannot take a traditional sight picture? A laser sight can get you on target, even if you can't drive the gun to eye level or assume a normal shooting posture.

Many of us carry a small pocket pistol or snub revolver for backup or off duty carry. One common quality of many of these little blasters is that their sights stink. They are tough to define under optimum low stress day conditions and next to impossible to see at night. Bolting a set of laser sights on your pocket rocket can change all that and give you a fighting chance. Despite their many advantages, laser sights have not been especially popular with the police. Maybe, it's time to reconsider.

Some Considerations

Currently, there are dozens of different laser sight systems which have something to offer to the law enforcement professional. But, like many other tools, one

is cautioned to only consider reputable manufacturers with a proven track record. By all means, avoid "hobbyist" grade gear – buy cheap, buy twice.

To help narrow down your choices, here are some criteria you may want to consider when making a choice.

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reliable index. A major stumbling block to the widespread adoption of laser light units has been the availability of a suitable duty holster. Duty holsters for popular pistols and weapon mounted lights are out there for the taking, but compatibility with combo units can be a challenge. Safariland® offers their 6360 ALS® duty holster for both the Streamlight TLR-2 and SureFire X400 families. This is probably the most popular duty holster in use today and remains a top choice. BLACKHAWK!® produces the Epoch™ duty holster for the TLR-2 and that is another alternative.

Small Guns

Firms such as Crimson Trace®, LaserMax and Viridian Weapon Technologies turn out small laser aimers which can be affixed to the front of the trigger guard. Some even combine a small illuminator along with the laser. I have also grown very fond of Crimson Trace Lasergrips® on my small frame revolvers. Lasergrips replace the factory stocks and contain a small laser diode. "Interactive Activation" is achieved by taking a firm shooting grip on the revolver.

As far as pocket poppers, my Ruger® LCP® is equipped with a LaserMax Center-Fire aimer which is affixed to the front of the trigger guard. Retrofitting this accessory to the pistol enhances the potential of the LCP and this combination is discreetly carried in the pocket with a Sticky Holster.

A short while ago, LaserMax upped the ante and came out with the GripSense™ system which mates a red or green laser with a 100 lumen light. A laser only GripSense unit is available for the Ruger LCP II. Truth be told, I'm not especially fond of little pistols for primary carry, but they do make great backups.

Duty Holsters

If you're locked into a standard duty holster, but desire laser capability, consider a guide rod unit from LaserMax or Lasergrips from Crimson Trace. The internal laser from LaserMax replaces the factory spring and guide rod assembly and casts a pulsating laser beam. Point of impact is within two inches at 20 yards and LaserMax guide rod units are well made.

Lasergrips are available in a number

of popular service sizes and compact pistols and will work in many styles of standard duty holsters. I've even got a set for one of my polymer frame GLOCK®s which snaps over the grip and is held in place by pins.

Green vs. Red

Red lasers tend to be less expensive than green and are less sensitive to temperature extremes. Green lasers are visible in brighter light conditions than red, but, from a practical standpoint, I'm not sure how important that is. I have found that cold temperatures can play havoc with green lasers more so than red. Green lasers are significantly more expensive and tend to go through batteries faster than red.

Switching

For a tool I might have to use under stress, I like simple, intuitive switching. If I have to hunt and peck to make it work, that will not fit into my plan. When I need the laser, I need it now. Grip activation and rocker switches work best for me.

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The Streamlight® TLR-8® is half the size of earlier combo units, but boasts a 500 lumen illuminator and a red laser.

New and Notable

My preference for service pistols runs toward the combination units with an illuminator and a laser aimer. The fact that they perform two tasks with a single device makes them an attractive proposition. Recently, two products along this line were introduced which are indeed game changers.

First up is the Streamlight TLR-8® Weapon Light with Aiming Laser. The TLR-8 is a small and powerful unit designed to

fit a wide range of popular pistols. Its size is roughly half that of Streamlight's TLR-2. Despite its downsizing, the TLR-8 boasts a 500 lumen LED illuminator and a 640-660 nm red laser. Considering what was available just a few short years ago, the capabilities of the TLR-8 are amazing.

The low-profile TLR-8 is snag-free and features ambidextrous on/off switching complete with a strobe function. A unique quality to the TLR-8 is a "safe off" feature on the bezel to prevent accidental activation and preserve battery life. The TLR-8 is crafted from machined aluminum and wears a durable anodized finish.

I recently affixed a TLR-8 to my GLOCK 19 pistol and have been very pleased with the results. Safariland is already tooling up to make duty holsters to accommodate this new Streamlight laser/illuminator which epitomizes the shape of things to come.

Another hot ticket which recently hit the market is the X5L Gen 3 from Viridian Weapon Technologies. The X5L Gen 3 is the next evolution of the original green light/laser combination and features a

brighter tactical light with a rechargeable battery. The 5mW green laser is rated at 510-520nm and is designed to be visible in the widest range of light conditions. The green laser is paired off with a 500 lumen Cree® LED which has the potential to turn night into day.

One of the cooler features of the X5L Gen 3 is the rechargeable battery. Not only is the battery rechargeable, but onboard capability means that you don't have to remove the unit from the gun and remove the battery to get it back to full potential.

A toolless quick detach system makes the X5L Gen 3 easy to affix or remove. Multiple operation modes include a solid beam, pulsating laser, strobe or solid laser. With their proprietary holster, Viridian also offers instant-on activation, but I feel this would have greater appeal to the civilian market rather than law enforcement. Sometimes, we just have to be stealthy.

A really nice touch is that the Veridian X5L Gen 3 has the same external dimensions as the Streamlight TLR-1. That means duty and plainclothes holsters cut



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The Streamlight® TLR-2® is available with either a red or green laser.

for the TLR-1 will also work with the X5L which will no doubt broaden its appeal.

Final Thoughts

Although laser sights can afford some tangible advantages, they are not the solution to every problem. A great many police action shootings take place inside of conversational distance and a laser affords little, if any, advantage. In bright sunlight, they are no more useful than a hood ornament. But, when you factor in moving threats, poor light and

extreme stress, you begin to get a better appreciation of their value.

To gain a better understanding of laser capabilities, your training needs to include those more challenging elements, such as poor light and movement. Compare the results achieved with laser sighted weapons versus those with conventional pistol sights, including tritium variants. With what system are you able to get more center hits? How about speed of engagement? It's been my observation that both hits and speed favor the laser, especially when you bring on the heat.

Of late, there has been quite a bit of interest in optically enhanced red dot sights for pistols. Time will tell if they are the better choice. Both red dots and lasers require training, but it's not a particularly steep hill to climb. Under daylight conditions, red dots are the way to go, but lasers have an advantage in the dark. Lasers can also have a pacifying effect and avert the need to apply deadly force. In one situation with which I'm familiar, the bad guy tried to wipe the red dot of

death off his chest and quickly decided it was best to give up rather than resist.

To my thinking, it's all about gaining an advantage. Many of us have come to terms with a weapon mounted light on our duty pistol and a laser/light combo which is no bigger might have special appeal.

Laser sights are an option worth exploring. If you're not cheating, you're not trying. Is that an unfair advantage? Perhaps, but I'll take all the help I can get.

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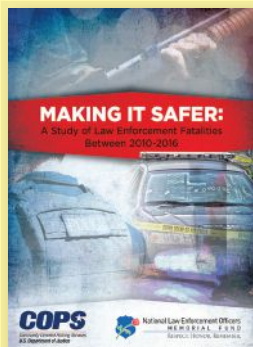
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NEWS

NEW REPORT FOCUSES ON LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND OFFICER SAFETY

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in partnership with the United States Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services (COPS), has released, *Making it Safer: An Analysis of U.S. Law Enforcement Fatalities Between 2010-2016*, a report which contains data driven analysis of line of duty deaths across an array of circumstances.

The primary purpose of this report is to provide an in-depth analysis of the types of calls for police service which resulted in a law enforcement fatality, identify any emerging



patterns or trends and offer recommendations which will reduce future fatalities. Spanning from 2010 to 2016, *Making it Safer* provides statistical and tactical data relating to the circumstances of these line of duty deaths. The researchers found that "Domestic Dis-

turbance" calls continue to present the most danger to officers summoned to investigate complaints. The analysis of these encounters can help policymakers and practitioners identify opportunities to improve officer safety, as it contains real case studies which can serve as good examples of situational opportunities. Similarly, the report addresses instances where officers were killed when they took independent action to address violations of the law or to investigate suspicious circumstances. The research into "Self-initiated Activity" highlighted that traffic stops posed the greatest danger to officers who are actively enforcing laws. The report offers recommendations on how officers can learn from the case studies provided and handle such calls in a safer manner.

In a third segment of the report, the researchers conducted an analysis of cases the Memorial Fund deemed to be shooting ambushes of officers during the 2010-2016 period. This analysis provides insight into the number of cases which occurred while detailing the circumstances in which officers were fatally assaulted. The report found that more than 20 percent of officers who were killed in ambush attacks were shot while seated in their patrol cars.

Making it Safer also includes a review of the use of body armor by officers involved in a specific series of fatal incidents, as well

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as the use of seat belts in fatal automobile crashes over the same period. The report reveals that in one year, 52 percent of officers killed in automobile crashes were not wearing their seat belt.

Additionally, the researchers used the Memorial Fund's extensive database of line of duty deaths dating back to 1791 to review "Police-on-Police" shootings and put them into historical context. Although the frequency and number of these cases has diminished, these tragedies continue to occur and are largely preventable. Many of the cases examined involved an officer in-

advertently shooting a fellow officer as they struggled with a suspect, an officer unintentionally striking a fellow officer with his firearm, or officers engaged in a shootout with an armed suspect, but mistakenly shooting a fellow officer during the commotion.

The eye-opening statistics and poignant case studies, along with easy to understand informational graphics, will help law enforcement agencies across the country work to make it safer for those who serve. The report can be found at www.LawMemorial.org/MakingItSafer.

NEW TECHNOLOGY



Mobile Scanning from Anyline

The Austrian Police have recently begun utilizing Anyline's **Mobile OCR** technology to identify people and vehicles with their smartphones. This is easily accomplished by scanning IDs, such as passports, as well as license plates. Anyline lets you input data up to 20 times faster than writing or typing which produces more accurate reporting of license plate and ID details, real-time feedback and less time spent on manual data entry and radio communication.

Anyline's **Mobile OCR** lets every police officer leverage 21st century technology throughout their workday. Mobile ID and license plate scanning removes writing and typing from the reporting process, eliminating mistakes and typing errors. In addition, police can securely upload all scan data to their database. This eliminates the need for manual data entry later on.

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DeIDOT Announces Mobile Driver License Pilot Study

The Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has launched a mobile Driver License (mDL) pilot study which will run for six months. The pilot, which includes approximately 200 state employees and stakeholders, is designed to test user acceptance and new innovative features which can only be achieved with an mDL.

"Delaware is among the first states to test a mobile driver's license, and we're excited to help move this new technology forward," said Governor John Carney.

"This six month pilot will help us see what mDLs look like in real-world scenarios and address any issues which arise as a result before we decide to fully adopt and implement this application for our more than 800,000 licensed drivers and ID card holders," said Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan.

"It is exciting for us to be one of the first states to test this innovative technology which can both protect the privacy of our customers and enhance safety in ways that can't be achieved with a traditional driver's license or identification card," said Scott Vien, Director of the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles.

The pilot is being run by both the Delaware DMV and IDEMIA, the company which

produces the state's physical driver licenses and identification cards.

Features of the mDL which will be tested include:

- Enhanced privacy for age verification – no need to show a person's address, license number and birth date, the mDL will verify if the person is over 18 or 21 and display a photo.
- Law enforcement use during a traffic stop – the mDL will allow law enforcement officers to ping a driver's smartphone to request their driver's license information prior to walking to the vehicle.
- Business acceptance – understanding how businesses which require identification or age verification interact with the mDL will be advantageous throughout the pilot.
- Ease of Use – ensuring the mDL is able to be presented to any organization without difficulty.
- Secure access – the mDL is only unlocked and accessible by the mDL holder. The mDL is accessed through an app on the owner's smartphone and is opened/unlocked by entering a user created pin number or by using facial recognition.

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REAL STORIES OF GENUINE ABSURDITY

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It's always nice when private citizens are able to successfully interact with the local police...

A New York woman who was scheduled to appear in court on a marijuana possession charge did everything possible to get herself in deeper trouble. First, she cut off an unmarked police car when she pulled into the parking lot while talking on her cell phone. She then pulled into a parking space clearly labeled as reserved for the Chief of Police. Finally, when she rolled down her window to talk to approaching police officers, marijuana smoke billowed out of the car. She was subsequently charged with a new marijuana possession charge, as well as a charge of illegally using a cell phone while driving. (Officers were initially hindered by their own uncontrollable laughter.)

Talk about self-awareness!... Police were dispatched to a car wash in Bellevue, Washington, on a report of a road rage incident – apparently a minor rear-end crash between two cars. When the owner of one got out of his car to take pictures, the driver in the other car pointed a gun at him and then threatened him. When the officers arrived, they had to pull the agitated man out of his car and one officer was punched in the process. Our rowdy friend then threatened to kill the officer. That proved to be a pretty stupid move on his part. The troublemaker was tased and arrested. Not surprisingly, this gentleman's vanity license plate offered up an accurate description: "Dirt Bag." (I guess "Dumbass" wasn't available.)

Because drones are so much less noticeable to neighbors than walking up to the door... A California couple faces felony charges after they allegedly used a drone to deliver illegal drugs. The couple, ages 39 and 31, were charged with three counts of possession of controlled substances for sale and possession of drug paraphernalia. The Riverside Police Department said they "observed a drone leave the rear yard" of the couple's residence and then fly to a nearby parking lot where it "dropped a small package of narcotics which was recovered by awaiting customers." Police then searched the couple's home and found methamphetamine, LSD and "unpackaged powders believed to contain fentanyl." (Even worse, I hope that they registered their drone with the FAA. Big trouble!)



He's an intense man with a busy schedule...

Police officers were working a crash in midtown Gainesville, Florida, when a man pulled up and started honking his horn. His honking was not a gentle tap of the horn button, but a rather excessive use of the device. When police approached his vehicle, they immediately noticed the smell of marijuana wafting from the opened car window. Inside the car, they found a handgun, a loaded magazine and ten thousand dollars in cash. Further investigation revealed several other weapons, five mason jars full of marijuana, a hundred grams of cocaine, and a baseball bat. (He's no longer "tooting his own horn"!)

Someone's "stash hat" needs a little more refinement...

A man was summoned to appear before a judge in Eagle, Colorado, for violating the terms of his parole by means of a drug charge. As he approached the judge, he respectfully removed his hat. That would have been considered a wise move, had it not been for the fact that a wad of paper filled with cocaine fell to the floor. Deputies reviewed surveillance video which quickly affirmed that the coke did indeed fall from this loser's cap. He was charged with narcotics possession. (I've never heard it said that drugs make you smarter.)

That explains what the judge meant when he declared, "Odor in the court!"

Connecticut court officials are investigating the discovery of two decapitated chickens inside a courtroom. Judicial marshals and maintenance staff investigating a putrid smell made the grisly discovery in the public seating area of a courtroom in a state courthouse in Bridgeport. The headless chickens were under

a bench. Authorities say the carcasses were decorated in silver, green and gold glitter. Decapitated chickens have reportedly been found outside city courthouses before, but never inside. The placement of decapitated chickens is used in Santeria, an Afro-Caribbean religion, to protect a person from being found guilty of a crime. (It looks like "fowl" play was involved.)

It looks like this case has gone "up in smoke"...

Because authorities in Britain were thrilled over a massive haul of illegal tobacco products they had confiscated, they produced a YouTube video to show it off. But, it seems the video was a little too detailed – it gave crooks the exact location where the 70,000 counterfeit cigarettes were stored. And, in the middle of the night, they cut a three foot by two foot hole in the container and made off with the entire haul. At this time, law enforcement authorities have no leads in the case. (And, now they're the "butt" of a lot of jokes.) **P&SN**



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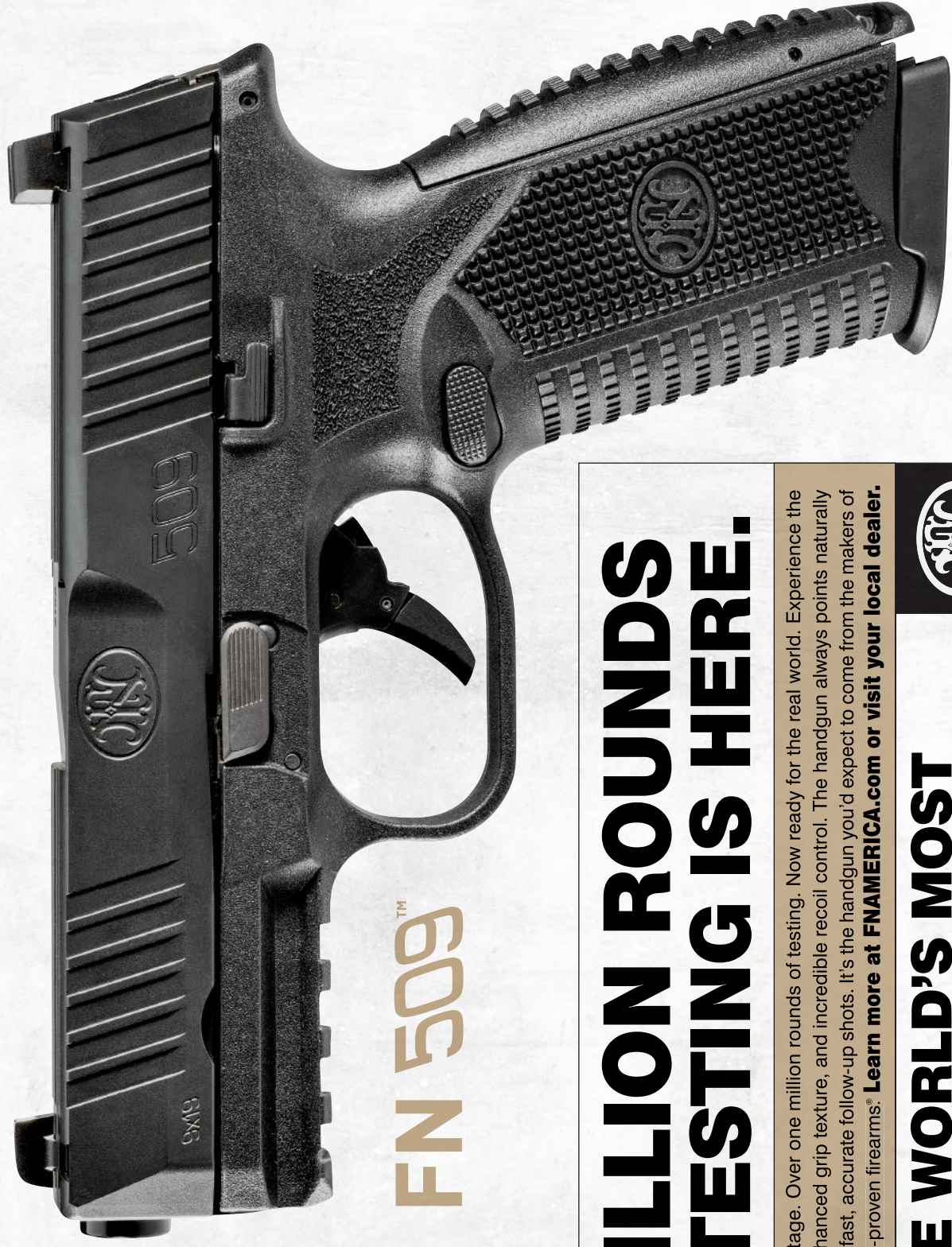
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