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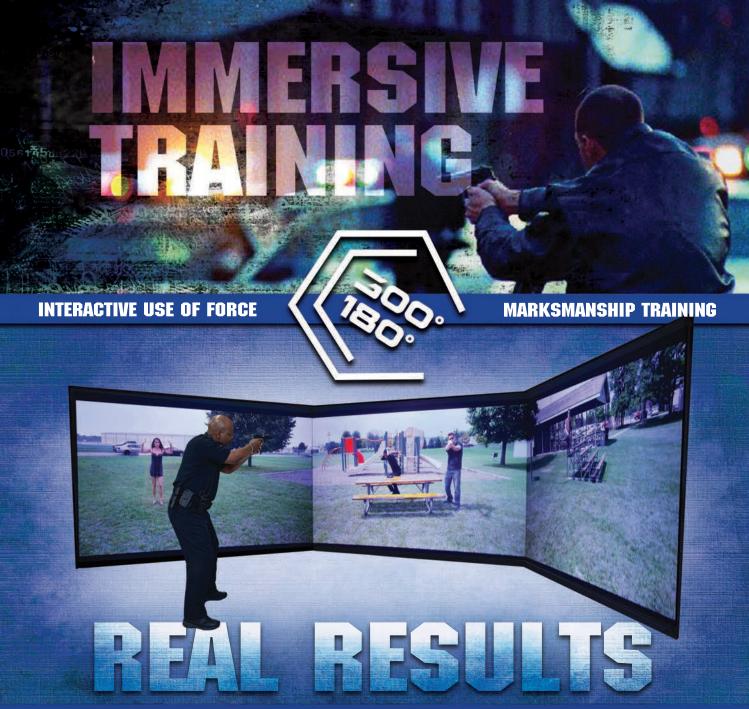
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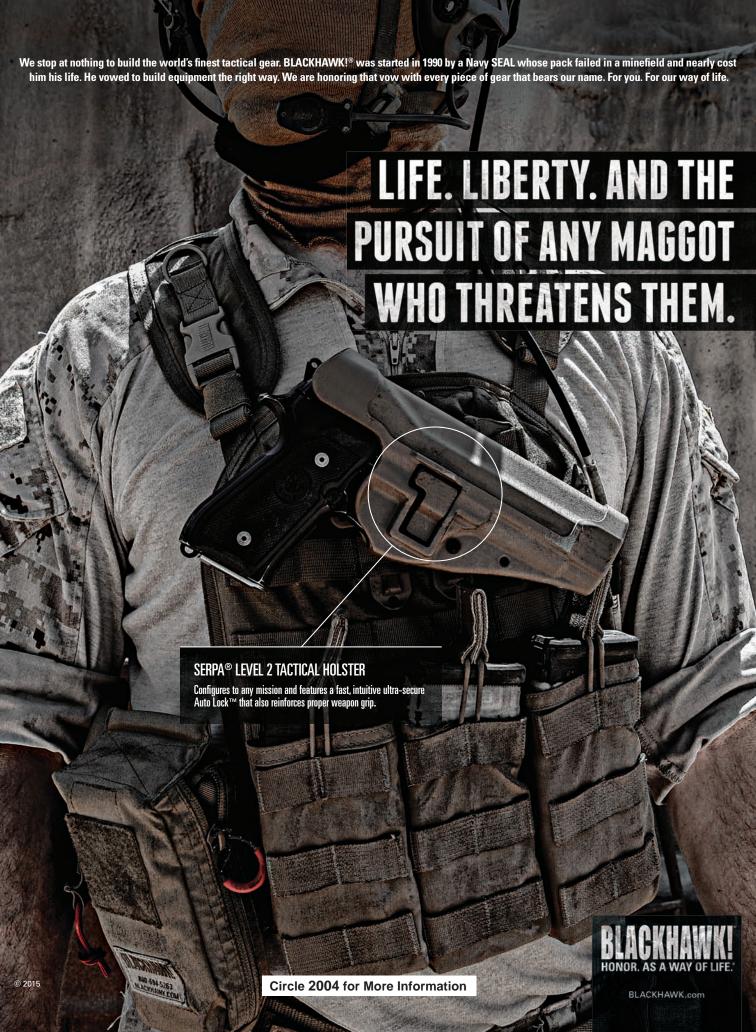
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"ZEROED IN"

Tactical artwork created by renowned artist, Dick Kramer (www.DickKramer.com)



...AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

hen I was 20 years old, a very nice man who headed up the security department of the Fontainebleau Hotel where I worked offered me a job with the New York State Police. He was a retired colonel from that agency and he said he could pull the necessary strings and I would almost be guaranteed the job.

"In many of those rural areas, you're like God out there," he explained with a smile. "It's one of the highest paying law enforcement jobs around and the benefits are great, too."

I thought about it. He knew I wanted to be a police officer and here he was, basically telling me that, in a matter of months, I could be out of this security officer's uniform and wearing the smart, professional uniform of a New York State Trooper. Then, I thought about the winters. I had grown up in Miami. I had never lived in winter conditions. How could I help people who were stranded in those rural areas when I had no experience in it myself? Heck, I had never even driven in snow. I would be a fish out of water – a frozen one. I, politely, never followed up on it.

By the time you read this, temperatures around the nation will have probably returned to normal and parts of the Northeast and Midwest will be experiencing flooding from all of the melting ice and snow. As I write this, it is February 19 and there is a good chance that, in the early hours of tomorrow morning, record low



My favorite winter activity? Going back inside.

temperatures will be set all over the place. Here, 15 miles south of downtown Miami, we are looking at lows somewhere around 37 degrees. That's strolling weather for you guys up north, but, down here, that's pretty damn chilly. Most northern areas of the country are bracing for subzero temperatures and wind chills which would make a penguin wince.

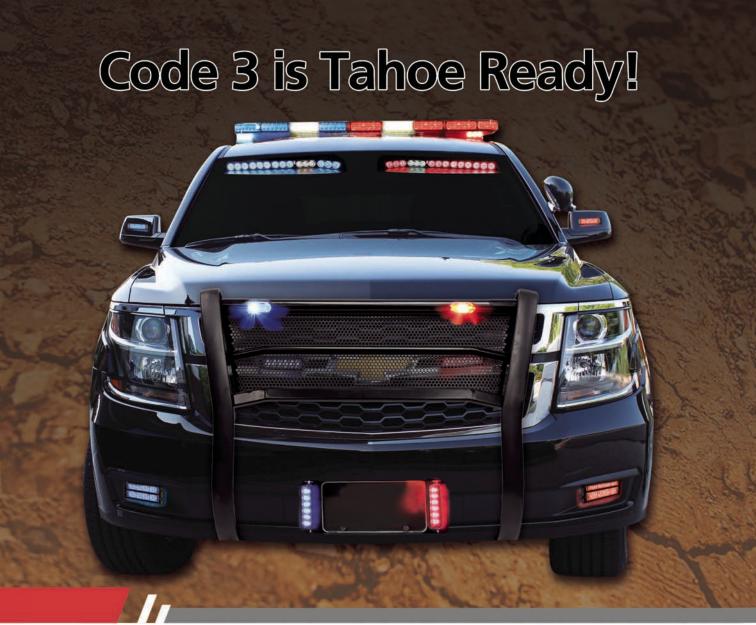
How do you police in that stuff? I'm sure there are special gloves you can

wear that don't interfere with your trigger finger...aren't there? If there aren't, that's scary stuff – so is the idea of having to arrest someone on an icy sidewalk or conduct a field interview when the thermometer is hovering around ten degrees and everyone is all bulked up. What's under those coats, jackets, and scarves? Or, when it gets that cold, do the hoodlums go into some kind of hibernation? Once, we had a couple of detectives visit our agency from North Dakota and we asked them what their crime rate was like. One of them smiled and said, "Twenty below keeps the riffraff inside."

But, for how long?

One report I found on the Internet says that murder rates in Detroit from year to year are unaffected by severe cold and heavy snow. But, then, that's Detroit. Another CBS report about crime in Ohio points to lower calls for service and less reports taken, but others suggest the same nontrends found in the study on Detroit homicides. There's less chance for robberies and *street* crime, pointed out a New York sergeant, who said in a *Newsday* interview, "The best cop I met







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was a female and her name is Mother Nature. With the cold weather, there's fewer people on the street and less chance for victimization."

Right, Sarge, but what of the studies which find no changes in the homicide rate? Could those be better explained by looking closer at the types of homicides which are occurring? Yes, there are less people on the street - both victims and offenders - but, in extreme cold, there are more people inside, shut in with each other. One could probably make the argument that domestic crime might be exacerbated by longer periods of confinement with others - particularly, family members - and, perhaps, even greater consumption of alcohol, with the boredom, the cold, and the accessibility of the alcohol itself. The robbers and other predators are negated by the cold, but they and their would-be victims are all shut in close guarters with their family members and whatever rate of domestic violence normally occurs spikes with those conditions.

I couldn't help but wonder as well - having spent most of my career in

homicide – what it would be like trying to work a crime scene in wintry conditions. Besides the personal discomfort (which I'm sure you get used to, and prepare for), the scene challenges themselves are daunting. Melting snow could wreak havoc on trying to discern body fluids, or foreign liquids, on an outdoor scene. Falling snow certainly could conceal evidence, but I'm sure, as one Ohio detective pointed out, it can be an ally at times, when foot impressions in the snow can help track the suspect from the crime scene to their front door.

I know it would take a tremendous adjustment for me, having lived my entire life in South Florida, to move to a cold winter climate and do any kind of law enforcement work. That's something I think you have to have lived in to survive and thrive in. There's a lot to be said for the culture of cold weather people, too. To investigate crimes in cold weather, you have to know how to think in that environment and try to assess how people will behave; what choices they will make; what clothes they will wear; and where

they will and won't go when the mercury bottoms out.

My last week in uniform, we had one of the coldest winters I can remember down here. I was working the midnight shift and it went down to 25 degrees in the rural western areas of the county. I went to an all-night pharmacy to buy a pair of gloves at around 1:00 a.m. and the cold was actually setting off burglar alarms!

At about 2:00 a.m., I went to a homicide scene out in the western reaches of the county where a woman had been shot just inside the open front door of her home. The homicide squad working the case was the squad I would be assigned to two weeks later. The lead detective came up to me with a sheepish smile. "Do you have an extra pen?" he asked. "Mine froze."

Twenty-two years later, I would marvel at the team of Massachusetts State Police and DOJ Task Force agents who, pursuant to the confession of an informant, dug up six bodies under a bridge near Quincy on one of the coldest days in history. Yes, somebody had to do it, but when I heard about it, I thought, those bodies weren't going anywhere – rope it off and wait until it warms up, maybe?

Pat Novesky, who was a deputy in northern Wisconsin, wrote a great article about policing in cold weather. Besides the harrowing tale of how he bailed out of his warm patrol vehicle in minus 22 degrees and chased down a suspect (and suffered from frostbite in the process), he includes a must have "kit" for every patrol officer braving the ultracold elements to do our noble work: a plastic trash bag to shield your body from the cold ground, should you face that sort of emergency; oxygen activated hand warmers (I would need about 20 for each hand, I think); and light sticks, so that you can signal your rescuers in blizzards are but a few of the items he recommends you have on hand.

To all of my police brothers working in the harsh winter conditions, I send my thanks and many blessings for your safety.

Forgive me, please, for all the times I used to curse the heat when I was wearing my vest and riding an old patrol car with no AC – I'll take it every time. P&SN

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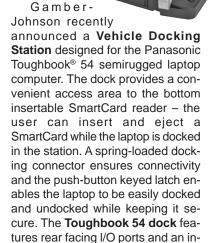
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Docking Solution for Panasonic Toughbook® 54

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New Mobile Thermal Printer



Brother Mobile Solutions has introduced a series of small format, thermal handheld printers, including the **RuggedJet3™**, designed for documents from one to three inches wide. They quickly print bar coded parking tickets; connect wirelessly; and feature a large color LCD screen with intuitive, interactive menus and graphics.

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Spillman Analytics, an Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) module, provides the tools needed to assist in ILP and comparative statistics efforts. Agencies can use the map-based module to search for and analyze data to determine geographical crime and incident trends, then identify potential crime hot spots on a map; prioritize areas; initiate queries using multiple data layers; and compare activity by performing customizable data range searches.

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How to Prevent Insubordination

Michael Carpenter





INSUBORDINATION CAN OCCUR AT ANY STAGE IN A SUPERVISOR'S CAREER.

n law enforcement, insubordination is roughly defined as a failure to obey a lawful and direct order from a supervisor. Simply put: You ask (tell) one of your subordinates to do something and they don't do it. On the surface, it seems quite simple. Either the officer did, or did not, do what he (or she) was told. However, the reality may be a little more complex.

In order to effectively run a police department and be an effective supervisor, discipline is required. This is particularly important when issues specific to public safety are involved. However, most cases of insubordination are not about clear-cut life or death public safety situations. Most insubordination situations involve routine day-to-day supervisor/subordinate interactions which are relatively minor and often involve simple infractions of departmental rules or policies.

However, some of these routine problems may have a psychological, emotional or historical component. Let's look at how each of these impact insubordination.

Psychological

Sometimes, employees choose not to "play the game" because they are testing a supervisor – particularly one who was either newly promoted or was recently assigned to a new shift or new unit. In either of these situations, the supervisor may not have had the time or opportunity to establish themselves yet. The supervisor is "new" so some employees will test them.

A fairly common game we've all played at various times is what I call, "Let's

see how far we can go." We've played this game throughout our entire lives. We played this game growing up as teenagers trying to see how late we could stay out past our curfew without being disciplined by our parents. We played this game in school by talking in class or showing up late to see how far we could go without being yelled at by our teachers.

So, now the game is called, "Let's test the new sergeant and see how far we can go." This is most often played by senior police officers (perhaps, a year or two from retirement) or by more powerful officers. (What I mean by "powerful" is not the rank or title they have, but how influential they are with their peers.) Other employees will be watching how a new sergeant handles these employees. New sergeants can almost always expect to the tested - just like you tested your parents and you tested your teachers and you tested previous bosses you have had. It's no different. If your parents let you get away with coming in an hour past your curfew with no problem, then you would stay out even later the next time to see where their "line" was drawn.

Now, pretend that you're the parent, you're the teacher, or you're the new supervisor. Maybe the entire shift is watching (testing) you to see how you handle a minor insubordination situation, knowing full well that, if nothing is done, more insubordination may follow. But, what some new sergeants don't fully appreciate is that these "powerful" employees

sometimes have a great deal of influence among their peers. They are often well liked and respected, so, if you react in a way that the shift feels is unfair, then you stand the chance of alienating the entire shift.

Emotional

Some jobs in the field of criminal justice (in particular, policing) often involve telling people what to do. One of the problematic tasks police officers have is that they have to stop people from doing what people want to do (speeding, selling drugs, etc.) and they have to make people do what they don't want to do (go to jail). Either way, it goes against human nature. Sometimes, people get emotional when they are told to do something, especially if they don't want to do what they are told. And, when people don't do what they are told to do, a big red flag goes up and police officers often become defensive and, sometimes, order people to do other things they don't want to do (like assume "the position" for a frisk or stop yelling or go to jail). People then continue to not "play the game." This leads to confrontation, yelling, use of force, etc.

So, how does all of this apply to insubordination? Well, as a police officer, when someone on the street does not comply with a lawful order, some police officers get emotional; they take it personally; they respond with more orders (which often aren't complied with either); and then bad things can happen. Sometimes, these habits and years of the bad experience of people not doing what they are told are carried over by new supervisors into dealing with their subordinates. They are used to giving orders on the street and they are used to immediate compliance

(...or else!). Now, as a supervisor, a subordinate is given an order. They don't comply. This might bring out some previous "street experiences" and an inexperienced supervisor might respond with "old habits" (like yelling, overreacting, expecting immediate compliance without questions, etc.). Experienced supervisors have found out (often through trial and error) that, sometimes, "you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar" in dealing with subordinates.

It's too easy for some new supervisors to fall into an "I'm the sergeant and I'm telling you that you'd better do what I say or else" management style. Is this your supervisory style? Is your personality or your ego or your attitude towards the employee exacerbating his insubordination? If so, then perhaps you need to change your supervisory style. That might sound a little weird to some supervisors, but nobody likes to be ordered around – you don't; I don't; and your subordinates don't.

Historical

So, one of your subordinates is being insubordinate. Well, choose your battles carefully. First, evaluate how bad the insubordination problem is. If you give an officer direction at roll call and he flips you the bird in front of the entire shift, then that is a serious problem. However, if he blusters and puffs up his chest in front of his peers, but then eventually gets the job done, then you really don't have that big a problem – unless you make it a big problem.

But, if you decide to make it a big problem, what kind of support do you have from your superiors? If your problem employee is best buddies with the chief or plays poker with the lieutenant every week, then that may limit your options.

Choose your
battles
carefully. Is the
insubordination
issue minor
or major?
Is the issue putting
your career at
risk?

You may want to talk to your superiors to see how they might react if, or when, you make a decision in a certain insubordination matter. I don't think it will take too long for you to understand the direction your bosses expect you to take.

Sometimes, personalities enter into an insubordination issue. In one case, a newly promoted sergeant brought discipline charges of insubordination against an officer for failing to respond to a direct order to report to the sergeant's office about a poorly written report. The sergeant filed formal discipline charges

against the officer when the officer told the sergeant, "Later!" and walked away. When the charges reached the hearing officer (in this case, the chief of police), the chief told them both, "You two didn't get along as patrolmen. I saw it then and I'm seeing it now. I'm not going to put up with this. Now, go out there and get along. That's an order! Case dismissed."

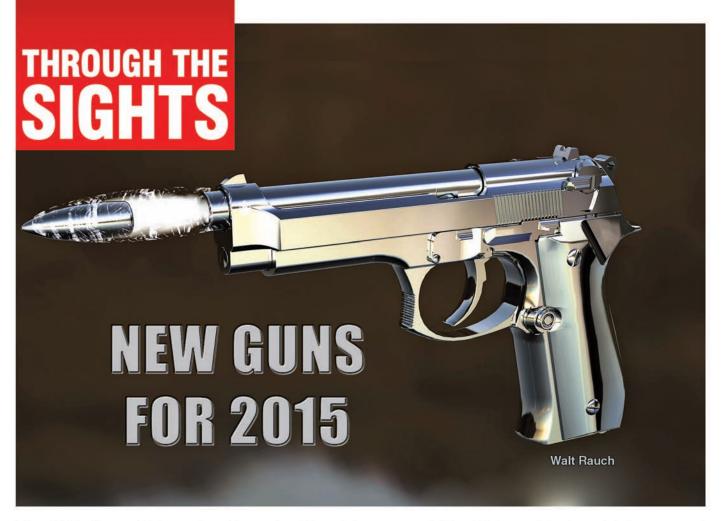
You can argue any side of the case, but you must also face reality. Some cases of "insubordination" stem from past issues, stubbornness or history.

Choose your battles carefully. Is the insubordination issue minor or major? Is the issue putting your career at risk? Will your bosses support your decision? (It would create a REAL problem for you if you disciplined your officer, then had your decision reversed by your bosses.)

Insubordination is clearly serious. That being said, most cases are low-level, routine and day-to-day which involve minor procedure or policy violations. But, most of these do not spring up overnight – they almost always have a history. Find out what the root of the issue is and maybe you can resolve the matter a lot easier. P&SN

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The 24th Annual Roundup Covering New Firearms of Most Interest to Law Enforcement

he annual Sporting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) show is where the gun industry introduces new and improved wares, including handguns and rifles, the bulk of which are variations of the "Black Rifle." As was the case last year, most items are either in the process of getting to dealers or are already there.

Handguns appeared to be the strongest group, with the AR family being offered chambered in .308 Winchester, 300 Black Out or 300 Whisper. What's new is the number of sound suppressors now being offered to anyone who is legally able to possess them. Historically, here in the U.S.. a suppressor was (incorrectly) viewed as only for military or law enforcement.

In other countries, however, their use has always been associated with being thoughtfully considerate of others by moderating the sounds of gunfire.

As to handgun offerings at SHOT for law enforcement in 2015, if you are a steel and wood guy, handguns of this construction are still in the game, but polymer is far out in front.

Beretta Defense Technologies (www.beretta.com)

Once again, the Department of Defense (DoD) is making noise about a new handgun which will address concerns expressed about the existing Beretta M9 pistol. Beretta engineers have come up with a new version of the M9, the M9A3, which addresses these concerns, as well as modifications which could be done to existing M9 pistols. The idea here was that the DoD would accept the M9A3, along with the modifications package, and drop their interest in a new handgun. But, that didn't happen. Instead, the DoD refused to review the M9A3, saying they are focused on a new handgun.

Still, it's worth a look-see at what could have been done to the M9. Here's what the engineers proposed: The M9A3 would have a thin, removable, modular wraparound grip; a MIL-STD 1913 accessory rail; convertible safety/decocker to decocker only; removable front and rear tritium sights; an extended, threaded barrel; a 17 round, sand-resistant magazine; improved durability of various small parts;

an overall better hand fit; and the gun would be done in an earth tone finish. The M9A3 is not being produced for sale, however.

The now almost perennially announced Beretta Pico pocket pistol is finally shipping. Beretta highlights that the Pico, by having a width of only 18mm (slightly less than 3/4") is the thinnest such pistol on the market. Also, as the Pico is of modular construction, Beretta offers another frame housing which has a LaserMax integrated laser and light at an additional cost. The suggested MSRP for the standard Pico is \$399.

Colt® Defense, LLC (www.colt.com)

Colt continues to offer new models of its 1911, with this year's effort being variations of its Rail Gun®, XSE Series, 1991 Series and Gold Cup®. The MSRP ranges from \$907 for a 1992 series to the Gold Cup at \$1250.

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and a large dot wearing front sight. Each model comes with extra magazines and both have been designed to be snag-free for a faster draw. The FNS-9 Compact has two 12 round and one 17 round magazine and the FNS-40 Compact has two, ten round magazines and one 14 round magazine. The MSRP is \$599.

There are also five new variants of the FN 15™ with some having the Magpul M-LOK™ accessory mounting system. The latest addition to FN's law enforcement line is the FN 15 Patrol Carbine which, while having the same features as the

standard FN 15 Carbine, has a 14.5" alloy steel, button broached, chrome lined bar-

rel; Samson flip up rear sight; and a Midwest Industries drop-in seven inch quad rail/forearm. The MSRP on this is \$1,219.

There's also the FN 15 Tactical Carbine which, in addition to the features which are standard across the FN 15 line, has a free-floating, chrome lined, cold hammer forged barrel; a three prong muzzle brake; an H1 buffer; a Magpul grip butt stock; and an M-LOK accessory mounting system, as well as an ALG Defense combat trigger, which provides smoother pull, a cleaner break and less grit. Its MSRP is \$1,479.

The FN 15 DMR was designed for more tactical applications and features an 18" match grade, cold hammer forged barrel to enhance stability and accuracy. It also comes with pre-installed Magpul MBUS® Pro backup iron sights, a Magpul M-LOK accessory mounting system, and a 1913 rail for optics. The MSRP is \$1,899.

The FN 15[™] Patrol Carbine offers a number of new features.

The FN 15 MOE® SLG is the result of partnering with Magpul to equip the FN 15 Carbine platforms with the latest and most desired Magpul AR accessories. It comes standard with features like a 16" chrome lined, alloy steel, button broached barrel, as well as the new Magpul MOE SL™ trigger guard, forearm, hand guard, stock and rear sight assembly. The MSRP is \$1,169.

GLOCK®, Inc. (www.glock.com)

The dominant polymer and steel handgun remains the GLOCK in one form or another. However, once again GLOCK disappoints, as there is still no compact, single column 9x19mm. This year, GLOCK turned its attention to enabling optical sights to be mounted on a few selected models. These are the





Practical/Tactical G34 and G35 GEN4s, the G41 GEN4 and the new G40 GEN4.

This newest GLOCK is a mirror image of the .45ACP G41 GEN4, now chambered in 10mm. All of the above models also

have the new GLOCK Modular Optic System (MOS) which allows mounting a reflex sight on their slides without need to remove or alter existing sights. The MOS consists of a set of four adapter plates which fit on a relief cut forward of the rear sight.

Kahr Arms®

Late last year, Kahr Arms took its .380ACP double-action compact



pistol to the cost cutting woodshed, resulting in the Kahr Value Series CT380. The changes made include now having a conventionally rifled barrel; the slide stop lever is MIM, not machined; the slide is made with fewer machining operations; and it has simple engraved, not rolled, markings. One seven round stainless steel magazine is supplied. The CT380 is shipped in a cardboard box and has an MSRP of \$399.

Kel-Tec

(www.keltecweapons.com)

Aside from the many choices in AR rifles, the pistol caliber



Kel-Tec SUB-2000 carbine fits the niche of an inexpensive, magazine fed, pistol caliber carbine which can be folded up for storage or transport. Customer feedback has moved Kel-Tec to make changes such as giving the SUB-2000 an AR type removable front sight, adjustability for windage and elevation; a three position, adjustable stock; and acces-

sory rails on a new and slimmer forend. The result is the SUB-2000 GEN-2. Its MSRP is \$630.

Kimber Mfg., Inc. (www.kimberamerica.com)

The Kimber Micro, which is a subcompact 1911 chambered for .380ACP, remains the most current of the Kimber line. All Micro pistols are, in effect, miniaturized and refined versions of a 1911 pistol; hold six rounds; weigh +/- 13.4 ounces; come with a 2.75 inch stainless steel barrel and aluminum frame; and use an eight pound recoil spring on a full-length guide rod. Its specifications include the following: an overall length of 5.6"; a height of 4";



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a width of 1.08"; and a trigger pull weight of +/- seven pounds. The MSRP ranges from \$651 for the Micro Carry up to \$1406 for the Micro CDP (LG).

O.F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. (www.mossberg.com)

Mossberg now has seven new 12gauge, three inch tactical shotguns which come equipped with either XS® Ghost Ring or XS Express sights; a receiver mounted Picatinny rail with cylinder bore; an 18.5" or 20" barrel; and a top mounted safety. Select models have tri-rail forends, full-length pistol grip stocks or a six position adjustable stock of black synthetic. There are optional extended eight or nine round magazines, matte blue finish on exposed metalwork or on the 590A1 Parkerized finish. Sling swivel studs are present.

Ruger® Firearms (www.ruger.com/le)

Ruger has addressed consumer feedback on its LC9® pocket pistol in regards to the presence of manual and magazine disconnect safeties with the new LCP® Custom - neither of these features are present any longer. Added is what Ruger terms an "Integrated Trigger Safety" in the also new, wide, skeletonized aluminum trigger.

The LCP Custom now has dovetail cut adjustable sights with an enlarged white dot in the front one. All three white dots are now photo luminescent which, translated, means that, if you shine a bright light on the dots, they luminesce for a



period of time. Also, a stainless steel guide rod is now used. All other specifications and MSRP remain unchanged at \$399.

"chassis" is serialized and considered a firearm, various frame sizes and slide lengths are being readied for sale, so that an end user (or an armorer) can reconfigure the pistol however the owner wants or needs. Additional frame colors of Flat Dark Earth and Two-Tone are also in the pipeline. The base MSRP for the pistol is \$713. Prices of the additional frames and slides are yet to be deter-

Since the P320 is modular in that only its

Last year, the SIG MPX™ submachine gun was introduced. 2015 brings the new SIG MCX™ Carbine which comes in several variants, including an SBR (Short Barrel Rifle), carbine and pistol. It was de-

> signed for use with the .300 Blackout cartridge and a silencer, and changing between .300 Blackout

and 5.56 NATO is easily accomplished by swapping barrels and operating rods. Converting to 7.62x39mm requires an additional bolt face change. The barrel lengths can also be changed, with 16" and 9" versions initially available. The SIG MCX rifle carries an MSRP of \$1.866. while the SBR variant has an MSRP of \$2,058. The pistol with side folding SBX has an MSRP of \$2,132.



has been engineered for use with the .300 Blackout cartridge.

SIG SAUER® (www.sigsauer.com)

SIG SAUER has increased its product line with its own brand of ammunition, optics and sound suppressers. These last are made to fit just about any firearm for law enforcement or the military. Their P320 is now also chambered in .45ACP.



SIG SAUER's new line of silencers include stainless steel, titanium, direct mount or fast attach devices.

The SIG SAUER Silencer Division now has silencers for rimfire and centerfire pistols, as well as centerfire rifles up to .338 Lapua Magnum. The silencers are made of stainless steel or titanium and their bodies are tubeless, with a Taper-Lok™ fast attach mounting system. Machined wrench flats are present to aid in adding the correct torque and to make it easier to install and remove them.

SIG SAUER introduced its Elite Performance Ammunition for Personal Defense in mid-2014. The handgun ammo features a proprietary, stacked hollow point bullet - the SIG V-Crown™ Jacketed Hollow Point. The first five calibers and bullet weights are 90-grain .380Auto; 124-grain 9mm Luger; 125-grain .357SIG; 165-grain .40S&W; and 200-grain .45Auto.



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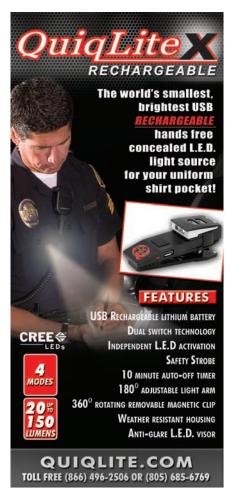
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Interestingly, the addition of the GLOCK MOS system to selected models follows on S&W which already has its 9x19mm and .40S&W Competition



Circle 2024 for More Information

Optics Ready Equipped (C.O.R.E.) Performance Center models and, this year, Smith has added barrel porting which gives them an MSRP of \$769. S&W now has two versions of its full-sized M&P9 and M&P45, with an extra threaded barrel supplied for a suppressor. The MSRP is \$669.

Springfield Armory USA® (www.springfield-armory.com)

Springfield has the XD® Mod.2™ subcompact with a three inch barrel chambered for 9x19mm and another version with a 3.3" barrel chambered in .45ACP. A sticky polymer surface, identified as the GripZone™, is

used on the XD Mod.2 in places where the pistol might be gripped in use to aid in getting and keeping a good grip on the gun. Its frame now has a smaller circumference and you can get higher on the backstrap to go along with the sticky grip enhancement.

To improve on concealing the XD Mod.2, the trigger guard is now rounded and the slide and takedown lever are slimmer. The slide is topped off with a low profile rear combat sight and fiber-optic front sight with red and green fiber-optic replacement rods. The MSRP is "subject to change without notice," according to the company.

Walther® Arms, Inc. (www.waltherarms.com)

The all new CCP (Concealed Carry Pistol) single column, 9x19mm chambered, semiautomatic has a magazine capacity of eight rounds. Its overall length is 6.41"; its barrel length is 3.54"; its width



is 1.18"; and it weighs 23+ ounces. Its trigger pull is +/- 5.5 pounds and it has an interchangeable white dot wearing front sight and an adjustable rear sight. The frame mounted magazine catch is reversible.

The CCP features a recoil dampening system dubbed SOFTCOIL™. This is gas delayed, blowback technology which uses gas pressure from the fired round by directing it through a small port in the barrel in front of the chamber which claims it slows down and delays rearward motion of the slide. Walther points out that this delayed opening means the recoil spring strength can be made lighter which makes slide manipulation easier. The system is also said to decrease muzzle rise by one third. The MSRP is \$469-489.

Conclusion

After the buying bubble of the past few years subsided, most businesses from manufacturer to retail dealer, collectively, took a deep breath and are now attempting to decide what the new "normal" is for them. While doing this analysis, gunmakers have reined in going for yet more new guns and gear, and instead have taken to making their existing products more attractive and also rectifying any things which might have been overlooked. Modifying and/or improving their current offerings - while still keeping consumer interest alive - would appear to be their current motivating force. All in all, 2015 should be a good year. P&SN

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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT

SUREFIRE, LLC



The new M600 AA Scout Light, is designed for long guns equipped with Picatinny rails and can be powered by AA lithium or AA alkaline batteries. Utilizing two lithium AAs, the M600 AA generates a maximum output of 200 lumens for up to 3.75 hours.

The M600 AA features a proprietary Total Internal Reflection (TIR) lens to shape the LED's output into a smooth, flawless beam with ample reach and enough surround light in close to medium range applications. It attaches to any MIL-STD 1913 rail using an integral thumbscrew clamp which attaches/detaches in a matter of seconds. The new Scout Light can be easily activated via its momentary/ constant on click-type tail cap switch, or via several available remote plugin switch models.

Circle 2030 for More Information

STREAMLIGHT®, INC.

The new rechargeable Stinger® **HPL**[™] (High



Performance Lumen) and Strion® HPL lights feature an ultrabright hot spot for illuminating a broader area on targets. The new models offer three microprocessor controlled, variable intensity modes - high, medium, and low - plus a strobe function. They also feature the latest in C4® LED technology and a deep-dish parabolic reflector which produces a long-range beam with optimal peripheral navigation.

Both feature a multifunction, pushbutton switch for one-handed operation of the light's momentary, variable intensity or strobe modes. The Stinger DS HPL includes a second, easy to access, push-button tactical tail switch which is independently operated.

Circle 2035 for More Information

Flashlights For Law Enforcement

STREAMLIGHT®, INC.

The new UltraStinger® LED provides 1,100 lumens and 65,000 candela for a far-reaching beam. The new light offers three variable intensity modes – high, medium and low – plus a strobe mode. On

high, a run time of 1.5 hours is available. On low, the light provides a run time of 16 hours, producing 90 lumens and 5,000 candela, and a beam distance of 141 meters.

Powered by a five cell, six volt Ni-MH sub-C battery, the UltraStinger LED works with all existing Stinger chargers. The steady charger fully recharges the light in ten hours. A 2.5 hour fast charger is also available.

The new light features an easy access, head mounted push-button switch, weighs 19.9 ounces and measures 11.82" long.

Circle 2031 for More Information

BAYCO PRODUCTS, INC.



The new Nightstick® TAC-302B a green LED polymer tactical flashlight, produces a 150 lumen green beam with a run time of 3.5 hours on a pair of CR-123 lithium batteries. Its housing is nonslip; it's rated as IP-X7 waterproof; and its one inch handle diameter is a good fit for most tactical mounts. The green LED light is designed to preserve a user's night vision (while not darkening shadows), thus creating exceptional levels of contrast.

The TAC-302B uses a Cree® LED with a high efficiency, deep parabolic reflector to create a usable beam rated at 180 meters (over 590 feet). Green lighting is favored in some tactical applications - giving objects more contrast so they are easier to see.

Circle 2032 for More Information

BRITE-STRIKE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

The Brite-Blade™ Tactical Lighted Survival Knife (BS-TLSK-100) has a waterproof aluminum, mini LED, 55 lumen flashlight built into the body along with a powerful magnetic base. The light can be quickly removed from the body of the knife and operated independently.

The Brite-Blade body is constructed from 6061 aluminum with a MIL-SPEC hard anodized black finish. When the blade is closed, the length is 5.1" long (8.6" when open) and weighs in at a mere 5.5 ounces. The survival tools on the BS-TLSK-100 are: a removable magnesium fire starter/edge deburring tool; a seat belt cutter/ line cutter/wire stripper; an emergency window punch; and a removable, waterproof (IXP-6) white LED mini light with a second red LED mini light included.

Circle 2033 for More Information

MAG INSTRUMENT, INC.

The new ML300LX flashlight features both a tactical grip and a stealth matte finish. Two cell and three cell models are available, with up to 625 lumens in the high setting (three cell D) and up to 117 hours of run time (in Eco Mode).

The "Quick Click" system allows users to program their flashlight with four sets of settings to choose from - General, Outdoor, Law Enforcement or Tactical. Powered by D cell alkaline batteries, the three cell model measures 11.75" long and weighs 27 ounces (with batteries). Circle 2034 for More Information

STREAMLIGHT®, INC.

The ultralightweight ProTac® 1AAA uses one AAA alkaline battery and delivers up to 70 lumens of output and 550 candela peak beam intensity. The ProTac 1AAA also offers high and low intensity modes, a strobe feature, and the latest in C4® LED technology. Its Ten-Tap® programmable switch allows users to select one of three programs.

The light delivers 30 minutes of continuous run time on high over a beam distance of 47 meters, 11 hours on low and 1.2 hours in strobe mode. For an extended run time, a lithium AAA battery can be used.

Circle 2036 for More Information



BRITE-STRIKE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

The RHIGHT™ Duty Light delivers 600 lumens of brilliant white light. Featuring both the latest Cree® LED and a proprietary DPM (Digital Power Management) technology, this combination allows for longer run times. On its high setting, the run time is

two hours; on low, it's eight hours (170 lumens). The **RHIGHT Duty Light** measures only 6.25" long and is powered by a single 3.7 volt 1860 lithium ion battery (123A lithium cells may be used for emergency backup). Its compression seal rotates down over the charging port to make it 100% waterproof – not just water-resistant.

Circle 2037 for More Information



The **M600** features a 600 lumen LED with a machined aluminum reflector which generates a tight focused beam. Its BalancedBeam® Technology throws light 330 meters with a run time of six hours on high and as many as 24 hours on low. The **M600** features a double sealed aircraft aluminum billet housing and is waterproof up to 30 feet.

Circle 2038 for More Information



The **Titan Plus** builds upon the original Titan by adding several "pluses," including over twice the maximum output – 300 lumens. It also delivers two other outputs, including 15 lumens on its low setting, and a proprietary reflector shapes the light into SureFire's flawless MaxVision Beam[™], a wide, evenly dispersed beam. Powered by one rechargeable AAA NiMH battery or one AAA alkaline, the **Titan Plus** measures only 3.375" and weighs 1.8 ounces. Its nickel plated brass body helps to protect it and a removable pocket clip allows for multiple secure carry options.

Circle 2039 for More Information

STREAMLIGHT®, INC.



The new
TLR-1®
HPL™ (High
Performance,
high Lumen) rail
mounted strobing light fea-

tures 775 lumens of output, 48,000 candela peak beam intensity, and a beam distance of 438 meters. This new tactical light is also available in a remote switch model.

Utilizing a C4® LED, it delivers 1.25 hours of continuous regulated run time and 1.75 hours to the ten percent output level. It comes with two, three volt CR123A lithium batteries. The **TLR-1 HPL** can be quickly mounted to a broad range of weapons using its one-handed snap on/tighten interface which keeps hands away from the muzzle.

Circle 2040 for More Information



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"Above and Beyond..." salutes Oklahoma County Reserve Sheriff's Deputy Mark Vaughan



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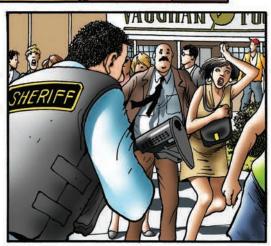


ALTON NOLEN, 30, A
RECENT CONVERT TO
ISLAM, HAD JUST BEEN
FIRED FROM HIS JOB AT
VAUGHAN FOODS. IRATE,
HE DROVE HOME,
RETRIEVED A KNIFE AND
RETURNED TO ENTER
THE FRONT OF THE
SPRAWLING FACILITY.
HE WALKED INTO THE
CUSTOMER SERVICE
OFFICE BRANDISHING A
KNIFE, AND ATTACKED
COLLEEN HUFFORD,
SEVERING HER HEAD!

MARK VAUGHAN, THE COMPANY'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND A RESERVE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY IN OKLAHOMA CITY, RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE PLANT SECURITY OFFICER THAT A MAN WITH A KNIFE HAD BEEN SPOTTED IN THE OFFICES!



VAUGHAN
IMMEDIATELY
PROCEEDED
TO HIS VEHICLE
IN THE PAPKING
LOT WHERE
HE GRABBED
HIS VEST AND
LOADED AR-IS!
A MOB OF
EMPLOYEES
WAS POURING
OUT OF THE
BUILDING!
HE PUSHED
PAST THEM
AND INSIDE!



VAUGHAN FOUND THE ATTACKER, NOLEN, IN THE PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING TO SEVER THE HEAD OF A SECOND VICTIM, TRACI JOHNSON!



VALIGHAN ORDERED NOLEN TO STOP! NOLEN WHEELED AND CHARGED VALIGHAN WITH THE KNIFE! VALIGHAN WAS FORCED TO DISCHARGE HIS WEAPON, ENDING THE SENSE-LESS ATTACKS!



NOLEN SURVIVED HIS WOUNDS AND IS AWAITING TRIAL FOR HIS ALLEGED CRIMES. DEPLITY MARK VAUGHAN WAS NAMED THE 2014 NRA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR.



2014 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Mark Vaughan
Oklahoma County
Sheriff's Department

On September 25, 2014, an employee with a commercial fresh foods distributor in Moore, Oklahoma, was suspended after an investigation into violation of work rules and harassment of employees. After leaving the company's human resources office, the employee drove to his apartment where he retrieved an 8-inch-long serrated knife, drove back to the business and crashed his car into a car parked in front of the business. He then entered the main office and attacked Colleen Hufford, the first employee he came upon, and murdered her by decapitation.

Hearing screams and the commotion of the attack, Mark Vaughan, CEO of the business and an off-duty reserve deputy with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, decided he needed to take swift and immediate action. Quickly evaluating the tactical needs of the incident, he knew he could best respond if he had his patrol rifle. He retrieved it and sought out the suspect.

While Deputy Vaughan was moving into action, the perpetrator had moved on and sought another victim to attack. Finding Traci Johnson, he immediately attacked her and cut across her throat and the side of her face. Now within view of the suspect, Deputy Vaughan saw the ongoing attack and, with his rifle, shot the suspect and ended the attack.

There is no doubt that without the immediate valorous actions of Deputy Vaughan, the suspect would have claimed the lives of others. This was perhaps best summarized by Sheriff John Whetsel, who stated, "Mark put an end to the threat by shooting the suspect and saving the life of the second victim who was being actively attacked by the suspect. There is every reason to believe that the lives of untold others were saved who would have been targeted by the suspect if it had not been for Deputy Vaughan's actions."

Deputy Vaughan's heroic actions under the most stressful and confusing circumstances – and his decision to intervene and neutralize the suspect, even though it placed him in great personal danger – are a credit to himself, his department, and the community he serves, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement.

As such, it is with great honor and pride that the National Rifle Association recognizes Deputy Vaughan of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office for his valorous actions by naming him the 2014 NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

"The actions of Deputy Vaughan on September 25th were nothing short of heroic," said NRA President James W. Porter III. "Thinking quickly and clearly, he put an end to an unspeakable rampage. The National Rifle Association is honored to name Deputy Vaughan as NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award was established in 1993 and recognizes an exceptional act or service by a law enforcement officer and is administered by the NRA Law Enforcement Division.



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

Forms for nominating candidates for the NRA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award may be downloaded at http://le.nra.org/documents/pdf/law/leoy.pdf.

For more information about NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and its Law Enforcement Division, call (703) 267-1632 or send an e-mail to LE@nrahq.org.

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Point Blank Enterprises and Tactical & Survival Specialties Awarded Exclusive Body Armor Contract for the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation



Point Blank Enterprises (PBE) and Tactical & Survival Specialties (TSSi) recently announced that the companies have secured an exclusive contract to provide the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) with the Alpha Elite™ body armor system. The initial contract award is for a period of one year and provides an additional four one-year options with a maximum dollar value of \$30 million over the life of the contract.

"This is a major win for our organization and for TSSi, our strategic partner, and we couldn't be prouder to be chosen as the exclusive providers of body armor systems to the FBI," stated Michael Foreman, Point Blank's EVP of International Business Development, Federal Sales and Marketing. "For the past few years, we have worked on developing systems for all service men and women, including military, law enforcement, Special Forces and the Federal Government. With our breakthrough in ballistic protection, leveraging DSM's Dyneema® Force Multiplier Technology, our Alpha Elite system is the perfect solution. It truly is our honor to now service one of the most prestigious organizations in the world, the FBI."

As the first and most advanced body armor ever to be designed around the revolutionary Dyneema Force Multiplier Technology, the Alpha Elite AXII and AXIIIA ballistic packages have exceeded all performance requirements, including tests for maximum velocity approaching or exceeding 2,000 fps. Made possible through the fusion of polymer science, fiber technology and unidirectional engineering, key features include:

- Multihit and special threat performance exceeding FBI protocol;
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- Extraordinarily efficient absorption of impact energy;
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- Thinnest NIJ .06 Level IIIA product over 30% thinner than the average of the best Level IIIA packages in the industry;
- Highest performing Level II model outperforms the previous best Level II models by five percent with a higher v50; and
- Ballistics available in the Elite concealable carrier and the Alpha-1 tactical armor systems for both male and female officers.

PBE's R&D team developed Body Armor Kits (with and without plate carriers) specific to the FBI's requirements. All of the carriers (concealable and tactical) utilize the Alpha Elite Level IIIA technology.

"This was a stringent selection process where weight, flexibility and comfort were critical. Most important was finding a solution which met various protection protocols and that's what drove us to partner with Point Blank," said Bill Strang, President and CEO of TSSi. "The systems developed for the FBI are unlike any other in the market, with the best ballistic protection possible. Other government personnel can also benefit from this contract and we hope they do, as we can provide them with the same system or develop a modified solution which addresses their mission critical needs. It is our honor to work with the FBI and we take great pride in knowing we are making a difference – protecting government personnel who strive to protect us every day."

Mr. Foreman concluded, "This contract builds on our core business within the U.S. Federal market and is testament to our leadership position in providing unparalleled protective solutions across the board to our Federal, state, and local enforcement agencies. We will continue to focus on driving innovation and improving performance to support all officers in their missions. Protecting lives remains our number one priority."

Prior to this latest contract award, TSSi and PBE respectively, have provided mission critical equipment and body armor systems to various Federal and Government agencies, including the Department of State, Marine Corps Civilian Police, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, among others. The companies look forward to working even more closely with these Federal agencies, both directly and through the GSA program, to deliver the benefits of their unique, game changing solutions.

For more information, visit the Point Blank Enterprises' Web site at www.pointblankenterprises.com.



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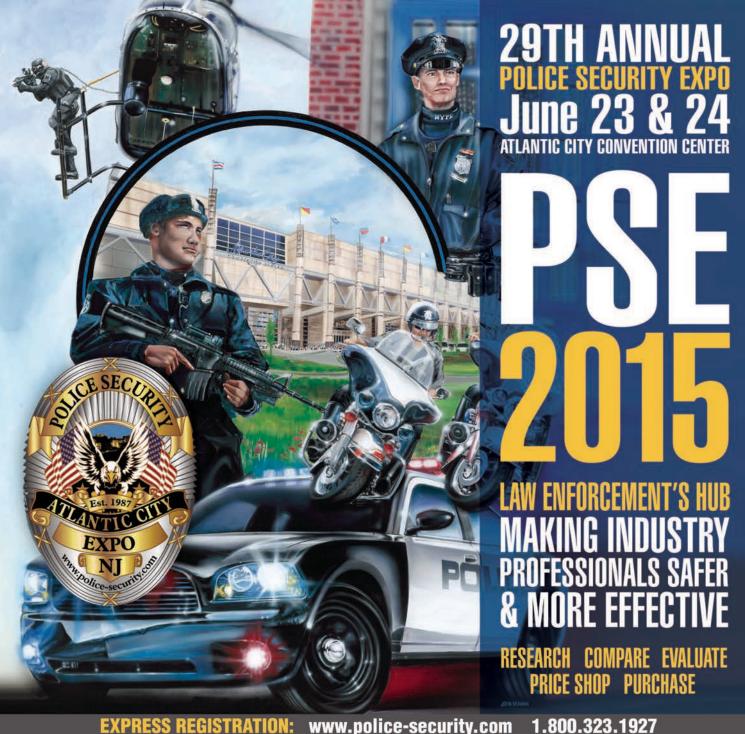
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Naloxone Toolkit Available

The U.S. Department of Justice recently released a Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit which is available at **www.bja.gov/naloxone**.

The Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit is a one-stop clearinghouse of information and resources for state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies interested in establishing a naloxone program. Naloxone is a potentially lifesaving drug known for effectively restoring breathing to a victim in the midst of a heroin or other opioid overdose. Drug overdoses claim 110 American lives daily, more than those caused by gunshot wounds and motor vehicle crashes. The toolkit gives law enforcement officers and their agencies the knowledge and tools they need to prevent overdose incidents from becoming fatalities in the interval before emergency medical services arrive.

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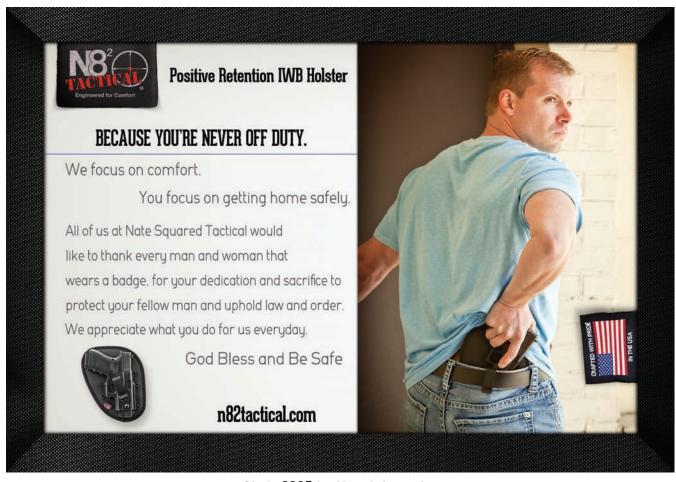
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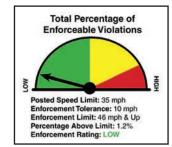
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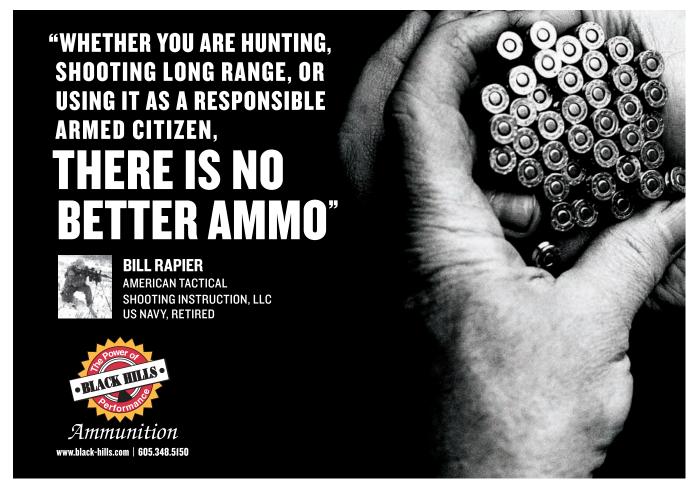
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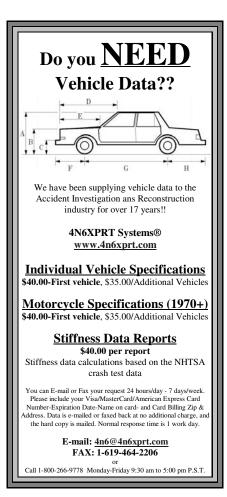
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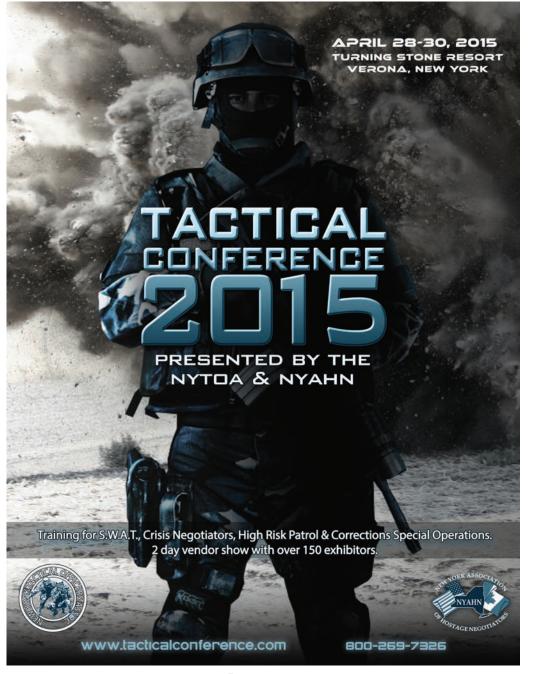
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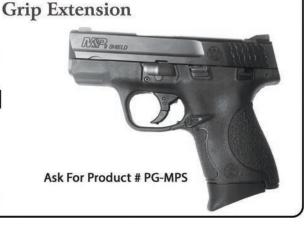
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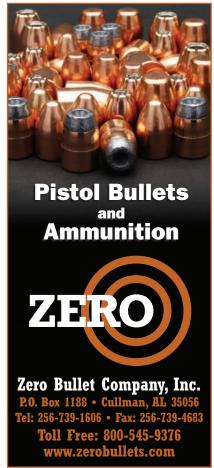
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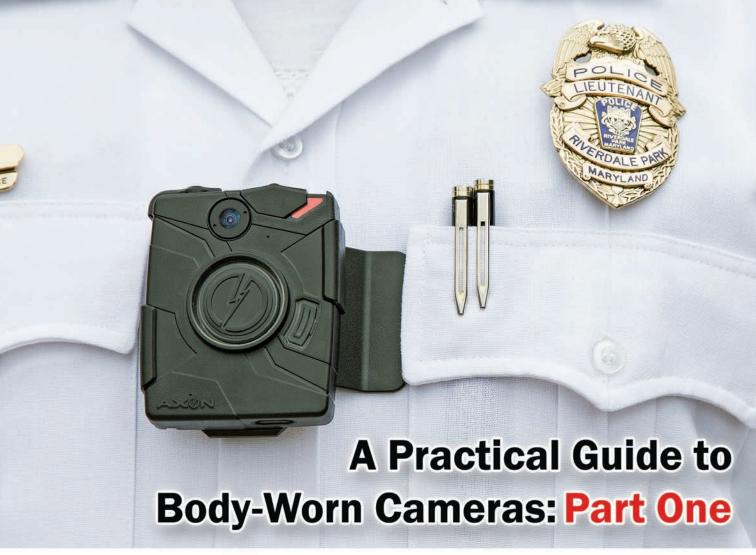
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Rebecca Waters

Everyone's talking about body-worn cameras for law enforcement, but you'll want to consider all the facts before heading down this road.

ollowing the events in Ferguson, MO, last August when Police Officer Darren Wilson shot and killed 18-year-old Michael Brown, the White House, as well as lawmakers and police departments around the country, renewed their interest in Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs). And, with the President's proposal for funding this technology, you should be looking into it,

The President proposes a three year, \$263 million investment package which will increase use of body-worn cameras; expand training for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs); add more resources for police department reform; and multiply the number of cities where DOJ facilitates community and local LEA engagement. As part of this initiative, a new Body-Worn Camera Partnership Program would provide a 50% match to states/localities who purchase body-worn cameras and requisite

storage. Overall, the proposed \$75 million investment over three years could help purchase 50,000 body-worn cameras.

Considerations

But, even with the promise of government funding, a body-worn camera program should not be entered into lightly. There are many elements to consider before committing the considerable resources necessary for effective implementation – not the least of which are initial costs, as well as long-term storage costs; officer and community acceptance; and a slew of procedural issues which will need to be established upfront.

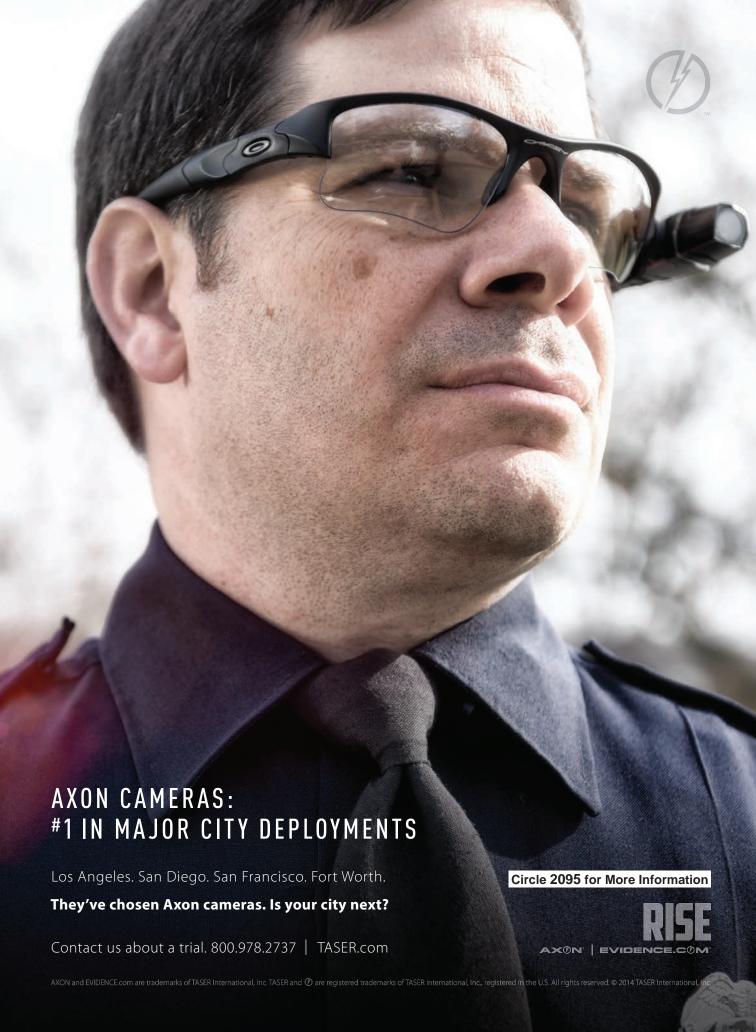
As noted by Chuck Wexler, Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) which produced an extensive report on the subject of BWCs, *Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program: Recommendations and Lessons Learned*, "The decision to implement body-worn

cameras should not be entered into lightly. Once an agency goes down the road of deploying body-worn cameras – and once the public comes to expect the availability of video records – it will become increasingly difficult to have second thoughts or to scale back a body-worn camera program. A police department which deploys body-worn cameras is making a statement that it believes the actions of its officers are a matter of public record."

Weighing In

Body-worn cameras are mobile video cameras which allow law enforcement officers to record what they see and hear. They can be attached to a helmet, a pair of glasses, or to an officer's shirt or badge. They can also be strapped directly to the head or arm. Unlike car mounted cameras, BWCs stay with the officer wherever he (or she) goes. This presents both opportunities and challenges as compared to previous video technologies.

As PERF reports, "Police leaders who have deployed body-worn cameras say





\$263 million in federal funding was recently announced; however, these funds would need to be matched by state and local police.

there are many benefits associated with the devices. They note that body-worn cameras are useful for documenting evidence; officer training; preventing and resolving complaints brought by members of the public; and strengthening police transparency, performance, and accountability. In addition, given that police now operate in a world in which anyone with a cell phone camera can record video footage of a police encounter, bodyworn cameras help police departments ensure events are also captured from an officer's perspective."



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The perceived increase in departmental accountability and transparency seems to be the primary reason that lawmakers are becoming interested in this technology. With video evidence, citizen complaints and use-of-force events can be much more quickly and easily resolved. The public and press have access to footage and have the opportunity to see the event unfold.

"Body-worn camera video footage should be made available to the public upon request – not only because the videos are public records, but also because doing so enables police departments to demonstrate transparency and openness in their interactions with members of the community," Wexler says.

Another benefit of BWCs is the "civilizing effect" they have on those being recorded. Lieutenant Harold Rankin, who oversaw the body-worn camera program in Mesa, Arizona, agrees, "Anytime you know you're being recorded, it's going to have an impact on your behavior. When our officers encounter a confrontational situation, they'll tell the person that the camera is running. That's often enough to deescalate the situation."

Reducing Complaints

A 2012 study of the Rialto, CA, police department found that there was a 60% reduction in officer use-of-force incidents following camera deployment and, during the experiment, the shifts without cameras experienced twice as many use-of-force incidents as shifts with cameras. The study also found that there was an 88% reduction in the number of citizen complaints between the year prior to camera implementation and the year following deployment.

Not only have the police departments which deploy BWCs noticed a reduction in the number of use-of-force incidents, the number of unfounded citizen complaints has dropped. When faced with video evidence of an interaction, people often rethink their claims.

BWCs have also proven to be valuable training tools for identifying and correcting internal agency problems. Footage can be used to monitor a new recruit's progress or to showcase exemplary work during situational training. Depending on departmental protocol, a review board can be established to perform random checks of officer video footage to monitor performance. Alternately, video footage can be reviewed if an officer has generated a number of complaints.

Finally, BWCs have proven to be a valuable tool for evidence documentation. Upon first approaching an accident or crime scene, often the logistics of securing the scene or lending aid to injured parties prevent officers from carefully noting the evidence. Cameras can capture these details while the officers perform more urgent duties. Once the scene is secure, the officers can use the cameras to document the details in a more deliberate manner, while sharing their impressions on what they see. BWCs have also proven invaluable in documenting interviews and interrogations.

With so many benefits to body-worn cameras for law enforcement, it may be difficult to imagine not embracing this technology, but it is important to consider the costs and limitations of these systems.

The #1 Concern?

The biggest concern when implementing BWCs is the actual cost – both in terms of money and personnel. In addition to purchasing the cameras, data storage is a major concern. Whether the video footage is stored on servers onsite or using a cloud storage solution, these ongoing costs can add up quickly. "The storage expenses – running into the millions of dollars in some cities – often go overlooked in the debates over using cameras as a way to hold officers accountable and to improve community relations," the Associated Press reported. "Yet, those costs can have a significant effect on city and county budgets and, in some cases, may

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Cost savings from the use of BWCs are numerous and include the rapid resolution of complaints and lawsuits against police officers.

force police chiefs to choose between paying officers on the street or paying yearly video storage fees."

The costs can be reduced by limiting the amount of video each officer is expected to shoot; for example, turning on the camera before a citizen interaction, rather than letting it roll during an entire shift. However, even a couple of videos per officer per shift creates a large amount of data.

"It's enormous," said Police Chief Gordon Ramsay of Duluth, MN, where the city's 110 officer-worn cameras are generating 8,000 to 10,000 videos per month which are kept for at least 30 days and, in many cases, longer. "The more you capture, the more you have to store which means higher costs."

Personnel costs must also be considered. Officers must spend time at the end of their shifts uploading and tagging footage. Most departments have also had to allocate a full-time employee to manage the data and the new equipment.

There could, however, be some cost savings involved in using BWCs. "Supporters of the body cameras say they help prosecutors close cases faster, reduce use-of-force incidents and make allegations of misconduct against officers easier to probe. Both sides in a videotaped encounter behave better, they say, leading to fewer complaints and legal settlements."

Privacy and Trust Issues

Body-worn cameras also raise privacy concerns - both for crime victims and the officers themselves. If footage is considered a matter of public record, how do you protect a victim who is taped in a sensitive situation or footage taken inside a private citizen's home? If officers are expected to tape their entire shifts,

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The IPICD Center for Excellence in Event Reconstruction (CEER) 3-day Symposium will focus on law enforcement camera-based systems (e.g. body-worn cameras, UAV's, ALPR, jail cameras, etc.). While the primary focus of the Symposium will be on bodyworn cameras - storage, First Amendment, redaction, release, policy, and the topics listed below will be discussed in addition to similar legal, operational, and labor issues that apply.

- Legislative update (state and federal)
- ACLU and citizen concerns
- Obtaining grants for body-worn cameras
- Policy issues
- Organizational culture change essentials
- **HIPAA** concerns
- First Amendment concerns (what can be recorded and released?)
- Handling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
- Maintaining evidence credibility (spoliation, retention, redaction issues)
- Recording concerns (witnesses, juveniles, domestic situations, etc.)
- Storage concerns (1st and 2nd tier storage, hybrid)
- Collective bargaining/labor concerns
- Consent Decrees and Body-worn cameras
- Internal Affairs use of camera-based video and recordings













- How body-worn cameras can inhibit/aid investigations
- Cameras and the need for specialized force training
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are their rights to privacy being violated?

"Unlike many traditional surveillance methods, bodyworn cameras can simultaneously record both audio and video and capture close-up images which allow for the potential use of facial recognition technology. In addition, while stationary surveillance cameras generally cover only public spaces, body-worn cameras give officers the ability to record inside private homes and to film sensitive situations which might emerge during calls for service."

Trust issues have also been cited as concerns when implementing a BWC program. "Body-worn cameras can increase accountability, but police agencies also must find a way to preserve the informal and unique relationships between police officers and community members," Wexler says.

Many officers worry that taping every police interaction will "legalize" even casual encounters with citizens on the street who may be hesitant to speak with an officer or offer information when the camera is rolling. In neighborhoods where community contacts have become an important tool in crime fighting, sources may be more hesitant to offer statements if they can later be identified.

Other officers worry about the erosion of supervisor trust. Will their performance be judged only on the basis of video footage, rather than a relationship built on years of working together and an understanding of their individual strengths and work habits?

Limitations

The final concern with regard to BWCs is their limitations when capturing an incident. "Rushing to condemn an officer for inappropriate behavior based solely on body-camera evidence can be a dicey proposition," cautions Dr. Bill Lewinski, Executive Director of the Force Science Institute. "Certainly, a camera can provide *more* information about what happened on the street. But, it can't necessarily provide *all* the information needed to make a fair and impartial final judgment. There still may be influential human factors involved, apart from what the camera sees."

A special report from the Force Science Institute notes that, when reviewing footage of an incident, the video can often give the observer an inaccurate impression of what the officer saw and experienced. First, the footage can be slowed down and viewed multiple times, giving the viewer a chance to analyze and even overanalyze the situation in a way the officer cannot do in real time.

"According to the U. S. Supreme Court in *Graham v. Connor*, an officer's decisions in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations are not to be judged with the '20/20 vision of hindsight,' "Lewinski notes. "But, in the real-world aftermath of a shooting, camera footage provides an almost irresistible temptation for reviewers to play the 'coulda shoulda' game."

Moreover, the camera often "sees" more than the officer does. The camera does not follow the officer's eyes, but rather captures a wide field of view. It can also record detail in low lighting which the human eye may not detect. The camera can also be limited in what it records if the officer moves quickly from dark to light



spaces or if the officer's body blocks the field of view.

Also, the camera does not take into account the sensory cues that often guide an officer's reactions: tension in the suspect when they come into contact, mannerisms and stance which the officer has learned to take as danger cues over years of experience. Even the speed of the incident is hard to illustrate in a recording.

"A camera's recording should never be regarded solely as the truth about a controversial incident," Lewinski declares. "It needs to be weighed and tested against witness testimony; forensics; the involved officer's statement; and other elements of a fair, thorough, and impartial investigation which takes human factors into consideration."

Implementation

Proper implementation of a BWC program can make all the difference between success and

failure. "If police departments deploy body-worn cameras without well designed policies, practices, and training of officers to back up the initiative, departments will inevitably find themselves caught in difficult public battles which will undermine public trust in the police rather than increasing community support for the police." Wexler cautions.

First and foremost, it is critical to take the pulse of your police force. "Understanding the 'extent to which officers are open' to wearing cameras and 'their views on the positive and negative aspects of them' can be critical in making the adoption process 'as effective and efficient as possible,' " writes Dr. Wesley Jennings, an Associate Professor in the Criminology Department at the University of South Florida who led a team in surveying officers about BWCs.

Securing officer buy-in will help launch your program on the right foot. Some departments have even found it useful to select one or two officers to champion the initiative and help educate the rest of the force on the benefits of BWCs.

Establishing SOP

The next step is to establish a concrete set of guidelines or standard operating procedures to ensure that everyone is on the same page. There are a number of minutia which should be decided on before launching a program



Should an officer view video footage before or after filing an incident report?

(even if these will be revised after implementation and review).

First, establish when an officer should record. Will the camera be running during an officer's entire shift? Most departments have strayed away from this policy in light of storage and data management issues. Should the officer turn on the camera before every interaction or call for service, or only if an interaction turns violent? How much discretion will the officer have to decide when to turn on the camera (for example, when responding to a call for service in a private home or when a victim is in a sensitive situation)? Under what circumstances can the officer turn off the camera? Some departments require supervisor approval; others require documentation either on camera or in writing explaining why the camera was turned off. This often comes up in the case of witness interviews or suspect interrogations. Sometimes, just turning the camera and capturing only audio is enough to satisfy the subject.

"In a handful of states, officers are legally required to inform subjects when they are recording and to obtain the person's consent to record. This is known as a 'two-party consent' law and it can create challenges to implementing a body-worn camera program."

You must take a look at the rules in your jurisdiction as well as deciding on

an internal policy for whether to inform subjects that they are being recorded as a rule or on a case-by-case basis. A policy also needs to be in place for when or whether to record in people's homes.

Furthermore, your BWC procedures must address data storage, retention, and disclosure policies. What footage should be stored, how should it be catalogued, how long will it be retained, and in what circumstances can it be made available to the public and the press?

The PERF report recommends consulting with prosecutors and legal advisors to determine whether your data storage policies and practices are in compliance with all relevant laws and adequately preserve evidentiary chain of custody. It is also crucial to have your policies clearly prohibit data tampering and state who can access the data and in what circumstances.

Departments which have used a thirdparty storage solution have generally not had any issues with data security, but it is essential that you pick your vendor carefully. Whether you choose cloud storage or internal servers, be sure to have a backup.

"Data retention times are generally dictated by the type of encounter or incident which the footage captures. Although protocols vary by department, footage is typically categorized as either 'evidentiary' or 'non-evidentiary.' Evidentiary footage is usually further categorized by specific incident type and the retention period is governed by state evidentiary rules for that incident."

Internal Use

The final issue to consider is how the footage will be used internally. Your policies should state when a supervisor will review the footage as part of a random check, after specific incidents, or regularly as part of an ongoing review process.

The issue of whether an officer should view the footage before or after filing an incident report seems to be highly debated. On the one side, some people fear that viewing the footage may alter the report and lead the officer to report based on hindsight, rather than on the impressions generated during the incident. On the other hand, not viewing the footage could lead to discrepancies which could create false

doubt in the officer's testimony.

"As part of the incident investigation, we recommend that an officer be permitted to see what his body camera and other cameras recorded. He should be cautioned, however, to regard the footage only as informational. He should not allow it to supplant his firsthand memory of the incident. Justification for a shooting or other use of force will come from what an officer reasonably perceived, not necessarily from what a camera saw," Lewinski says.

Look for Part Two

Once you've considered the pros and cons of body-worn cameras for law enforcement, and carefully crafted your standard operating procedures, you are ready to consider the equipment itself. Part two of this article will take a look at specific camera models, features to look for in making your purchase, and what is on the horizon in BWC technology.

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Body-Worn Cameras Conference Debuting in June 2015

The first annual Law Enforcement Camera-Based Systems Symposium will be held on June 9-11, 2015, at The Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, by the IPICD Center for Excellence in Event Reconstruction (CEER). The Symposium will identify legal, administrative, operational, and labor issues about collecting, storing, using, and disseminating recorded information and images collected by law enforcement agencies. While the primary focus will be on body-worn cameras, other camera-based systems will be discussed, including dash cams; Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs); Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV); facial recognition; cellular telephones; jail cameras; and similar devices. Best practices solutions to help agencies avoid many of the hurdles and mistakes others have made will also be presented.

Manufacturers of camera-based recording systems have been invited in order for attendees to learn about their products and get specific hardware questions answered; however, manufacturer's representatives will not be presenting demos on their respective camera-based systems during the Symposium. A sampling of topics – with best practices solutions – include, but are not limited to:

- Legislative update (state and federal);
- ACLU and citizen concerns;
- Obtaining grants for body-worn cameras;
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- · Identifying collective bargaining/labor concerns;
- · Identifying HIPAA concerns;
- Identifying First Amendment concerns (what can be recorded and then released);
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 - Training and performance-based testing;
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Continuing Education Opens Doors, Sharpens Skills

aw Enforcement Officers (LEOs) often ask whether or not they need a formal degree. The immediate benetits of a degree depend partially on your agency. Some agencies provide financial incentives and will pay for part of your education, while others may provide a yearly bonus for those with a degree. Some agencies have a minimum education requirement for hiring or promotion.

Chief Joel Hurliman has spent his 37 year police career with the Shelton

Police Department in Connecticut and has been the Chief since 2006. His department does not have an education requirement, but candidates with a four year degree are often preferred. "Studies have found that officers who have achieved a four year degree have lower discipline rates statistically," Hurliman said.

Hurliman puts a lot of weight on education – personally and professionally. He holds two master's degrees and strongly encourages his officers to further their

own education. In total, 24 of his 50 officers have a degree, with several others working towards one.

One of the greatest advantages of having educated officers is that they often have very strong writing skills. "Writing reports is a basic part of the job and it goes all the way to the top," Hurliman said. He added that a degree also demonstrates self-discipline and a solid work ethic: "People with degrees are finishers. We're not going to have to chase them around to finish a report."

Increase Your Awareness and Understanding

One of the primary objectives of education is, of course, to increase your knowledge base and subject matter expertise. Ryan Dobbs earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Penn State. When he decided to go back to school for a master's degree, Dobbs wanted to diversify his knowledge base. He graduated from American Military University (AMU) in June 2013 with an MA in Homeland Security and, soon after, was promoted to sergeant at a federal law enforcement agency in Washington, DC.

Dobbs chose Homeland Security because it gave him awareness of all the threats facing the nation. For example, he learned about the importance of protecting critical infrastructure. Prior to his degree program, had he been called out to a public works station, he may not have treated it as seriously as he would now that he thoroughly understands how vital these systems are to the public and the economy. Through his education and research, he also knows that these networks are prime targets for terrorism.

Broaden Your Perspective

Going back to school can broaden your perspective about law enforcement on a national level. Scott Roberts has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years, starting as a corrections officer in Connecticut. He has also worked as a police officer for several city and county agencies in Georgia. In 2013, Roberts earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from American Public University (APU) and said that he learned a lot from fellow students who are police officers in different parts of the country.

"Certain classes opened up my eyes to different law enforcement tactics which I had not been aware of before," he said. Having LEOs from around the country in the same online classroom provided varying perspectives on criminal justice issues – something Roberts feels he wouldn't



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have gained had he been in the same geographic region as fellow students.

Improve Your Writing Skills

"I definitely think my degree improved my writing skills," Roberts said. "You conduct a lot of research and you have to be able to substantiate what you've learned and express it through writing."

Dobbs also agreed his writing improved dramatically as a result of his education. "Especially through an online master's program, you do so much writing," he said. Improving his writing skills has contributed to his job performance. "In law enforcement, you're always writing reports – completing paperwork is a huge piece of the job. Improving your writing is one of the indirect ways education helps you as a police officer," Dobbs said.

Networking Opportunities

An often overlooked benefit of education is the opportunity to network with professors and law enforcement peers. "One thing you need to remember is that you don't just go to school to build your knowledge, but also to build your network base," Dobbs said. Many of his classmates were also in law enforcement and several of them were located in the DC area. He ended up meeting several of them in person and has built out his peer network.

How Education Can Prepare You for a Career Beyond Law Enforcement

When you're considering what kind of formal degree you need, think beyond your current promotional aspirations. Yes, a degree can certainly help you stand out among other law enforcement candidates for promotion, but it can also help you with your next career.

Joe Kripp knew he faced mandatory retirement after 24 years



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of service as a supervisory special agent with U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Four years before his forced retirement, he began preparing to start a new career. One of his primary strategies for transitioning was earning a degree in his field of interest which was the physical security industry.

He spent the next four years earning his master's degree in security management. In addition to a formal degree, he is also in the process of earning the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) credential through ASIS International, the leading industry association for physical security professionals.

Less than a year after his retirement, Kripp accepted a position as the Director of Safety, Security and Transportation with the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. It is a position he could not have qualified for had he not invested the time and effort in earning the right degree and industry credentials. "My words of wisdom are: Don't sit back and let retirement happen; start thinking about your transition. Start preparing for it now," Kripp advised.

Transitioning to a new field is difficult, so it's important to take the time to plan your transition properly. Keep in mind that it will take you a long time and a lot of hard work to earn the right degrees and certifications and to make networking connections in your desired field. "Getting the job you want in a new field is not about luck," said Kripp. "It's about making sure you have the right skills and have planned the best way to transition to your new field."

What Degrees Should You Consider?

When considering what degree to pursue, don't stick with what you know. Many officers think it makes sense to get a degree in criminal justice. But, earning such a degree will not provide nearly the benefits as getting a degree in something which complements or enhances your existing experience and knowledge base. Even if you expect to spend your entire career in law enforcement, consider a degree which broadens your perspective.

Use education as a way to "fill the gaps" on your résumé and help make you a well-rounded candidate. If you're going to take the time and spend the money to earn a degree, be sure it's in something which will advance your career and expand your existing knowledge.

Degrees you should consider:

- Public Administration: A degree in public administration can give you experience in budgeting, planning, procurement, and administrative law the tools you need to know about hiring, firing and promotion.
- Business Administration/Management: Especially if you plan to move into the private sector, business administration can teach you everything from organizational behavior and leadership styles to budgeting and human resources practices.
- Emergency and Disaster Management (EDM): As a police officer, you have likely participated in some aspect of EDM, whether through training or real-life scenarios. This field gives you a broader perspective of how public safety departments interact with municipalities and private businesses.
- Homeland Security: A degree in Homeland Security can broaden your perspective beyond law enforcement and provide insight about how various local, state and federal agencies work together. This degree is great for people who want to move into the government sector.
- Security Management: While there are many similarities between law enforcement and physical security, there are also remarkable differences when it comes to skill sets. The physical security field has become very sophisticated in the last few decades and relies increasingly on advanced technology systems, so it's helpful to have some technological background.

It's also important for security professionals to have strong personnel management skills and business acumen.

You Have Options

If you already have an advanced degree, you may not want to earn a full second degree, but there are still many ways to demonstrate that you are staying abreast of new theories and laws, technology and other developments in law enforcement. One way to continue your education is to enroll in an accredited certificate program. Certificate programs can allow working law enforcement professionals to document additional learning - it can also be used to focus on a particular skill to complement a more general degree. As one example, an officer who holds a master's degree in criminal justice or a master's degree in public administration may seek to enter a certificate program in emergency and disaster management. The certificate has more focus than the degree and demonstrates the development of specific skills.

There are also certificates which can specifically help you develop leadership competencies in law enforcement. For example, AMU recently launched undergraduate and graduate certificates in Executive Law Enforcement Leadership. This program includes six courses which help prepare law enforcement command personnel for advanced leadership roles, ranging from strategic planning to grant writing classes.

It is important to be a dedicated lifelong learner. The field of law enforcement is constantly changing and education is a valuable way to improve the knowledge and skills needed to pursue opportunities for advancement.

One piece of advice which everyone interviewed for this article agreed upon: Do not wait. Do not delay going back to school. Whether you want to start a career in law enforcement, advance to another rank or transition to another career, education is critical.

"If there's one thing I would have done differently, it would have been to start sooner," said Kyle. "My education opened my eyes to so many great things that I only wished I had done it sooner." P&SN

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TSSi recently introduced its new TACOPS Active Response Bag, which incorporates advantageous features resulting from over a year of R&D and validated by months of operational use by over seven different police and training organizations. Unique attributes for enhanced versatility include high visibility interior fabric, modular pistol magazine and water bottle pouches for ambidextrous carry, and magnetic closures on rifle magazine flaps. Two large collapsible internal pouches each include multiple elastic loops to keep medical components and tactical equipment organized, separate and easily accessible.

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New MultiColor Technology for Code 3®'s SuperVisor



Code 3, Inc. recently introduced **Torus[™] MultiColor Technology** in the SuperVisor interior windshield light for select vehicles.

MultiColor Technology provides a host of benefits including the ability to turn red/white or blue/white light heads into a full white takedown (steady burn) for tremendous scene lighting. It also provides greater flash pattern capability for alerting motorists of a police cruiser's presence. The MultiColor SuperVisor features 18 LEDs per light head.

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New Concealable Carrier



Point Blank Enterprises (PBE)'s latest "Executive" concealable carrier (also called the "Tshirt Carrier") is designed to eliminate the edges of the vest from being visible, offering the ul-

timate in an ultra-covert carrier. It features a left and right side front zipper for easy donning/doffing and is made of stretch fabric for comfortable wear. The **Executive** is available with PBE's Alpha Elite™ and SP+2LE ballistic packages.

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New Mag Holster



Nate Squared (N8²) Tactical is offering a Mag Holster. Like all their other patented, IWB holster designs, the Mag Holster provides comfort

and quality craftsmanship. The magazine sits securely between the polycarbonate shell and the leather facing, while a layer of neoprene and suede complete the backing to provide all-day comfort.

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The marking rounds are available in five colors, as well as non-marking rounds, in both 9mm and 5.56mm. They do not emit toxic fumes, create minimal fouling and have a long shelf life.

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BUSTED!

James L. McClinton, Ph.D

You'd think deputies in a town called "Fruitvale" would recognize a banana gun when they saw one!... A man is facing a felony menacing charge after two western Colorado Sheriff's deputies say he pointed a banana at them. The 27-year-old Fruitvale man was arrested because the incident caused two Mesa County deputies to fear for their lives even though they saw that the object was yellow. One deputy wrote in the affidavit that he has seen handguns in many shapes and colors and that he was drawing his service weapon when the suspect yelled, "It's a banana!" The suspect told them he was doing a trial run for a planned YouTube video and he thought it would "lighten the holiday spirit." (Did the officers read him his Carmen Miranda rights?)

What about his partners, Dewey, Cheatem, and Howe?... A Kansas lawyer was recently disbarred for his comically bad defense of a double murder suspect in 2005. He had admitted to the jury that his client was a "shooter of people" (a previous manslaughter conviction) who, as an "experienced" criminal, would never have left that third victim alive with multiple gunshot wounds. The confident lawyer had virtually invited the jury to execute "whomever" the killer was. At a recent hearing to keep his license, he dressed as Thomas Jefferson, banging the lectern and shouting (as reverse psychology), "I am incompetent!" The defendant told reporters that his lawyer is "a good dude, [but] just in over his head." (Even if they drained the pool, he'd still be in "over his head"!)

Was it that he was delivering mail 24/7 which tipped them off??... A Texas mail carrier is facing felony charges on allegations that he sold meth out of his U.S. Postal Service truck while on duty. Authorities said the suspect, a 20 year veteran of the Postal Service, was found to be dealing methamphetamine out of his home and out of his Postal Service truck while delivering mail in nearby Waco. Police seized \$17,000 worth of meth from his home during a raid. The man was charged with possession of a controlled substance over four ounces in a drug-free zone. The McLennan County Sheriff said the man's home in Lorena is located near

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This story is unbeweavable!...

In Raleigh, North Carolina, police officers were dispatched to a downtown night-club on a report of a disturbance and a woman was taken into custody. Before being booked, she asked to go to the bathroom and, when she returned, one of the deputies noticed something strange about the way she was walking – her head seemed to be leaning to one side. Upon further investigation, police discovered that she had concealed a handgun in her hair weave. Things went downhill for her after that and she was charged with possession of a stolen firearm and resisting arrest. (She had a concealed carry permanent.)

both Lorena Middle School and Lorena Elementary School. (*The worst case of junk mail delivery – ever!*)

His new shirt is also cutesy and clever – it says, "PASCO COUNTY DETENTION CENTER"... A man wearing a T-shirt with the words, "I have drugs," written across the front was arrested for possession of methamphetamine. A deputy spotted him wearing the garment at a Kmart® store in Hudson, Florida. The black shirt with white letters read, "Who

needs drugs? No, seriously, I have drugs." According to an arrest report, the man attempted to hand a bag of drugs to someone behind him in line after making eye contact with the deputy. He then dropped the baggy to the floor as another deputy approached. The 50-year-old was taken into custody after the deputies found marijuana and methamphetamine in the bag. (Here's an idea: His attorney can wear a T-shirt in court with the words, "I'M WITH STUPID.") P&\$N

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