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I hope all of you have had a great holiday season and look forward to spring. The elections are over and now we must move forward with our legislative agenda to protect the rights and benefits that we have fought so hard to achieve over the past years. Again, Health Insurance Protection is a high priority for our members both retired and active. Presently we must focus on retiree protection of this necessary benefit. Our active members must support our retiree's in this endeavor. The retirees fought hard to obtain this benefit and now they must fight even harder to maintain this benefit. The cost of health insurance premiums' are continuing to rise. Recently the Town of Yorktown has decided to change health insurance program providers.

They presently have the Pomco Plan and are moving toward the Empire Plan. This move on its face will save thousands of dollars in premium costs. The co-pays and other costs have to be compared as well as the coverage that is provided. It has been our experience that some of the doctors that we presently have in some of our plans are not listed in the Empire Plan. This will have to be examined as to why they do not participate.

We have made a breakthrough with the Delaware County Sheriffs Benevolent Association, wherein; we have finally won the right to go to binding arbitration for the contract that we have been negotiating since 2002. This has been a long drawn out negotiations with the county fighting the union every step of the way. PERB finally sent a list of Arbitrators and we should be on our way to having hearings within the next month.

There was a quirk in the law that most everyone missed. The publicity on Binding Arbitration for Deputy Sheriffs was promoted as commencing in November 2004, when in fact the law was adopted effective November 2003. No one read the small print until we brought it to the attention of PERB. The County of Delaware challenged our interpretation of the law and we had a hearing before PERB and the Federation prevailed. We thank the Delaware County Deputy Sheriffs Benevolent Association for hanging in there all these months to finally have a forum to obtain their overdue wages and benefits. We have settled contracts in Red Hook, Ticonderoga, Yorktown, Spring Valley, and continue to negotiate labor contracts in other areas throughout the state. We have filed several grievances; these have led to several arbitrations. We lost one and won two in 2005. The arbitrations had to do with definition of vacation and wages in several contracts. We had several disciplinary situations and two are still ongoing.

We have two certifications pending before PERB the NYS

Environmental Control Police Majors and the NYS Park Police Majors. We have just added the Rockland County Part Time Deputy Sheriffs to our membership.

I had the opportunity of attending a meeting in the offices of the National Law Enforcement Memorial along with Bob Gordon, our Secretary/Treasurer and our representative on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Board. I was impressed by the work of this committee consisting of Bob Gordon, Suzie Sawyer, COPS, Executive Director, the President of COPS, the Executive Director from the National Sheriffs Association, and the staff of the NLEM, and Craig Floyd the Executive Director. The committee selects the names that are to appear on the monument. They had over several hundred names submitted to be engraved on the memorial. Each name was given consideration and study. The committee meticulously went about their business and evaluated and investigated each and every death to make sure it complied with the rules of the memorial. This is a monumental task and this committee handled it with dignity and respect. They did not deviate from the rules and maintained the honor of those whose names are engraved on this sacred memorial.

Paul Hartman, our Chief Financial and Operations Officer, will be retiring at the end of March. He will be residing in the state of Washington with his family. Paul has been with me for over 25 years. During this time we have seen many ups and downs in this federation. He has always kept the organization afloat with his accounting skills and has made due with what we were able to bring into the organization in dues and other funding. Paul had the opportunity of moving along in his police career but elected to come with the Federation. This was a great personal sacrifice. He is a dedicated person who moved our Federation into the modern century of computerization long before some of our competitors realized there were computers.

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On Friday, October 15, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund held its annual Wreathlaying Day ceremony commemorating the Memorial's dedication in 1991. The ceremony also honored 11 fallen officers from the Washington, D.C. area. Hundreds of dignitaries, law enforcement officers and survivors of fallen officers gathered at the Memorial to hear remarks from D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey and COPS national President Shirley Gibson, mother of slain D.C. Police Officer Brian Gibson.

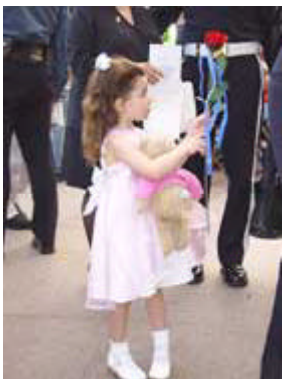
NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd spoke about the history of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, and the people and organizations that played a key role in building and sustaining the Memorial.

"Since the Memorial's dedication 13 years ago today, this site has been visited by millions of people," reflected Mr. Floyd. "The walls list thousands of names — many of them had slipped through the cracks of history before becoming permanently recognized here on this hallowed ground."

Chief Charles Ramsey, who serves on the Museum Advisory Committee, offered these words of comfort and consolation: "As sad and as painful as our individual losses may be, all of us can take both comfort and pride in one undeniable truth: These men did not die in vain. They were taken from us doing what they did best...These special men and women of law enforcement will never be forgotten, because this special place — this amazing memorial that has been here for the last 13 years — will endure for generations to come."

In her closing remarks, Ms. Gibson proclaimed: "Today as we sit in this sacred place of remembrance, surrounded by the thousands of names engraved on these panels, I ask that you see the faces of the husbands and wives, sons and daughters, Brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, friends and coworkers."

"I ask that you see them in their uniforms, wearing their badge, standing straight and proud. Today, as you place your rose, you have the right to wear your badge of honor with as much pride as each of our fallen officers wore theirs."



January 26, 2005 WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Board of Directors and Staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) join the nation in mourning the death of the incomparable Johnny Carson. He was one of the first nationally recognized celebrities to support the campaign to build the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in the late 1980's.

Mr. Carson, like most Americans, was shocked to learn the number of officers who die in the line of duty each year. Once he realized the enormity of the sacrifice that these officers and their families make, he became dedicated to making the dream of building a Memorial to honor fallen officers a reality. In addition to his enormous financial contribution, Mr. Carson gave his time to produce a public service announcement on behalf of the Memorial Fund and became a National Sponsor of the NLEOMF. His active participation led to a number of important corporate sponsorships.



For more than three decades this funny, private man entertained America. However, he leaves behind a second legacy. Because of his contribution to the Memorial Fund in its early day, our nation's fallen law enforcement heroes have hallowed ground in our nation's capital where their loved ones and colleagues can come to remember and heal.

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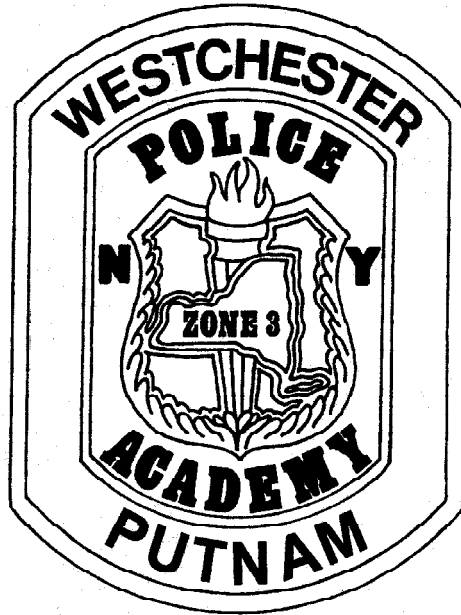
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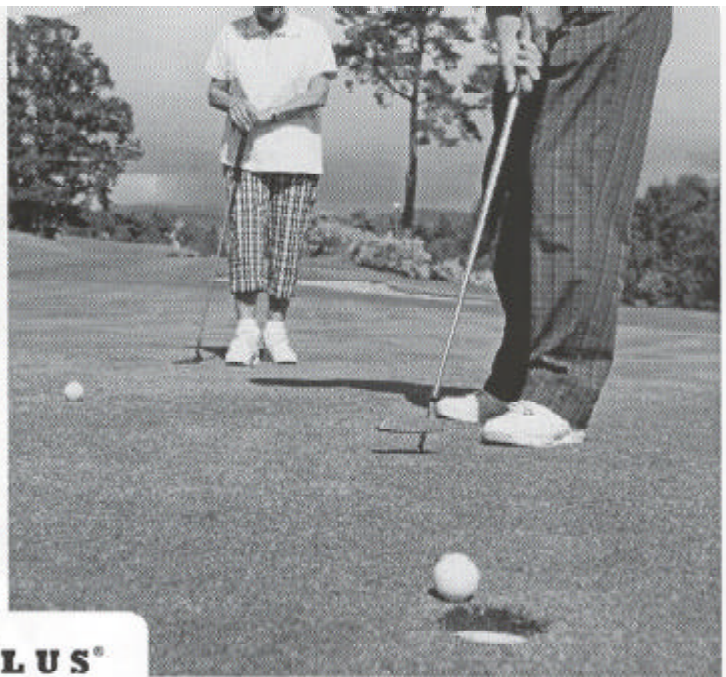
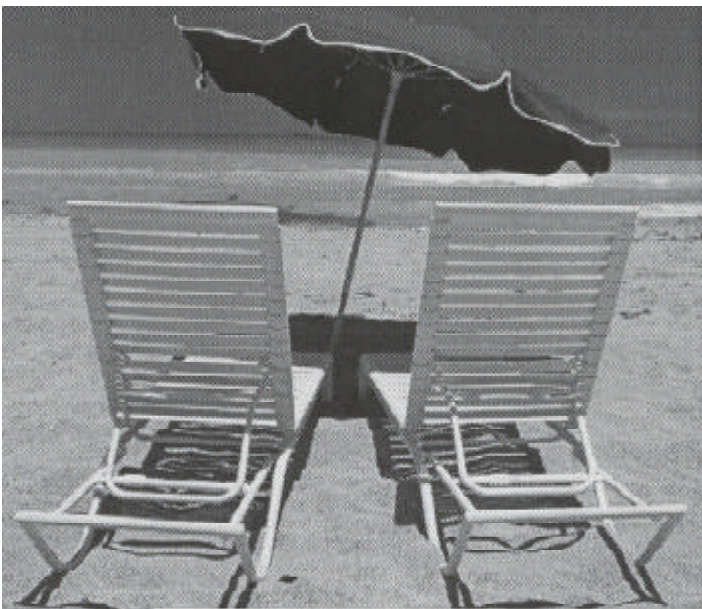
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ALBANY — Death Penalty supporters are complaining that an Assembly plan to hold hearings on the state’s flawed capital punishment statute is a stalling tactic that will only kill the law.

“This is just an attempt to destroy any chance of fixing the death penalty law,” state Conservative Party Chairman Mike Long said.

The state’s highest court tossed out key parts of the states’ 1995 death penalty law five months ago, sending it back to lawmakers for a fix.

At the time, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) said the Legislature would take “appropriate action” to respond to the sentencing flaws flagged by the Court of Appeals.

But as the Democratic led Assembly prepares to hold hearings Dec. 15 in Manhattan and Jan. 25 in Albany, Silver is not talking about if — not when — the statute will be restored.

“The Legislature is now faced with the profound question of whether the death penalty should be reinstated,” said Silver, who voted for the original law and says he still supports capital punishment. “And, if so, what form any new statute should take.”

The hearings will probe the effectiveness and cost of the statute, and whether there are “appropriate safeguards” to protect “innocent people” from execution, Assembly leaders said.

As death penalty supporters seethe at the delay, foes are thrilled.

“We need to take a look at this before anyone gets executed in New York” said Demaris MCGuire, the former director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty.

She and other critics say the \$175 million the state has spent on capital punishment prosecutions since 1995 would have been better spent on crime prevention programs. No one has been executed since the law went on the books.

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“The Assembly does not need to do a hearing,” said Marcia White, a spokeswoman

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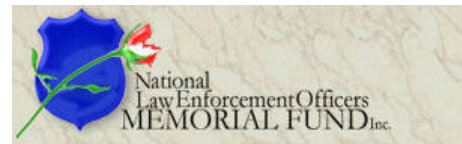
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We recently received the following e-mail from Linda Edelson: "Please review the attached letter to Senator Clinton and Senator Schumer on behalf of my brother Sergeant Jeffrey T. Edelson. Not only did both NY State Senators dishonor my brother but they also dishonored the four distinguished police officers that were killed last year. Apparently those who protect and serve the residents of Senator Clinton and Senator Schumer's state have no impact on their life. It would be a privilege to have both letters published in your next newsletter to show the police community the lack of support from NY's Senators"

Thank you,
Lynda Edelson

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July 2, 2004

Senator Clinton
780 Third Avenue
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Dear Senator Clinton,

My brother, Sergeant J. T. Edelson, chose law enforcement as his career because he wanted to make a real difference in this oftentimes unpredictable and all-too-dangerous world. With his many talents, he could have done anything he wanted with his life, yet he chose to protect and to serve the people of your New York with devotion, professionalism, conviction and courage. He was willing to risk his life each day to protect and serve New Yorkers. His untimely death was a uniquely grave and indelible reminder of how an oath to give one's life in service can become a reality.

My brother was a six-year veteran of the NY State Police and gave his young life to serve your state. And he will be remembered for such service to New York and the nation. He died on duty while serving others and, therefore, died a hero.

Heroic, however, is the very opposite of what comes to mind as I reflect on your disservice to both my brother's memory and to your constituents by your failure to attend not one of the three memorial services in his honor. If the President of the United States could find the time from his schedule to spend time with family members who lost a loved one during the year, I would think a *Junior* senator could find such time to pay her respect to my brother's passing. Also, I would think that you could have coordinated with Senator Schumer to attend one of the many memorials for my brother. Apparently, this was not a priority for either NY State Senator. Governor Pataki called my parents after he heard the terrible news, and attended my brother's funeral service despite being ill.

But apparently those who protect and serve the residents of your state have no impact on your life. So, neither my brother's death nor those of four other distinguished police officers killed this year in New York has meant anything to you. One must ask oneself then: Who in fact does merit your most undevoted attention?

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The Federations of Police started out in 1934 as the Westchester County of Police Conference, a primarily social organization of local PBAs that met once a month to socialize and to exchange information regarding salaries, working conditions, benefits and criminal activity in Westchester County, New York.

In 1976, the Westchester County Police Conference membership served as the startup organization of Tri-County Federation of Police, Inc. (TCF). TCF was a non-profit labor organization (now inactive) with membership of full-time municipal police officers in the New York counties of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess.

TCF provided to member PBAs a legal plan offering job-related services such as contract negotiations, defense of disciplinary actions and applications for disability pensions, as well as offering group welfare benefits such as life insurance, dental and optical coverage, disability insurance. There was also a personal legal service plan offering individual members a discounted rate on personal family and real estate matters.

PBAs outside the TCF area as well as other police and peace officers, expressed interest in the organization, but were unable to join due to a bylaw restricting membership.

In 1980, New York State Federation of Police (NYSFOP) was chartered as a non-profit labor organization with a membership field that included all full and part-time law enforcement officers as so defined in the Criminal Procedure Law of the State of New York, as well as police and peace officers established by other Federal and State statutes.

This law permitted the inclusion of district attorney investigators, correction officers, constables, federal agents, park police, and so forth. NYSFOP offers the same group and personal legal plan and welfare plans, as TCF, to qualified active and retired employees throughout the state.

In 1981, United Federation of Police Officers, Inc. (UFPO) was chartered as a national non-profit labor organization. UFPO membership is open to active and retired public sector employees of the United States Government and/or any state or local government employee in any capacity to provide for the orderly administration of justice or to promote the public health, safety and welfare, as well as all employees in the private sector who perform the same or similar work frequently performed by public sector employees. UFPO offers the same group and personal legal plans and welfare benefits as NYSFOP.

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Police Department

Officer of the Month • May 2004

Riverside County (CA) Sheriff's Department

Deputy Garcia has served with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department since January 1998.

According to anyone who works with him, JC Garcia is one of those rare individuals who always has a smile on his face, which immediately lightens up the day for anyone he encounters. In turn, bad days seldom keep this young man down. "JC is a very upbeat person and always kept tense situations lively," explains Deputy Sheriff C. Waters of this young deputy.

Early in his career Deputy Garcia realized that the best instructors he would ever have were the seasoned, more experienced deputies within his own department, and he never missed an opportunity to seek their guidance and learn from these skilled professionals. What he learned from them, coupled with his own experience and instinct, undoubtedly played a role in the events of August 17, 2001.

At approximately 8:40 am, Deputy Garcia had observed a vehicle that matched the description of one reported stolen. According to the report he received from dispatch, the suspects were armed and dangerous and additional deputies were being dispatched to the scene.

While awaiting backup, Garcia noticed one of the passengers exit the vehicle and walk nonchalantly up to a nearby residence. Not wanting to lose the suspect, Garcia followed the man who was talking with the resident of a nearby home. Sensing the two did not know each other, Garcia attempted to coax the suspect away from the residence. In a flash, the suspect turned and at close range fired several shots from a 38 caliber revolver. Although the first shot struck Deputy Garcia in the hand, he was able to draw his weapon and return fire. A second round hit the deputy in the face. However, bleeding profusely and in extraordinary pain, he continued returning fire until the suspect fled. Not wanting to lose the suspect, he attempted to give chase. Realizing the magnitude of the deputy's injuries, the residents of the home and fellow deputies who arrived on the scene restrained the seriously injured, yet determined young deputy.

Deputy Garcia, displaying courage under fire, made a conscious effort to protect the residents of the house with little regard for his own personal safety. Thankfully, Deputy Garcia recovered from his life threatening injuries and was able to testify against the suspect. It took only an hour for the jury to reach a guilty verdict.

For his actions characterized as above and beyond the line of duty, Deputy Juan Carlos Garcia was awarded the Medal of Courage Award and the Sheriff's Gold Heart Award from the Riverside County Sheriff's Office. Throughout his career he has also received other awards and commendations such as The American Legion's "Merit Award; The Latino Police Officer's Association "Officer of the Year Award"; The Rotary Club's "Public Safety Recognition Award" and the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Association's "Gold Badge of Courage

Award." He is a member of the Riverside Sheriff's Association, is married and has one young child.

"Deputy Garcia consistently maintains a positive attitude and a professional motivated work ethic," Captain John Horton states, "He exemplifies the best of our profession and of humanity. He is a hero and a role model for every Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy."

Officer of the Month • June 2004

Green Lake County (WI) Sheriff's Office

After obtaining his degree in Criminal Justice, Officer Holdorf began his career by working for the City of Green Lake Police Department and serving for the city's Fire Department as a volunteer. He obtained his medical first responder certification, moved away to join a metropolitan emergency fire service, and returned to his original department in 2000, where he excelled as a Patrol Deputy, advanced to instructor status, and became a team leader for the County/City Emergency Response Team.

These experiences and training would prepare Holdorf to dutifully serve not only the citizens of his community, but on October 19th, 2003, it would also lead him to serve his department in an invaluable way. On that tragic afternoon, Deputy Holdorf and his trainee responded with Deputy Bruce Williams to a domestic disturbance call.

They were informed that the suspect was armed. Holdorf and his trainee moved to block an intersection and Williams stayed behind to block the street on the other side. Holdorf received a report that shots had been fired and that Officer Williams was down. Immediately, Holdorf took a rifle and strategically moved on foot to a ditch near Williams' patrol car. At this time Williams was lying on his back near the trunk of his car with massive wounds. Holdorf ordered citizens to take cover and advanced to Williams' side to start CPR.

While he was administering rescue breathing, the suspect began to fire at Holdorf. Holdorf returned fire, got inside Williams' patrol car, and used a tactical sling to hook on to Williams. Holdorf then drove the car, with a flat tire, to a safe location where he was able to load Williams into the car and transport him to the nearest medical center. Despite Holdorf's efforts to protect his colleague, deputy Bruce Williams had been killed instantaneously in the assault. The suspect, who fired fiftythree total rounds throughout the ordeal, shot and killed himself after the incident. Although tragedy struck the Green Lake City P.D. that afternoon, Holdorf was able to serve his fellow officer with strength and valor during his last hours, an act for which he will always bear honor.

There are certain individuals whose work raises the standard for professionalism and whose character is truly inspirational. Officer Holdorf is one of these individuals. He is a superbly trained officer who serves selflessly and gives greatly. He is sincerely appreciated by citizens for his involvement in community projects and for performing small acts of kindness that many others would not make the effort to carry out. Taking advantage of every opportunity to lend a hand, Deputy Holdorf is a law enforcement officer who is making a difference.

Somerset County (NJ) Prosecutor's Office

Any case investigated by a Major Crimes unit has the potential of revealing man's true inhumanity to man. In October 2003 the Somerset Medical Center contacted the county prosecutor's office concerning several unexplained deaths. As the lead homicide detectives, Detective Sergeant Timothy Braun and Detective Daniel Baldwin learned that hospital administrators had long suspected that a staff member was responsible for the deaths as all the victims had been killed by lethal injection of prescription medications. Unfortunately, an internal hospital investigation failed to identify a suspect.

Two cases in particular caught the attention of the Sergeant Braun and Detective Baldwin. Jin Kyung Han, a 43 yearold cancer victim and Father Florian Gall, an elderly Roman Catholic priest, were both injected with a lethal dose of Digoxin, a medication used to decrease the heart rate. While Mrs. Han survived the attack, Father Gall died within hours of being injected.

Shortly after beginning their investigation, Sergeant Braun and Detective Baldwin began to suspect a 43 yearold registered nurse who had worked at nine different medical facilities throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania, never at one for any significant length of time. The case against Charles Cullen grew as the detectives discovered that at each facility an inordinate number of unexplained deaths had been recorded. Furthermore, 67% of the deaths occurred in the Critical Care units during the midnight shift when Charles Cullen was on duty.

Sergeant Braun and Detective Baldwin learned that Cullen had skirted previous law enforcement investigations on at least three other occasions. Utilizing the automated medication system, they were able to confirm that he had been removing unauthorized medications at an alarming rate, one of which was Digoxin, the same drug which had killed Father Gall.

Based on the evidence these skilled investigators compiled, an arrest warrant was issued in early December 2003. Once Cullen was in custody, the detectives utilized innovative, unique and legally acceptable investigative techniques to gain his trust and respect. Eventually Cullen confessed to killing more than 40 patients, 15 at the Somerset Medical Center alone.

While several detectives worked in tandem on this case, it was Detective Sergeant Braun and Detective Baldwin who were able to penetrate the mind of one of America's most prolific serial killers. Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division, Captain Nicholas J. Magos stated, "These extraordinary investigators were resourceful, dedicated and untiring in their effort to rapidly bring to an end a killing spree that lasted 16 years, at nine medical facilities, that took the lives of more than 40 individuals."

Detective Sergeant Tim Braun, the son of a detective lieutenant, has been a law enforcement officer for 24 years. Over the course of his career, he has received more than 50 departmental awards, including the Medal of Valor and the Combat Cross from the Police Benevolent Association. He is a distinguished member of the New Jersey State PBA, the National Association of Police Organizations

and the International Homicide Investigation Association. Detective Braun serves as the NJ Regional Coordinator for the law enforcement Critical Incident Stress Management Team and is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

A law enforcement officer for 12 years, Detective Dan Baldwin has worked approximately 150 homicide cases, the majority of which were brought to a close. He is the recipient of many awards including the Essex County Prosecutor's Office Exceptional Duty Award and the National Presidential Award presented by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Detective Baldwin is a member of the New Jersey States PBA, the National Association of Police Organizations and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

Officer of the Month • August 2004

Riverton (WY) Police Department

Although both his father and grandfather were police officers, Officer Prince admits that his initial draw to the career was inspired by the police television shows he watched as a youngster. As he matured he knew that these programs did not always accurately portray the job of a law enforcement officer, but his determination to work in the field never wavered. Shortly before receiving his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, young Larry Prince walked into the Chief's office of a small rural Nebraska town and asked for a job. After a brief conversation, the Chief handed Larry Prince a badge, car keys and a weapon stating, "You start tonight at seven." Two years later, Officer Prince relocated to Wyoming and joined the Riverton Police Department.

On the night of June 6, 2001, Officer Prince was dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire in the driveway of a residence. Upon arriving on the scene, Officer Prince knew that as the fire accelerated it would eventually engulf the garage, before ravaging the home itself. Suspecting that the residents were trapped, Officer Prince attempted to gain entry to the residence through the front door, but was thrown back when something in the burning vehicle exploded. Realizing that his only access to the residence might be through the garage, Officer Prince climbed over the backyard fence, only to find that the door leading into the house from the garage was locked. As he struggled to break down the door, the inside walls and the ceiling of the garage became engulfed in flames, producing scorching temperatures and suffocating smoke. In what must have seemed like an eternity, Officer Prince was finally able to break down the door and enter the home.

Once inside, Officer Prince found two adults sound asleep in a back bedroom. As the fire had spread to the home itself, thick clouds of black smoke blocked both the front and back doors. Officer Prince saw no option but to lead the terrified residents out through the garage. In the short time Officer Prince was in the house, the situation in the backyard had deteriorated. Parts of the fence were aflame and both gates were ablaze, trapping the three in a circle of fire. Unable to climb the fence, the homeowners waited for rescue workers to bring a ladder. At that point a second explosion sent flames shooting out into the yard treacherously close

to a propane tank in the far end of the yard. Knowing there was no time to wait; with bare hands, Officer Prince began to tear down wooden planks from the same fence he had only moments ago climbed to reach the residents. An escape route was cleared and all three got out alive. After being treated for smoke inhalation, Officer Prince was released from the hospital. For his courage and clear thinking under enormous pressure, Officer Prince received the Riverton Police Department's Life Saving Medal.

Remarkably, Officer Prince does not consider this event his greatest career achievement. Instead, he refers to a child molestation case, which still makes an impact on his life and career. Modestly, he talks about a young girl who had been sexually molested a year prior to the date it was reported. With no physical evidence or witnesses other than the child, Office Prince, with assistance from seasoned detectives, persevered and was ultimately successful in having the suspect confess to the crime, netting him a lengthy prison sentence.

Unlike the television police heroes of his youth, Officer Prince knows first hand the dangers and rewards that each law enforcement professional experiences during his/her career. He can tell you that when a call comes in there are no retakes, no standins or stuntmen, just dedicated men and women committed to the service and sacrifice of their communities; the same service and sacrifice his father and grandfather made many years before him.

Officer Prince is a member of the Wyoming Peace Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Tactical Officers Association and the National Field Training Officers Association.

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Community Relations Unit, Overland (MO) Police Department

Just about every waking moment of Scott Barthelmass' day is spent serving his community. When not on duty at the Overland Police Department, this nine year police veteran is either volunteering at any one of a dozen communitybased organizations, or is devoting countless hours in pursuit of additional education and training. According to his supervisor, Lieutenant Thomas Schulte, "... There are very few people like Scott Barthelmass, in fact it might be said that he is truly one of a kind. He is the first person to volunteer for a task, no matter what effort it requires, or what inconvenience it offers him."

On December 4, 2002 en route to a paramedic class final exam, Officer Barthelmass heard units from the firehouse being dispatched to a vehicle accident. Having just come upon the scene himself, Officer Barthelmass realized that the accident was far worse than was first reported. A truck that had lost control on the icy road hit a tour bus head on, trapping all the occupants of both vehicles.

Realizing that the two people in the truck were in critical condition and that several on the bus were in distress, Officer Barthelmass radioed for the alarm to be upgraded and alerted

dispatch that multiple ambulances would be needed. With little concern for his own safety, he crawled into the truck to administer firstaid to the two most seriously injured individuals. Once the rescue teams were in place and he was confident that the injured parties were in good hands, Officer Barthelmass left the scene to take his final exam.

In the early hours of February 21, 2003 Officer Barthelmass responded to "an assist other officers call" with a double shooting at a local restaurant. Upon arriving at the scene he became aware of the suspect preparing to flee in a vehicle. Officer Barthelmass boxed the vehicle in, blocking its escape from the scene. His quick response and subsequent actions allowed for a high speed chase to be avoided while safely bringing a violent offender into custody.

Officer Barthelmass serves as his district's primary public information and education officer. In 2002 alone he was involved in approximately 100 stories in the local press involving every type of emergency situation. He developed the department's first Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and under his tutelage twentysix local citizens were trained to response to a variety of emergencies.

More than a patrol officer, Officer Barthelmass is a trainer, investigator, community and children's advocate, safety officer, leader and innovator. He is a Boy Scout leader, DARE officer, has been honored by the St. Louis Chapter of MADD and is a volunteer firefighter. He takes particular pride in the time he volunteers with Eureka Firefighters Association's Annual Rodeo which raises approximately \$25,000 annually for local charities including the Missouri Children's Burn Camp.

Humble about his successes, this dynamic young man credits his parents for teaching him the importance of taking an active role in one's community in order to make it a better place. He, like his two brothers, Todd and Matt who serve with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Eureka (MO) Police Department respectively, saw law enforcement as a natural progression of that ideal.

Scott Barthelmass' personnel file is filled with impressive statistics, numerous letters of appreciation and commendations, which reflect a dedication to duty, commitment to personal excellence and love of community. He has an Associate's Degree in Paramedic Technology, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Justice Administration. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Tactical EMS Association and the St. Louis County Regional Traffic Safety Council.

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