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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVE HUMPHREYS
HBPOA President

Lights, camera, action! On set we have our producers, the cast, a make-up room and an audience with buttered popcorn in hand and last but not least, a marquee bright enough to match the candela of the Las Vegas strip... welcome to the Huntington Beach Police Department body worn camera trial period. We don't know if this will be a melodramatic serial or an episode best defined as a cliffhanger. Nevertheless, all tickets are final.

Let me begin with the commencement of this production platform. This past year, there has been a lot of discussion, controversy and media attention regarding body-worn cameras (BWC) and their place in law enforcement. BWC's are fairly new to the law enforcement world and many legal issues surrounding them have yet to be defined.

The ongoing push for BWC's is the overflow and runoff from Ferguson. The St. Louis Police Chief has called the incessant drumbeat against the police the "**Ferguson Effect.**" In today's environment, many law enforcement agencies are facing challenges and demands at unprecedented levels. We recently saw the unrest in Baltimore. The gun violence in that city is up more than 60% compared to last year. And these effects are felt in many different areas within the United States. Unless the demonization of law enforcement ends, the liberating gains in safety over the past couple decades will be lost.

Some critics have suggested that BWC's should remain a local decision to address the needs and resources of a particular community. Clearly, each community has certain policing needs that vary based on many different factors. The demographic in some communities share concern that BWC may strain community relationships. Crime victims may be captured on film in traumatic experiences, often in their own homes. Additionally, the filming of witnesses and confidential informants can be problematic.

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The Huntington Beach Police Department, for decades, was a premier agency that was able to provide the best police services to its community. For many years, this department was staffed to offer proactive enforcement protecting the citizenry and all the while, having an excellent working relationship with the community with an extremely low number of complaints. Unfortunately, our staffing levels and proactive policing vaporized over the past few years.

A recent Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA) poll showed 90% of the rank and file membership had concerns that we have many other pressing issues that need to be addressed prior to the implementation of a BWC program. Sworn personnel and support staff, for example, has been overlooked and not properly budgeted or filled for many years. In fact, our current staffing level is a parallel to the amount of officers we had in 1988. Other identified concerns were IT/IS deficiencies, fleet conditions, computer systems, mobile data terminal problems and apathetic morale.

Additionally, our proactive enforcement time is extremely low and at a level that does not foster any proactive policing. A recent study through The Matrix Report stated the amount of activity time, per shift, for our officers is one of the highest levels their project team has seen in over 200 reports of law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

I would agree, first and foremost, we are in dire need of police personnel and support staff. A BWC program, at this point, is not going to aid our staffing issues, handle radio calls, will not make arrests, will not deter domestic violence issues or cure our ongoing DUI or drug problems in this city. Our crime rate is up, in many areas, and needs attention. Having a properly staffed police department is a much better return on investment to combat these problems. A well-nourished department and police presence with high visibility and swift response times will deter the contemporary and prominent issues in our community.

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Letters to the editor are welcome, as are suggestions for articles. Submissions to this publication are always welcomed by the membership as well as outside sources and they do not necessarily represent the approved views of the HBPOA & Foundation or its directors.

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Cameras, cameras, everywhere...

_DAVE DEMURJIAN
HBPOA General Counsel



Recently there has been a great deal of discussion regarding body worn cameras (BWC's) and their place in law enforcement. As BWC's are fairly new to the law enforcement world, the legal issues surrounding them have yet to be defined. However, if we understand that BWC's are really nothing more than a new form of electronic evidence, then we actually already know a great deal.

Based on current state, federal and case law, we know the following: All captured video footage must be provided by law enforcement to the court for every case filed. The footage is required to be stored indefinitely (usually 20 years after conviction), and the footage is required to be reviewed and documented by law enforcement and provided as part of discovery. Failure to do so can (and has) resulted in dismissal of charges against the defendant.

All footage captured by BWC's would have to be provided for every case, even if not requested by the defense. This requirement comes from both California State Law (1054.1 PC) and case law (*Brady v. Maryland* (1963) 373U.S. 83, 87.). California Penal Code 1054.1 requires that "all relevant real evidence seized or obtained as part of the investigation" be provided to the defense. Brady states, "The prosecution is obligated to provide the defense in criminal cases with *exculpatory* evidence that is *material* to either guilt or punishment." In re *Ferguson* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 525 further expands the law by eliminating a defense request for discovery. HBPD documents approximately 22,000 daily reports (DRs) annually and issues nearly 100,000 citations annually (traffic citations 15,292; parking citations 80,178) so, stand by for a vast increase in discovery requests.

The BWC footage would be required to be stored indefinitely, even after conviction. In *Imbler v. Pachtman* (1976) the court stated even "*after a conviction the prosecutor... is bound by the ethics of his office to inform the appropriate authority of ...*

information that casts doubt upon the correctness of the conviction." As storage cost is a function of amount of data to be stored, any department implementing a BWC program is going to need funds for an ever expanding hard drive.

BWC footage would be required to be reviewed and documented by law enforcement and provided as part of discovery. This fact was most recently litigated in a Fullerton PD robbery case (*People V. Alvarez*, 2014 229). The case was dismissed and all charges dropped after footage of nine City of Fullerton cameras was deleted and therefore not available for defense review. Cities would be wise to review police department policies on City/PD owned cameras to ensure they are in compliance with *Alvarez*. Additional staffing costs to facilitate the review of all the video evidence could be substantial.

These are just a few of the legal issues that make it imperative to obtain the advice of the District Attorney's Office and the City Attorney's Office before venturing into a body camera, vehicle camera or city owned fixed-camera program. Note that I have not even touched on the issues of privacy laws and freedom of information requests. As was eloquently stated by an LADA Senior Deputy District Attorney in a recent BWC article, "Shooting (video) first and asking questions later" is rarely the best practice. ♥



President's Message - Continued from page 3.

In March of this year, our Board of Directors (BOD) was forced to task themselves with researching a number of issues surrounding BWC. Police management clearly wanted to get a BWC program started but had no prospectus or anything resembling any form of strategic research related to such a litigious, expensive and involved program. Their ongoing theme has simply been "we've been talking about this for a long time."

A projected budget for BWC, which is a major concern for the BOD, has apparently not been a concern to the Chief or senior staff nor do they seem to be concerned with litigation issues that may arise through the use of BWC. For example, the Board learned in the last 10 years the city has spent approximately \$460,000 litigating use of force (UOF) cases in Huntington Beach. These figures are significantly lower than most police agencies. Clearly, our police personnel are well trained, professional and show great restraint in these types of encounters. Our professionalism continues to shine despite our declining staffing levels and ongoing population growth and dynamic with an average of more than a million visitors per month.

Huntington Beach Police Officers have always agreed with transparency and accountability. We strive to hire the best and we are a very well balanced, disciplined police agency. We realize BWC's are a tool of citizen surveillance and of public accountability. We endorse that. However, our current staffing levels are catastrophic and this new technology will incur massive long-term costs for the city. Additional personnel will also be needed to fulfill the needs for this program.

The 'trial period' as it has been dubbed, needed a BWC policy in place that would be palatable for both management and our membership. The primary focus was the creation of language for the policy. The Board has made many efforts with the Chief and Captain Reinhart suggesting a trial period metric be employed as a standard of measurement to assess the value or return on investment for such a program in Huntington Beach. They refused to formulate or present a model for measurement. Regrettably, there is no managerial desire to have any

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ATAC



*Orange County Auto Theft Recovery
Officer of the Year 2014
For Huntington Beach PD*

Police Officer Don Drake



Recipients of the 2015 HBPD Annual Employee Awards

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**Sergeant Kevin Johnson
Officer Raymond Garcia
Officer John Spoolstra**

Officer of the Year

Officer Brian Smith

Civilian Employee of the Year

Crime Analyst Julie Romano

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Scott Winks

Award of Merit

Lieutenant John Domingo

Distinguished Service Award

**Retired Sergeant J. Barry Case
Retired Comm Operator Jeanne Criss**

Citizen's Award

Yvonne Isackson

SPORTS



B2V

**2015 Baker to Vegas
Challenge Cup Relay Race – Results**

**Fourth Place in the
300 Invitational Division**

50th Overall – 16 hrs 05 mins 50 secs
1st Place Overall Time – 12:53:17 – LAPD

2014 Finish-In 300 or Less Division
7th Place – 16 hrs 28 mins 31 secs

Complete Results:
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RUNNING TEAM



*Thank
You*

2015 Baker to Vegas - HB Running Team #82

LEG / RUNNER / DISTANCE

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|--------|-------------------|------------|
| Leg 1 | Jon Deliema | 5.4 miles |
| Leg 2 | Matt Austin | 4.0 miles |
| Leg 3 | Derek Young | 4.2 miles |
| Leg 4 | Matthew Reza | 5.1 miles |
| Leg 5 | Nick Vella | 6.1 miles |
| Leg 6 | James Lopez | 6.1 miles |
| Leg 7 | Michael Gavin | 6.2 miles |
| Leg 8 | Joe Schloss | 6.6 miles |
| Leg 9 | Rick Gonzales | 7.5 miles |
| Leg 10 | Steve Spruill | 5.8 miles |
| Leg 11 | Jose Gonzalez | 5.3 miles |
| Leg 12 | Rob Bowden | 4.6 miles |
| Leg 13 | Thomas Gutierrez | 7.0 miles |
| Leg 14 | Daniel Chichester | 10.7 miles |
| Leg 15 | Steve Tennant | 6.4 miles |
| Leg 16 | Jeff Gasteiger | 5.8 miles |
| Leg 17 | Dan Quidort | 7.3 miles |
| Leg 18 | Thoby Archer | 5.7 miles |
| Leg 19 | Mike Kelly | 5.6 miles |
| Leg 20 | Marc Eskes | 4.6 miles |

Congratulations Runners!

Show support to those who support our HB Running Team...

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And to the members of the Support Crews, Follow Vehicle Crews, and the
Baker to Vegas Challenge Relay Race Committee.



MACK ATTACK!



USA - Steve Mack competed in the shotgun events at the Nevada Police and Fire Games recently in three trap events, three skeet events, and one Sporting Clay event. During that time he won four gold medals in Handicap Trap, Skeet, Skeet Doubles, and .28 gauge Skeet. He took silver and bronze medals in Trap and a bronze medal in Sporting Clay.

Steve continued on by competing in the U.S. Police and Fire Championships. In the shotgun events at the Redlands Shooting Park, where he earned four gold medals; an individual Gold for Trap Doubles, a team gold in Skeet, an individual gold in Skeet and a team gold in Skeet Doubles.

Congratulations to Steve and any other competitors from HBPD that participated in these events. ♥

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SEACLIFF COUNTRY CLUB – The 9th Annual Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 to benefit the 'Miracles For Kids Foundation.'

We welcome you to participate in the great event especially because it's about the kids!

During play on the greens after a shotgun start many area restaurants will be serving up their delicious fare to dine on and more will be serving the meal in the clubhouse at the end of play.

Join us by being a sponsor or playing in a foursome to challenge for the 1st place trophy!

Look forward to seeing you at the event and swinging a club! ♥





TRAINING DAY

_ART PREECE
HBPOA Retired Member

I had the privilege of being one of about 20 officers to be selected for the first HBPD Patrol Rifle Program. The idea for this program had been conceptualized by those "what-ifers" in law enforcement for many years before the equally as infamous Norco Bank Robbery Shootout and the North Hollywood Shootouts occurred. Up until incidents like these, the shotgun-is-all-you'll-need mindset prevailed in the law enforcement community. It took these war-like scenarios to start playing out in public, unfortunately, sometimes at the cost of officers and civilians alike, to change this notion. The "what-ifers" knew that regular patrol officers would be those who arrived first at such scenes. They knew the officers would be unimaginably out-gunned and would be, at best, speed bumps in the bad guys' way until the SWAT was paged/called, responded to the police station, collected their gear and went to the scene.

The first Patrol Rifle Team got military surplus Vietnam era M-16s modified to fire semi-auto only. They were beauts, and I put mine through the paces without nary a hiccup. Lately, I've heard the pundits drivel on about the militarization of the police and how the police are being given all sorts of surplus equipment with no training whatsoever, ultimately, left to their own devices to figure out how to use and maintain it. Well, nothing could be further from the truth in the general sense, and, specifically, related to the HBPD, this notion was even more nonsensical. The HBPD was way ahead of the curve with the training aspect of this program as there was a good cadre of current and ex-military, SWAT, and certified trainers, all of which had received their expertise practically and/or from some of the best training institutions in the country; all in all, an impressive curriculum vitae. What they "learned" us was an amalgamation of the best of the best and the newest of the new.

I had some experience with firearms, including

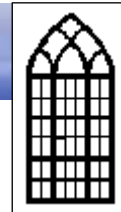
long guns, but I quickly realized I was but a neophyte in working as a team with my fellow officers and in many of the tactics that we would use in emergency encounters such as "active shooter situations," also referred to as Columbines.

Regardless of the weather, we trained 4 times a year. You train like you fight and the weather is not empathetic. We would spend the first part of the day in the class room going over the academic portion of the training. I had a pretty good grasp of the classroom portion of the training, but I still remember reviewing all the facts and figures the night before so I wouldn't embarrass myself in front of my peers, otherwise, you'd be a target of derision for some time if the staff caught you flat-footed during the Q&A part of the class. The rest of the day was range time. This included lots of shooting to develop muscle memory and familiarizing yourself with the particular personality of your rifle (yes, they all do have very different personalities), practical-tacticals, surprise scenarios and qualification out to at least two-hundred yards with iron sights. During some of these days, we went through 500 to 700 rounds per student. Maintenance was next on the agenda; cleaning the rifle and its intricate parts to almost the point of passing a white-glover. I was ambivalent about the intensity of the training. By the end of the day, I was mentally and physically exhausted and wanted nothing more than to just go home, wash the range off with a nice warm shower and slip between the sheets, aaaaahhhhhhh!

During this last Patrol Rifle training cycle, I had the opportunity to spectate one day. It's comforting to see that, although experiencing budget cuts, the team's training is every bit as

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Chaplain's Corner



"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

(Isaiah 55:8-9)

W H Y ?

ROGER WING
HBPD Police Chaplain

One of the most difficult areas a pastor deals with is the **"Why"** question when tragedies or trials come into a person's life. *"Why would God allow that to happen?"* or *"Why would an all loving God permit this?"* We try our best to provide comfort and some kind of a rationale, but the bottom line is that we just don't know why God allows or does certain things. And that's where true faith comes in. When Job was going through all of his trials, he bombarded God with a bunch of "Why" questions before God gently reminded him that He is greater than we are and that *"His ways are above our ways"* (Job 37-42). A truth I learned from my pastor many years ago is, *"Don't give up the things you do know when you encounter things that you don't know."*

It's always interesting to me how one of the first things we do when tragedy strikes is to blame God. When there's a hurricane, earthquake or tornado we even call it an "Act of God". But one of the first things we always need to keep in mind is that catastrophe and trials are a natural part of a sinful fallen world, just as God said it would be in His Word. And when we encounter personal trials, we need to consider that people sometimes need to bear responsibility for their own wrong or poor choices. God told us in the Bible what was sinful and what the natural consequences of that sin would be. So when someone *"reaps what they sow,"* we shouldn't be surprised by the results.

As police officers, is it your fault when someone decides to be DUI or burglarize a house and you arrest them? They made the choice and committed the wrongful act. You're just enforcing the law and protecting the community. And hopefully the person learns and doesn't continue to make the same poor choices.

But there are also those situations when we just can't find any reason or rationale for the tragedy or trial. And that's when we need to trust and rest in the Lord, and fall back on those things that we do know about God.

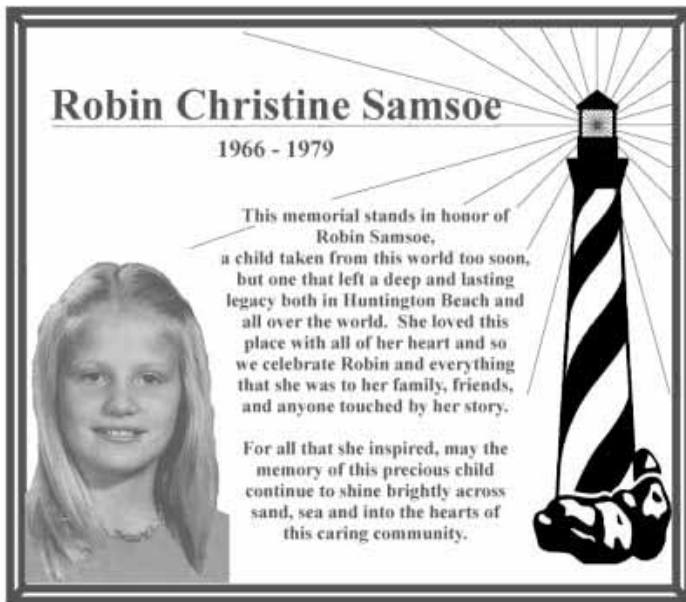
When trials come some people get angry with God for allowing the trial to happen while others are able to rejoice in Him knowing that the Lord is accomplishing something good in their lives through the trial. What makes the difference? I would suggest that it's the basic truths about God that we strongly hold on to no matter what may occur. So what are some of those basic truths that will hold us and comfort us when trials come into our own lives?

First, we need to recognize that God has all wisdom. He knows all things and has a complete knowledge of the past, present and future while our knowledge is very limited to what the current situation is. This can cause us to jump to wrong emotionally based conclusions. We need to remember that God understands all aspects of the situation. He knows why it happened and what He desires to accomplish through it.

Second, we need to continually remember who God is. He is a God of love, righteousness, mercy, grace, compassion, goodness and kindness. So whatever happens in our lives is directed by these attributes.

Third, we just need to recognize and accept that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. That there are just some things we will never understand and we are called upon to accept by faith,

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This is the content of a memorial plaque that was placed at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza to honor the memory of Robin Christine Samsoe.

An Election for You!



Submit Your Name For the Board of Directors in the 2015 POA Elections.

It's that time again for you, as a member, to step up to the plate. Submit your name for nomination as a Director – become involved in your POA!

Be a part of the direction your POA takes. Become involved - be a director!

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Nominations July / Elections August / Office September

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COMMENTS, KUDOS, COMPLAINTS



Email

Thank you

I would like to extend my gratitude to the retirees and the HBPOA for responding to my request for help.

Most, if not all of you, are aware of the kidnap and murder of Robin Samsoe on June 20, 1979. During the years there were three trials, all of which resulted in the conviction of the suspect, I refuse to say his name. As the years went on Robin's oldest brother, Robert became the voice and face of the family. Sadly and suddenly Robert passed away on March 16th of this year. Robert was a husband and father of 5. The family struggled financially over the years and Robert cashed in part of his life insurance last year when the family needed a car.

I reached out to the retirees and the HBPOA for donations to assist the family with financial responsibilities that arise from a death in the family. Through your donations we raised \$1,655.00 in cash and Stater Brothers gift cards.

I want to acknowledge those that responded to help me raise those funds. So, many thanks and gratitude to; Jack Reinholtz, Mike Biggs, Bert Ekstrom, Jerry TerKeurst, Dewayne Brown, Marianne Pierson, John Borges, Bruce Young, Tom Trembly, Jackie Cleghorn, and the HBPOA. Your generosity will never be forgotten by me or the Samsoe family. They have asked me to extend their appreciation and love to all members of the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Steve Mack

HBPD Detective (Retired)

JFA NOTE: Steve Mack, who retired from the Huntington Beach Police Department, was a patrol officer in 1979. He and the rest of the department scoured alleys looking for Robin's bicycle. As a detective in 2003, he inherited the case when it was appealed.

Correspondence...

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Letter to the Editor of the Huntington Beach Independent:

I wanted to take a moment to help minimize any confusion our community might have regarding "H.B. police forming nonprofit to fund community programs" article (HB Independent May 28, 2015).

The recently published "Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation" article is a newly formed foundation that differs from the longstanding Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation (HBPOF). This newer foundation is a nonprofit which was formed by the Chief of Police to primarily fund departmental programs and other items that might be difficult for the department's budget.

The Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation was formed in 2000 and has enjoyed a fifteen year partnership with many supportive individuals, businesses and civic organizations in and around Huntington Beach. Since its inception, our foundation has made over a million dollars of donations to benefit families of fallen officers killed or injured in the line-of-duty as well as assisting many different community groups, youth sports and other local non-profit organizations.

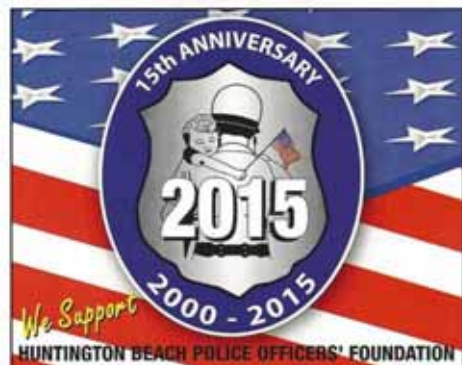
The HBPOF is currently running a mail campaign to raise funds to help complete the Huntington Beach 9/11 Monument and Memorial Plaza project. The mailer most likely reached your home or business this past week. This project will enrich an acre of land at the Huntington Beach Civic Center and the monument will incorporate two pieces of steel recovered from the Twin Towers collapse on September 11, 2001. This steel was presented to the Police and Fire Associations to build a tribute and memorial for future generations to remember and reflect on that fateful day.

The members of the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation want to thank you for your continued and generous support over the years and you can be assured your donations will be invested back into the community. Please support the current mailer campaign for the 9/11 Monument and don't forget about our upcoming annual Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament.

For additional information on the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation, visit our current fundraiser project - www.BuildingtoRemember.com or the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association website at - www.HBPOA.org.

Sincerely,

Dave Humphreys
Association President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Independence Day

JULY 4

WORKING HOLIDAY



Vans US Open of Surfing

JULY 25 – AUGUST 2

CITY BEACH

www.vansusopenofsurfing.com



9th Annual Constable Classic

AUGUST 10

SEACLIFF COUNTRY CLUB



HBPD Retirement Party

SEPTEMBER 20

MEADOWLARK GOLF CLUB



27th Annual Police K9 Demo Show

OCTOBER 3

ANAHEIM – GLOVER STADIUM

www.ocpca.org



USMC 240th Birthday Celebration

NOVEMBER 10

SRC

www.marines.com



Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 11

WORKING HOLIDAY



POA Christmas Party

DECEMBER 12

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RETIREMENT OBSERVATIONS

Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes...

JEFF HUSS

HBPOA Dinosaur Member (Retired)

I noticed recently where the Westminster City Council passed a law (ordinance) that states that 'Old Glory' will fly at all city functions. Yep, the "All American City," which became home to many refugees in the late 1970s after the fall of Viet Nam, had to pass a law that should be traditional and common place for all of us.

In my opinion, what should be our personal pride for this country, having been instilled in us by our parents, grand-parents, teachers, mentors or others that have been willing to serve and protect us. From members of our armed forces or law enforcement (sometimes serving in both capacities) who answered the call to service and are willing to sacrifice it all, for their fellow man and country.

We show our pride for our favorite sporting teams, be it high school, college or professionals, but it is never more significant than for the Olympics when we cheer on those representing the United States of America with chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A." To have our primary "team" our country symbol, the stars and stripes be attacked by groups that feel offended by it is amazing and baffling to me.

All of us take great pride in our heritage and defend its honor with some good natured kidding at times, even if you claim to be whatever nationality-American. However, if you are a citizen of the U.S.A. born or naturalized this is your team to support now. Respect it, for those who have sacrificed their all to keep us free.

Celebrate America's birthday on July 4th and the independence that we all share because of so many others before us who were willing to answer the call to duty.

God bless our troops, our public safety officers and God bless the U-S-A! ♥



God Bless America

*I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States
of America.
And to the Republic
for which it stands
one nation
under God
indivisible
With liberty and Justice
for all.*



CalPERS Open Enrollment SEP 14 – OCT 9, 2015

Plans & Rates

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/active-members/health-benefits/plans-and-rates>

CalPERS Committee Moves to Recommend 2016 Health Plan Premium Rates

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/newsroom/calpers-news/2016-health-rates-recommended>

**2016
Health Care Rate Comparison
Chart available at the POA Office**

PORAC & HBPOA

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Tel: 714-375-8456

Verify your benefits:

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HBPD RETIREMENT PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 – 5:30 PM
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RETIREES 2014-2015

POLICE OFFICER JEFF HUSS
POLICE OFFICER MIKE JOHNSON
POLICE OFFICER EDMUND KENNEDY
POLICE OFFICER SERGIO MALDONADO
SERGEANT ROB WARDEN
POLICE OFFICER CHUCK WRIGHT

JFA Note: This is a list of retirees at the time of the newsletter going to publication. We apologize for any errors or last minute addition that we may have omitted.

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MEADOWLARK GOLF CLUB

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By Monday, September 14, 2015
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19th Annual Huntington Beach Elks Lodge 1959 **STREET COPS AWARDS**

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Police Officer
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Economic Crimes Unit Detective
Jamie Lopez

Traffic/ Aero Bureau
Police Officer/Pilot
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relevant and practical as years ago. The instructors were running the team members through officer and civilian rescue scenarios in such a way as to cause the officers to think on their feet and adapt. The training was impressive. As I expected, it was top notch!

The equipment was first rate. The rifles were accessorized, semi-automatic updated versions of the M-16's we started with. I don't recall seeing one without some sort of optic on it. On a little bit of a side note, I noticed how loud the rifles were. Ah, ha....I realized that the so familiar tube the rifles used to sport was missing from its business end. I don't want to get too far off into the weeds, but in an urban environment, minimizing that three digit decibel levels makes all the difference; in the real world, not understandable, in the PC world where officer and civilian safety is often an afterthought, understandable.

Anyway, for those who have chosen to go into harms way as their profession, a minimum level of equipment with a minimum level of training is not something to aspire to; the best equipment and the best training is the bar. The citizens in HB and the surrounding communities can feel somewhat more comfort in knowing that there is always an element of the HBPD Patrol Rifle Unit ready to respond to the ultimate emergency. The HBPD Training Bureau and associated instructors are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts at providing all the bests to make training day a success. ♥

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understanding that the Lord is ultimately in control. We need to accept that it's not necessary or possible for us to know all things and that we can rest in an all knowing and all loving God to put it all together and to accomplish His purposes in the midst of trials.

As I stated in the first paragraph, this topic is a complex and very difficult one. We have looked at some of the basic truths we need to hold on to, but in our next issue I'd like to look at some of the ways we might choose to respond when we are confronted with trials in our own lives.

Be blessed and stay safe. ♥

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articulable or attainable methodology to analyze the results of this test period. The Chief has said he has no intentions for a 'scientific study' and Captain Reinhart echoed no 'academic study' will be conducted.

The Board cannot comprehend why this BWC process with the Chief and the HBPOA has been so impetuously driven lacking transparency. After all, the BWC is a program to embrace and have an impact on police legitimacy and to improve agency transparency. ♥



BIZARRO



MADD California Salute Heroes

SACRAMENTO - On Saturday, May 30, 2015, individuals, agencies and organizations from across the state were honored by MADD California for their work and dedication to Eliminate Drunk Driving. The 17th Anniversary of the MADD California Statewide Law Enforcement & Community Recognition Dinner – One Step at a Time, which was held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. MADD recognized law enforcement officials, government agencies and community advocates from throughout the state, who have gone beyond the call of duty to combat drunk driving, educate the public on the effects of this violent crime and who have done their part in maintaining safer roadways and communities.

Hundreds attended this prestigious gala. Awards are given to individual officers, departments, state park agencies, media, and community partners whose actions and policies are aligned with MADD's mission to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

Sergeant Dereszynski was awarded with the MADD California Hero Award for his contribution to our community for taking the lead in the 'Know Your Limit' campaign and has trained over 10 agencies. He implemented **"Choose Your Ride Car"** and has been a guest speaker at multiple community meetings. He manages the DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, party cars and bar compliance checks. Dave started his career in law enforcement in 1997. He quickly demonstrated his passion for deterring alcohol related incidents while working patrol. His enthusiasm and concentrated enforcement stance against driving under the influence helped him become selected as a motor officer in 2009. Dave received the MADD Award in 2011, 2012 and 2013, which were all the Centurion Awards.

"The officers recognized with the MADD California Hero Award are experts in the field of impaired driving enforcement. They are leaders in the department in arrests, prevention efforts, and training. Over 140 officers were recognized for the efforts over the last year and we believe that all of the officers have certainly saved lives by removing impaired drivers from California's roads." said Silas Miers, MADD California Program Manager.



The California Statewide Law Enforcement & Community Recognition event is not just an awards ceremony; it is a powerful medium acknowledging the courage and strength of the members of our community who stand up every day to make us safer. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

MADD is a non-profit organization with approximately 2 million members and supporters and 600 affiliates nationwide. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. To learn more, contact your local MADD affiliate or visit www.madd.org. ♥



'Choose Your Ride' CSP Program Vehicle



HBPOA 50th plus 1 Anniversary Party



SRC – Many POA members joined in the celebration of just slightly more than five decades of serving a community and trying to keep each other safe. A few stories were shared as the memorabilia and photos on display shook loose a few cob webs with the retirees. Appreciation gifts (Anniversary coins and T-shirts) were distributed; beverages and snacks were provided too. If you still need to obtain your gifts contact the POA office - via email cfo@hbpoa.org or call 714-842-8851 or drop in.

POA 50th Anniversary COIN

POA 50th Anniversary Coins are available **FREE** along with a T-shirt to any active or retired member of the POA (*even those who ended up as management*). Just stop at the POA office to pick yours up today, or tomorrow, but soon while supplies last. Call prior to make sure someone will be at the office when you drop by – 714-842-8851.



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♥ Officer Michael Johnson
San Jose PD

♥ Officer David Nelson
Bakersfield PD

♥ Sergeant Scott Lunger
Hayward PD

Other
K9 Sultan
Riverside County SD

K9 Nitro
Stockton PD



Family of our Department Family
Daryk Rowland
Betty Sue Rowland
1932 - 2015

Friend of our Department Family
Bonnie Darst Ferreira
Jeffrey Dennis Rhodes
1941 - 2015

Family of our Department Family
Stan Watanabe
Susumu Watanabe
1917 - 2015

Friend of our Department Family
J. Barry Case
Elmer Newton Kinne
1922 - 2015

Family of our Department Family
Glen Syfert
Erwin W. Syfert
1919 - 2015



Police Officer Retired
Huntington Beach PD
Brian "Beamer" Moore
1940 - 2015

Nationally...

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2015 Firefighters

Source: usfa.dhs.gov

Nationally: 50 87
CALIFORNIA - 4 2

2015 Line of Duty

Deaths: 71
CALIFORNIA - 3

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Deaths: 124
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