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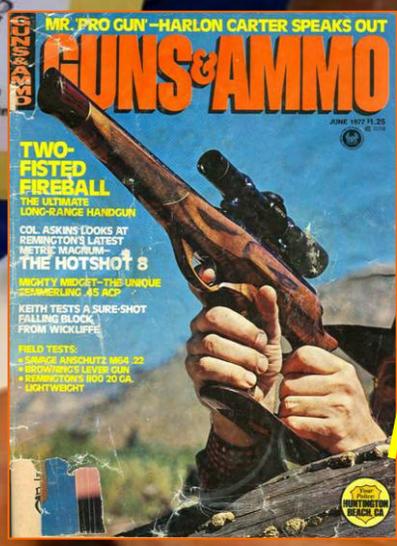
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**JUNE 1977**  
Forty years later...  
Has HBPD Changed?





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVE HUMPHREYS  
*HBPOA President*

We recently honored many fallen officers during National Police Week (May 14-20), which Congress established 55 years ago to recognize law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since September 9, 1850 when California became the 31<sup>st</sup> state, we have grieved the loss of nearly 1,600 California law enforcement officers.

This year, California honored 15 families that lost loved ones who policed several different communities. No words can take away their pain or make sense of the loss these families endure. The Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association offers our heartfelt sympathy and gratitude to the spouses, children, parents, siblings, extended family members and friends of these fallen heroes as we are all forever indebted to them for their sacrifice.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra issued a statement, following the poignant ceremonies at our California State Capital. He said, 'our brave law enforcement officers are the ones who run toward danger instead of away from it. We are reminded that our safety often comes at a supreme price that we can never truly repay.' Becerra concluded his top priority is to 'ensure the safety of the men and women whose bravery knows no match'.

Special honors were also presented at the National Memorial in Washington D.C. honoring 394 names of law enforcement personnel. These names will be etched into stone for their ultimate sacrifice. This was a week to honor the men and women of law enforcement who have been killed and who served our many diverse communities. Police officers truly are the thin blue line that we must vow to support as they risk their lives to safeguard others on a daily basis. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial currently bears the names of over 21,000 fallen officers.

In 2016, police officers across the United States fell victim to an increase of being physically



attacked by 40 percent compared to 2015 statistics. After the election, President Trump directed the Department of Justice to develop a strategy to better prevent and to prosecute crimes of violence against our federal, state and local law enforcement officers. Moreover, the President's goal is to also improve the lives of law enforcement throughout our country and most importantly uphold the benefits for families who bear the loss of a loved one killed in the line of duty. Nationwide, we lost 143 police officers in 2016.

Reminiscent of President Kennedy in 1962, Trump proclaimed May 15, 2017 as 'Peace Officers Memorial Day'. Trump declared this day in the humble appreciation of our hard-working law enforcement officers and called upon all Americans to suitably observe this special day. Trump also called on all governors of the states and officials from other areas subject to jurisdiction of the United States, to direct the flag to be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

As a gesture of national appreciation for all law enforcement across this great nation, President Trump made certain the White House was accentuated, for its first time ever, with a hue of blue lighting on the evening of May 15<sup>th</sup> – a genuine message and symbol of support and appreciation for our entire law enforcement community. This artistic form of social sustenance was to support police and for law enforcement professionals who face 'unfair defamation and vilification' on a daily basis.

The White House had never before worn such a color but in June 2015, the Obama administration lit the White House in rainbow colors after the Supreme Court ruling allowed same-sex marriage. Sadly, following the July 2016 attack and deaths of the Dallas area officers, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Foundation (FLEOF) asked Obama to illuminate the White House in blue in honor of the 'fallen five'. Obama only ordered flags to be flown half-mast and did not light up 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue at the request of the FLEOF.

Trump has accused politicians for failing to support law enforcement which he felt helped shape

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policing to be much more dangerous. Trump reassured his support by saying, 'we must end the reckless words of incitement that give rise to danger and violence and take the time to work with cops, not against them or obstruct them, which is what we have been doing. The sad thing is that many politicians will not say it because it may not be politically correct. I will say it and I will talk about it proudly'.

Family members are still living the nightmare in the loss of Sergeant George Aguilar, an 18-year veteran Police Sergeant with the Inglewood Police Department (CA) who was gunned down and



murdered. Aguilar was senselessly murdered in a botched robbery on March 31, 1988, by members of the Crip gang. Jovone Elster organized this botched robbery that led to the murder of Sgt. Aguilar. Aguilar left behind three young children. Elster was sentenced to a prison term of 32 years to life. This cop killer is soon to be freed.

In 1989, a jury found Elster guilty of first-degree murder as he was the mastermind of the crime resulting in Aguilar's death. Elster was recently granted parole and Governor Jerry Brown reversed the decision. However, a Los Angeles Superior Appellate Court overturned the reversal allowing the original parole to be granted and reinstated. After 28 years into his sentence, Elster was removed from Corcoran Prison and taken into custody by the Los Angeles Sheriff on a 30-year old fraud warrant. Elster will likely take a swift deal on the fraud and be released soon from county jail.

The Aguilar family is struggling with the appellate court's decision. Sergeant Aguilar's son said, 'He absolutely loved his job. He gave his life for it and

now our justice system is going to allow the person responsible for his murder to walk the street'. His daughter, Camille, divulged, 'It was a nightmare for all of us and it has never ended. There should be a law for anyone that kills police officers should never see the outside of prison walls'.

Even closer to home, accused cop killer Michael Mejia recently pleaded not guilty to two murders in a Norwalk (CA) Court. Mejia killed his cousin (Roy Torres) in East Los Angeles and took Torres' vehicle prior to becoming involved in a traffic accident in Whittier. Officer Keith Boyer and his partner contacted Mejia at the accident scene and Mejia opened fire on both officers killing Boyer. Mejia smiled and even chuckled during his court appearance. Mejia, a believed gang member, had been released on parole less than two weeks prior to killing Torres and the Whittier officer.

Many find it appalling our system can conceivably consider parole for people like Elster or Mejia. There are thousands more like them and a continuum of cavalier decision making will only harvest more victims of crime. The citizens of this great state and officers that protect you will continue to deal with this recreational recidivism pool as they are likely to commit more violent crimes and violate parole. We are living the collateral consequences with ongoing and frequent increases in our crime rate, drug abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health matters and community disorder.

Police Week is certainly a great time to honor those that gave their all and a time to reflect and remember them. Conversely, society needs to step back for a moment and take pride in their local law enforcement agencies. Honor the departments and officers with great regard as you would your own neighborhood. Establish partnerships with the police departments and officers and discuss innovative problem-solving approaches with issues that plague your community. Express your gratitude and embrace the law enforcement professionals who put themselves in harm's way, each and every day, to make cities across this country a much safer place to work and live. ♥



## HBPD K9 Unit: SERVING AND PROTECTING HB FOR 45 YEARS

**MICHELE ARNOLD**  
*HBCA Treasurer*

**E**arly in the 1970’s when major metro cities were establishing their canine units, Huntington Beach Police Department recognized the many benefits of the working canines and established its own Canine Unit in 1972. HBPD Canine Unit is the longest continuous running canine program in Orange County and since its inception has worked tirelessly to protect Huntington Beach’s property, businesses and most importantly its residents.

In the beginning years, the HBPD Canine Unit’s Police Service Dog Team’s consisted of both long and short-haired German Shepherds and with the times, the Unit has transitioned to the use of Belgian Malinois. Both the German Shepherds and Malinois were hand selected based on the dog’s temperament and ability to work in various police scenarios including apprehension, search, detection and deterrent. The HBPD Canine Unit has had 36 dogs since 1972 with one casualty, PSD KIM, who died in 1991 as a result of stabbing injuries sustained during the apprehension of a suspect. In its lifetime, HB Canines have had over a thousand searches, detections and apprehensions and worked side-by-side with surrounding police departments to keep all

of Orange County safe.

In 1997, the Huntington Beach Canine Association, [www.HBK9.org](http://www.HBK9.org), was formed to support the HBPD K9’s and their handlers. Comprised of volunteer citizens and the HBPD handlers, the association raises funds to provide the necessary financial and civilian support for the active duty K9s, support the care of the retired K9s; and educate the public about the role and capabilities of the K9 officers as they work within the community. The HB Canine Association currently supports three patrol K9 teams: Officer Thomas and BODHY, Officer Wilson and MARCO and Officer Kansaku and DINGO.

Visit the Association’s web site [www.HBK9.org](http://www.HBK9.org) to get the latest news and information about the current HB K9 Teams! ♥

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**Huntington Beach Police Canine Association**

# Retirement Supplemental Benefit

DENNIS HASHIN  
HBPOA CFO & Office Manager

**R**ecently, it was discovered by the POA that several retired members were not receiving the **“Retirement Supplemental”** that by contract (MOU) they were entitled to receive. According to the 1985-86 MOU, this benefit was negotiated to go into effect beginning April 1, 1987, and was labeled a **“vested”** benefit for employees covered by this agreement.

When applying for retirement, PERS provides members with several options on how they can pass their retirement income to a beneficiary upon their death. Each option has a cost which depending on your choice, will reduce the amount, known as the **“unmodified amount,”** you are eligible to receive. The Retirement Supplemental Benefit will reimburse the cost of the option to the member so they will receive the full-unmodified amount each month.

This benefit was available to members since April 1, 1987, and was not modified until the 1997 - 2000 MOU where a sunset date of July 5, 1998, was added. The City had learned through negotiations that they could not take the benefit away from members, which they wanted to do, but could stop it for any new employees hired after a specific date. In all the subsequent MOUs, it states that to receive this benefit, **“the member is a unit employee who was hired prior to July 6, 1998.”**

Recent inquires from past members / retirees have revealed that not all members who are eligible for this benefit have been receiving it. In several incidents, the length of time members have not been getting paid for this benefit has been 10 to 14 years. This has resulted in a loss of tens of thousands of dollars of income. One of the reason this has occurred is because when the member filed for their retirement, they did not know that this benefit existed and the City did not tell them.

The POA has been able to help these members moving forward to get the retirement supplemental benefit they are entitled to. However,

the City has not been willing to reimburse the members the full amount they had lost, but instead only for four years of loss income. These decisions by the City’s Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan and Trust Board Committee has taken the forty-five to fifty thousand dollars of income benefits members are entitled to and reduced it to about fourteen to fifteen thousand dollars. The POA believes members should receive the full amount they are entitled to and is trying to work with the City and this committee to that end.



Since 2010, the POA has offered to all of our members a retirement review, which explains all the retirement benefits members have earned. However, the POA believes there may be more retired members who are entitled but not receiving the supplemental retirement benefit simply because they were not told about it. Therefore, if you are a retired member who was hired before July 5, 1998 and retired after April 1, 1987, and are not receiving a supplemental retirement check from the City at the end of each month, you may be losing retirement income and should contact the POA Office (714-842-8851). This may also apply to members who are vested in PERS but separated

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from the City prior to reaching retirement age and were hired prior to July 6, 1998.

It is interesting that the Retirement Supplemental Benefit was negotiated for and granted not only to the POA, but also to all other city employee associations. Although I do not know the date when this benefit started for the other associations, by reviewing the current MOUs I found the following sunset dates of when members had to be hired prior to in order to be entitled to this benefit. These dates are as follows:

**Police Officers' Association (POA)  
Prior to July 6, 1998**

**Police Management Association (PMA)  
Prior to July 6, 1998**

**Fire Fighters' Association (FFA)  
Prior to October 4, 1999**

**Fire Management Association (FMA)  
Prior to August 17, 1998**

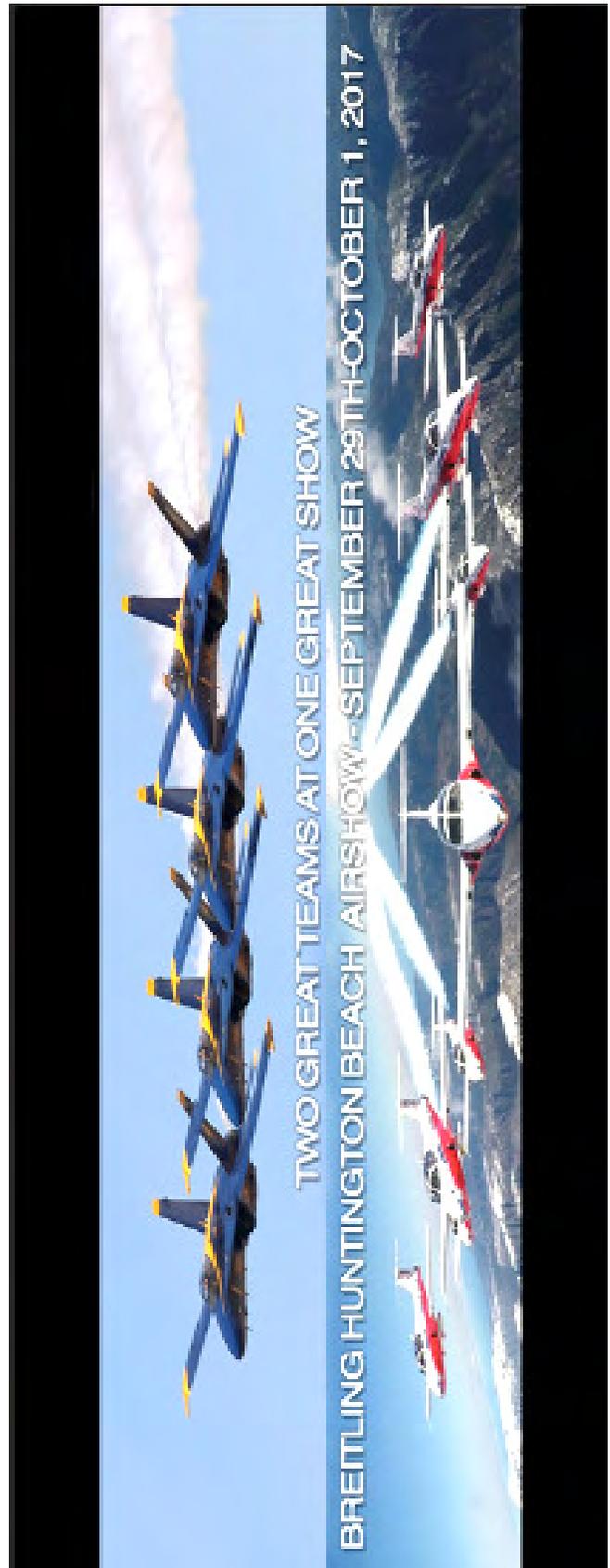
**Marine Safety Officers' (MSO)  
Prior to November 2, 1998**

**Municipal Employee Association (MEA)  
Prior to December 27, 1997**

**Management Employee Organization (MEO)  
Prior to August 17, 1998**

**Non-Associated Employees' (NON)  
December 27, 1997**

If you are retired from the City and had been a member of any of the listed employee organizations, were hired before the "prior to" date, chose one of the retirement options offered by PERS and have not been receiving a supplemental retirement check each month from the City, you should contact your association or the POA for help. ♥



# YOUR POLICE

## HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA P.D.



The location of Huntington Beach, California draws both a variety of visitors as well as the problems found in any resort area. The city's police department is fully prepared to handle any situation with its staff of highly-trained personnel, including two five-man S.W.A.T. teams who utilize the most modern law-enforcement firearms. These include: (L. to r.) Ingram M-10 .45 caliber automatic, AR-18, Remington Model 700 BDL in .308 caliber, Ithaca Model 37 12-gauge shotgun with an 18 1/4-inch barrel which launches S&W C.S. baseball grenades. The department also maintains a bus which is fully equipped with radio, telephone and all necessary emergency equipment for use as a mobile field center.

By Burt Miller

□ The City of Huntington Beach, California, is located on a portion of the old Las Bolsas Spanish Rancho which was sold off in parcels in the 1880s. Originally known as Shell Beach, then Pacific City, it was incorporated as Huntington Beach in 1909. Between 1945 and 1974 rapid population growth and a series of over 46 annexations significantly expanded the city. For each of the years between 1960-1970 Huntington Beach was the fastest growing city in the United States. The present population is estimated at 160,000 and still growing.

### ORGANIZATION

In 1974 the Police Department moved to a new three-story 80,000 square-foot police building in the new civic center complex. The police department has 178 sworn officers and 113 civilian employees in its four divisions. Special units within the police department are: Aero Bureau, K-9s, Bomb Squad, S.W.A.T., Special Enforcement Detail and other bureaus normally associated with police operations. The department also maintains a reserve force of 50 personnel and a Cadet program which includes 30 trainees.

All officers with the Department meet and exceed the training requirements imposed by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. A fully staffed Training Bu-



reau coordinates and provides for in-house training needs.

### EQUIPMENT

The standard sidearm is the Smith & Wesson Model 66 (stainless steel) .357 Magnum with a 4-inch barrel, which is issued with two Second Six speedloaders and pouches. The Department furnishes each officer with 18 rounds of Remington-Peters, semi-jacketed, hollow-point, .38 caliber, 125-grain ammo each four months. Each officer is authorized to carry six rounds of .357 Magnum ammunition for special emergency situations.

The standard shotgun carried in each patrol car is a Remington Model 870, five-shot, 12-gauge riot gun with an 18 1/4-inch barrel. These same arms with a folding stock are utilized by plainclothes officers for special situations. Arms selected for the S.W.A.T. counter-snipers—which consists of two five-man teams—are Remington 700 BDL in .308 caliber, equipped with

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CHIEF EARLE W. ROBITAILLE

Huntington Beach's Chief of Police has been in law enforcement for over 20 years. He came to the Huntington Beach Police Department in 1963 after eight years of experience with Compton, California Police Department and as a Criminal Investigator with the United States Treasury Department. Chief Robitaille has earned a B.S. degree in Police Administration from the University of Southern California, where he is presently a candidate for a Doctorate in Urban Public Administration.

## YOUR POLICE

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Leupold M8-4X scopes. Douglas XX premium barrels have been substituted to insure even greater accuracy. For the observers, Armalite AR-18s proved to be the most desirable. The department feels that AR-18s are light, easily carried, accurate, and provide maximum firepower. Team commanders carry Ingram M-10 .45 caliber automatics. Team leaders prefer modified Remington Model 870 12-gauge shotguns, with folding stocks for maneuverability in close quarters. The gas man operates an Ithaca Model 37 12-gauge shotgun with an 18¼-inch barrel, which launches Smith & Wesson C.S. baseball grenades.

All S.W.A.T. team members carry Colt .45 caliber semi-auto pistols. Qualification with both this gun and the department-issued .357 is mandated monthly by the Chief of Police.

The department is proud of its pistol team which is composed of 12 police officers who compete in State competition approximately twice a month. Retired officer Bob Dawson is a member of the Governors top 20 shooters. Most officers use a 6-inch Colt Python or S&W Model 19 with Huntington Beach Police Department's reloads.

All firearms training for H.B.P.D. is conducted at the Huntington Beach Pistol and Rifle Range which is owned and operated by the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association. The range represents a \$300,000 investment and is comprised of a 26-position all-weather A.S.C., 25-yard course, a 24-position, 50-yard combat course and a 10-position, 100-yard rifle course which is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1977. A reloading building is located on the site to house the association's Rosen Auto-Load machine and supplies. The association reloads between 80,000 and 100,000 rounds per month for sale to the public and police agencies who utilize the range. Approximately 250 citizens a week shoot the American Standard Course.

Chief Robitaille maintains that an effective police force is one where all officers constantly train with and become proficient in the use of their firearms. An alert officer, as well as one who is capable of handling any situation under pressure, coupled with firearms proficiency is the key to an efficient police department. The chief also feels that a more powerful sidearm such as the .357 Magnum rather than the .38 Special is necessary in not only stopping criminals, but in saving officers lives.

Huntington Beach officers are required to shoot and qualify on the 60-round modified combat course monthly. Additionally, each fourth month, officers are required to fire a 160-round

night course with pistol and shotgun. This training is done with flashlights and subdued lighting.

Vehicles utilized by the department include a Maule single-engine aircraft which is used for general patrol while Jeeps and other 4-wheel drive vehicles are used along the city's beach. The H.B.P.D. also employs a special bus which was remodeled by the Police Explorer Post and donated to the department for use as a mobile field command center. This bus contains all necessary radio, telephone and other emergency services along with a kitchen, restroom and bunk.

The standard patrol car is a black and white, 4-door Pontiac LeMans sedan. The Canine (K-9) Unit which functions within the Patrol Division consists of three teams. German Shepherds were selected because of their loyalty, intelligence and temperament.

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

One of the most successful crime prevention programs ever undertaken in Huntington Beach is the Neighborhood

Watch Program, a recent \$1000 Community Service Award winner from Disney Corporation.

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch is a self-help crime prevention program operated by volunteer citizens. Its purpose is to create an alert neighborhood by teaching simple crime prevention measures and providing both specific and general information concerning crime in each neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch encourages residents to familiarize themselves with the activities of their neighborhood and to promptly report any suspicious activity to the police. The police department provides the necessary training.

Community meetings are held monthly at the police department. Guest speakers range from judges to ex-burglars. The meetings have proven most successful in educating the public.

With modern law-enforcement methods and equipment, high esprit de corps, and good community relations, it is no wonder that in a state noted for its outstanding police departments, Huntington Beach stands high. 🐾

JFA NOTE: This article had been forwarded to the JFA files several years ago and finally has made its way to an issue, possibly at a relevant time. We thank the submitter - John 'Junior' Blackwell for doing so.

Obviously some of the Department details mentioned in the article have been greatly reduced, reorganized or completely eliminated over the past 40-years. We welcome your retrospective or prospective views on where Huntington Beach Police Department has been and what the possible future holds for us.



# SPORTS



## 2017 POLICE UNITY TOUR

"WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO DIED"

[www.policeunitytour.com](http://www.policeunitytour.com)

RICHARD CHEN  
HBPOA Member

Riding the Police Unity Tour with Chapter 37 is a unique and sobering experience. It's not about riding 275 miles over four days from New York City to Washington D.C. It's not about being cold and wet or sore from sitting in the saddle for 10+ hours a day. It's about talking to a survivor who lost a parent, spouse, sibling, son or daughter. It's about listening to their story, feeling their heartache and finding strength.

The purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to honor the memory of officers who gave their lives in service to their community. This year, over 2,400 riders raised over \$2.0 million for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum in Washington D.C.

Jack Paholski, Rob Handy, Roman Altenbach and I participated in this year's Police Unity Tour. For several months leading up to the ride, we trained and raised over \$10,000 for the Memorial Fund. On May 9, 2017, we started with a solemn ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. We remembered the 145 Officers killed in the U.S. in 2016. We remembered the 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 23 NYPD officers killed on September 11, 2001. We also honored 71 Officers who died after 2001 due to illnesses caused from their injury or exposure on 9/11.

Over four days, we rode through busy city streets, suburbs and countryside, in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and finally Washington D.C. Streets were often lined with cheering children, saluting officers and firefighters, and ladder trucks with large waving flags. The tour ended on May 12, 2017, as we rode into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, amidst hundreds of survivors remembering their loved ones.

Everyone is welcome to participate in next year's Police Unity Tour. Although space is limited, every effort is made to include new riders. ♥





NEVADA – Detective S. Mack (Retired) competed in the Nevada Police and Fire Games, in the shotgun events. He won 1-Gold, 3-Silver, and 3-Bronze Medals – pictured above.

Congratulations! Now onto the World Games?



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## COVER PHOTO STORY



**HB 92648** – Since entering into contract talks and learning that the extreme rains of 2017 Storm Watch ‘dampened’ the usual parking revenues anticipated by the city (In fees or parking violation citations) the city coffers have been reduced.

Thusly, contract talks once again stem around the city’s alleged burden to pay the front line ambassadors of the city, their employees. The police department was directed by the City Manager Fred Wilson to cut the department budget by \$1.3 million, which had its effect on many items...

No budget money for training and reduced available overtime as the busy summer season is upon us. Maybe it will be a quiet summer. ♥

STOP BY THE BAKE SALE AND HELP US HELP OUT THE CITY.

# Congratulations!



**ATAC**



*Orange County Auto Theft Recovery  
Officer of the Year 2016  
For Huntington Beach PD*

**Police Officer Jeff Gasteiger**



## An Election for You!



**Submit Your Name  
For the Board of Directors  
in the 2017 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*

## Missing something?



*If you have moved notify us.*

**DO NOT MISS AN EVENT OR ANYTHING  
HAPPENING WITH THE POA**



*Coming soon...*

**NEW PHONE HBPOA APP**



*“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

(John 8:32)

## The Paradox of Freedom and Truth

**ROGER WING**  
HBPD Police Chaplain

**W**ith Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> recently behind us and, as I observe and reflect on all that is going on in this country and the world each and every day, it makes me pause to consider just what freedom is all about. It seems to me that the word freedom has been transformed from its original intent to a new idea that provides rich soil for the lawlessness, civil disobedience, and unrest that we see today. And that has a direct impact on the job each of you perform each day. Freedom, in its original context, meant that everyone would be given an equal opportunity to live, grow and prosper. It was a freedom to succeed on an equal playing field. But that seems to have become distorted over time to mean that everyone can just do whatever they want to do based on what they believe or feel is right. The obvious problem with that definition is that you and I may have very different perspectives on what is “right”. As Police Officers, you see this being worked out on the streets in our community every day. What was once good and righteous has been distorted and transformed to the pursuit of freedom to do whatever pleases each person on their own terms.

But with freedom comes responsibility. Getting a driver's license allows us the freedom to drive, but we still need to follow the rules. If everyone just drove the way they thought was best for them, think of the chaos that would be created. We know the right way to drive in our city by following the stop signs and lights, the posted speed limits, and the other rules of the road. And that also can be applied to all aspects of life. However it's a bit easier to know what's lawful from what isn't when warning and instructional signs are visibly posted. So how can we navigate through the areas of life that don't necessarily have posted signs?

By knowing and obeying what God tells us in His Word, we will come to discover the truth that sets us free and that gives us the freedom to live, grow and prosper in a way that yields both a joyful life and an ultimate eternal reward. People who live by their own self-determined rules become blinded to the truth and never truly attain freedom. Everyone will just do what's right in their own eyes based on a convenient theology for their own lives. But that path just leads to deception and destruction. The world presents us with a mantra that suggests to people a “*freedom*” that ultimately only yields greed, sexual immorality, pride, self-indulgence, and ultimately death and separation from God. It's a mantra that leads to addiction, broken families, and broken lives. You see the results of that blindness to the truth, those unwise decisions and ways of life in Huntington Beach each day. And I don't believe that anyone truly wants that for their lives or for their families. I don't really look at people anymore in terms of just being good or evil. I look at them as being able to see the truth clearly or being blinded from the truth. Most people, if exposed to the real truth, will consider changing their perspective. Times, leaders, nations and cultures are continually changing. But real truth presented in the Word of God never changes.

So how do we learn the truth that will ultimately set us free from the bondage of sin, despair, and a path that leads to destruction? The answer is clearly presented in God's Word to us presented in the Bible. And if we read His Word and respond to it as He indicates, we will soon see more clearly what real truth is. God's Word hasn't

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Independence Day

JULY 4  
WORKING HOLIDAY



## Vans US Open of Surfing

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# WE REMEMBER...

**JEFF HUSS**

*HBPOA Dinosaur Member (Retired)*

During the month of May our profession remembers our fallen brothers and sisters who have died in the line of duty with local, state and national remembrance ceremonies. Our nation also honors our fallen military personnel who have also paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

During all of these ceremonies many speakers make the unifying statement to the survivors that we will never forget their loved one or them for their sacrifices. These words and that commitment must be honored by all of us.

I had the honor and pleasure to reintroduce myself to the survivors of our fallen officer Police Officer Leslie J. Prince (EOW: 12-01-1974) at this year's Orange County Peace Officers' Memorial ceremony and vigil. I had last met them nearly 20 years ago for a Police Week ceremony that was held at Police Officer Leslie J. Prince Park on Trinidad Island.



L-R: Lynda Prince Rudesill, J. Huss, Robert and Donna Officer Prince's brother and sister.

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**THROUGHOUT**

**MAY**



Last year the POA had extended an invitation to Lynda, her husband Robert and her son Michael and his wife to go back to Washington, DC to experience National Police Week, but sadly, this past fall Lynda lost her second husband, Robert and they were unable to do so. In speaking with Lynda we hope that the journey will be made in May of 2018. Lynda had mentioned to me that they have seen the state memorial in Sacramento, but have never visited the National Law Enforcement Memorial wall in Washington, DC.

I was able to introduce them to other members of the Department who were in attendance at the ceremony and vigil. Chief Handy pledged his support to assist Lynda in whatever way he or the Department could for the proposed visit to Washington, DC next year.

I had shared some of the ways that Officer Prince is remembered by the Department and POA. It touched her to know that Leslie is still remembered daily by the working men and women of the Huntington Beach Police Department.

The Orange County Peace Officer Memorial ceremony and vigil, which is held the last Thursday of the month of May was a tribute to our fallen heroes and I hope everyone has an opportunity to attend it in the future.

I hope that we all take a moment to reflect on all of our heroes, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have made sacrifices for this great country and those of the thin blue line that have made sacrifices in our communities across this nation to keep us safe... God bless them one and all. ♥

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# R A N D O M thoughts

*"If one follows one's self-interest, one wants to be safe, whereas the path of justice and honor involves one in danger."*

-- Thucydides, *The History of the Peloponnesian War*

**ART PREECE**

*HBPOA Member & Past Director (Retired)*

I have to admit, I occasionally watch cop shows. I've noticed that a significant number of officers say something to the effect of, *"My main goal every shift is to get back home to my family."* Sounds nice, but, in my humble opinion, this is anathema to my understanding of what law-enforcement's creed is. When I was in the trenches handling a critical situation, the thought of me getting home safely at the end of my shift never entered my mind; it was protecting people and resolving the issue expeditiously with as little potential danger to the public as possible. If that meant increasing the potential of harm to the officers if its net effect was inversely related to the public, so be it. Suggestion to officers who make this statement: STOP, as it creates a mind-set among officers, and sends a less-than-positive message to those of the public who are astute enough to read between the lines, and if you really believe it's more noble and important to get home to your family at the end of shift, seek employment elsewhere as your head, heart and passion are not in this profession.

The other day, I read a disturbing stat: nearly two-thirds of today's police officers participating in a survey indicated that they are much more likely not to participate in pro-active policing. For our readers who are not familiar with the concept of pro-active policing, it is a pseudonym for preventative policing, a good portion of which is recognizing when some type of skullduggery is afoot before dispatch receives that 9-1-1 call and jumping into that gray area of policing to effect prevention of said skullduggery. Considering these statistics, Proposition 47 and the rising crime statistics, I would be wise to seek out some publicly traded wrought iron businesses to add to my portfolio.

For the last few decades, I had that LE exemption from jury duty. Well, that ended not too long ago and I was sent an on-call status notification for the local justice center. The on-call status changed with a mandatory appearance for jury selection (It can all be done on-line now. Absolutely amazing!). I showed up to the cattle call and was selected for a civil trial. For the first round, I was seated as an alternate. I gave my bio and the judge and both attorneys, plaintiff's and respondent's, had nary a question for me, which was very unlike what happened to all the other selectees whom they questioned ad nauseam. The attorneys started exercising their preemptory challenges and it wasn't long before I was told to take seat #1 in the jury box. No sooner had my nalgas touched the seat, literally, when the plaintiff's counsel thanked and excused me. Seriously, it happened so fast that everyone in the court room started chuckling. Was it my wardrobe or something I didn't do or say? The day wasn't a complete loss as I had lunch with the legendary HBPD Detective Emeritus Michael P. Reilly.

Being in the process of jury selection reminded me of the opportunities I had sitting with the deputy district attorneys during jury selection. In some form, the prospective jurors were always solicited for their opinions concerning law-enforcement; if they had any biases one way or the other. As LE officers, one of the considerations we MAY be able to entertain in any given situation is, how is this going to play out in the big picture...how may our actions affect those involved, even tangentially, if they were to sit as jurors in a criminal case. LE must distance itself from performance standards in the sense of quotas as much as possible: quality not quantity sells.

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**Random Thoughts** – Continued from page 15.

I was fortunate enough to know Gil Coerper and work with him as a police officer, City Council member and Mayor of HB; the most pro-police and civic minded person I've known. Two HB officers: Mike Metoyer and Dave Humphreys; and Gil's son Michael, a Major in the U.S. Army, eulogized him. These were the most impressive and heart felt eulogies I have, in memory, had the pleasure of hearing. Congratulations should also be given to the omnipresent Officer Victoria Shroyer (Ret. HBPD) for the very nice post-funeral reception. You gotta love Vicki. I wish I had a small percentage of her energy. Although there are 7 billion people on this world of ours, Gil's spot is going to one of the few that the good Lord is going to have a difficult time filling.

Just finished the "War on Cops" written by Heather Mac Donald... very good read. Gives some perspective to the 'Reform the Justice System' movement. Some think that if the word REFORM is included in any ideological construct, the idea must be a good thing. Historically, often times reform has had unintended consequences, catastrophic unintended consequences. How's that REMORMATIVE Prop 47 doing? I think most will agree that adaptive change is sometimes a good thing, but to turn the whole system upside down so that it passes the 'social justice' smell test should be seriously reconsidered. As those of us who have been in law enforcement for any length of time know, it takes some effort to become a prison inmate. Convicts have done something relatively heinous or have quite the personal history of not playing well with others and ignoring any efforts at giving them a second, third, fourth, etc. chance.

**Hope to see you all at the retirement party! ♥**

**ALL  
Department Employees  
Welcome to Attend**

MEADOWLARK GOLF CLUB

**Chaplain's Corner** – Continued from page 13.

changed from the time it was written centuries ago. It's a truth that never changes or fails.

Galatians 6:7-8 tells us, "**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life**". This is true for our own lives and it's true for the generations that will follow us. Learn the truth! Respond to the truth! And the truth will set you free and give you an abundant eternal life with Him.

Be blessed and be safe. ♥



## Correspondence...

COMMENTS, KUDOS, COMPLAINTS



### Email Tribute

I want to say a big thanks to Michael Kelly for the beautiful tribute to his friend and our fellow officer, Sergeant Bill Meers.

I am looking forward to seeing Sgt. Bill in heaven one day in the future.

**Merle Schnoblin**  
HBPD Captain (Retired)

### Email Our Condolences

My wife, Catherine and I were saddened to hear of the passing of both Gil Coerper and Bill Meers in the recent edition of "Justice For All," which we just received... I remember them both very well and enjoyed working with them both. They will be missed very much. Wishing blessings on their families to know we are praying for them and peace be on them.

Thank you for continuing to send me the newsletter and keeping us informed on what is happening back at HBPD. I do look forward to each issue.

**Rich McMillan**  
HBPD Senior Officer (Retired)

### Email President's Message

David (*Mister President*) the article was Excellent!

**J. Barry Case**  
HBPD Sergeant (Retired)

### FB Posting Farewell to Heroes

Dave Humphrey's article in the April issue of the POA Newsletter was great! Since it was published in the "April Fools' Issue"... did he mean it? Or was it a joke? LOL

**Midge Martin**  
HBPD Alumni (Retired)



Has the JFA traveled with you recently? Submit your photo holding a recent issue of the JFA with another law enforcement officer or at a related law enforcement site. Printed submission will receive a cup of java on us.



**PRONTO POLIZIA** – Agente Polizia Locale - Bartolomeo Pacifico is with Motor Officer C. Bales. He is part of the local Polizia in Riomaggiore, Italy. Area of Cinco Terra (Five Terra, the five lands). These five little towns are built in the walls of the mountains along the coast of Italy.





2017



## HBPD RETIREMENT PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 – 5:30 PM  
MEADOWLARK GOLF COURSE-HUNTINGTON BEACH

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CAPTAIN RUSS REINHART  
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# SRC UPDATE

30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary



## **SRC BOARD**

**T**he HB SRC is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The SRC was formed in 1987 as a social club for its members. It is a jewel that our members value and cherish, and a model for other departments that is often imitated but never duplicated. Your board will be coordinating a 30th Anniversary celebration tentatively scheduled during the month of September.

The HB SRC will be undergoing minor construction in the month of June. The remodel will be completed by July 1st. During this period of time, the SRC will remain closed.

The remodel will consist of remodeling the bar, upgrading electrical and lighting, new cabinets for storage, a matching quartz counter and bar top, cabinets and larger television and sound system.

In a future remodel, the bathroom and furniture will be upgraded.

We could not have completed this remodel so quickly without the generous support of Judy Rubin, who is the sister of former HBPD Officer James Rubin. After his untimely passing, and hearing stories of love and admiration for her brother (from retirees Randy Toburen and Barry Case), Judy made a significant donation to the SRC in her brother's name. We are forever thankful to Judy and appreciative of her grace and thoughtfulness.

Godspeed Jim Rubin!

In other things important, the SRC delinquent tax filing situation has been resolved and once again we have applied for and received our 501(c) (7) status. This tax situation was a major concern of your SRC board and we are grateful that it is resolved.

More than 30 years ago the club was just an idea to members of old. Before that time, fellowship occurred under the stars, there was no roof, air conditioning or restroom facilities. The small fraternity of forward thinking pioneers treated each other with reverent allegiance and built the SRC with their own blood and sweat.

Recently some of our order has been shaken. Your board asks for your cooperation and staunch support in making our club environment friendly and cordial. To those who love our club, few things are more disheartening than walking inside and seeing that other members do not care enough to clean up after themselves. Although we do have a weekly cleaning service, we ask for your cooperation in keeping the club clean and being responsible. PLEASE clean up after yourself (and your partner) and feel free to wipe down the counters and empty the trash when it needs to be done. In doing so, we can ensure the club will not only continue to get better, but will remain available to all of its members in perpetuity. ♥

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1980 - 2017



# IN MEMORIAM



## California's Fallen...

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### Line-of-Duty Deaths – 2017

♥ **Officer Keith Boyer**  
Whittier PD

**Deputy Michael Foley**  
Alameda County SD

♥ **Officer Lucas Chellew**  
CHP – South Sacramento

♥ **Deputy Jason Garner**  
Stanislaus County SD



**HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD DETAIL**  
California Peace Officers' Memorial | Sacramento, CA

### Nationally...

Source: [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)



#### 2017 Firefighters

Source: [usfa.dhs.gov](http://usfa.dhs.gov)

Nationally:	46	89
CALIFORNIA -	3	4

#### 2017 Line of Duty

Deaths: 58  
CALIFORNIA – 4

#### 2016 Line of Duty

Deaths: 140  
CALIFORNIA – 11

#### 2015 Line of Duty

Deaths: 130  
CALIFORNIA – 6



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