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BSO-PBA Reps Meet with Sheriff Jenne *Deputies' Input Encouraged*

by Pat Hanrahan, Sr. Vice President

On February 24 the BSO - PBA Reps met with Sheriff Ken Jenne for a one-on-one talk. The Sheriff requested this meeting to ensure that the lines of communication between him and the PBA are open. The Sheriff stated that he asked for this meeting to hear what can be done to make the agency better.

Sheriff Jenne pledged to speak directly with his command staff and tell them that employees have and will be asked to speak with him directly, and there will be no retaliation for those who do. He honestly wants to hear from employees. He will visit every law enforcement command, attending roll calls and riding with deputies. The Sheriff is serious; if you have constructive criticism, let it be

heard. Let him know directly or tell your PBA Representative. If you see him in your command, stop and introduce yourself. Tell him what's on your mind.

During the meeting, the Sheriff was asked if he intended to resign. He said absolutely not; he would never leave BSO with all the current problems unresolved. He has never run from a fight and will not start now.

He was asked about deputies participating in union-sponsored activities, such as the support rallies for Deputies Zapata and Thieman. He said that as long as the deputy is off-duty, not in uniform and does not embarrass the Sheriff's Office, that deputy has a Constitutional right to participate, and there would be no retaliation from the Sheriff or his command staff.

Sheriff Jenne agreed to raise the rates for special details and directed his General Counsel to immediately meet with the PBA to settle the issue. A meeting was held, but the issues have not been officially agreed to as of yet. Any rumors regarding the final agree are FALSE. Once an agreement is reached, the PBA will notify you.

Among the other items of discussion was the suspension of POWERTRAC. Sheriff Jenne made it clear that every organization needs an accountability system, and that it was time to reorganize and modernize. Accountability at BSO will now take a regional approach and a more problem-solving attitude. The days of a scripted POWERTRAC session are over. It was also brought up that some districts were still having mini-POWERTRAC sessions. He said that they would be stopped. If your district command is still conducting mini-POWERTRACs, contact the PBA.

The PBA asked when the State Attorney's investigation would end. The Sheriff stated the investigation is in the hands of the State Attorney's office and only they can answer that question. The PBA thanked Sheriff Jenne for his support of Deputies Thieman and Zapata by suspending them *with pay*.

The Sheriff reiterated how proud he was of the work each of his employees does every day. More of these face-to-face meetings are planned for the future.

Remember, the Sheriff is seeking your input. This is your chance. Do you have an idea? Do you have a suggestion? Do you see something that is not working? Let him know directly or tell your PBA Reps. We will keep you updated.

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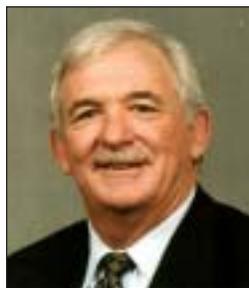
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President's Message

My appreciation goes out to all of those PBA members who have called in support of our BSO members who are being singled out as the target of attacks, some say politically motivated attacks, by the SAO. Those members who showed up for the arraignments of deputies Thieman and Zappata could not have shown better unity. Both these individuals have told us how much they appreciate the brotherhood that was shown by other members from across Broward County. Even members from the Dade County PBA showed up to give their support.

Although some have criticized our actions, it is because those critics have misunderstood our message. The PBA does not condone criminal activity, **BUT** we feel strongly that the individual actions of these deputies do not constitute violations of the law.

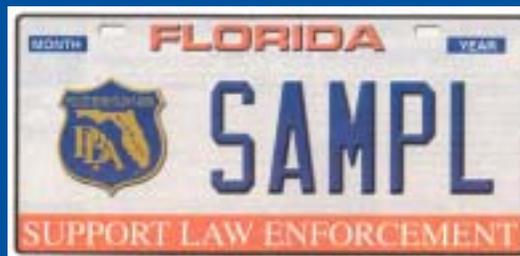
We have stated over and over that these accusations should be handled administratively, within BSO, not criminally.

Remember, let's stand united in support of our fellow members; in the end we will **WIN**.

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From The Editor

It's time to speak up

You've all heard the expression, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Those who speak up reap the rewards. For our members at the Broward Sheriff's Office, it's time to speak up. Sheriff Jenne will be visiting your district at some point, and he wants to hear what you think. If you see something that needs to be fixed, tell him. Don't just complain, think of a way to fix the problem. This is your opportunity to make real changes in your workplace, changes that will affect you directly. The Sheriff has made a commitment to listen to his deputies and staff. You are the ones out there on the street, you see what needs to be done. Let him know.

If you don't meet the Sheriff face-to-face, tell your PBA rep. That's what they are there for. Our reps will be meeting with the Sheriff again, and they can bring your concerns to him directly.

Problems cannot be fixed if those that have the power to fix them don't know about them. And don't assume that someone else will bring it up - the more people that speak out, the more likely it is that something will be done.

Hollywood SWAT Members Reinstated



In our March issue, we reported that three Hollywood SWAT supervisors were removed from the team for facilitating participation in the rally for Deputy Chris Thieman on February 2, 2005.

PBA General Counsel Barbara Duffy immediately filed a grievance on February 17, claiming the supervisors were discriminated against for their political activity.

On February 22, all three supervisors were reinstated to the team. The PBA would like to thank the BSO members as well as all the other members throughout the organization who showed support for these officers.

The problems that BSO has been facing lately have created a unique opportunity, a chance to affect real change. Many deputies have come to BSO from other agencies and have a different perspective on how things should work; this is exactly what is needed now. Your experience and knowledge is invaluable. Use it to your advantage.

If you want a better work environment, a better agency, a better career, now is the time to take action. It's in your hands - go ahead and squeak. If you don't, you'll only have yourself to blame.

It's PBA Scholarship Time

Deadline for applications is May 31

The Broward County PBA is accepting applications for its 2005 scholarships.

In order to qualify, applicants must be the son or daughter of a Broward County PBA member. The parent must have been a member for at least two years and currently be a member in good standing.

Applicants must also be or plan to be a full- or part-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

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Case: False statement on an employment application (2 counts)

Commission staff determined that a law enforcement officer had provided false information on an employment application with a law enforcement agency. The officer was already employed by another agency. During the background investigation, it was discovered that the officer had been arrested in another state. On his application, the respondent answered "no" to "Have you ever been detained, arrested, taken into custody or been the subject of any investigation?" The employing agency conducted an internal investigation and determined that the respondent had also provided false information on the employment application when applying for the job with their agency. The respondent's employment was terminated.

Penalty guideline:

Prospective suspension to revocation

A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was reached with the respondent. He agreed to one year prospective suspension to begin fifteen days after the filing of the Final Order, followed by two years of probation to begin upon completion of the suspension and mandatory attendance in an ethics course with proof of completion to be provided.

Disciplinary action by the commission: Staff's penalty recommendation was accepted

Case: Perjury in an official proceeding; false report to law enforcement

A law enforcement officer allowed his fifteen-year-old nephew to drive his official vehicle. The boy crashed it into a utility pole.

The officer took the car to a body shop and said that he would use his private insurance or otherwise pay for the damage himself. Eventually, a law enforcement agency was contacted regarding the crash. The respondent told the investigating officer that he crashed the vehicle after some children on bikes had distracted him. He received a citation for leaving the scene of an accident. He was also interviewed under oath. After it was determined that the respondent may not have been driving the car at the time of the crash, the investigating officer reinterviewed the respondent and confronted him with the evidence that someone else may have been driving. The respondent then admitted that his nephew was driving and later resigned.

Penalty Guideline:

Prospective suspension to revocation (on each charge)

Disciplinary action by the commission: One year retroactive suspension, two weeks' prospective suspension and one year of probation with the completion of an ethics course during the probationary period

Case: Maintaining an unprofessional relationship with an inmate; perjury in an official proceeding

A correctional officer resigned after allegations of a staff/inmate relationship were sustained.

An inmate informed the agency that he and the respondent were involved in a personal relationship and that the officer was "running around" on him with another inmate. An investigation revealed that the inmate had knowledge of personal

information about the respondent, and that he had given her a note he'd written.

During a sworn interview, the respondent denied giving the inmate any personal information about herself or that she had received any written correspondence from him.

During a second sworn interview, the respondent admitted that she and the inmate exchanged personal information about themselves and that the inmate had written her a poem.

Penalty guideline:

Revocation; prospective suspension to revocation

Disciplinary action by the commission: Revocation

Case: Misuse of official position

A law enforcement officer issued a parking citation and placed it on a news reporter's van while the reporter was conducting an investigative report for a local TV station. The reporter and the respondent began discussing the reason for the ticket. During the conversation, the respondent offered to rescind the citation in exchange for her professional assistance. Two members of the news staff heard the respondent make the request.

The respondents asked that the reporter produce and broadcast a derogatory report about the director of the agency. The reporter gave the officer her card, and he removed the ticket from the van. He later resigned and received a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. The judge issued a recommended order imposing a sentence of one year of suspension.

Penalty guideline:

Suspension

Disciplinary action by the committee: Accepted the order from the judge



Health & Fitness

Lift Your Spirits

If you're struggling to get to the gym, consider this: workouts are a good way to beat the blues.

In a study of adults with mild to moderate depression, researchers noted that burning a certain number of calories each week through aerobic exercise resulted in significantly lower depression scores over time.

The workouts in the study were equivalent to a 150-pound person burning about 1,200 calories per week.

Source: RealAge.com

Rules Of Gym Etiquette

Things to remember during your workout

Before you step in the gym the next time, remind yourself of these important rules:

Be quiet. No cell phones, and no loud talking. It distracts people and makes them lose focus.

Clean off the machines. Do you want to sit in other people's sweat? They don't want to sit in yours, either. Wipe off the machine or, better yet, cover the seat or bench with a towel.

Be careful when handling weights. It's disruptive to allow free weights to slam on the floor or weight stacks to crash together. It can also damage the equipment, and can cause you injury because it indicates that you cannot control the weight being used. Also remember to put weights back when you're done.

Share the equipment. Trade off sets with someone who's waiting to use the machine. You can rest while they lift. But wait until the person using the machine has finished a set so you don't blow their concentration or interfere with their breathing.

Watch your odor. Make sure your gym clothes are washed regularly and don't wear overbearing cologne or perfume.

Source: MSN Fit in the City

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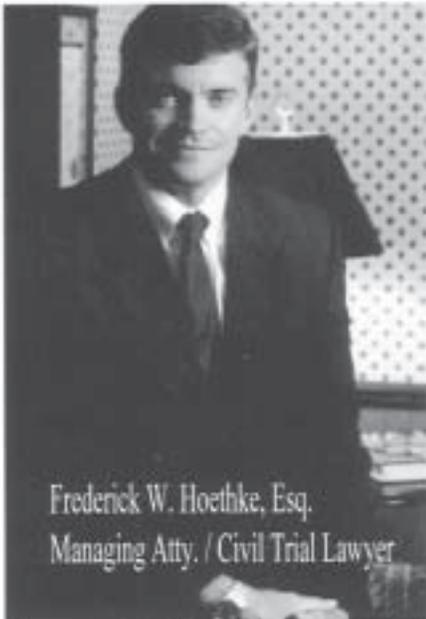
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Lawmakers Attempting To Ban New Firearm

Five-SeveN® Assault Pistol called a “body armor-defeating handgun”

A bill has been introduced in Congress that would make it illegal for anyone except a police officer or military official to possess the FN Five-SeveN pistol, whose bullets are advertised as being able to penetrate 48 layers of Kevlar at 50 meters, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

The bill was introduced by New Jersey Democratic Senators Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg; Senator Chuck Schumer, D-NY; and Representative Eliot Engel, D-NY. The move follows the confiscation of one of the weapons from an alleged drug dealer in December 2004.

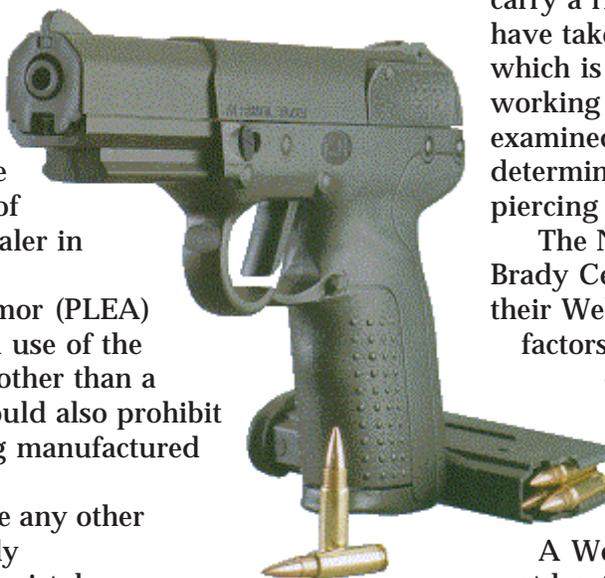
The Protect Law Enforcement Armor (PLEA) Act would ban the sale, purchase and use of the Five-SeveN and its ammo by anyone other than a police officer or military official. It would also prohibit the weapon and its bullets from being manufactured in the U.S..

The Five-SeveN looks and fires like any other handgun, and weighs only 1.5 lbs fully loaded. It has the recoil of a .22 target pistol. It is the same size as Glock. The pistol fires a 5.7x28mm cartridge, which leaves the gun at about 2100 fps, similar to that of a carbine rifle. It comes with three 20-round magazines.

According to the manufacturer, the armor-piercing ammunition for this pistol is only available to law enforcement and military personnel. The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence test fired the gun with ammo purchased from a retail gun dealer and found that it easily penetrated typical threat level IIA Kevlar police body armor.

The Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department recently tested the Five-SeveN with the same results.

According to the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action, “only non-armor –penetrating types of 5.7 mm ammunition are available to the public. One such type (designated



The HN Five-SeveN

SS196) is loaded with the Hornady V-Max (“Varmint”-Max) varmint bullet. Some ranchers, who would otherwise carry a rifle for varmint control, have taken to the Five-SeveN, which is easier to carry when working in the field. BATFE has examined the V-Max round and determined that it is not armor piercing ammunition.”

The NRA also disputes the Brady Center’s test. According to their Web site, “Two important factors – the type and condition of the vest Brady Campaign used and the type of ammunition used – are uncertain.”

A Web search indicates that at least one retail gun dealer, a former cop, has banned the sale of the Five-SeveN to anyone except law enforcement and military personnel because he tested the gun himself and found it to penetrate body armor even without the special ammunition.

Source: Officer.com/The Associated Press/The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence/The National Rifle Association, Institute for Legislative Action

OFFICER SAFETY ALERT



Political & Legislative Affairs

Dear Members,

Yet again, I am happy to report that the PBA's influence could be seen in the results of this year's election. It was no more evident than in the city of Miramar, where, as Queen said it best, "another one bites the dust." Thanks to the leadership and dedication of the Miramar PBA representatives, Tim Nevins, Steve Toyota, Dwayne Flournoy and Robin Varone, and with the hard work of their membership, they were able to unseat one city commissioner and keep another two in office.

Hallandale was also very successful in their campaign to reelect all three incumbents. Once again thanks to the hard work of the Hallandale PBA representatives, Mike Fowler, Rafael Matias, Frank Gobel and their members. Listed below are the results from the election, and as you will see, our success was overwhelming:

Coconut Creek

Commissioner Marilyn Gerber

Cooper City

Bart Roper – Commissioner

Debra Eisinger – Mayor

Deerfield Beach

Mayor Albert Capellini

Commissioner Steve Gonot

Sylvia Poitier – Commissioner

Hallandale Beach

Mayor Joy Cooper

Commissioner Dorothy Ross

Commissioner Francine Schiller

Miramar

Commissioner Fitzroy Salesman

Commissioner Winston Barnes

Troy Samuels – Commissioner

Pompano Beach

Vice Mayor Pat Larkin – Commissioner

Commissioner Susan Foster

Sunrise

Commissioner Don Rosen

Tamarac

Commissioner Edward Portner

Slots Referendum: Passed

Pembroke Pines Bond Referendum: Passed

On behalf of the entire PBA, I would like to congratulate and thank all of the members who assisted in the recent elections:

Miramar

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Rosemarie Durney

Marc Greenstein (Rep.)

Nathaniel Nielsen

Joseph Tomlin

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James Fischer (Rep.)

Adam Feiner

Jeff David

Glen Parker (Rep.)

Unfortunately, we were unable to get a list of the members from Hallandale who participated in the election prior to press time. Nonetheless, we thank them for their efforts.

In solidarity,
Neil Vaughan

Supreme Court Strikes Down Death Penalty For Juveniles

Executions deemed unconstitutionally cruel

The United States Supreme Court ruled on March 1 that the Constitution forbids the execution of killers who were under 18 when they committed their crimes.

The 5-4 decision negates the death sentences of about 70 underage murders and keeps states from using the death penalty for minors committing future crimes.

The Court maintained that the execution of juveniles was unconstitutionally cruel, violating the Eighth Amendment, a ruling used in 2002 when the Court banned the execution of the mentally retarded.

A previous ruling by the Court outlawed the execution of those 15 and younger when they committed their crimes; the recent ruling makes 16- and 17-year-olds ineligible for the death penalty.

The majority opinion, written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, noted that most states don't allow the execution of juveniles and those that do use the penalty infrequently, showing a trend to abolish the practice.

In recent years, juvenile offenders have been put to death only in a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia. All of those countries have now gone on record opposing this practice.

The case before the Court involved the overturning of the death sentence given to 17-year-old Christopher Simmons, who kidnapped a neighbor, hog-tied her and threw her off a bridge. Prosecutors contend that Simmons planned the burglary and killing of Shirley Crook and bragged that he could get away with it because of his age.

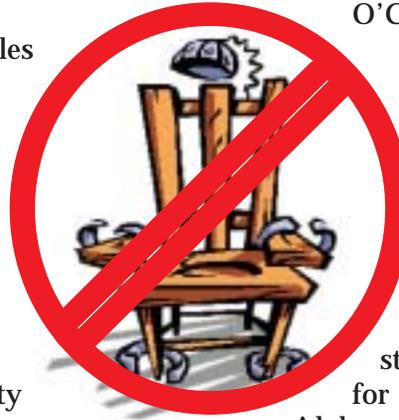
Those voting to uphold the executions were: Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Sandra Day O'Connor.

In the dissenting opinion, Justice Scalia argued that there has been no clear trend of declining juvenile executions to justify a growing consensus against the practice.

Currently, 19 states allow executions for offenders under 18:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Texas and Virginia.

Source: Associated Press

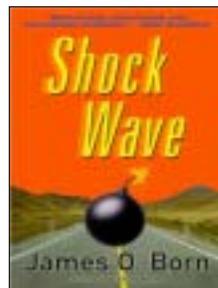


FDLE Special Agent's Second Book Coming In April

Local author of Walking Money does it again

James O. Born, FDLE special agent and author of *Walking Money*, has a second book set to be released this month.

Shock Wave continues the story of FDLE agent Bill Tasker, the protagonist from *Walking Money*. In this installment, Tasker again teams up with the FBI on a case involving a stolen Stinger missile:



The op goes smoothly enough (though the feds take all the credit, what else is new?), but something about the whole setup doesn't feel right to him. He pokes around a bit and stirs up more trouble than a nest of rattlesnakes: with his boss, with the FBI, with the ATF, and, worst of all, with a certain gentleman who loves to see things blow up...bigger and bigger things, as it turns out. He's never killed anybody yet, but if this FDLE agent keeps interfering – well, there's always a first time isn't there?

Shock Wave is available in bookstores this month or on Amazon.com. You can get up-to-the-minute information on tour schedules, etc. at www.jamesoborn.com.

Building Financial Freedom

Step two: Define your goals

The second step to building financial freedom is to define your goals, both short- and long-term. Are you looking to buy a home? Save for your child's college education? Save for your retirement? Take a vacation?

Write down your goals and put them someplace where you can see them – it will help you keep on track.



investments so all your money is not in one place.

Here's a list of some investment options to consider:

- Savings Accounts
- Money Market Deposit Accounts
- CDs (Certificates of Deposit)
- 401(K) Plans (or other employer plans)
- IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts)
- Stocks

- Bonds
- Mutual Funds
- Annuities

Next month: Other Ways To Build Financial Freedom

Source: MetLife

Once you've decided what you're saving for, you need to consider where you will put that money so it will grow over the long term. You want to look for investments that will increase your spending power in the future. In order to do that, the investment must earn enough to outpace inflation. A 4% interest rate will not increase your spending power if the rate of inflation is also 4%.

Assessing Your Risk Tolerance

To help you choose an investment strategy, you have to determine your level of risk tolerance. The questionnaire at right can help you assess how much risk you're willing to take with your money.

After you've determined your level of risk tolerance, consult with your financial advisor to help choose the types of investments that are right for you and your financial goals.

Keep in mind that no matter what your goals or risk tolerance, it is important to diversify, or distribute your money across different types of

Assess Your Risk Tolerance

Circle the answer that best describes your response
 Agree Strongly = 1 pt. Agree Somewhat = 2 pts. Disagree = 3 pts.

	Agree Strongly	Agree Somewhat	Disagree
Preservation of capital is important to me.	1	2	3
I would accept a lower yield on my bond investments in exchange for the relative safety of government securities.	1	2	3
Although emerging growth stocks offer high potential return, I would prefer a portfolio of established, high-quality equity securities.	1	2	3
I would choose share price stability over higher current return	1	2	3
Portfolio diversification is an important investment consideration.	1	2	3
I would accept a lower current yield if I could access my money at any time	1	2	3
I would choose U.S. government bonds versus stocks as my primary long-term investment.	1	2	3
I would choose current liquidity over higher, long-term total return	1	2	3

Score	Risk Tolerance	Investment Approach
8-12 pts.	Lower – Concerned with capital preservation, wish to avoid the market's ups and downs	Conservative – Liquidity (easily converted into cash), preservation of capital
13-17 pts.	Moderate – Have more available income, emphasis on capital appreciation	Moderate – Income, capital appreciation, total return
18-24 pts.	Higher – Have both time and money to ride out the market's ups and downs, seek maximum growth and appreciation	Aggressive – Maximum capital appreciation

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News From Our Members

What's Up?

Births

BSO Deputy **Tammy Measel** and her husband, **Rob**, welcomed their first child, **Connor James**, on February 23. Connor weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Connor is the first grandson for BSO Lt. **Barry DeRose**, and he is thrilled.



BSO Deputy **Ian Burres** and his wife, **Chere**, welcomed a new daughter to their family. **Kaitlyn Faith** came into the world on February 27, weighing 8 pounds.

She was 20 inches long. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well.

Pembroke Pines Officer **Tina Inman** and her husband, **Tom**, celebrated the birth of their son, **Jake Thomas**, on March 3 at 11:58 pm. Jake weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20" long. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well.

Miramar officer **Tom Tiberio** and his wife, **Christine**, welcomed **Gabriella** to the world on March 11, 2005.

Congratulations to all!

Welcome Home

Welcome home to Hollywood Detective **Barry Boulton**. Barry returned to work on Monday, March 14, after serving in Iraq since July of 2004.

Thank you Barry, for your bravery and commitment to your country. We're all very proud of you, and we're glad you're home safe and sound.



Honors

Congratulations to Hollywood Police Officer **Josh Czerenda** for being chosen as Hollywood's Officer of the Year. Josh, along with other department employees and volunteers, was honored at a luncheon held on March 30.



Josh was cited for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the City of Hollywood.

Hollywood Detective **Robert Schiano** was awarded the Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year Award for 2004. He was honored at the Crime Stoppers Ball on February 26.

You have the right...

- to** have all interviews tape-recorded from start to end.
- to** have a PBA representative present during any interview.
- to** have the interview at a reasonable time and for a reasonable length of time.
- to** know who is in charge of the investigation.
- not** to be forced to resign.
- to** know what the charges are.
- to** review ALL statements before answering questions.
- to** know the name of the person bringing the complaint.
- not** to be threatened, bribed or subjected to offensive language.

If you need assistance, contact the PBA legal unit at 954/584-7600.

Law Enforcement News

Items of Interest From Around The U.S.

Portland, OR – A 97-year-old woman was arrested in a police raid on a suspected drug house across the street from an elementary school.

The woman was one of 19 people arrested in the raid, during which people were throwing crack out of the windows, according to Portland police.

The woman's house was raided and seized in 2003 because of illegal drugs. The drug house has been part of an ongoing problem in the area.

Source: WKMG-TV



Philadelphia – A naked man was chased through the streets of Philly after he allegedly took off his bathrobe, bit an officer and stole a police cruiser in an attempt to escape.

The man was captured after he crashed the car, abandoned it and tried to get away on foot.

Police were called to investigate complaints about someone screaming in the street. Officers found a man running around in his bathrobe in the snow. They chased the man, who took off his robe, then allegedly bit a female officer on the arm, climbed into her patrol car and took off. A few blocks later he crashed the car and was captured.

Source: Associated Press

Houston – Members of the Houston Police Department are dropping their covers in order to crack down on prostitution.

Police Chief Harold Hurtt has changed a long-standing, unwritten department policy to allow undercover vice officers to undress in order to persuade suspected prostitutes to negotiate sex acts.

A four-month sting operation ended with 56 arrests in November as part of stepped up efforts to keep ahead of the local "spa scene."

Source: Associate Press



Denver – A Denver police sergeant is being investigated after allegedly threatening a woman with arrest for displaying a profane anti-Bush bumper sticker.

Shasta Bates' pickup truck bears a "F—Bush" bumper sticker, which apparently offended a shopping center patron who saw it on the parked vehicle and flagged down Sgt. Michael Karasek.

Karasek allegedly told Bates that the next time he saw her truck, she was going to be arrested if the bumper sticker remained, according to a witness.

There are no ordinances in Denver against displaying a profane bumper sticker. Police Chief Gerry Whitman said the incident was under investigation.

Source: The Associated Press

Chicago – A Kenosha, Wisconsin police officer followed tracks in the snow and discovered a family held hostage in an apparent attempt to rob a check-cashing store.

An officer spotted someone hiding in the bushes. The man was a lookout for a home invasion underway two doors down. The officer saw several footprints in the fresh snow and followed them to the kicked-in back door of the home.

Upon entering the house, police found two adults, three teenagers and three small children being held hostage, some with their hands and feet bound with duct tape.

A woman living in the house manages a check-cashing store nearby. The suspects threatened to hurt the woman's family if she didn't help them get money. They planned on taking her to her workplace and gain access to the safe.

Authorities are trying to determine if the six suspects arrested are involved in a half-dozen similar robberies between Chicago and Milwaukee.

Source: NBC5, Chicago

Top 25 Things Officers Today Should Know

The following items came straight from you - individual officers who swore "to serve and to protect" and fulfill that oath every day on the job. They are ranked in order of importance according to votes submitted to Calibre Press.

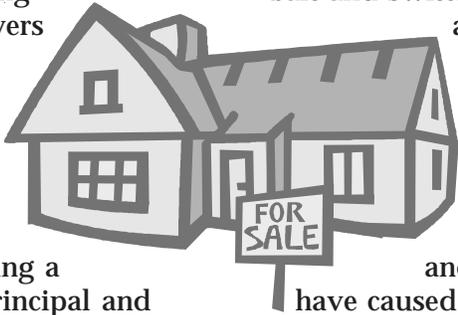
1. **Family comes first.** Don't let the job consume you. Ultimately, the only things that matter are the people waiting for you to come home.
2. **Take care of yourself.** Live a healthy lifestyle balanced with physical fitness and nutrition.
3. **Continue to educate yourself and TRAIN in defensive tactics.** Take on extra training opportunities as often as you can.
4. **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.** Be prepared for anything. No call is a routine call. Pay attention, especially during boring or repetitious calls. Complacency is deadly.
5. **Maintain your Integrity.** The uniform you wear comes with a certain level of integrity that must be preserved.
6. **Remember Cover/Concealment.** Always be aware of your surroundings (on or off duty). Stay alert and aware of potential dangers in your patrol zones. Know your patrol zones better than the residents.
7. **Be aware of body language and nonverbal communication.** Watch the hands and eyes during all citizen contact. Hands kill you - control them.
8. **Listen to your instinct.** If you don't think something's quite right, it's probably not.
9. **Be professional and courteous to fellow officers, administrators and civilians.** Remember, you're being evaluated on and off duty.
10. **Know the law.** Keep up on all changes of the laws and ordinances, as well as court decisions. Keep up to date on search & seizure laws and probable cause.
11. **Know your department policies.**
12. **Mentally prepare.** Keep a positive mindset - "I will go home at the end of my shift." Practice When/Then thinking. "When this happens; then I will..."
13. **Practice defensive driving and safe vehicle operations.** More officers get killed by vehicles than gunfire. Wear your seat belt.
14. **Practice, practice, practice.** Train to react and rely on your training. Practice firearms, defense tactics and verbal judo skills like your life depends on it.
15. **Have other interests, hobbies outside of your work.**
16. **Know your strengths and weaknesses including size limitations.**
17. **Don't disregard your backup until you're sure you don't need it, and then think through it again.** When backing up fellow officers, be the best you can.
18. **Know your equipment and take care of it.** Be proficient with it and always carry a backup.
19. **Always wear your vest.**
20. **Never underestimate the enemy.** On every encounter, expect your worst possible adversary.
21. **Play the "what if" game in your head so that you are prepared for any situation.**
22. **Remember the golden rule of handcuffing - cuff and then search.** When searching for a weapon, remember the "Plus One" theory - if you find one, search for two and if you find two, search for three and so on.
23. **Remember to advise dispatch of your location.**
24. **Practice your communication skills - writing and speaking.** This includes writing thorough and detailed reports.
25. **Have confidence in and support your fellow officers.** We are all brothers and sisters under one badge.

Predatory Lending

By Julio Chang, JC Capital Corporation

Predatory lending generally refers to abusive practices by a lender to a home loan borrower, in violation of RESPA (Real Estate Standards Practices Act).

Predatory lending victimizes homebuyers and borrowers and can result in charging excessive loan settlement fees by the lender and locking in high interest rates, creating a higher monthly "Principal and Interest" (P&I) mortgage payment. This puts additional pressure on the homeowner's monthly debt and can cause the erosion of a homeowner's equity. These factors contribute to an increase in mortgage delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures. As a result, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has



been actively involved in monitoring lenders' practices and passing regulations that address these types of concerns.

The most common forms of predatory lending are: (1) charging borrowers excessive loan fees, (2) not fully disclosing these fees or not disclosing fees within the time periods required by RESPA, (3) "bait and switch" practices whereby lenders offer a low interest rate and/or fees (to motivate the borrowers to meet with them and/or complete a loan application) and subsequently increase the interest rate and/or loan fees, and (4) includes kickbacks and/or referral fees to third party providers in the loan. There is a small percentage of lenders in the mortgage industry that engage in this type of practice, which hurts honest and ethical lenders. Their unethical and illegal actions have caused policing and regulations by HUD to protect our loan borrowers.

If you feel that you have been a victim or know someone who might have been a victim of predatory lending, please file a formal complaint by contacting the Florida Department of Financial Services at (850) 410-9895 or write at 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0375.

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Weird Tax Write-offs

- A Wyoming DJ listed his dog, Red, as a dependent on his tax return.
- A man who received compensation as a sperm donor wondered if he could take a depletion allowance.
- A Pittsburgh furniture-store owner hired an arsonist to torch his business after he was unable to sell it. The owner reported his insurance payment as income, but also deducted a \$10,000 "consulting fee" for the

money he paid the arsonist.

- A client insisted on deducting the cost of his TV and cable service because he was a Spanish teacher and he bought the TV and cable to get Spanish channels so he could teach his students better.
- An ostrich farmer consulted a tax



hotline for information on how to depreciate an ostrich. It seems you can depreciate an ostrich or any other livestock as long as they're used for breeding.

- When a Texas rancher was asked by an IRS agent if he bred the 15-20 animals he depreciated on his return, the rancher replied, "Nope...I've got a bull for that."

- A man claimed an act-of-God casualty loss after he lost his dentures when they fell in the toilet.

Source: MSN Money Central



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Sgt. Peter Sudler
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Dep. George Thomas Hewlett
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Deerfield Beach

Dep. Jose Gonzalez
Lauderdale Lakes

Dep. Arik Levy
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Dep. Cody Gill
North Lauderdale

Dep. Roger Peterson
North Lauderdale

Sgt. Frederick Ferrara
Parkland

Dep. Tomas Gomez
Pembroke Park/South Broward

Dep. Juan Barros
Pembroke Park/South Broward

Sgt. Edward Grant
Pembroke Park/South Broward

Dep. William Sainvil
Pompano Beach

Dep. Anthony Degrace
Tamarac

Dep. Douglas Wendt
Weston/SW Ranches

Dep. Aldemar Rengifo
Weston/SW Ranches

Dep. Bryan Tutler
Weston/SW Ranches

People On The Move

Dep. Edward Ragauskas moves from Pompano Beach to North Lauderdale

Dep. Eve Milkman moves from North Lauderdale to Pompano Beach

Dep. Juan Efre goes to Central Broward from Port Everglades

Special Olympics Events

The Broward Sheriff's Office, along with other law enforcement throughout Broward County, is helping the Special Olympics provide support to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Here are some upcoming events:

Torch Run T-Shirt and Hat Sales

Shirts can be purchased from one of our Torch Run representatives for \$12.00 and hats can be had for \$10.00.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

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