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From humble beginnings almost 103 years ago the "Chief's" Association has grown to become one of the largest professional Law Enforcement Associations in the state. Today we are known as the Iowa Peace Officers Association. We presently have approximately 1800 members in our organization. Our membership is open to "ALL" certified Peace Officers in the State of Iowa. Our membership includes City Officers of all ranks, Sheriffs and Deputies, State Troopers, IDOT Officers, Campus Police, Federal & State Agents from the FBI and DCI.

The Iowa Peace Officers Association hosts an annual Training Conference where we have featured Acclaimed Programs and the top Experts in many fields of interest to Iowa Peace Officers, Iowa Police Chiefs and Sheriffs. Training featured at the past two Conferences have included "Officer Survival Training" from Calibre Press and "Verbal Judo" by Dr. Thompson.

These training conferences also serve as an opportunity for our members to network and share vital information. We have been instrumental in bringing high training standards to Law Enforcement in Iowa and we will continue to promote professional standards of conduct and performance.

During the past 103 years, the Iowa Chiefs and Peace Officers has stood at the front line to make sure our Officers receive the most current training methods available, that will continue with the Iowa Peace Officers Association. Our Life Members will keep their life membership, no changes in benefits.

The Iowa Peace Officers Association is fortunate to employ two Lobbyist, Kellie Paschke and Troy Skinner. They represent us at the Capitol year around. The Association prides itself with the success we have had over the years working with legislators in Des Moines, we will continue this very important work to protect our citizens and secure changes that benefit all of Law Enforcement. We continue to partner with our fellow Law Enforcement Associations to achieve theses goals. Our members have supported many charitable causes in Iowa and continue to participate in many charitable events statewide.

At the 2010 Conference in April, the members present voted to change the name of our association. The reason for this proposal from the Board had been explained in previous Iowa Law Enforcement Issue.

We are now known as the: Iowa Peace Officers Association. We are very proud to have been known as the Iowa Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers Assn. for the past 102 years. The selection of our new name really represents who we are, Certified Peace Officers in Iowa from all branches of Law Enforcement. We do believe this was the right decision at the right time. We will continue to serve all of Iowa in our future efforts. Our Membership remains the same, and includes Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Officers, Deputies, State & Federal Officers from throughout Iowa.

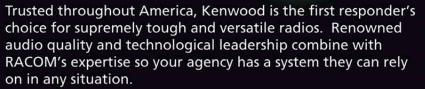
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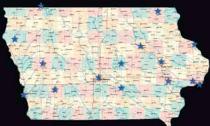




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Trooper Mark Toney's Celebration of Life held Sept. 24 in Ankeny



Trooper Mark E. Toney 1967-2011

A celebration of Trooper Mark Toney's life was held Sept. 24 at the Northview Middle School, Ankeny, officiated by Pastor John Mitcham, of the Indianola Community Church, and Pastor Pat Nemmers, of Saylorville Baptist Church.

Casket bearers were members of the Iowa State Patrol Honor Guard, and burial was at Ankeny Memorial Gardens with State Trooper Chaplains Clegguart Mitchell and Rick Hamilton.

Mark Toney was born October 30, 1967, to Donald and Barbara Toney in Murphysboro, Illinois. He grew up in Ankeny, graduated from Ankeny High School and worked as a State Technical Accident Investigator with the Iowa State Patrol.

Trooper Toney was active in the Boy Scouts of America and involved locally with Boy Scout Troop #105 out of Carroll, Iowa. He was an avid Colts fan and enjoyed woodworking, reading and cooking.

Survivors include his sons, Darrin Toney of Ames and Adam Toney of Carroll; his parents, Don and Barbara Toney of Ankeny; his fiance Lisa Stickels and her children Alexandra, Samantha and Matthew of Osceola; his sister, Debbie (Mike) Toney Wiseman of Bolingbrook, Illinois, and their children Joe, Kathy and Kevin; his sister Sharon (Leon) Schwartz of Alden, Iowa, and their children Heather and Brittany; his brother, David (Denise) Toney of Ankeny and their children Jonathan, Emily and Alyssa; his ex-wife Mary Vaughan, and numerous cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made in Trooper Toney's memory to The Boy Scouts of America.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the first responders and all who are involved in assisting the family.

The Chief of the Iowa State Patrol, Colonel Patrick J. Hoye, delivered the following eulogy for Trooper Mark Toney:

"I'd like to quickly take a moment to recognize the dignitaries and fellow law enforcement officers who have traveled great distances to be here today. It means a lot to both the Toney family and Iowa State Patrol.

"To Mark's family: his parents, Don and Barb; children, Darrin and Adam; brother Dave and sisters Shannon and Debra; and his fiancée Lisa. On behalf of the 368 active Troopers and those in the retired ranks, I extend my deepest sympathy for the sacrifice that you must endure, and pledge to you the Iowa State Patrol's unending support and commitment. Hardly sufficient, but it is offered with grateful and sincere hearts.

"I know it is not only our department that is mourning. The attendance here today is a testament, not only to the brotherhood and sisterhood of law enforcement, but to the contribution that Mark made to the lives of his family, friends, colleagues and State of Iowa. His desire to serve others went beyond his contributions as a Trooper, and included his involvement with the Boys Scouts and High School Booster Club.

"I, like the rest of you, am filled with so many different emotions. I feel grief from losing a brother in brown, but am also comforted by the large outpouring of love and respect shown here today for our fallen hero. As the Colonel of the State Patrol, I could not be more proud of the service that Mark gave to the citizens of Iowa. He

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The Chief of the Iowa State Patrol, Colonel Patrick J. Hoye, delivered Trooper Mark Toney's eulogy on September 24 at Northview Middle School. Read it above.

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was a dedicated Trooper and a true professional. He was one who always gave more than what was expected. Mark took on the role of Technical Accident Investigator, Defensive Tactics Instructor and was even involved with criminal interdiction.

"Trooper Toney initially began his law enforcement career when he entered the DPS Academy in 1987. After serving Capital Police in Des Moines, he transferred to Milford in District 6. He later transferred to Carroll County in District 4. He served the citizens of western Iowa for 17 years before recently relocating to Warren County, where he became the newest addition to District 2 in Osceola.

"One thing that always struck me about Mark was his positive attitude and infectious smile. You didn't need to talk to Mark long to realize that he loved his job and was proud to be a Trooper. Visiting with Mark's parents, they shared with me the photo of Mark and his first patrol car. You can only imagine how many coats of wax that car had, but it reconfirms that Mark was doing something he loved.

"Being a law enforcement officer, being a Trooper, is not an easy career path and requires a special person. It requires someone who puts the needs of others first and requires courage, compassion and it requires that you serve others. Mark certainly did that. Lots of people are quick to tell us what's wrong with the world today, but I'd like to tell you what's right. Twentyfour years ago, a young man swore an oath to 'discharge all the duties of the office of Trooper and to serve and protect.' Mark made a considerable impact on public safety. He slowed cars down on our highways and removed impaired drivers so that our families could arrive safely at our destinations. He responded to natural disasters and aided those in need of assistance. He rendered help to those who were injured and comforted those in distress. He was willing to put himself in harm's way so we would feel safe. Fulfilling a hero's role, he ultimately gave his life protecting ours. Today, Mark is leaving behind a legacy.

"As years go by, people forget buildings and leaders of an organization, but few will

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In the photo at the left, members of the Iowa State Patrol color guard served as pall bearers. At right, Texas and South Dakota Highway Patrolmen stood together with officers from Iowa and other states to celebrate the life of Trooper Mark Toney.



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forget Trooper #227 who gave his life in the performance of his duties. He will be eternally remembered in the history of the Iowa State Patrol.

"I would like to conclude with a very fitting poem from Analissa Range:

To Remember the Fallen

to remember the fallen is not to remember how they fell but to remember why and for what

to remember the fallen is not only to remember their actions But to remember the dream for which they fought

> to remember the fallen is not to remember how they fought but to remember who they fought for

to remember the fallen is to remember their reason to remember their dreams and to remember those they fought to save

> to remember the fallen we continue their fight we carry their dreams and we finish what they start.

"Again, it is an honor to stand before you today to speak on behalf of the State Patrol and the Toney family. There are too many people to thank individually, but I want you to know how much we appreciate all of you being here today and for the support you are giving!"

(See more photos honoring Trooper Marl Toney on Page 11)



Iowa Depart. of Public Safety Commissioner Larry Noble led the procession of Iowa State Patrol troopers to the cemetery.



Lining the processional route to Ankeny Memorial Gardens were officers' vehicles from every state contiguous to Iowa, as well as Arkansas and Texas.

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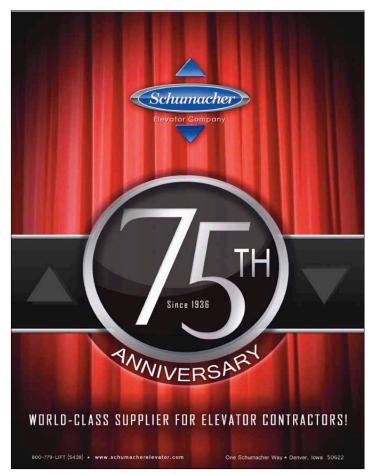
Getting confessions in sex crime cases

Getting a full confession in any case is hard enough, but getting a full confession in a sex abuse case seems to be particularly challenging.

As officers, we often get frustrated by the lack of physical evidence available in the numerous sex abuse cases we get assigned each year. International research agrees, noting that officers get confessions from sex offenders even less than other criminals, making the information we get from the suspect during any interview or interrogation absolutely critical to the prosecution. The conclusion: we have to be better in the interview room if we want to see more sex abuse cases successfully resolved.

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"God-things" lead Jean Cleere to peace following her husband's 9/11 death

By Peter Hussmann Newton Independent

Life was good for Jean Cleere heading into the fall of 2001.

The Newton woman and her husband, Jim, were living well. They had a good home and good friends. They were active in their church. They were involved in their community.

Their professional careers were also strong; his for insurance product provider Seabury & Smith in Des Moines - where earlier that year he had been promoted to vice president - and hers for Maytag Corporation.

But it was the weekends where Jim could be himself and ditch the corporate suits in favor of his beloved bib overalls. They could be found lazy Saturday morning's dissecting the newspaper over Brownie Showalter's eggs and hash browns at Mason's Cafe. (Yes, Jim did buy Jean one of Brownie's paintings.) Jim read his creative works at the Friday night writer's forum at Uncle Nancy's. He was "the voice from the back" for the Newton Community Theatre. Every Sunday included church services and then the shared chore of cleaning the house.

"Life was just so good," Jean says of that time 10 years ago.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001 was another normal day. After church services and the ritual house cleaning, Jim packed his bags for a business trip to New York City planned for the following day. He had been there many times before, to the corporate offices of Marsh & McLennan, the parent company of Seabury & Smith, that occupied the 93rd through 100th floors of the north tower of the World Trade Center.

On Monday morning, Jim headed out to Des Moines for a day of work then a flight to New York City in order to attend the corporate meetings scheduled the next day. Jean went to work at Maytag. That evening, Jean had dinner with her daughter, Rhonda, another ritual when Jim was away on business.



September 11 widow and Newton resident Jean Cleere spoke at the Newton Fire Station's observance of the 10th anniversary of the attack on America to about 200 people.

Upon her return home, a message on Jean's phone indicated that her husband had called. He had left a message that he had arrived in New York safely and gave her his room number on the 15th floor of the Marriott hotel located between the twin World Trade Center towers. Jean called back and the Newton couple spent some time kidding around on the phone before saying their good-nights and heading off to bed to prepare for work the next day.

Upon her arrival at Maytag on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, Jean found her phone already flashing, meaning she had a message. That was "nice," Jean said she thought to herself, "Jim was calling me to say how much he missed me." She thought he probably called to "carry on the conversation" they were having the night before.

The message was from Jim. It was brief.

"Hi there," Jean recalls the message stating. "A plane flew into one of the towers. I heard a boom and felt the building shake. There's debris all over. I'm OK. I'm waiting to be told what to do. Obviously there is not going to be a meeting." (The Marsh & McLennan offices were directly hit by the first plane.)

A plane hit the World Trade Center? Jean Cleere thought to herself. What?

She asked her co-workers at Maytag about it. Anybody hear about a plane hitting the World Trade Center. Nope, her coworkers said. Haven't heard a thing.

"Nobody had heard about it so I thought it can't be that bad," Jean said she thought at the time.

She called her daughter with the news. She said, "Jim's OK, I'm shaking, but I'm OK, too," Rhonda said at the time.

Minutes later, Rhonda called back telling Jean that the second tower had been hit.

"I lost it when she called to say the building was hit," Jean said.

Jean Cleere was then scrambling for information. She called Jim's office in Des Moines where they told her Jim had earlier left a message saying that he was still in the Marriott. He was on the phone again with the company at that time. Jean told the

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company to have him call right away. He did.

Jean described her husband's tone as calm, though tinged with "some fear," as they talked that morning.

"He described the hell that he was looking at outside," Jean said. "He seemed calm, and determined to get home, though I could sense some fear. I was hysterical."

"I'll be home as soon as I can," Jean said her husband said, reassuring her that he was "coming home."

"Don't take a plane," Jean said she thought she replied. (She later learned that Jim had left a second message at his Des Moines office after the second tower was hit by a hijacked airplane. "It's like they're attacking us," he told the company employees as he continued to watch the events unfold above and below him from his hotel room).

Jean left work after speaking to her husband and headed home. There she met her daughter and the two watched the unimaginable events unfold on the television screen.

"Jim's out there, he can't be there," Jean

said she kept thinking. As the hours went by she thought for sure that he had "made it out."

Jim Cleere didn't make it out. He was the only resident Iowan killed in the devastation on Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center in New York City.

A Rising Awareness

Jean Cleere doesn't recollect much in the first year following her husband's death. Buoyed by the support of the community, she was just able to "put one foot in front of the other" in attempting to come to terms with what had happened.

But as time went on, Jean began to become more aware of her political surroundings, a noticeable change from her gothrough-the-motions political involvement.

"I was raised in a Republican family and when I turned 21 I registered as a Republican," she said. "I always voted Republican but I never really knew who the candidates were or what they were saying."

The terrorist attacks on U.S. soil changed that.

"I get into what politicians are saying now," she said. "Whether it's a Democrat or Republican, I want to know how they will make a difference in the lives of people. I listen and research the issues."

Cleere said she was in complete support when President Bush vowed to track down Osama bin Laden as the master-mind of the attacks.

"I said, "Great, go get that ..." her voice trailing off before finishing her sentence, a hallmark of her strong Christian faith.

But when the course of action changed to invade Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein, Cleere could not support the action.

"I said, "What the heck? The war is to get Osama."

Now that bin Laden is dead, Cleere said it's time to "bring the soldiers home." She gives credit to President Obama for drawing down the troops in Iraq.

"My feeling now is that it's time to bring the soldiers home," she said.

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Newton honors America's fallen heroes



By Peter Hussmann Newton Independent

Hundreds of local residents turned out on a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon (on 9-11-11) at the Newton Fire Department to pay tribute to the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. Newton firefighters were greeted with a standing ovation and applause as they took their seats of honor as part of the brotherhood of firefighters, men and women willing to lay down their lives for their fellow man in times of tragedy, evidenced by the 343 New York City firefighters who died at the World Trade Center that day 10 years ago.

Jean Cleere, widow of Jim Cleere, the only native Iowa resident killed at the World Trade Center site, took the opportunity to thank not only those New York City firefighters who attempted to get her injured husband out of harm's way that day, but the Newton firefighters as well – both for their devotion to their duty and their willingness and readiness to travel to New York City 10 years ago to offer whatever help they could.

"I cannot express my love for the firefighters, for the police, not only in New York City, but for our firefighters in Newton, too," she said. "You may not have known this, but our firefighters were ready to go. There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your fellow man."

Cleere, who is working on a local effort to erect a tribute to firefighters at the Newton Fire Department sometime next year, said a number of "God-things" – such as finding her husband's wedding ring that she wears around her neck in their van that was still parked in Des Moines, and her strong Christian faith – have enabled her to move on.

"One thing that kept me going was my faith," she said, noting specifically the promise from God that He "will never leave you or foresake you."

"When you're going through your 9-11s, remember the promise from God," Cleere said. "I appreciate you coming. I couldn't have done it without you."

Newton Mayor Chaz Allen said the events of 9/11 have defined a generation.

"Just as Pearl Harbor defined a generation, and Vietnam defined a generation, I think 9/11 will define a generation," he said. "We must never forget what happened and those who have passed. Our true heroes don't wear athletic jerseys with numbers on their backs, but rather are marked with the letters F.D. or P.D."

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad said that while the "unspeakable acts of violence" perpetuated on the American people that day still "haunt us," the "heroic actions of firefighters and policemen" have now become part of "the American DNA." "The heroic actions of the New York City firefighters and policemen have become a part of the American DNA," he said. "The American DNA tells the story of a people who are able to overcome any challenge, who choose freedom over tyranny."

Gov. Branstad also read and signed a proclamation at the ceremony in Newton designating Sept. 11 every year as day of state remembrance and service to community. He said the proclamation urges Iowans to engage in acts of service each Sept. 11 "in tribute to all the victims" and especially those who like the New York City firefighters died in service to their communities.

We will never forget," he said.



Iowa's 10th 9/11 observance honored victims, first responders, citizens



On the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America, the State of Iowa held a memorial service on the east lawn of the Capitol building.

Speakers included Gov. Terry Branstad, Iowa National Guard Major General Tim Orr, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Administrator J. Derek Hill, and Des Moines-based FBI Supervisory Senior Special Agent Barry Ferguson, who was called to the Pentagon in response to the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ferguson, who was in Arlington, Virginia, on Sept. 11, 2001, said he could see smoke coming from the Pentagon, and it seemed that everyone was rushing to help: soldiers, policemen, firemen, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, agents, EMTs, and others.

"Though strangers, these patriots all worked to help one another," Ferguson said. "Everyone did what they could. And the fire fighters – who can say enough about their valor? Many were overcome by smoke inhalation or heat exhaustion in their valiant efforts to save lives.

"So today, as we remember the attacks of 9/11, we especially remember the victims. Among the 2,977 murdered, their were law enforcement officers: 37 Port Authority Police Officers, 23 New York City Police Officers, and some of our own – FBI Agent Lenny Hatton and just-retired Agent John O'Neill, a personal friend of mine and mentor.

"We remember all the victims' families and loved ones, too. And it is right and proper that we should do so. But, we also remember and hold on to the fact that despite the heartache, the sense of loss and the bitterness of the blow inflicted on us, there was ever present on that day the indomitable American spirit.

"In the very throes of our darkest hour, the American people immediately came together. We helped one another, we encouraged one another. We had faith in one another, and we gave hope to one another. Undaunted courage and bravery were witnessed everywhere throughout that day; gallant acts of selflessness, too.

"These kinds of actions by our fellow Americans have gone on, unabated. For the actions taken by the survivors of 9/11, the good heart of the American people has shown through. We immediately started to rise to the challenges before us. For our part, the FBI had to unflinchingly confront what had allowed for the success of these attacks, and fundamentally changed to prevent anything similar from happening

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Des Moines P.D. Chief Judy Bradshaw, Iowa Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad, Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie, U.S. Rep. Leonard Boswell and Gov. Terry Branstad led dozens of peace officers representing various metro Des Moines agencies who walked to the Iowa Capitol from Principal Park to honor the 60 N.Y.P.D. and Port Authority Police Officers killed in the 9/11 attacks.

again.

"The FBI learned that it needed to work in seamless integration with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners. We had to shift from predominately investigating crimes after they had been committed, to focusing on preventing crimes before they occurred - especially terrorist acts.

"Since 9/11, the FBI has been joined in combating terrorism by many outstanding agencies. Stellar examples are the Iowa Department of Public Safety, the Des Moines Police Department, and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. All have dedicated full-time officers to support our joint terrorism task force. I tell you more loyal friends and allies could not be imagined, and for their unwavering support I would like to publicly thank Commissioner Noble, Chief Bradshaw and Sheriff McCarthy.

"But above and beyond appreciation extended to my professional colleagues and those in their charge, I should particularly like to thank the good people of Iowa for all that you have done to promote the safety and support of our country. Whether your contribution has been by serving in our armed forces, sending care packages, honoring our fallen heroes, caring for heroes' families or to each one's own dictates, praying for our people, our leaders and our nation, I would like to personally express my gratitude for all the support that has sustained each and every one of us.

"Thank you Iowans, one and all. Together, in partnership, we look forward to a bright, more secure future for our chil-

World Trade Center."

Juckett sang

Star-Spangled

the Statue of Liberty.

lives lost in the 9/11/01 attacks; 13,000



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Simon Estes sings "God Bless American" before the Patriot Guard Riders of Iowa in the background, hundreds of people in front, and in the foreground government officials Terry Branstad, Congressmen Leonard Boswell and Tom Latham, Iowa Auditor David Vaudt, Iowa Sec. of Agriculture Bill Northey, Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie, and Iowa Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad.

inches of red ribbon to represent the number of Iowa National Guard Soldiers and airmen deployed since 9-11-01; and 84 white flowers that represent the number of Iowa military members killed in the line of duty since 9/11/01. Participating in this 9/11 service were the Iowa State Patrol, Des Moines P.D., Polk County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines Fire Department, Boone Fire Department, Indianola Fire Department, the Iowa National Guard, and the Patriot Guard Riders of Iowa.



FBI Special Agent Barry Ferguson was called to the Pentagon after the attack on 9/11/01. He spoke at Iowa's 10th anniversary 9/11 observance. Here, he stands with his family by the wreath made by Margaret Hough and Camille Valley with 2,977 mm of blue ribbon representing the lives lost in the 9/11/ attacks; 13,000 inches of red ribbon representing the Iowa National Guard Soldiers and airmen deployed since 9/11; and 84 white flowers representing the Iowa military members killed in the line of duty since 9/11/01.

Des Moines Police deployed three new K-9s on July 4

by Sgt. Chris Scott DMPD Public Information Officer

On July 1, the initial six weeks of "Patrol Canine" and "Narcotics Detection Canine Training" for three Des Moines senior police officers and their new, assigned patrol canines were completed.

The officers and their new partners include: Officer Alycia Peterson and her partner Jack; Officer Ronald Kouski and his partner Cak; and Officer Cordell Miller and his partner Bello.

On July 4, those police officers and the dogs were assigned to the night shifts.

The training for the patrol canines began when Des Moines Senior Police Officer Larry Gilmore, who is the in-house patrol canine trainer, traveled to Indiana to work with the vendor and the dogs to initiate narcotics detection training, and then brought the dogs back to Des Moines.

In Des Moines, the patrol canine training was done in accordance with United States Police Canine Association standards, consisting of training in the areas of officer protection, tracking of lost and missing persons, tracking of fleeing suspects, building searches, narcotics detection, and evidence searches. Each year, the officers and their assigned patrol canines participate in United States Police Canine Association performance and certification trials to test and maintain the skills of the dogs to ensure legal reliability and credibility.

The three new dogs join Officer Mark Miller and his partner, Emir II, and Officer Larry Gilmore and his partner, Caesar, to increase the total number of patrol canines to five.

The Des Moines Police Department also has a narcotics detection canine and three explosives detection canines.







New DMPD K-9s: Officer Alycia Peterson with K-9 Jack, Officer Cordell Miller with K-9 Bello, and Officer Ronald Kouski with K-9 Cak.

Moving?

Please send your new address to Terry Dehmlow at: iacop2@mchsi.com or by mail: IPOA, PO Box 100 Denver, IA 50622 Visit the Iowa Peace Officers Association online at Iowapeaceofficers.org

Training Matters

Do you have a documented standard for control tactics?

by Officers Greg Erie & Chris Gergen Waterloo Police Department

When we took the oath to become sworn police officers, we also accepted the fact that we will have to use some sort of force during out careers to accomplish our duties. (We use the term "police officer" as a generality. We don't want to offend my fellow deputies, troopers, etc...) Using force is part of being a police officer. We are the people who have been given the responsibility to enforce society's laws.

In our first article, we talked about how you should take it upon yourself to go above and beyond your department's training. But what is your department's training "minimum"? Does your department have a basic required set number of hours for mandated topics? Every department has to qualify at least once a year in firearms. Every two years we have to recertify in CPR and ILEECP courses. If your department issues TASERs, then you have to recertify. You get the idea.

Do you have to recertify in control tactics? Most departments do have a block of instruction in control tactics, but it usually is only a couple hours a year. It is also the one that gets cut when other topics get added to in-service training. As of now there may not be a mandated recertification in control tactics, but that should not stop your department from having annual training in that subject. Nationwide statistics show that when officers use force in an arrest, roughly 80 percent of the time it is with weaponless tactics, and about half of this was just a grab. It then gets down to a type of control hold, arm bar, wrestling, kicks and punches. About 2 percent of all arrests involved weapons (chemical agents or TASER) and only .2 percent involved firearms.

Talk with your department heads and training officers, and make sure that control tactics are included in your annual training. Along with the basics, you need to also incorporate force-on-force scenario training. Ask your officers what incidents they are encountering on the streets, and use them as scenarios for in-service training. Or maybe there is a critical incident that has happened that you can safely recreate to help all officers benefit from the experience. It is informative to run these because each officer will handle the scenario slightly differently, and even though they are different, it doesn't mean that they are wrong. This type of training, along with your regular control tactics, will give your officers a better ability to handle stress. It also increases their ability to make appropriate use of force decisions during stressful situations.

Last, whatever standard you decide on for control tactics for the department, make sure it is documented! Have a training outline for every class or scenario the department is run through. Because when a critical incident happens, and it will, the dust will settle and everyone on both sides is going to want detailed copies of all the training the officers have ever had.

Until next time, train hard and stay safe.

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