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**Greetings!**

While I was enjoying lunch with an associate last week, we were seated across the restaurant from a table of four diners, two in police uniforms, one in a suit and tie, and the other in business casual.

What we didn't see initially, became overwhelmingly evident as the foursome completed their lunch and made their way to the exit. The individual in business casual attire struggled to leave, clutching a walker as he took steps measured in inches, not in strides.

What looked like a struggle at first, was evidence of a miracle happening before our eyes. For the man in the walker was Sgt. Ronald Schaeper, a police officer critically injured 10 months ago when a man driving on a

suspended license crossed the center line and hit Sgt. Schaeper head on.

Sgt. Schaeper's car is in the foreground, the SUV that hit him is in the background:



The miracle of God's hand in our midst was not only that he survived, but the compassion of his coworkers, reaching out to help thier injured partner ten months after the accident (and long after any press coverage), and to give his wife some time off from the 24 hour per day care he still requires.

As it is said: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

This month, in addition to our look at current events, we will focus on examples of those in our communitis reaching out to help those who have suffered tremendous setbacks, seeking ways to "lay their life down" to help a friend. We hope these examples inspire you to look for opportunities in your workplace to find creative ways to help those in need assimilate back into the workplace after injury or illness.

Take care and enjoy your summer.

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

"It Wasn't What it Seemed..."



The only lifeline a Nashville, Tennessee restaurant owner trapped in his restaurant's freezer had was the burglar alarm located in the freezer. He had forgotten his cell phone at home when he left his house on a Sunday night to check on the meat in the freezer, as a planned power shut down in the building and east side of Nashville required everyone to take steps to protect their business for the planned power outage.

Unbeknownst to everyone was the fact that he was there. When the alarm company notified the Nashville Metro Police, they responded. Everyone thought the alarm was activated by the electric coming back on, which coincidentally was near the time of the alarm.

With no one aware that he had gone to the restaurant, his lifeless body was found the next morning.

While easy to second guess, its more important to learn from tragedies. When investigating any situation, use a funnel approach to asking questions. The officers responded to an alarm drop from an alarm activation from the freezer.

Assuming that there would be evidence of a break-in (which there wasn't because the owner let himself in), and when there wasn't, the officers asked a few more questions of building personnel, but most likely did so with a mindset that the questions, and resulting answers, would confirm a false alarm.

Whatever unusual occurrence you may have in life, its always better to assume the worst and ask questions that clear the "worst case" scenario first, then move onto the more routine. Just ask yourself, "If I'm wrong, what else could it be?"

Maintain your intellectual curiosity!

For more coverage: [Man Dies in Restaurant Freezer](#)

## Improving Decision Making



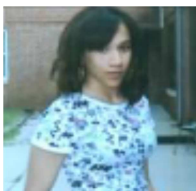
The screenshot shows the MindTools website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Toolkit (selected), More Resources, Store, Alerts & News, Join, Corporate, and About. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: > Home > Problem Solving'. On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with categories: Leadership Skills, Team Management, Strategy Tools, Problem Solving (highlighted), Decision Making, Project Management, Time Management, Stress Management, Communication Skills, Creativity Techniques, and Learning Skills. The main content area is titled 'Problem Solving Techniques' and includes social media sharing buttons for Like (311), Send, Tweet (84), Share (19), and +1 (17). The text on the page reads: 'The 25+ tools in this section help you solve complicated business problems. By using these techniques, you can start to deal with problems that might otherwise seem huge, overwhelming, or excessively complex. Start by taking our **How Good Are Your Problem Solving Skills?** quiz – this will help you quickly master the fundamentals of problem solving. Then browse the **list of tools** below: the techniques that you'll find will help you in many different situations. Enjoy using these tools!'. There is also a magnifying glass graphic with the text 'Find the fundamental cause, and you're half way there. © iStockphoto'.

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Go to MindTools: [MindTools](http://www.mindtools.com)

## Courtesy Ride Turns Deadly



An Alton, Il police officer provided Stephanie Hicks, a mentally disturbed woman, a ride to the hospital after being called to a "pedestrian on the bridge" call. Not minutes later she was dead of a gunshot to the head.

For more information: [Woman Dead From Gunshot Wound Ruled Suicide](#)

- [Stephanie Hicks](#)

## Utah Police Accused of Pocketing Speeding Fines



A state audit found evidence that officers targeted foreign tourists who were stopped for speeding.

Read more at: [Utah Police Accused of Targeting Foreign Tourists](#)

"Neal A. Maxwell once said, "If we entertain temptations, soon they will be entertaining us."

In his book *Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis wrote that from the devil's vantage point "the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts."

Though it is not a sin to be tempted, it is a sin to give in to temptation. Temptations come to the godly and the sinner alike, but what sets them apart is not the temptation itself but rather the response to it". - *Courtesy Alison*

## Tuscaloosa PD Needs Help in Identifying ID Thief



Tuscaloosa investigators are looking for a woman who could be involved in a possible Internet scam.

A man wired money to a woman he had met on a dating website, said Tuscaloosa Police spokesman Sgt. Brent Blankley. Surveillance photo from a grocery store indicates that the woman who picked up the money is not the woman who he believed he was communicating with.

Read more about: [ID Thief Suspect](#)

## Officer on Patrol After Losing Leg



Officer [Eric Batchelder](#) is roaming the streets early one evening in the Mission District, looking

for a guy he used to bust.

Batchelder is thought to be the first San Francisco cop to lose a leg and then return to active patrol, out on the streets, chasing bad guys.

"It took a lot of focus," he said. "I don't know what I would have done if I couldn't come back, though. It just never occurred to me."

For more details on his inspiring story: [Overcoming Loss of Leg](#)

## No Turning Back

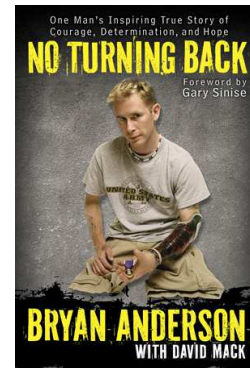
Last October, Bryan Anderson visited Anniston Army Base and shared his story.

The word *conquer* has changed meaning for Bryan Anderson. As a U. S. army sergeant in Iraq, it meant taking down the enemy. After becoming the Iraq War's fourth triple amputee from a roadside explosive, what he had to *conquer* got a bit more personal.

After losing two legs and his left hand, Bryan did not succumb to a victim mentality. He attacked his new life with an attitude that he could overcome anything. It wasn't easy, and he had many "failures" along the path to recovery, but he never let it stop him.

For an inspirational read, although the language is a little salty, look up his new book "No Turning Back".

His story of overcoming pain and injury is not unlike the story and career path of Karl Wade, the Alabama State Trooper who was shot years ago. Like Bryan, Karl did not let his severe injuries keep him from serving the citizens of Alabama until his recent retirement. Both stories are great inspirations to all generations, as are so many more in every corner of the state.



## Resources to Consider

One long running organization dedicated to assisting those with disabilities, Ability Beyond Disability, has some great resource links on their site.



Find out more...[Ability Beyond Disability Resource Links](#)

With many from Alabama serving in the military, coming back home can be difficult transition. One organization reaching out to help is USA Cares.



For more on how they help...[USA Cares](#)

## ICJE - AUM Training and Education Calendar

Hover over the Course Name to view the description. Click the Course Name link to view details and enroll.

Title	Begins	Meets
<a href="#">Statement Analysis I (Tuscaloosa, AL)</a>	07/17/12	Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Surveillance Detection Training for Municipal Security Officials &amp; State and Local LEO's</a>	07/17/12	Tu, W and Th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 3 Sessions
<a href="#">Statement Analysis II (Tuscaloosa, AL)</a>	07/18/12	W from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Statement Analysis III (Tuscaloosa, AL)</a>	07/19/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">2012 Alabama Statewide Training on The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)</a>	07/26/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Identity Theft Investigation - Baldwin County, AL - APOSTC Law Enforcement Academy</a>	07/26/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Major Case Management (Bay Minette, AL)</a>	08/02/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Statement Analysis I (Dothan, AL)</a>	08/07/12	Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Statement Analysis II (Dothan, AL)</a>	08/08/12	W from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<a href="#">Statement Analysis III (Dothan, AL)</a>	08/09/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## APTA

### 2012-B Certified Instructor Development Course Update

The next Five Day Law Enforcement Instructor Development Course for 2012 will be held in Montgomery at the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center in October, dates to be announced. Registration link will appear below.

This course will only be open to the first 15 APTA members who register. Those registering after the class is full will be placed on the standby list. If there is enough interest, ICJE will hold the next class in February, 2013.

Although the training is free to APTA members, there is a required registration fee of \$75 per participant. This fee helps cover the course materials and a working lunch each day. The fee is due prior to the course (unless registrants provide a departmental purchase order) and is non-refundable due to the limited class size; however, substitutions are permitted.

### **Instructor Development Course Curriculum**

- Course Introduction
- Instructional Systems Design
- Instructional Goals and Objectives
- Adult Learning
- Needs Assessment
- Task Analysis

- Lesson Plans
- Evaluating Instruction
- Creating Tests
- Basics of Instruction
- Instructor Role
- Methods of Instruction
- Student Perception
- Leadership, Ethics and Legal Responsibility
- Facilitation Skills
- Motivation and the Psychology of Learning
- Presentation Skills
- Creating Effective Learning Environs
- Visual Aids
- PowerPoint and Practical Exercises
- Student Presentations and Final Exam

### **APTA Annual Meeting and Training**

The 2012 training and annual meeting date is set for December 11, 2012, at AUM in Montgomery. The training and meeting are free to APTA members and a complementary lunch will be provided. This promises to be our best seminar yet, so please plan to attend. Those attending the training will receive 6 APOST CEUs.

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