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In the News - Our Take on What it Means to You

Greetings!

Two weeks ago my family traveled to Chattanooga to pay our last respects to my aunt, who left behind her husband, and my uncle, one of the few remaining living pilots from World War II. I mention that, because she was laid to rest in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, as her remains were placed in a grave site reserved for, and awaiting my uncle when he passes on. It is only fitting, as the love they shared and displayed for each other in their lives was one which left you with the impression that they were inseparable.

I was struck by many images along the path to her final resting place, but two of the experiences reinforced the goodness of those around us. One I find unique to the South, and one reserved for the greatest warriors a nation has.

As our procession made its winding way to the cemetery, passing old live oak trees whose limbs seemed to be bowing a last goodbye on the hot July morning, I noticed a disproportionate number of vehicles pulled to the side of the road as our procession passed by, an act of honor and respect to someone who they did not know, and to whom they did not directly share their lives with.

It was then I realized again just how special it is to live in communities where traditions are honored, where people understand that not knowing someone does not mean not sharing mutual respect for one another, in life and in death.

And those living in the South seem to know that better than many other regions of our country.

The other lasting image is one that is repeated every time I go to a National Cemetery, as a sea of perfectly arranged small white headstones, aligned with

the precision and perfection, greet me, and speak to me.



I am convinced that it is God, working through the hands of those who create and maintain these National resting places, saying:

*"Before you are the greatest of my children, for they lived, and died serving something greater than themselves."*

I stand in awe, and ask myself if I am doing enough to serve Him, my country, my family, and you.

For just as those pulled to the side of the road honored someone they did not know, I can only hope that the contributions we make through ICJE to many of you, whom we don't know personally, help you in your commitment to serving others.

Thank you for all you do.

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

**Usain Bolt Demonstrates Respect and Class**



For the story: [Usain Bolt Stops Interview](#)

## One Nation Under God

For a really interesting interactive interpretation of one artist's rendition of the challenges we face maintaining One Nation Under God, take a tour at his site: [One Nation Under God](#)



*Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.* - Clint Eastwood

## Phone App to Track Police Activity

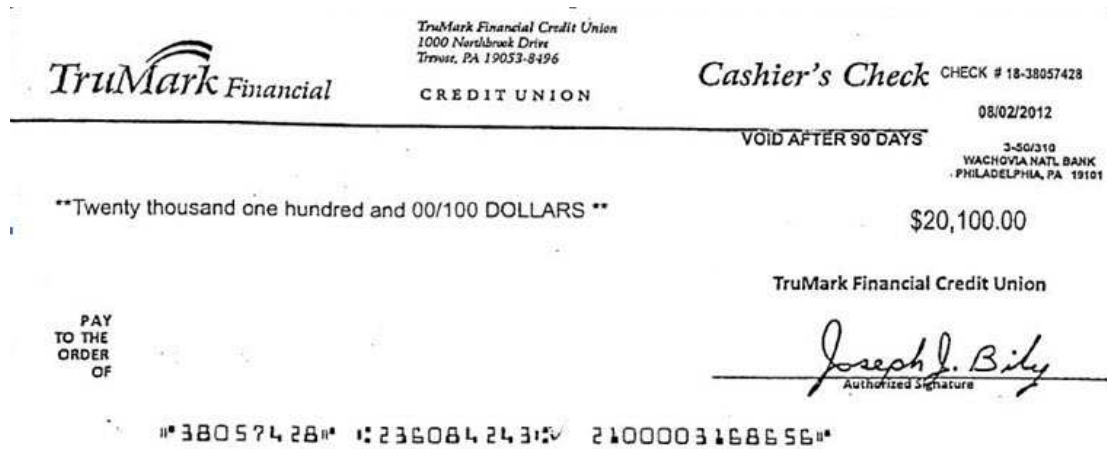
A new app is available to track police stops. Designed in conjunction with the Civil Liberties Union, I'm not sure it really helps anyone. While transparency is generally a good thing, I can see this technology being abused. The question

is, do you embrace the technology and fight the abuse, or fight the technology to eliminate the abuse.

Read more about: [New App to Track Police via Phone and Web Link](#)

Watch a video about it: [Stop and Frisk App Video](#)

### Selling OnLine Alert - Counterfeit Checks



Individuals throughout the eastern US have been victimized by the acceptance of counterfeit Cashier's Checks for products they were selling online. While counterfeit check scams get lost in the fog of other online scams, they are still a popular tool of the crooks.

Should you encounter anyone in your area making a referral related to a TruMark Financial check that they think might be counterfeit, the Cashier Check validation can be made by calling 877-878-6275.

Many of the victims were selling automobiles online, therefore a good site to refer folks to before they consider selling or buying a car online is the National Consumers League.



For more info: [Before You Buy or Sell a Car Online](#)

## Instructor Development Course Available from Alabama Police Trainers' Association in October

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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.


To register for the APTA 2012-B Instructor Development Course, click the Registration Link below.

**[IDC 2012-B Registration](#)**

**[Click here](#)** to view IDC Course Topics.

To view participant comments about previous IDC sessions, **[click here](#)**.

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### **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 Environments
- 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, from 10AM until 2PM. 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.

Highlights of the sessions:

- 1) Using technology on limited budgets - ALACOP is developing iPad modules for incident reporting, Gen Xers are comfortable with technology and old timers are gaining confidence
- 2) Mindmapping to augment course development

- 3) Using drawings to enhance learning
- 4) Where instructional techniques are going in the near future
- 5) How to get Baby Boomers comfortable with today's technology
- 6) "Back of the Napkin" - How it Can work for You
- 7) Future techniques; Tracey Townsend/ ACJIC (1 hr)

APTA Website: [APTA](#)

### UAB on the Leading Edge of Fighting Hi-Tech Email Fraud

Students at the University of Alabama Birmingham track the top email-based threats from each day, and include information about the spoofed brand or lure, the method of delivering the malware, and links to Virustotal.com, which show the number of antivirus products that detected the malware as hostile.

Krebs on Security featured their efforts in one of his July columns, and you can find out more about how UAB is in the fight against fraud at his website.

Find out more: [Krebs on Security - UAB](#)

### Apparently ESPN Doesn't Share My Respect for the South



### I Need Your Feedback

If there is anything you would like to see added to our monthly newsletter, if you have some ideas for topics you would like to see addressed in the coming months, or if you would like to make any other comments, please drop me a line at:

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### Training and Education

To register for any of the classes shown below, follow this link:

[Register for ICJE Classes Throughout the State](#)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Course</u>
August 2	SWAPA, Stapleton, AL	Major Case Management Statement Analysis Series I,



August 7-9	Dothan, AL	II, III
August 28	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Statement Analysis Series I
August 16	Jemison, AL	Identity Theft
Sept. 6	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Sexual Assault Investigations
Sept. 13	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Statement Analysis II
Sept. 20	Jemison	Criminal Behavior Analysis
Sept. 27	AUM	Crooks are Getting Smarter
Oct. 4	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Cold Case Investigations
Oct. 15 - 19	ACJIC, Montgomery	Instructor Development Course
Oct. 25	Montevallo, AL	Sexual Predator Investigations
Oct. 29 - Nov. 2	TechnaCenter Montgomery	First Line Supervision
Nov. 8	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Handling Street Mediations
Nov. 15	Jemison, AL	Crime Scene Investigations
Nov. 29	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Statement Analysis III
Dec. 3-7	TechnaCenter Montgomery	Basic Criminal Investigations
Dec. 11	TechnaCenter Montgomery	APTA Training

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