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Greetings!

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What do you say to the parents of children gunned down before they reach first grade?

What do you say to a Army mother whose son is lost to a roadside bomb in a barren country thousands of miles from home?

What do you say to a child abandoned by a parent for drugs and alcohol?

What do you say when the death and destruction of a tornado takes the lives of so many?

What do you say when when an industrial accident takes the life of a college athlete home for a summer job?

What do you say to the husband who has just been told that the auto accident his wife was involved in has left her brain dead, and the doctor's want to know if she wanted to donate her organs upon her death?

What do you say to a new mother who just brought a new life into the world, and is still in the hospital dealing with complications from the delivery, that her sister was the one killed in that auto accident?

What do you say....?

I don't know for every situation, but I can tell you what I have witnessed and God will inspire you to take the right action and say the right things. Don't worry about what to say, just listen for His voice, and He will guide you.

I asked the question, "What do you say"? when I received a call one morning saying that my wife's sister, Sue, and mother of six young children, had just died in an auto accident. My wife was in a hospital, having just given birth to our daughter.

My wife didn't expect me at the hospital that morning, as she had been expecting a visit from her sister Sue, who was going to stop by the hospital after dropping off her kids at school. She never made it to the school, or the hospital, for as she was driving her van full of kids on I-75, a car to her left lost control, spun into her lane, resulting in her van rolling over four times.

When the rolling stopped, the kids were shaken, but Sue was critically injured. She died hours later, and her husband had to made the decision to donate her organs.

The "What to Say?" for me was answered by a nurse I know only as Sandy. I called the hospital and told them my story, and my struggle as to what to do and how to tell my wife. I was told "just come in, we will help you". When I got to the hospital I was greeted by Sandy, who had arranged for a private room to talk with my wife, had notified the doctors and others nurses caring for my wife, called the insurance company to advise them of the fact that my wife might need to check out late and why.

Her actions were among the most heart-warming, caring and reassuring actions I have ever witnessed. Sandy didn't worry about what to say, she knew that if she was guided by her heart and by God's presence in her life, she would do and say the right things. I will be forever grateful to her.

And inspired to know that I too can help those in their time of need, I just have to listen!

May God Bless you with the Spirit of Christmas, today and throughout the year!

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

DOJ Streamlines Procedures for Handling Tax Refund Identity Fraud

The previous two tax filing seasons have seen a tremendous volume of "Stolen Identity Refund Fraud" (SIRF) matters which have been extremely difficult to address because of the complexities of tax fraud investigations.

While the new guidelines are applicable to federal investigations and the US Attorneys Office, it is one step to address the growth of this category of fraud.

For more coverage: New Procedures to Deal with SIRF

Smash and Grabs - Gun and Ammo Stores

As gun sales continue to grow, and with the recent media coverage ramping up the conversation of "gun control", the street value of weapons will increase. As it does, the crooks will follow the money. As recent incidents highlighted in recent articles, and reward offerings, it is a good time to take stock of potential targets in your community.

Link to Gun Sales Chart: Gun Sales Chart

For those with guns in their homes, it is never too late to address the proper and safe storage of the guns to protect them from intruders, as well as family members suffering from any emotional issues.

Article: Firearms Theft Cases

Video of Smash and Grab: Video of the Theft

Innovative ATM Theft

An innovative thief removed an ATM camera, replaced it with a thumb drive and then attached a keyboard to begin withdrawing money from the machine. While unusual, and not yet prevalent, it is believed that the perpetrator had inside help.

And while it occurred in Brazil last week, the Internet brings these capers to our communities as if it happened next door.

Interesting article on the attack: <u>ATM Camera Removed and Replaced by Thief</u>

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the family of Northport police officer Jason Guin in your thoughts in prayers after Officer Guin died from injuries suffered in an auto accident last week.

Pray for the families of those who lost loved ones in the Connecticut shooting, and for all of those who have died this past year as a result criminal acts, accidents or illness.

New ICJE Website



Be sure to visit our newly designed website at: ICJE Website

It has past issues of the newsletter, articles and course information about ICJE courses.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From everyone here at ICJE we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. It has been our honor and pleasure to provide you with education, training, news and analysis over the past year, and we look forward to a great New Year serving you again.

Thank You for All You Do in Your Organization, Your Community and Your Family

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