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A Nation of Adversaries

It was in elementary school that I met my first police officer, school principal, firefighter, school custodian, school crossing guard...and on and on the list could go. While I don't remember their names, I do remember that we were taught to respect them all.

We came to know many of them as people, and their profession did not confine them to any stereotypes, but as elders whose instructions we were taught to follow. We may have been admonished or praised, but regardless of the situation we respected their instructions. They were not seen as adversaries, but role models.

Somewhere that has all changed. Invisible forces are working to stereotype people by their professions, create division, then pit groups against each other. A small group protests police, and the media covers the protest non-stop! Adversaries must be created.



When Matt Damon indicated that men who engage sexual misbehavior should be penalized based on the degree of the infraction, he was met with a collective outrage by adversaries who said all men should be punished the same, without regard for the degree of infraction. How dare he say that, they said. Adversaries must be created.

Some bakeries decide to honor God and their religious beliefs, and politely refuse to bake a wedding cake for a same sex couple. How dare the bakers honor their beliefs, as the media portrays them as religious bigots. Zealots out to destroy a movement. Adversaries must be created.

The invisible forces seek to create wedges among us all. It is our job everyday to resist the temptation to become the wedge of adversarial relationships.

It starts with respecting one another. We can disagree, but as it was taught in elementary school, respect is critical to a functioning society. And respect is only effective when it is driven on a two way street.

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Learn More About ICJE

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Protecting Houses of Worship

ICJE instructors have developed and presented a multitude of training seminars focused on protecting houses of worship. The programs are designed to assist both the individuals within the worship facility, as well as providing insight into the law enforcement responses and communications.



From a recent profile of the training, Robert Thetford provided attendees guidance:

"Those who are working in the church should get with local law enforcement and get them to help you with a plan to adapt to your church's specific needs. You should form a security plan, have officers review them, have them review your security and practice with officers on how to implement those plans."

For the complete article link:

<http://brotherhoodnews.com/2018/02/02/faulkner-hosts-preparedness-seminar>

Other classes have been recently approved for inclusion, the course descriptions and registration details will not all be listed on the "See the Training Opportunities" link until next week.

[See the Training Opportunities](#)

Cat and Mouse...Uber and Law Enforcement

Uber IT Accused of Thwarting Law Enforcement



More Details Emerge of Uber's Tactics for Thwarting Police Raids



In an article appearing in TechCrunch in January 2018, the authors highlight some of the challenges that investigators face in a world swirling with new technology and IT apps and programming capability. While Uber denied using their expertise to thwart investigations, the allegations certainly demonstrate new challenges to law enforcement investigating matters involving tech entities.

TechCruch Article: [Thwarting Police Raids](#)

Major Global Fraud Bust Has Alabama Connection

In a press release last week, the Department of Justice unsealed an indictment against 36 people, accused of acting variously as administrators, moderators, and sellers of illegal hacking and fraud services on a black market forum known as Infracard.

From an article in Wired:

"A coordinated action by Homeland Security Investigations and cops in Australia, Britain, France, Italy, Kosovo and Serbia arrested 13 of those named, and took down the website itself, replacing it with a seizure notice.

The indictment accuses those dozens of defendants, located from Moldova to the Ivory Coast to Bangladesh, of trading in stolen credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, compromised accounts, and materials to create counterfeit cards. They were also allegedly involved in malware, money laundering, and so-called "bulletproof" hosting services designed to host other illegal online operations. In total, the forum's members are accused of causing \$530 million dollars in damage to companies and individuals."

One of the accused is Frederick Thomas aka "Mosto," aka "1stunna," aka "Bestssn," 37, of Alabama.

A great post from Krebs on Security: [Krebs on Security Detailed Post on Infracard Indictments](#)

[Read the Article](#) on Wired.com

[Read the DOJ Press Release](#)

AllClear Delivers New Technology for Active Shooter and Opening and Closing Procedures

A Kingsport, Tennessee based software company has recently launched an enhanced version of its' All Clear" app used for both opening and closing procedures as well as a notification app for active shooter situations.

It appears to be an interesting approach to dealing with the ever changing perils facing private and public sector issues using new technology in a positive way.

The image shows a screenshot of the AllClear System website and its mobile application. The website header features the AllClear System logo and navigation links: Active Shooter, Clearing, Compliance, Features, Download, FAQ, Contact Us, and Login. The main heading is "Active Shooter Alerts". Below this, a paragraph states: "Much like pulling the fire alarm, every employee has the ability to signal an event. There is no longer the need to alert a central authority and then wait for them to get the word out to everyone." The content is organized into three sections: "Notifications (customized by Institution)", "Communications", and "Roll Call", each with a list of bullet points detailing system capabilities. To the right, a mobile app interface is shown, displaying a confirmation screen for an "ACTIVE SHOOTER ALERT: PLEASE CONFIRM!". The app screen asks, "Are you sure you want to place the branch into an Active Shooter status?" and provides buttons for "Yes" and "No", along with other facility management options like "ENTER FACILITY", "ACTIVE SHOOTER", "CHECK OUT", "CLOSE FACILITY", "LEAVE FACILITY", and "TRAVEL".

For more information: [All Clear System Apps](#)

Jackpotting' Attacks Hit U.S. ATMs



Recent Attacks in South Carolina Reflect Risks to Southeastern US

In a recent conversation with South Carolina law enforcement officials, they indicated that individuals associated with ATM "Jackpotting" are moving down the coast from New York toward the Southeastern US.

The perpetrators will physically manipulate external cameras attached to high points on bank buildings with a long pole to change the camera angle to avoid detection, as well as placing tape over ATM cameras to disable them.

[Read More on Jackpotting](#)

[WBRC Feb 9, 2018 News Coverage](#)

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Mission Statement

The mission of APTA to provide information, education, and support to those individuals who are dedicated to the training of Alabama law enforcement personnel.

In support of this mission, we are committed to:

Excellence by promoting professionalism and ethics as a basis of the organization;

Meeting the changing needs of Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers by providing them with information on new trends and techniques of training;

Serving as a forum to bring together Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers so they can share different ideas and practices of training; and,

Providing advanced training and certifications to Alabama Law Enforcement Trainers.

The goals of APTA are:

- To instill a need for ethically-based training throughout the Alabama law enforcement industry;
- To share ideas about Best Practices in training;
- To provide information about current training technology;
- To become a skills bank repository for members and departments;
- To provide basic instructional training for new trainers;
- To provide advanced instructional training for experienced trainers; and,
- To establish certification standards for our members and provide the resources by which these standards may be reached.

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