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"Handing Off" Our Responsibilities

My wife and I made our way through the security lines at the Philadelphia airport last week, and were waiting at the gate for the arriving flight. As the plane pulled into the gate, the gate agent opened the door leading down the ramp to the jet-way.

As the gate agent walked down the ramp toward the plane, the door that accesses the jet-way, which he had propped open, slowly began closing. It stopped halfway, partially obstructing the door such that the arriving passengers would have to contort their bodies and luggage to make it through the partially opened door.

I normally would have gotten up from my seat and opened the door, but I decided to see how long it would take for someone to open the door fully. Passengers began departing, and to my astonishment more than 30 passengers exiting the plane contorted their bodies and their luggage through the small opening of the partially closed door to make their way from the jet-way into the terminal/gate lobby.

No one appeared to think "I am a passenger exiting a plane through a door in which more than 75 or 100 other passengers will be passing through. I think this door should be wide open. Let me quickly push it open, or report it if the door is broken and will not open fully."

Finally a passenger paused, pushed the door open fully, and made sure it stayed in place. It took no more than 3-4 seconds, and all passengers after him benefited from his actions of taking charge of a relatively minor, but significant item.

As I watched the behavior of the passengers who did not push the door fully open, a thought came to me that this situation illustrates what is wrong with so many things in our communities and in our country. Rather than observing the situations creating problems, and taking responsibility for solving the issue, it is easier to ignore and hand off the solution to someone else.

Not unlike calling the police for every possible social ill. I think former Dallas police chief David Brown had it right when he stated:

"Every societal failure, we put it on the cops to solve," Brown said, before lamenting that police are left to solve problems that individual citizens fail to address:

"Not enough mental health funding, let the cop handle it.

Not enough drug addiction funding, let's give it to the cops.
Loose dog problem. Let's have the cops chase loose dogs.

Schools fail, give it to the cops.

70 percent of the African-American community is being raised by single women, let's give it to the cops to solve as well.

That's too much to ask. Policing was never meant to solve all those problems. I just ask other parts of our democracy along with the free press to help us."

The door is there to push open, we have to encourage individual responsibility at every opportunity to break the cycle of handing off all of our problems to government and police.

Thanks,

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The ICJE Newsletter is published 10th of each month. (July and Aug were merged into Sept this year). As always, any thoughts you have are welcome and I will share them with the 1500 recipients of the ICJE network next month. Just send me an email at jimrechel@icje.org.

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Is There Media Bias Against Police?

You Be the Judge



Suspect dies after being shot by Peoria police near Walmart

BY: [abc15.com staff](#)

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The headline above was also used initially by Gannet related news site AZCentral, the online version of the Arizona Republic newspaper. It was later changed, and after you read the facts you will see how the headline, leading readers to believe that the police shot a "shoplifter", is not reflective of what really happened.

Here's the story:

"...Two officers were sent to the scene and upon arrival spotted a man matching the description provided by the employee, police said.

The officers parked their vehicles. ***As the first officer was exiting, Stout pulled out a gun and fired multiple rounds in the officer's direction. Several rounds struck the vehicle, police said. (Emphasis added)***

The officer in the vehicle that was shot exited and fired one shot at Stout, police said. The second officer fired four rounds from inside his vehicle through the windshield, police said, The shots left bullet holes in the windshield...."

Why the headline writers are willing to be part of a movement to undermine police doing the very job we ask them to do is baffling, but if you didn't read the story you would never know the suspect started shooting as the police officers pulled up in their cruisers. Unfortunately, media reporting of all topics is generally incomplete and not placed in factual context.

Over time, it impacts those sworn to protect us...

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Officer Jackie Tucker

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Police Officer Praises God When He Discovers Baby Alive in Woods

Deputy Ross Jessop and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Nick Scholz anxiously set out for the evening's mission, both fearing they'd soon be making a gruesome discovery. They were racing against time to locate a missing 5-month-old baby buried in the woods alive more

than 9 hours before. Then the two heard a faint noise and began racing up the dark Montana mountainside.

It all started when Francis Crowley crashed his car while driving along a game trail in the Lolo National Forest. Crowley, who later admitted to being under the influence of both methamphetamine and bath salts, told officers different confusing versions of the crash, finally admitting that he'd left the baby behind when the child became "too heavy to carry." He promised to direct the officers back to the crash site, but in his disoriented condition, he was unable to offer any help.

"Walking into this situation, you were mentally prepared for the worst." Officer Scholz shared. "I remember Ross almost stepping on this little pile of sticks."

Divine intervention had led them to that tiny, exact spot on the mountainside for a reason. When he noticed what was hidden beneath that little pile of sticks, Deputy Jessop's fatherly instincts took over. "I abandoned any police training or any chance of saving evidence there - I didn't care," shared Deputy Jessop, himself a father of three.

"I saw this little tiny child. My father instincts kicked in and I scooped him up, we swaddled him in a down coat and I gave him kisses on his forehead. I looked at him and I couldn't thank the Lord, Jesus, enough! I was just so happy."

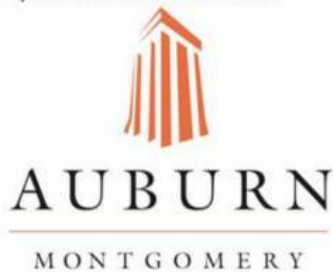
Deputy Jessop shared that his job can be emotionally draining, but that this rescue had really brought him so much encouragement. "To experience this, to have God help me, let me experience something like this, just gives me an extra boost," Deputy Jessop said.

Thank God this baby was found and is now safely being cared for! And thank God for good men like these law enforcement officers who risk their lives to save others!

Training Funding Reinstated for 2019

Gov. Ivey Awards \$150,000 Grant to AUM for Law Enforcement Training

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Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a \$150,000 grant in support of a program that provides continued educational and specialized training for law enforcement personnel.

The grant to Auburn University at Montgomery will fund the training as part of their Alabama Crime Prevention Clearinghouse and Training Institute, which according to their website, "delivers continuing education opportunities that assist law enforcement, state agencies, community groups, and schools in removing or reducing crime in their community and throughout the state."

"These training opportunities allow the brave men and women in our state's law enforcement community to gain additional knowledge and skills to perform their jobs more effectively," Ivey said. "I am pleased to award this grant to support continued training for those who protect and serve our communities."

The Clearinghouse partners with the Institute for Criminal Justice Education for some of the training classes, including an upcoming class on human trafficking investigations.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Gov. Ivey understands the important role our law enforcement officers play in Alabama, and ADECA is proud to stand with her in support of this program that provides them with invaluable knowledge and skills," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

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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.

Thoughts for the Month

"I suffer the mortification of seeing myself attacked right and left by people at home professing patriotism and love of country who never heard the whistle of a hostile bullet. I pity them and the nation dependent on such for its existence. I am thankful, however that, though such people make a great noise, the masses are not like them." - Ulysses S. Grant

One of the common failings among honorable people is a failure to appreciate how thoroughly dishonorable some other people can be, and how dangerous it is to trust them. - Thomas Sowell

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