

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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The world is going to hell

Or so it seems. Almost. Seems like you can't turn on the tube (or flat panel nowadays) without hearing about tragedies, murder, mayhem, ISIS, immigration, dissent — and that's from the politicians. The media generally loves this stuff as it brings in ratings and strikes fear in the hearts and minds of us mortals.

And those businesses who cater to the “preppers” are making millions. Guys like Glen Beck, who is always looking for someone to “stand with him,” have a market for everything that's wrong with this country. And by the way, please buy “gold from Goldline,” buy his books, and shop at his marketplace. But he is one of many on both sides of the fence who have made a fortune from political commentary and fear.

The world gets worse; ISIS is butchering thousands, racial issues are everywhere, whether real or perceived, and cops are under fire constantly. But the press, public, and politicians will still expect you to die for them when the bad juju comes — and it may come. ISIS, according to all the talking heads, is coming to a venue near you. So refuse to die. Be aware.

But when it comes, we know you will once more run towards the mayhem. You will stand on the line and do what we do — protect and serve. And if it does come, you will once more be heroes, at least until another bad guy acts up and some of you have to light him up. Then it will be the same old, same old.

Already, I hear people say how we need to see more cops, be more visible, tell us what's going on, take more action, and protect us from attacks like in Paris recently.

Can't win, can we? So when you do get called to the front lines, be prepared, be careful, and know that your character beats all the lies, “they — whoever “they” are spout — and truly defines who we really are.

What we do is noble, despite what the press may say.

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