

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Those evil school resource officers

So much for this position being classified as soft. It is probably tougher than a lot of cop assignments while working with all those temperamental and hormonal human beings. And then you have those teenagers!

Hard to manage your own kids and now you put a poor copper in the real jungle. Disobedient, petulant, angry and stubborn personages, all thrown together from 8am to 3pm.

Some want to learn. Others could not care less. And because the teachers can't handle them, the brass and politicos, based on a superintendent's request, put coppers in that nasty environment. You know — you were all in high school. Remember back when;

Oh, that blonde is really choice.
That senior football player gets all the girls, or the guy is a hunk.
He thinks he's tough (he is!).
My teacher is nothing but spam.
 $E=MC^2$ — really? I've got better things to do.
If that guy sitting next to me causes me any grief, I'm going to kick his ass.
Late again.
Fighting again.
Math does suck and my teacher has it out for me.
I ditched first period. (Got caught)
Suspended
Back to the barn for more useless history

But some kids want to learn and actually understand cellular biology, quantum mechanics, and who won the Battle of Hastings in 1066.*

So the cop in South Carolina gets called into fix the teacher's problem, moves and arrests an unruly kid and gets fired for it. And to make things worse, Sheriff Lott, his boss, says he wanted to "throw up" after seeing the video of the cop doing his job. And they are doing a civil rights investigation on this poor guy.

Maybe he should have flipped the kid over "gently," this way the sheriff would have only suffered the "dry heaves," or dragged the chair out of the classroom, down the hall, and out to his squad. Bet she would have gotten out of the chair then. Then the sheriff would only be nauseous. Or maybe he just should have told the teacher — you do it, it's your class.

I guess all these people with "hurling" issues forget that it is these resource officers running to a scene when a real bad guy shows up. When the shootings occur, that's when they should start to vomit. Not over this. (More in our next *Rap Sheet* Chief's Follies.) On a good note — over 100 students gave the cop their support. Nice.

Vita é bella

*French army of Normandy, William II of Normandy battled Harold Godwinson, the English Saxon. King William won.