

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Cops are not feeling joy

I think it is easy to predict that the way cops police will be changing. In many jurisdictions like Dallas, Texas, their association president states the rank and file are mentally exhausted. They are taking longer to answer calls, causing an increase in response times.

Violent crime is up because those who enjoy doing bad things to others know that the cops are fed up and hesitant to do their job. Are they going to get jammed up by liars and politicians who will shake in their boots when a cops get a beef? You can bet on it.

New rules are also causing headaches for our people in blue. Brass and politicians want cops to scale down or back off from scenarios involving mentally ill people or violent folks because they believe that will reduce shootings. Okay, but where are those mentally ill or violent folks going after the nice police officer does nothing? These are the very people you are trying to protect good folks from, or am I missing something here? How come none of these hand wringers don't take these poor crazy or evil people into their homes? Because they don't want them. But if an officer confronts one, the politicians and press are quick to jump on the bad-cop bandwagon.

Between the liberal crazies, the race hustlers, and gutless leaders, they have created a royal mess. And Dallas is one town — it's happening in all big cities. Suburbs, it's a little more normal but only until a violent encounter takes place.

Most cops, and I agree, still believe policing is a noble career — but for how long? Illustrative of this is the fact that recruitment is down in many major departments.

In Philadelphia they drew only about 100 applicants recently for a couple hundred job openings. Time was once when you would have 100 applicants for 10 positions. That's over in many venues.

In Fresno, California, they have filled only 700 out of 850 positions. They are offering \$10,000 bonuses to cops who are experienced and stay on the job for 24 months. The town is also offering \$1,000 to any copper who gets an experienced officer to lateral entry into their department.

And I believe this will be the norm, as really, who wants to put up with the bull cops are going through now — danger, hatred, belittlement at every turn, scrutinized to the nth degree — and wait until they see how the brass and politicians treat them once they get hired. What was once an adventure is now just a job.

Welcome to the new policing.

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