

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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The cavalry is not coming

Could it get to that? Some believe it already has. A dispatcher gives out a call to a sector car of an in-progress felony. Police race to the scene. Some officers have been known to even leave their beats to respond to or be close by if assistance is needed. Many officers are even punished later for “leaving” their beat because they wanted to help their brethren — or simply don’t want to miss out on the action. There has never been a question of police not wanting to help — until now.

But lately things are beginning to change. Lately shootings and murders have skyrocketed in major cities from one coastline to the next. Take Chicago, for instance. The bloodiest January in nearly 20 years starts off 2016. It has been reported at least 242 shootings and 51 killings have occurred in just this one month.

Other large cities have seen similar increases in their shooting and murder rates, but not as mind-blowing as Chicago. Chicago has the toughest gun laws in the nation. Hasn’t helped, has it? With that in mind, the mayor there has answered this problem by calling his troops “fetal” because he believes his cops are not pro-active in taking guns off the street. The mayor exclaims that the cops are not doing their job aggressively to get after the bad guys, of which there appear to be many roaming the Streets of Big Shoulders.

This approach has reduced morale which has already been seriously eroded by politicians and the press over the last couple of years anyway.

Cops are not fetal, but they are wary. Maybe the thought is if I get to that in-progress armed robbery and I have to shoot someone, what happens then? And am I going to be all over the news? Will I be accused of misconduct? Arrested? Appear on all the news sources and vilified? Will the press destroy me? Will they tell the truth or just spin it to jump start their ratings?

And if that should happen, I will never be a cop again. Wave bye-bye to my career and pension. So maybe I’ll wait a minute or two. Slow down and just wait for back up.

And if the bad men get away let the detectives chase him. And yes, maybe this in the future, because if it is, the cavalry wont’ be coming.

Chicago police officers have said that some of this is the result of the ACLU and the city fostering an agreement where cops must fill out a two-page report on **every** stop they make, including traffic.

Monitor all contacts with a magnifying glass. Stupid. And to make a stupid thing more ridiculous, each report will be reviewed by a retired federal judge to determine if all these stops are in line with the constitution.

What? How the hell are you supposed to roust a guy who is a known bad person with this yoke around your neck? You are supposed to put a little fear into the stroke so he knows you are watching him. Or frisk him for weapons and/or contraband. Sort of destroys any idea of proactive policing I would think if you have to go through all this red tape just to try to protect the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen are usually not affected by cops. Why does the ACLU want to save criminals, gangbangers, and extreme assholes from being stopped? So as a result of this asinine agreement, police contacts have decreased by 79 percent from last January.

The ACLU however says that preventing invasive stops is a good thing and claims there is no link between the lack of stops and increased shootings. The ACLU must be smoking some funny cigarettes if they don't acknowledge the link.

If we are ever going to find peace, which is a nice thought if not totally realistic, cops must step on a few toes. This crap which is happening right now just won't cut it.

Where's General Custer leading the charge when we need him?

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