

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Crazier than ever

To quote Rodney King, “Can we all just get along?” Doesn’t look like it. Here in Illinois, black folks are killing black folks in record numbers. Mostly gang related nonsense.

The mayor is scratching his head. The chiefs and politicians have no answer. If cops do their job, they are called brutal. If not, they are fetal.

I only know one thing here — brutal times need brutal measures. If a bad guy comes down on a cop, he has got to lose. People do not know what they want because politicians and activists of all stripes don’t know either. Bad-mouthing cops just isn’t going to work.

Individual mayors in individual towns don’t like cops either for a variety of reasons. Mostly money or power or both. They don’t have it so the cops are scapegoats and buffers for an angry press and public. Easy to blame us because we make more and have the power over them when it really gets down to basics.

On a state level, what can you say? A divided house — thank goodness. Otherwise our not-so-thoughtful governor would dismantle your contracts, pay, and pensions.

So the fight goes on. No one gets along and the press tries to influence the public to screw over public employees, and the bitter lines are drawn in the sand in both parties.

And now another act of terrorism that politicians try to hide from — verbally speaking. They stand in front of podiums but tell you nothing except for what benefits their ideologies or political party affiliates.

Democrats blame guns and refuse to identify the murder and wounding of 100 souls as what it is, preferring it to be labeled a hate crime or a crazy gunman. Republicans do call it as it is — it’s terror of the Islamic Jihadist kind. How do you avoid its true nature, even if it is a small segment of that culture?

Politicians can’t keep you safe and cops come in after or during the fact. Pro-active policing can help, but they are not trained for this type of attack, nor do they have the equipment. The press and public and politicians don’t want us to have the means to show and enforce with military might. Someone’s crybaby sensibilities might get upset. So we endure more mass murder, more empty dialogue, and weak speeches. Can we change the course of the future? Who knows? But one thing I do know.

We are always left to just bury our dead, while the beat and craziness goes on.

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