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Lying with Statistics

By: Joseph Andalina

“People can come up with statistics to prove anything... 14% of the people know that.”

So says that wise fella Homer Simpson, and his take on the matter is right on point. Here's an example; according to statistics, you have an only one in 11.5 million chance of getting bit by a shark. They tell you that every time a shark bites someone, which is quite frequently. But when you figure there are over 8 billion people in the world, maybe that is a true statistic, until you get bit, and then it's like, wow, how did that happen? So figure 8 billion people times how many sharks there are in the water times how many people in the water at any

given time throughout the world times all the factors that suggest an optimal time and opportunity to eat you, and maybe it's 11.5 million to 1.

But I doubt it. People make this stuff up to make you feel safe. Then Shark Week comes on the Discovery Channel and you are shark bait! I personally would only feel safe if there were 11,499,999 people in the water with me at the same beach at the same time. Might just go in past my ankles. It seems that this is a clear case of Homer Simpson knowing what he is talking about. You can make stuff up with statistics to prove your point.

Here's another cool thing I found a while back about statistics and how you can come up with anything to prove something. It started as a joke but it is interesting.

Doctors:

(a) The number of physicians in the US is 700,000.

(b) Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year are 120,000.

(c) Accidental deaths per physician is 0.171.

(Statistics courtesy of the US Dept. of Health Human Services.)

Now think about this:

Guns:

(a) The number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000 (Yes, that's 80 million.)

(b) The number of accidental gun deaths per year, all age groups, is 1,500 (a couple of years ago).

(c) The number of accidental deaths per gun owner is .000188.

(Statistics courtesy of the FBI.)

So, statistically, doctors are approximately



9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners.

Remember, guns don't kill people, doctors do.

Fact: Not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has at least one doctor.

Please alert your friends to this alarming threat. We must ban doctors before this gets completely out of hand. Out of concern for the public at large, I have withheld the statistics

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Chaplain's Corner

By: *Chaplain Tom Ross*



Happy end of summer—yes already! Seems like our summer of relaxation, vacation and fun has just started. But, back to reality. Fall sports, school meetings, we all know the drill—our calendars are filling up with lots of obligations.

Over many months I have read and seen newscasts of crimes throughout the Chicago area. One thing that consistently causes me to pause is the reporting by the press of officer involved shootings. The TV reporters, especially, seem to be looking at an angle towards abuse of power by police officers. They seem to concentrate their coverage looking at the interview that will put doubt into the circumstances of the shooting. To me, it appears they are attempting to create news rather than report the story.

Then we have the public perception of why lethal force had to be used. A recent case in Waukegan involved a family domestic where a suspect turned a hammer on a responding officer, injuring him and that resulted in his shooting by a backup officer. News reports had interviews with the suspect's friends relating how he was only 17, a nice kid and why didn't police use a stun gun or pepper spray?

My issue with these reports is the interviews and published stories are the last impressions the public gets about police shootings and honestly it leaves doubts that I think can and do lead to mistrust.

I found this recent report on the results of a police shooting and my reaction was about it's about time. A public official released the following statement that ends any question

about the circumstances and the results. The statement, in part, reads:

*Greene County Prosecutor Darrell Moore:
Re: Officer related shooting of Donald Gregg bathe: on July 24 2008*

The shooting involving a Springfield Police Officer during the early morning hours of July 24, 2008, was a justifiable use of force by a law enforcement officer. This conclusion was reached as a result of an intensive investigation by the Criminal Investigations Section of the Springfield Police Department, which was observed by investigators of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, as well as a reexamination of the facts and law by the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney.

Any circumstance in which a police officer uses his firearm is appropriately the subject of close public scrutiny. It is entirely appropriate and correct for the community to know the facts and circumstances surrounding any such event. At the same time, we all recognize that police shooting cases invite second-guessing of difficult police decisions that must be made in a split-second in the most trying of circumstances. The facts of each case must be kept firmly in mind as we judge the reasonableness of an officer's actions. All officer's conduct in these situations cannot be fairly evaluated by hindsight speculations."

My thought is this type of statement should be made by our public officials in every case of a police shooting. It should lead us to care about the family who suffered the loss and about the officer involved in this traumatic event. You see, the Lord's command to each of us is to care about one another when instead we are misdirected in the blame game and the losers are the family who lost their loved one and the officers, their family and their fellow officers who experience this trauma in the performance of their job and will forever live with it's results.

My prayers and thoughts are with all families who suffer loss and with the officers and families who need to live with this reality. Those are my thoughts; any comments sligo8@wowway.com Peace and be careful out there.

Chief's Follies

By: Joseph Andalina

Gag me with a spoon

Oh well, maybe he didn't actually use a spoon as the old saying goes, but the chief in Flint, Michigan accomplished the same thing with his general order.

He has decreed, as most chiefs are apt to do, that the peasants tilling the land in his fiefdom are forbidden to speak to the press. In fairness, while it is not apparent to what extent the gag order covers, the reality is that two cops and a supervisor were suspended or reprimanded for making statements to the news media.

While the local union has filed a grievance on the grunts' behalf, the ACLU has also picked up the issue on the supervisors' behalf and has threatened a lawsuit unless the city withdraws the policy and overturns the suspensions and reprimands.

Apparently "union heads", as was reported, went to the media and this resulted in various punishments. We are assuming that the "union heads" discussed union business and not the murder rate in Flint! Chiefs can be so darn touchy about having "union heads" go public.

The city has asked the ACLU to hold off on the lawsuit so they can have more time to decide on what to do. City officials always seem to need more time, don't they?

Could be interesting. The mayor probably knows that sometimes lower courts may buy into the city being all powerful and has the need to control those dangerous forms of "whistleblowers" known as police officers.

It's a trend that is seemingly gaining in popularity; limit the free speech of cops by hiding under the cloak of public safety, when in reality it's simply trying to hide the

bone-headed behavior of some of our fine fuzzy friends, locked under their desks in the chief's office. Stay tuned.



** As we went into production, we learned that one sergeant was subsequently fired over going to the press. We will report more on our website as information becomes known to MAP.*

#2. DOC Part I—Trust, respect, dignity lacking in DOC leadership

As always, fighting to get the respect of your high-ranking superiors (and I use the term loosely here) at the Cook County DOC is always a hard fight.

Recently, the sheriff, the director of the jail, and a superintendent made some typical get-tough statements about their officers who used sick time.

In a meeting of the staff and the invited press, where they were talking about 42 fights and 11 shanks found at the DOC during a rough week in August, the superintendent blamed a record high total of 889 overtime hours in part on officers calling in sick. The jail's director chimed in that "we need to start firing people" and the sheriff coughed out this retort: "You get me the names and I'll sign the paperwork." Of course that made the news and was printed in a Chicago paper.

Superintendent Andrews, Director Godinez, and Sheriff Dart, we thought y'all knew better than that. Grandstanding to the press

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Local Board Elections

Congratulations to all of the officers who have been recently elected to their local boards.

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What about those Olympics?

by Joseph Andalina.

Yeah, what about them? Pretty neat I would say. Glad you concur. I'm not much of a TV watcher; would rather read. I did, however, watch more TV during the Olympic two-week coverage than I did over the whole summer. Unless it's hockey (tough June through August), a wildlife or science special, or it has Laura Ingraham in it, I shut down the tube.



These Olympics were exciting. Misty May and "six-feet of sunshine" Carrie Walsh, the Bolt of Lightning Insane Usain, and of course, that wonderful young swimmer, Michael Phelps. Thrill after thrill. Competition at its finest.

What was the common thread of all those athletes, including the gymnasts, swimmers, divers, track and field stars, and others? Well, where was all the body fat? I had to turn to the Food Channel just to be able to see normal looking folks again. One look at Emeril, Paula Deen, and Mario Batali and I was able to come back down to earth and realize not everyone actually looks like a 13-year old Chinese gymnast.

But watching all this, I started thinking, what if we could offer something from the law enforcement community to the Olympic World? These would be the real Olympic games, not just the

Police Olympic fluff you normally see. This would be the Real Deal!

Here are a few of ideas that we could offer as "games" on a competitive level:

Pepper Spray Beach Volleyball

Two teams of commanders from your PD over the age of 40 who have not worked the street in 10 years or more, dressed in Michael Phelps Speedos compete against other commanders at the beach.

Same rules as regular beach volleyball, but the object is to pepper spray your opponent when they attempt to block shots. A successful spray is one point, a kill (score) is one point. Completing a spray and score are three points. First team left standing and not crying with six points wins.

Taser Touch Football

Competitors play both offense and defense. Middle linebackers have the taser. All players are bare-chested (sorry ladies, this game is not for you; unless you sue on sex-discrimination grounds, then come on down). Field is 20 yards long. QB must run or pass the ball to the goal line. First player to score after bring tasered wins! Game slogan: Please tase me, bro!

Cell block gauntlet

Officers must run in a HazMat suit up and down their tiers three times while deranged homicidal maniacs throw cups of unidentified substances and other prison paraphernalia at competitors while locked down. Officer with the least stains wins!

Hide and Seek

For patrol personnel adept at blowing off calls. Shifts compete against each other, avoiding and blowing off calls. First shift that successfully blows off 10

calls to the next shift wins!

Dispatch musical chairs

A simple children's game taken to the adult level. Five telecommunicators, four chairs. When a 9-1-1 call comes in, the T/C puts the call on the speaker phone and players circle around the open chairs waiting for the frantic caller to hang up and call the state police. Losers must bring back Taco Bell and beer for the winner.

Chief Calling

Just like pig or husband calling as you see at State Fairs. Players must be assistant or deputy chiefs, or known butt-kissers. First competitor to get the chief to come back to the station on his day off to answer a phony emergency from the mayor wins!



Calls known to have some success are:

- "The mayor wants your ass down here now."
- "Councilman "A" got tagged for DUI and needs bond money."
- "Patrolman Frick fell asleep on mids and drove his squad into the river" (only works if your town actually has a river).
- "There is a woman here who says you will fix her ticket."

And the call that almost never fails—

- "Lt. Frack is in your office looking through your trash can again."

Detective 9mm shoot and caffeine-fueled stair run

Detectives, after their morning coffee (which does not count for the required

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can have no value or merit when you publically put down your officers.

We wrote in a letter to the sheriff that these were irresponsible statements, in that he wants to fire officers who are sick or injured. We advised them if they didn't, they should know that their officers are putting in round-the-clock schedules on one of the most stressful jobs in this business of law enforcement. Injuries to officers are through the roof, and officers are forced to supervise, alone, up to 200 inmates at a time. We reminded them that some of these inmates are quite nasty, too.

Few, if any, Disney type employees are incarcerated at the DOC. We reminded them of the Federal mandate to hire more correctional officers because staffing levels are inadequate. Last word received is that only 23 correctional officers have been hired "to fill the gaps" in the last class. So officers are getting sick. Physically and mentally, and probably more often than normal. Try comparing the jail to "Dante's Inferno" or the "Magic Kingdom" and tell me which one is more synonymous to the Cook County jail.

Some of the officers they have fired on their "medical restrictions" policies have been reinstated with MAP's legal defense and thousands of dollars have been rewarded to the officers in back pay awards. Are we being harsh on the leaders at the DOC? Damn right. If you have evidence of abuse, make the right calls and we'll sort them out. But don't paint sick leave use with the same brush to the press as if to blame the myriad of problems at the jail solely on sick leave and the officers who need it. How utterly stupid.

One of the supervisors made a sub-

sequent statement in response to our letter to the sheriff that nobody says anything when "they" hand out commendations, only when this sort of stuff happens. Well, duh, you're right. First, it's our business to support our officers when the sheriff's office refuses to do so, and second, send MAP your list of commendations and we'll print them on our web site, along with the supervisors who issued them. And third, make sure you call a press-corps staff meeting and announce to the media all of these commendations, just like you did when you slammed your officers.

Haven't you learned that the media doesn't care about the good things correctional officers do because you never publicize them? They only care about the flippant remarks and knee-jerk reactions you make that denigrate these officers. Stop pandering to the media, who does likewise to the public and fix your facility problems.

In this instance, I suggest that you all take a little sick leave and apologize to your officers. A little of the "I'm sorry" tonic will go a long way to cure what's ailing the jail.

#3 DOC Part II—Cook County foodtaster demonstrates his IQ to be that of a chimpanzee

In response to your humble president's letter to Sheriff Dart, (which can be viewed at our web site, under Blog and CCDOC) his main staffer, cabana boy, press agent, food taster, guardian angel, or whatever he might be called, took umbrage at this missive.

He advised our vice president at MAP when he called to whine that Sheriff

Dart never saw the letter because he, Mr. Towne, shredded it. Either the Sheriff is very thin-skinned or Cook County officials actually have people fall on their swords for them. Imagine, the sheriff of Cook County actually has someone who will hide letters criticizing the words or actions of the almighty one. Good to be the King, I guess.

Well, if it stopped there, I would have been amazed. But it didn't. He went on to call 100 or so officers who "abuse" sick time as "pieces of shit" and that the county was going after them. Did he really say that? Yep, sure did.



For the record, MAP has won many of these cases in arbitration, getting suspensions reduced and getting terminated officers their jobs back, many with back pay. No word if Mr. Towne still thinks of these correctional officers as "pieces of shit."

Sad that some county official types have forgotten about due process and innocent until proven guilty, that unions are advocates for their members and that in these cases, evidence of absence can result in an absence of evidence when pursued in the courts before arbitration.

Pretty shameful, I would say. See our website for a Special Edition newsletter that went out to our members

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on lawyers for fear the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

Silly? Sure. True? Most definitely. That's what statistics can do for you. Want to sell people on the spread of HIV? Use statistics. Homeless people (not including the 100,000 or so of homeless veterans as proclaimed by the most honorable John Edwards as he hid from the press in the bathroom of a hotel, where he either was trying to escape unseen leaving his mistress's apartment or quite possibly looking for homeless chaps sleeping in the john) is another major barometer on how to use statistics in a less than truthful manner. But I don't have enough space for this intriguing topic in this essay.

How about HIV? Recently the Chicago Tribune had a story on AIDS. The headline read AIDS epidemic in US "worse than previously known."

On the very same day, the Daily Herald had a story on HIV. (HIV, AIDS, pretty similar as one is the virus and the other the disease) which said 'Cases of HIV up; epidemic no worse.'

The Trib said AIDS is far worse in the US than previously reported. According to government information, 56,300 people are infected, up 40 percent from the government's previous estimate of 40,000. These figures represent improved assessment, not evidence that infection rates are going up. You wouldn't know that by reading the headline, or the way the statistics were portrayed. But it was enough that advocacy groups were calling for more funding and a national strategy to combat the epidemic. Sure, money is a statistic that can cure everyone's

mathematical wizardry. And who in the government is compiling these stats, and from where?

The Herald News pretty much says a lot of the same thing but reports that the infection has hovered around 55,000 for several years, leading to the headline that HIV, while up, is no worse.

What gives—other than the same statistics being used to come up with two different headlines for similar story lines? This goes on and on and on in all walks of life. Especially in police work. Just a few examples, otherwise I'll keep going and going and going ...

Racial profiling and **consent searches** are big in the news. We all know about the evils of racial profiling. At least that's what the press and the special interest groups will tell you. I don't know if the average cop agrees with any of the statistical reference points. All cops want to do is prevent crime, enforce laws, make citizens safer, and pad stats to get promoted.

Well, you may ask, who creates the need for those increased stats anyway? Well, your bosses do. Bring in revenue and they want to know that you're actually working and not sitting behind Walmart drinking free coffee, reading girlie magazines (sorry lady police officers).

If there were no "quotas" to provide stats that cops would have to meet, there would be very little alleged profiling because cops would not have to bring in those parking, vehicle stickers and moving violation citations, and Starbucks wouldn't have to close so many stores.

Tell a beat cop he has to bulk up his ticket quotas, especially on equipment violations, and what does he do? He doesn't drive to an area in town where the \$500,000 homes are. Well, nooo, he goes to the apartment complex. And yes, lower income people and minorities may live there. Cops know that's where the tickets are. Unsafe vehicles, suspended and revoked licenses, and the like, just waiting for the nice officer and their ticket book. Far from racial profiling. More like my sergeant is on my butt.

This unfortunately, may lead to drug searches and warrant checks. I really don't believe that most cops are looking to whack minorities, but are just looking to satisfy paper hungry bosses, get a good evaluation because your stats are up, and might even put you in line for a promotion. And to do a stop on a suspicious driver, you usually do what? Anyone? You got it—ask for a consent search.

I know to some of you I'm naïve and too old, and the world has passed me by, but I have never ever heard a cop say "I'm going to give some tickets to a minority: name your race, color, or creed" (although I do not doubt that some may feel that way.) Likewise, if a minority officer stops a minority person, is it still racial profiling? Do the reports indicate the color or race of the ticket writer?

And consent searches? That's bad to stop someone and ask to search their car voluntarily? Statistics show that more white guys get arrested in consent searches for dope, but more minorities are asked to consent to do a search. So? Again, the average copper

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at the DOC and county officials in response to Mr. Towne's statements.

#4 S'long, Ray

Time for a Jolly Folly—you know, something about a chief that doesn't point out how stupid, vindictive, or childish they can be. We don't do them often, but every once in a while we salute the good ones. And Chief Ray McGury of Bolingbrook is one of the good ones.

Sure, we know he probably pissed off a grunt or two, or a few supervisors in his three-years at the helm in Bolingbrook, but as chiefs go, he was more than okay. He served with more integrity than any other chief in Bolingbrook before him.

He was always accessible to this union, and never shied away from calls from me, or our attorneys either. Fair in his decision making and fair in discipline. Policies and general orders were always discussed with the union reps and never a foul word emanated from his mouth, denigrating his staff, cops, or union officials. He may not have always appreciated union intervention, but he acknowledged it, worked through it, and didn't take things personally.

And what can you say about a guy who attended MAP functions? Rare, I say, rare indeed. But most of all, he stood up to the Bully of Bolingbrook, the not-so-honorable Roger Claar.

Must have been tough for Ray at times dealing with a mayor with such a vast dislike for cops. But he did it and sources say that at times Mr. Mayor sought to can the chief, but could not muster up the votes to do so among his

board. That says a lot for those officials who are often just considered to be pawns in the giant chess game that Roger plays to almost political perfection.

I'd like to know who those pols are. A handshake, a tip of the cap, and dinner on me.

So Ray, a smart guy, said all the right things in announcing his resignation, as did the mayor, but we all know better. As in all aspects of life, however, nothing lasts forever and new challenges await Ray McGury in his new career, which is completely out of law enforcement (at least for a time). We wish him the best, as that first new day beckons without having to work for he-who-shall-not-be-named again!

Good luck, Chief McGury, it seems that we hardly knew ye!

Thoughts and Prayers

Donald J. Malloy, retired Bolingbrook Deputy Chief, passed away suddenly last July. He was a 20 plus year veteran and past president of the local police association.

He was stricken with a heart attack after recently going

through knee-replacement surgery. He was retired less than a year.

Our thoughts and prayers are with "DJ" and his family.

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is looking here for an arrest. That's what they are supposed to do, find and locate crime, enforce traffic laws, and maybe you'll get something deeper. It's a crap shoot based on intuition and probable cause. We are supposed to look for bad guys doing bad things, or contemplating doing bad things like transporting smack or other alternative drugs capable of making someone believe in the glory of Timothy Leary!

For my money, throw out all those stats that you can turn anyway to fit your way of thinking (like I appear to be doing right at this very moment!).

Let's keep stats on probable cause, a much better barometer. No p.c., no stop, no consent search. Government bs stats serve little purpose other than to appease crybabies. Most people, no matter what race or religion, do not get stopped, frisked, or asked to give in to a consent search.

Statistics like these just make a cops' discretion and feeling for the street take a detour away from the criminals. Pretty soon you won't be able to stop anyone. I'm all for protecting people's rights, but let's not hide behind false stats.

Crime Reporting: The FBI recently reports violent and property crimes were down in 2007. Big news. But another expert warned that the figures given could mask rising murder rates among young black men. Violent crime declined by 1.4 percent from 2006. This reverses two years of rising crime. Violent crime climbed by 2.3 percent in 2005 and 1.9 percent in 2006. Federal and local officials were said to be alarmed. They are less alarmed now except for apparently young black males who have guns, but

not black females. (Their words, not mine!)

Murders were down in larger cities. They were up in smaller cities. But then they say these figures do not contain detailed age, race, or gender breakdowns until next year. Real thinkers in universities interpret this stuff and warn us not to be fooled into thinking our problems are over.

Don't worry, I won't. All I have to do is watch Channel 7 news or read the

newspaper was reporting was actually a measure of the crime rate as reported in the paper.

Mr. Hoff says there is a secret language of statistics. It is employed to sensationalize, inflate, confuse, and oversimplify. And I would emphasize to confuse. Just like those FBI stats. Where are the FBI getting these reports? Maybe from chiefs and other bureaucrats who want to see their crime rate go down to justify their



paper. So while crime is said to be down among white people, one thinks that there are many more white people and this can skew the whole black male stats they reported. Kind of like the shark stats I gave in the beginning of this article, isn't it?

In the nifty little book *How to Lie with Statistics* by Darrell Huff, he talks about how his father-in-law, moving from Iowa to California, noticed that "there's a mighty lot of crime around here." At least according to the newspaper he was reading. His father-in-law's conclusion was statistical he writes in an informal way. It assumed that what the

jobs? While you can fool around with some crime stats, bending them to meet your community's needs, there are some stats, like murder, that are "foolproof," I think!

Red Light Cameras: I would prefer that the proliferation of red light cameras at intersections popping up all over is basically fueling the statistical claims by confusion and oversimplification. I FOI'd one town's statistics on four red light cameras they put up in town. One non-busy intersection, and three others that at best could be called somewhat busy.

This town, like all the others looking to

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10 cups of caffeinated coffee they must drink during this event) are timed on an individual basis. Olympians must sit and drink three cups of coffee within 15 minutes. Not too hot, people. Then they must run down three flights of stairs (or an equivalent straightaway if the detectives are very old or your PD doesn't have stairs). Detectives with canes or walkers are not exempt, but will be given "difficulty starting points."

Competitors must run up and down the stairs three times, then go to the firing range and shoot 50 rounds of wadcutters at cardboard cutouts of their mayor or Starsky and Hutch within five minutes.

They then run up the stairs once again, pausing only to talk to the "hot" secretary in records, explaining that they only have a moment because they are currently in a very important competition.

If she cares, the detective earns one point and may win a lunch date with Miss Hottie!

They then go back to their desk, drink three more cups of coffee and immediately call three victims of a crime, whose reports have been sitting on their desks, unworked, for more than a month.

They then drink three more cups of coffee and go back to the stairs one more time to the range to clean their weapon. If they forget how, a CSO can "champion" their cause as long as he completes the cleaning and reassembly in 10 minutes or less.

Athletes run back up and down stairs for the last time and drink one more cup of coffee, closing out at least two or three victims reports (noted above) with a "For Insurance Purposes Only" designation.

It is important to note that there is no "elimination" during the competition, or in a lay person's term, going to the bathroom.

Competition ends when all criteria below is met by any detective.

Detectives who:

- Drink 10 cups of coffee—10 points. Spilling is a 1 point deduction
- Successfully run down the stairs three times—10 points. Injury on-duty report filed is a 1 point deduction
- Checking out "hottie" in records—one point. Being totally dissed is a 5 point deduction

- Calling for victims who are grateful for the call—10 points. Getting hung up on or being asked what took so long, 1 point deducted
- Firing all 50 rounds and having 5 or more hit the mayor's can of beer he's holding, or Starsky and Hutch in the "cojones"—10 points. Totally missing all rounds: 1 point deducted.
- Cleaning your weapon yourself—5 points
- Having the CSO clean it—3 points. Gun incapable of firing after reassembly means a 1 point deduction.
- Closing two reports for insurance purposes—5 points. Being unable to clear because there is an actual suspect, 1 point deduction.
- Not going to the john until all competition is ended—30 points. Wetting your pants means a 1 point deduction; wetting your partner's pants is a 2 point deduction, and sneaking into the restroom before the competition is ended is an automatic disqualification.

As I was a detective for many years, I feel this event is the true barometer of an Olympian. All other competition pales in comparison. (Further note: This event must be held no later than 12:30 pm. After 1 pm, some detectives get sleepy and are unable to do their best. Events cannot take place on weekends, as detectives are often "unavailable.")

And what does the winner of each event win? Well, an at-taboy from your sergeant. The chief will let you pick up his laundry. The mayor will let you drive him to and from the bar to avoid a DUI. Three "chief points" on your next promotional exam. A free card to quash one suspension day. Finally, to be called a leader of men or women every day at Roll Call for a year. Hell with those gold medals. You need to win something that means something.

Good luck to all and remember, in my eyes you are all champions. No crying people, remember in four years you can do it all again, if you're not disabled, fired, or on suspension.

These all have distinct possibilities and I am sure there are many other "games to be played" in our law enforcement agencies. Who knows, one day you may even hear Bob Costas exclaim at the 2016 Olympics in Chicago: "Let the Games Begin!"

Note: Hey, no calls or e-mails from "offended" police people, please. It's a joke—laugh a little! I made light of a COPS guy once. Jeez, you would have thought I trashed his house, stole his wife, and keyed his car. Stay safe, people.

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Darrell Bolton
James Buckingham
John Bullistron
Alesia Chester
Monique Cooper
Steven Franks
Keith Gresham
Joseph Hayes
Steven Hines
Tina Hudson-Ousley
Sebastian Magiera
Johnnie McKinney
Andres Rodriguez
Francisco Rodriguez
James Ruiz
Herman Smith
Mel Smothers
Brandon Thomas
Karlton Thomas
Yolanda Webb
Stephen Williams

Cook Co EM

Michael McKeon

DeKalb Co

Sean Conlon
Courtney Houser
Kelly King

Elk Grove Village

William Callaghan
Michael Jedlinka

Huntley

Raul Valladares

Lake Forest

Brian D'Souza
Michael McGarrigue
Ryan Olson

Lakemoor

Cory Manno

Matteson

Robert Delaney
Daniel Vanoskey

McCook

Russell Delude
David Formanski

Minooka

Brian Winters

Naperville Sgts

Thomas Kammerer

Norridge

Christopher Smith

Northbrook Sgts

Terrance Ryan
Timothy Fitzpatrick
Daniel Strickland

Northern II University

John Barnett
Daniel Bohaczyk
Brian Daniels
Dennis Grant
Clifton Heard
Trevor Hoyt
Weyni Langdon
Daniel Leifker
Demarcus Lindsey
Jason McCauley
Daniel Mojica
Michael Moore
Ali Muhiuddin
Habideen Olaniran
Bryan Pilat
Michelle Reed
Jeffrey Riddell
Jose Rios
Christian Schock
Shun Stone
John Votaw
Darren Walker
Donald Whiteside
Terry Williams
Keishonda Williamson
Christopher Zydzik

Oak Lawn Dispatch

Tanisha Blakemore
Erica Ricchio

Orland Park

David Staszak

Plainfield

Amanda Felgenhauer
Dawn Fliszar

Romeoville

Ryan Chorzempa

Roselle

Robert Sarra
Christopher Schwytzer

Round Lake

Brandon Gullifor
Maureen Macpherson

Schaumburg

Misty Kimura

South Elgin

Nathan Gammon

Steger

Jeremiah Stultz

Wescom Dispatch

Lena Harston
Tari Atherson

West Dundee

Robert Blitek

Promoted

Bolingbrook

Mark McQueary

Crete

William Iozzo

Huntley

Linda Hooten

Schaumburg Command

Shawn Green

WestCom Dispatch

Erich Sommer
Melissa Tinsman

Will Co Mgmt

Roger Johnson

University of Illinois Chicago

Todd Edwards

Retired

Schaumburg

Williams Brennan

West Dundee

Roger Johnson

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DeKalb County

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Oak Lawn

Daniel Pikowitz

Park City

Rolf Baker

University of Illinois Chicago

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Lying with Statistics

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install these cameras, cite a percentage of accidents at these intersections as compared to the preceding year and the year after cameras were installed. True, there are accidents at these locations, but there are accidents on straightaways, parking lots, driveways, and with objects other than cars. Comparing intersections and accidents before and after red light cameras are installed will always give high numbers in a percentage format. When you see the numbers of accidents compared you can almost always see a favorable percentage to prove their point, regardless of the number of accidents involved—which are often times not many.

So municipalities say they need these cameras to reduce accidents. Let's get that guy who blows that red light and makes that left turn where the light has turned. They say that's what it is designed for. However, an examination of the facts doesn't always support this statistical untruth. Without boring you with the numbers, what you can find is that accident rates were usually higher before the cameras were installed. What is skewed is the percentages, because the differences on accidents one year will give you a high percentage of reductions the next year, depending on the amounts in both years. A 50 percent reduction of accidents from one year to the next if you only had a minimal amount of accidents after the cameras were installed may not be that big of a deal.

Here are the four intersections FOI'd, comparing 2006 accident to 2007 accidents you get:

Intersection	2006	2007	Difference
#1	34	18	-16
#2	14	11	-3
#3	9	5	-4
#4	66	52	-14

Accidents did go down. But was the total amount of accidents before and after the cameras really significant? And what kind of accidents were they? I bet they were mostly property damage only. However, figures on how much the city made at each intersection was curiously not sent. And that's what constitutes the confusion here. It makes lots of money because it is geared primarily to cite violations that really do not cause accidents. Am I being too critical? Maybe, but only because this is a prime example on how to lie with statistics in law enforcement. A study in the Federal Highway Ad-

ministration cites the fact that this is an issue where both sides acknowledge that you can make statistics say anything you want. (See, Homer was right!)

Even though your stats show a decrease in accidents, the numbers are minimal. What isn't known is how much dough the politicians put in their coffers for tagging folks who drove or stopped past the white lines, or for taking a right turn without making a complete stop.

Is it a safety issue or a revenue generator? Chicago made over \$20 million last year in red light violations caught by cameras. Dallas, Texas, made \$15 million.

How many of those were really accident-detering \$100 tickets?

And those of you reading this, do you always stop completely before turning right at the light? Or do you always stop at or before the white line at a red light, something I didn't even know you could write people for? Or inch out to make that left turn because your green arrow is only going to last a total of seven seconds?

Cities and towns see this as a cash cow. No riverboats? No problem! Get a red light camera or three in town. Increased revenue is a guarantee. Otherwise businesses wouldn't be trying to sell them to cities. They are all doing it now. These are not cop tickets. They are administrative jobs put out by village officials (in some cases) so guess who is not going to get a ticket? Probably not Mr. Mayor and his troglodytes. And now our fine Illinois governor wants to put high tech cameras on our highways to nab speeders. Is anyone here being fooled by the statistical desire to make highways safer? Or is this just another money grab, utilizing stats to prove your point. Senator John Millner (R-Carol Stream) and ex-chief from Elmhurst opposes these cameras. Fine man that he is, he stated "Law enforcement should never solely be used as a revenue



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enhancer—never—because then it's not about safety, it's about money.”

What cracks me up, however, is when irate, pissed off citizens get jobbed for \$100, the politicians send them over to the cops. That's what really irks me. The police get to handle the p.o.'d person and they didn't even write the ticket. But politicians have to get elected and the cops have to come up with the excuses and the stats to support some private business in order to make money for them and your town. What the businesses tell the pols is that these cameras will continue to make money, even when the citizens who live there get used to them. Visitors, relatives, passerbys, and shoppers won't know they are there. That's what the pols hope for, Whack them, not “my voters.” See, cash cow!

Even though you have to admit when there is a red light camera watching, you will think twice about pushing that light. But it's not all about safety when they say there is a 34 percent reduction of traffic accidents. The stats are skewed. All the numbers are not usually given, just a percentage for the most part. Why? Because like the man says, they need to confuse you to get everyone nodding their heads in agreement that the cameras are working. Bull. It's just a revenue gold-mine—like gambling. Drop the numbers statistical game and just say what it is. In this one town examined it is interesting to note that the mayor shut down the cameras, maybe

due to the citizens' complaints, but that's not the official reason given. I have a copy of one citizen's letter—it's a doozy! When the pols become sensitive to the complaints and see votes going in the tank, they don't give that as a reason why they are eliminating the cameras. No... they say accidents were reduced, and they didn't need them anymore. Yeah, like reducing accidents from nine to five shows a need to have them in the first place. The stuff I want to hear is how much those four reduced accidents generated in ticket revenue. I'm still waiting.

One final thought. There are a lot of ways to lie with statistics in police work. One of my favorites was the boss reporting the decrease in burglaries, vehicle burglaries, and domestic violence when I was in the bureau. These stats were always going down because the big brass did not want to count detached garages that were broken into as burglaries. I guess it's not a dwelling therein, even though the hoods kicked the door down to get in and took stuff.

Same with vehicle break-ins. If the door was not locked, then voila! No burglary, nothing broken, even though the hoods took stuff. Arson to a dumpster or a field after all is not really arson, unless someone happens to be living in that dumpster.

And most domestic violence cases are not considered battery. Beat the snot out of the missus and it's not a reportable

battery per se. Different reporting technique, but chiefs and politicians want a low crime rate. Statistics on crime are very commonly altered. I tried to tell my bosses that all you can really hope for is a “decrease in the increase of crime.” Crime will never go away. It fluctuates like the stock market and those shark attacks.

Well, that just pissed them off and they would accuse me of being insubordinate for the 500th time.

And that, my friends, is a statistic you could count on.

Editor's note: I could go on and on, like with the new traffic study where stats are used to enforce someone's theory that we waste \$11.7 billion dollars a year to traffic congestion, at \$14.48 an hour for each person stuck in traffic. Who comes up with this stuff? But you can think up anything to parse your idea on why we should go to mass transit for our transportation woes.

Also, these are my observations, and only mine, although Homer Simpson did help me a bit here. I could have used more statistics, but then I could be lying! If I'm off on a figure here or there, relax. We'll change it—it's only a statistic!

Next time, or the time after that, I'll finish up my ramblings on lying and what all this could possibly mean.

Stay safe.



Quote:

As the election cycle nears, the 10 most dangerous words in the English language are:

“I'm from the government and I'm here to help you.”
- *Ronald Reagan*

MAP Elections

Burr Ridge Corporals and Sergeants

Talk about whining? The ILRB, in two hearings, approved the majority petition of the above group. The town of Burr Ridge officials always demonstrating anger and prickly heat when facing MAP, appealed to the Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District. In an “How sweet it is” decision, the 2nd District affirmed the ILRB’s decision and found the Burr Ridge corporals and sergeants eligible to organize with MAP. Lots of Burr Ridge taxpayers’ money later—*MAP Wins!*

Cicero Lieutenants

The ILRB certified six lieutenants in Cicero as being eligible to affiliate with MAP. The city, as usual, cried like babies and filed an appeal with the ILRB. More wasteful expenditures of taxpayers’ money in Cicero.

Hanover Park Sergeants

Finally a progressive thinking city that allowed their sergeants to organize with MAP, avoiding at great expense to the taxpayers, a prolonged fight that in most likelihood would have resulted in a MAP win. Their chapter is now free to bargain in a fair and dignified manner with MAP as their rep. It was the right thing to do for their sergeants, and MAP appreciates the city’s willingness to accept collective bargaining as their employees’ right.

St Charles Sergeants

Similarly nine sergeants in St Charles were also certified under a majority petition and now reside within the MAP family. We do expect an appeal to be filed by the city. *MAP Wins!*

Westchester Sergeants

Were recently certified by the ILRB after joining MAP via a majority petition. An appeal might be looming. *MAP Wins!*

Many of these supervisory cases are appealed to the ILRB in appellate courts. Occasionally MAP loses and supervisors are forced to be supervisors under the labor act. However, that is maybe one a year on average; maybe. Circumstances of independent judgment in each case is often the determining factor. Overwhelmingly, MAP wins and the supervisors, while still supervisors are allowed to organize. Cities whine, cry, and kick their feet, but as we said, MAP wins 99 percent of the time. We expect to keep winning, too.

If you are a supervisor group and you want to organize to get a contract and bargain collectively, give MAP a call. We are proven winners. Cities have been, for the most part, proven losers.

Bits n Pieces

Bolingbrook Officer Dale Szymanski, competing in a weight lifting meet for police officers, not only defended his record, but broke and set the **World Record** by bench pressing 628 pounds!

Congratulations to this officer for an outstanding achievement.

MAP Golf Outing

by: Joseph M. Andalina

MAP's 13th annual golf outing, which took place on June 6th, was another great time. The sold-out event had perfect weather, a great course, and was attended by wonderful members, friends, and associates. Thanks to everyone, too numerous to mention, who continue to make our outing a success. We appreciate all your efforts!

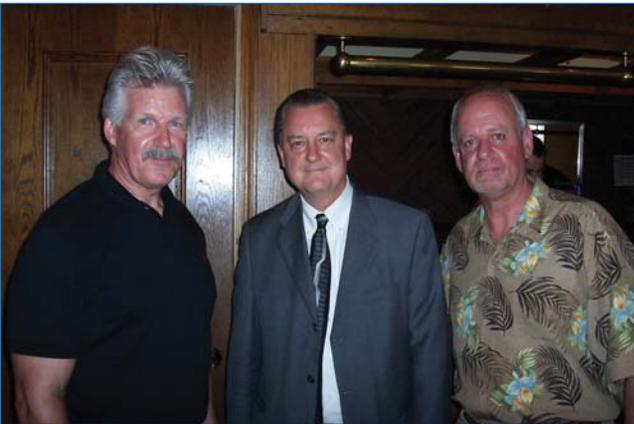
We look forward to seeing you again next year. See our web site for additional photos.



Getting ready to golf



Practicing the putting



Left to right: Jim Glasgow, Will County State's Attorney, Don Pulchalski, DuPage County Board member, Joe Mazzone, Chief Legal Counsel



Our Bolingbrook contingent



Our crew from the Department of Corrections



Cheryl selling raffle tickets

Legislative News

by: *Joseph M. Andalina*



All quiet in local news due to summer hiatus for most bills. However, the big news is the bid for a new Illinois

Constitutional Convention, where local political leaders, mayors, etc. are pushing for Illinois taxpayers to approve with a yes vote at the November, 2008 election.

As I've warned before here, at our MAP web site, and in letters to editors in some media outlets, this is a bad thing for all of law enforcement.

The press is going wild from information received by local politicians on how taxpayers are getting screwed by police and fire pensions. Many are calling for a change in all law enforcement pensions so that you all get just a 401(k) benefit. The press and the public are buying into it in some areas. MAP is fighting this on a local level and in Springfield with

our lobbyists.

The reality is, however, that you must contact your political leaders and demand that your pension stay the same. More importantly, make sure you, your spouse, relatives, and neighbors vote no to a constitutional convention in November. If politicians are allowed to open this door, you are in trouble.

More on our website as November draws near.

Metra Praised for Great Police Work

Metra Incident July 2007 concerning **Sgt. Knott #526** and **Officer Rich Janis #932**, arresting a suspect wanted for murder and recovering a loaded Smith & Wesson .38 caliber stainless steel handgun. The street stop was at Randolph and Michigan, near the entrance to the Metra Millennium Train Station, and after a short foot chase, the arrest was made at Madison and Wabash, Chicago. A commendation was not awarded.

Metra Incident October 2007 concerning **Officer Tom Hermes #995** driving home after his tour of duty on I-57, 1/2 mile south of Peotone Road and witnessing a Homicide in Progress on Interstate 57. Officer Hermes displayed exemplary and unquestioned bravery on being the only vehicle to stop, render assistance and call on-duty Police to the scene. Officer Hermes' attention to duty and police training enabled him to maintain a steady position on the offender and assist in the immediate, successful apprehension of a murder suspect. Officer Hermes did not receive a commendation for his actions.

Special Recognition to **Lieutenant Frank Magallan** for being selected by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police "James J. Wade" award for Most Outstanding Law Enforce-

ment Officer of the Year for 2007. Lt. Magallan received an Honorable Mention to the award, placing third in the vote, as Detective William Alcott, Homewood Police Department, was voted Officer of the Year.

Metra Incident July 5, 2008, concerning Metra Police District 3, Downtown Chicago Detail consisting of **Sgt. Collins #518, Officer Geanes #925, Officer O'Neill #924, Officer Luster #918** and **Officer Johnson #917**; for their attention to duty, quick response, and professionalism. Their actions resulted in a well-coordinated effort that culminated in the arrest of a dangerous felon by Metra Police. Felony approval on charges of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Aggravated UYW (Public Transit) and UYW by a convicted felon. A Revelation model 99 .22 caliber, 9-shot blue steel 6-inch revolver was recovered with six spent rounds and three live rounds in the cylinder. The offender was wanted by the Chicago Police Department for an aggravated battery (shooting) that occurred at Randolph and Michigan, near the entrance to the Metra Millennium Train Station.

Thanks to Officer Rich Janis, local president for MAP Chapter #267 at Metra for submitting the information on these fine officers.

More News From Around the MAP

New Chapters on the MAP

16th District Judicial Probation Officers from DeKalb, Kendall, and Kane Counties
 Bolingbrook Civilian Group
 Genoa
 McHenry County Circuit Court Clerks

Arbitrations and Mediations

Cook County Department of Corrections
 Darien
 Hawthorn Woods
 Streamwood
 Sugar Grove
among others

Negotiations in Progress

Arlington Hgts
 Braidwood
 Cook Co Dispatch/EM/Vehicle Services
 DuPage Co Forest Preserve
 Hanover Park
 IDOC CMS Investigators (II)
 Maywood Sgts
 New Lenox Sgts
 SEECOM
 South Elgin
 University of IL Chicago
 and many others

Signed Contracts

Carpentersville Civilians
 Chicago State Univ. Sgts
 DuPage County Coroners
 Huntley
 Justice Sgts
 Metra
 Romeoville

Collective Bargaining Chapters

16th Dist Judicial Prob Ofcs	Hanover Park	Oak Lawn
Arlington Heights	Hawthorne Woods	Oak Lawn Telecom, CSO's, &
Addison	Hickory Hills	Detention Aides
Algonquin	Highwood	Orland Park
Algonquin Police CSO's &	Hoffman Estates	Oswego
Dispatch	Hoffman Estates Sgts	Palos Hills
Bartlett	Huntley	Palos Park
Bensenville	IL DOC Investigators	Park City
Bolingbrook	Indian Head Park	Plainfield
Bolingbrook Civilians	ISTHA	Plainfield Sgts
Bolingbrook Sgts/Lts	ISTHA Call-takers	Prospect Heights
Braidwood	John Stroger Hospital Sgts	Prospect Heights Sgts
Bridgeview	Johnsburg	River Valley Detention Cntr Supv
Burr Ridge Sgts and Cpls	Justice	Romeoville PO and Sgts
Carpentersville Civilians	Justice Sgts	Roselle
Carpentersville Police	Lake Forest	Round Lake Police
Carpentersville Sgts	Lake in the Hills Police	Round Lake Supv
Channahon	Lake in the Hills Dispatch/CSO's	St Charles
Chicago State University Police	Lakemoor	St Charles Sgts
Chicago State University Sgts	LaSalle County	Schaumburg
Cicero Lts	LaSalle Co Correctional Officers	Schaumburg Command
Coal City	Lemont	SEECOM
Cook Co Correctional Officers	Lemont Sgts	Seneca
Cook County EM/ Dispatch/	Lisle	South Barrington
Vehicle Service	Lockport	South Elgin
Cook Co DCSI Deputy Chiefs	Matteson	South Elgin Sgts
Cook Co Dispatch Supvs	Matteson Sgts	Steger
Crest Hill	Maywood Sgts	Streamwood
Crete	McCook PO and Sgts	Sugar Grove
Crystal Lake	McHenry Co Court Clerks	Tinley Park
Darien Police and Sgts	Metra	University of Illinois
Darien Police Civilians	Minooka	Villa Park
DesPlaines	Montgomery	Warrenville
DesPlaines Sgts/Lts	Morris	Warrenville Sgts
DeKalb County	Morton Grove Sgts	Waukegan Sgts
DuPage Co Patrol/Court	Mt Prospect	Wescom Dispatch
Services	Mt Prospect Sgts	Westchester Sgts
DuPage Co Coroner	Naperville Sgts	West Dundee
DuPage Co Forest Preserve	New Lenox Sgts	Western Springs
East Dundee	Niles Police	Western Springs Sgts
Elwood	Norridge	Wheaton Sgts
Elk Grove Village	Northbrook Sgts	Will County Mgmt Assoc
Ford Heights	Northern IL Emergency	Wilmington
Genoa	Communications Center	Winfield
Gilbert	Northern Illinois University	Winnetka
Grundy County	Northern IL University Sgts	Woodridge

Legal Defense Chapters

Addison Sgts	Elgin	Northlake
Barrington Hills Sgts	Evergreen Park	Palatine
Belvidere Sgts	Hampshire	Palos Park Police part-time
Bensenville Sgts	Hawthorn Woods Sgts	Peotone
Bolingbrook Civilians	Hinsdale Sgts	Roselle Command
Channahon Sgts	LaGrange Park	Round Lake Park
Cook County Canine	Lake County	South Barrington Command
Cook Co Correctional Sgts/Lts	Lake Villa	Tinley Park Sgts
Cook County Sheriff's Police	Manhattan	Winnetka CSO
Crest Hill Sgts	McCook Civilians	Woodridge Sgts
DuPage County Corrections	Norridge Auxiliary Officers	