That’s what it feels like, doesn’t it? Besides mid-term elections, ISIS and Ebola, it’s cops who are mostly in the news. And most if it is not good.

Seems the good people of the United States are solidly against us. No matter what we do: save lives, arrest very bad people, make our towns safe, man the front lines to prevent chaos, terrorism, and sacrifice ourselves for others, it’s never enough.

It is disturbing.

Maybe it’s always been that way, but in the era of constant news, videos, and cell phones, I think it’s worse now. And some morons are constantly egging you on to get their 15 minutes of fame while making you look like a gestapo.

I heard a very prominent press anchor call cops just that in the Ohio case where a cop broke out a vehicle’s window after many orders to the occupants to open up. Captured on video—at least the part about breaking the window.

The rioting in Missouri takes the national limelight where nothing an officer does can be positive despite the looting, shootings, and numerous arrests. This incident has given us more bad press than anything since the Rodney King days. And the cop haters and race hustlers are having a field day demonizing us, despite the numerous deaths of police officers across the country doing their damned best to protect us all.

Locally we have articles about rogue cops, accused cops or just cops with lots of complaints. As you all may know, if it’s one thing they told you in the academy “if you don’t have beefs, you ain’t doing your job.”

Well, maybe that’s what they told us when I was in the academy, way back when. Nowadays, beefs are a dirty word. The brass, the press, and the public can’t fathom why anyone would beef you unless you deserved it.

Never mind that some folks are pissed, peeved, spiteful, and will make up stuff just to get off the hook. Are some cops aggressive? Sure they are. Most of the time it’s necessary to get the job done. Other times, like a recent case in Chicago where a commander stands accused of brutality, it’s time, once again, to wait for all the facts to come in.

I do know this; the rougher the
Chaplain’s Column

By: Thomas Ross

V ery recent events in law enforce- ment have shown to be deadly for many and injurious to many more. After 48 days, the Pennsylvania coward suspect in the killing of PA Trooper Dickson was apprehended by US Marshalls and PA Troopers. In a sign of great respect to their fallen comrade, the suspect was handcuffed with Trooper Dickson’s handcuffs and driven back to the station in his squad. A very nice touch of justice to end this capture. Then we had two California deputies killed and three others wounded by a crazed suspect who also has now been arrested. Deputyes Oliver and Davis were executed by this suspect who has been in the arms of justice for a number of years and somehow was still walking the streets free! In an ironic twist, Deputy Davis was killed 26 years after his father was killed in the line of duty. Still in another act of craziness we had the ax attacks in various incidents around the country, almost in a fashion imitating ISIS attacks. It’s dangerous out there and everyone on the job needs to be very aware and on guard of the simple traffic stop turning into terror, great harm and could be deadly. Statistics for the past years show gun fire as the leading cause of deaths in Law Enforcement and car accidents as the second leading cause. So what can you do living in a dangerous career? I think it starts at home and every day leaving knowing the danger you face and leaving loved ones everyday as it might be your last. So leave for work on the best terms possible. Anything troubling in your life should not distract you from being on top of your game. Think about the high wire walker Nik Wallenda and how important his concentration needed to be to execute his wire act. Concentration on safety needs to be number one as you head out every day. I remem- ber seeing a poster on a cop’s locker with a picture of a cop and suspect in cuffs that stated “I don’t know about you but I’m going home tonight.” Then it’s being a part of a team that watches each other’s back, yes even on those routine stops. We may have differences between members, but each other’s safety has to be prominent. And of course I need to highlight faith. I never understand how you can put on your vest, strap on your gun, grab your shotgun and go on the streets without a touch of faith. So be careful out there and watch out for each other. We citizens are behind you but only you stand in front of crime and our protection. Enjoy Christmas and New Years and celebrate your gifts and how blessed you are as a family. Find time for faith. Treasure your time together. Peace to all. Chaplain Tom Ross, Sr sligo8@wowway.com

Chief’s Follies

By: Joseph Andalina

Everyone has to have a laughing place!

And this one deserves it. Dave Grosso, a Washington DC council member, suggested in a police-community fo- rum that one way to improve interac- tion with the public is to take away firearms from the Metropolitan Police Department officers. Say what? Can you repeat that again? He wanted to “re-imagine” the way we relate to one another and then change the MPD. While he wouldn’t come out and say just what he meant because his “staff” wouldn’t let him, the idea was put out there. The union official responded that “America” is a gun-oriented soci- ety and that Mr. Grosso is living in a fantasy world. Yep, I agree. A day with cops without guns is a day without sunshine! And we elect these people. Make room in the tar pit with Brer Rabbit.

They walk among us

Perverts, that is. And not the home- less, haggard types, either. But the astute, kindly, amiable, chivalrous, mayoral types. Yes, like the mayor of Bannockburn, Illinois, who resigned his position he held as mayor since 2007 after two al- legations of molestation surfaced. James Bochemeyer allegedly admit- ted that he sexually abused two boys between 15 and 17 year of age when they worked at his hardware store sometime in the 90s. He was not for- mally charged as the statute of limitations for his behavior had expired. But I ask you, how do these people have the gall to run for office when their perversions are part of their background? Ego, no feelings of guilt and the belief that he wouldn’t get caught is all I can think of. Pervert.

Taking texting to the top job

Rock Island County Sheriff Jeffery Boyd pled guilty recently to attempted misconduct in a cyberstalking case. Mr. Boyd resigned his office and for- feited his 4-year pension, as he used his sheriff’s position to intimidate and threaten a woman he met at the gym. He pursued the illegal immigrant woman via repeated text messages and when she asked him to leave her alone he sent her an anonymous, threaten- ing text. As part of his plea agreement, he is forbidden to contact her. Cer- tainly seems like an abuse of power. At least it can be said that he understands new technology. Just goes to show you that chief’s bars does not make one glamorous or amo- rous, but it can make some stupid.

Crossing over to the Fire Department

I usually don’t do firemen stuff. They have their own unions who can write about the weird stuff. They never do, far as I know. For that matter, other unions don’t bring attention to the “follies” of our leaders. Don’t know why. Maybe because they don’t want to rock the boat, still feeling if they play nice they will be rewarded. That just doesn’t work.

Anyway, this one needed to be told. The Maywood fire chief had earlier “banned” all patriotic and personal stickers from helmets and lockers, including American flags and 9/11 memorials. After taking a lot of heat from fire- fighters who take the flag and 9/11 memorials quite seriously, the fire chief rescinded his order. He had sent four firefighters home for defying his order but like a scolded parent, he let them come back. It is hard to justify such a harsh, knee-jerk reaction for such a harmless show of patriotism from firefighters who you would ex-pect just that. But the chief tried to spin this by playing the race card. He is black and says he wanted to present a uniform appearance for all employees as he showed a picture of a monkey smoke- ing a cigarette that had been placed on a locker.

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He drew the conclusion that there were racist firefighters in his department. But how a cigarette smoking monkey constitutes racism…someone explain that. I have seen many chimpanzees on TV smoking a cigarette over the years and that is one mental picture that never occurred to me.

Anyway, his men came out — two white guys — and explained that one of them put that photo in his buddy’s locker to needle him about his smoking — 10 years ago! If it was racism, it sure took a long time for the chief to address it.

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Legislative News

by Joseph Andalina

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Up against the wall

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town, the crime and the people who inhabit them by its very nature results in a different kind of policing. Sometimes if you’re involved in hinky stuff, one has to expect rougher treatment. Uh-oh, not politically correct? Don’t know how to spin it any other way. Years ago, I was an undercover narcotics officer. During a drug raid, the principle dealer tried to get away. He had long blond hair hanging to his rear end, which was typical of the day. I jumped over a couch to prevent him from escaping and got a handful of that stringy, dirty hair and did what anyone would do to stop him. I pulled it and backwards he came and fell into a set of handcuffs.

Well as you may guess, months later at his trial his attorney claimed “unnecessary roughness” in making the pinch. The judge at the time, bless his heart, ignored the claim and said if you’re going to participate in illegal drug activities, one must expect rougher treatment. I didn’t even have to explain that pulling his hair was not intentional, it was just there! Now the press would be screaming how I messed up his ‘do’ and why I couldn’t just hug him down.

But one thing for sure, the concept of “street justice” has gone bye-bye, just like the free cup of joe. It’s a different paradigm out there now and criminals are looking to do anything to make you the bad guy—and the press is buying it all.

But at the same time, the brass expects you to write tickets, make arrests, and obey at all costs. Just don’t get a complaint filed against you to make them look bad with out-of-control cops.

In reality, it is very few cops who are out of control.

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Vita è bella

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MAP Golf Outing

MAP’s annual golf outing took place on June 6, 2014. We had a sell-out crowd, and the weather cooperated beautifully.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, golfers, and guests for dinner. And, of course, Carol, Sonia, and the MAP Board.

A great time was had by all!

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On September 18, 2014, MAP hosted our well-received steward seminar for our local chapter representatives. Topics covered included grievance procedures, past practices, steward basics, and officer involved shootings.

Thanks to John Ward, Keith George, Sonia and Carol for all their hard work.

Jerry Marzullo making his presentation

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Will County Command
Four-year contract, 2012 to 2016. Wages 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%. Maintained percentage of wages on insurance contribution vs. percent-age of premium, which everyone in the County is now paying except for the Will County Command and Deputies. Contract fully retroactive to December 1, 2012.

Arlington Heights
Three-year contract. Wage increases of 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5% Most of contract remained status quo Minor modification to non-discriminination language, Minor change to Labor/Management committee
Increase in court time from 2 ½ to 3 hours, Expansion of duty rights of officers. On-call compensation increase from 4 to 6 hours per month 2- tier vacation schedule along with modifications on the timing of scheduling vacations. Christmas Eve added as holiday for holiday pay purposes 12% monthly premium contribution for insurance purposes Expanded vendors for quartermaster system. Increase annual equipment allowance from $200 to $300 per year.

Burr Ridge Cpls/Sgts
Three year contract. Wage increases of 2.0%, 2.25%, 2.5% Maintain status quo on health insurance contributions. Maintain status quo on several take-aways suggested by the Village

Crest Hill
Four-year contract. Wage increases of 1.5%, 2%, 2%, 2.5%. Added 2 steps, 6 and 7, which increase top pay significantly. Instituted 12 hour work schedule. Expanded ability to convert vacations from weeks to hours. Institute arbi-tration of discipline, including reprimands, suspension, demotions and discharge
Insurance – City agreed to add vision and dental coverage for members effective 7-1-14. Insurance contribution of 8% in 2014, 9% in 2015 and 10% in 2016 and thereafter. Minor additions to equipment supplied by City.

Elk Grove
Extension of contract from 2014 to 2017 to 2018 Wage increase is based upon market based equity adjustments with a guaran-tee of 2% on May 1st of 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. All equity increases will only go up, not down, regardless of comparable situations. Increase in longevity amounts from $725, $825 and $925 to $1050, $1150 and $1250 (for 10, 15 and 20 years) Provides for reopeners in the event that the insurance in Elk Grove is significantly different from weeks to hours. Institute arbitration of discipline, including reprimands, suspension, demotions and discharge

Richard Reimer
Round Lake
3-year agreement. 3% annual increases for each of the 3 year term of this contract. Modified the long standing employee share of health insurance premiums. Prior agreements allowed for full share of health premiums for the employees, but those selecting additional family members to be covered paid the difference between employee coverage and the coverage that they elected (employee + child, employee + spouse, or family). An election to appeal discipline through the grievance procedure.

Steve Calcaterra
Winfield Sgts
The only change to the agreement is the wages for 2%-2%-2% across the board, retro to 05/01/14.

Elwood:
Establishment of set rotational process for voluntary overtime and seniority benefits for forced overtime Established Officer In Charge compen-sation at $1.00/hr extra. Established Field Training Officer compen-sation at $1.00/hr extra. Sick leave payout upon retirement increased to 40%
Uniform allowance increased to $650-700-750. Established protec-tive language to prohibit management from conducting arbitrary searches to initiate discipline without indepen-dently sustainable facts
Wage adjustment for 05/01/13 (first year of CBA) ranging from 5.5%- 7.6% depending upon step
Wage increases: 05/01/14, 2%; 05/01/15, 2%; 05/01/16, 2%

Plainfield:
Written reprimands and letters of discipline may be removed if no similar occurrence within a period of time. Clarification of grievance language
Appeals of discipline cannot result in increased discipline by Board of Fire & Police Commission. Adoption of just cause standard for Board of Fire & Police Commission hearings. Adoption of “cover shift.” Adoption of overtime assignment procedures
Compensatory time rules established with 72 hour notice
Increase in extra duty compensation to $45/hr, $65/hr, $85/hr, depending upon requesting entity and circum-stances, with additional $15/hr if less than 72 hr notice
K-9 compensation increased to $140/ pay period
Increase in vacation time sell-back amounts
Vacation scheduling amendments
Personal time scheduling amendments
Employees not scheduled to work holidays receive 8 hours of compensa-tion for each holiday and may request comp time instead
Employees working holidays receive 2 ½ times their hourly rate
Increases in 457k contribution amounts made by the Village, up to $1700/year
Increases sick leave payout for officers hired before January 1, 1995
Clarification in mileage and per diem reimbursements
Wages: 4/30/15, 2.5%; 4/30/16, 2.5%; 4/30/17, 2.5%; 4/30/18, 2.5%

Ron Cicinelli
Hawthorn Woods
Three-year contract. 3% increase in 2015 and 2016 and a 4% increase in 2017
Veteran’s Day changed to November 11th
Added one (1) additional vacation day for years of service after 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19
Tuition reimbursement changed to $1,500 per fiscal year
Uniform allowance to $500 for 2015, 2016, and 2017

Keith Karlson
South Elgin Police
3-year term. The wage increases are a 2% increase retro to 5/1/14, 3.5% in-crease on 5/1/15, and 3.75% increase on 5/1/2016.

A change was negotiated to Insurance plan design but the employer picks up the difference in all co pays between the current plan and the new plan, so there is no additional cost imposed upon the members. The employee contribution was held toward monthly premiums to 5% as was in the prior agreement.

Jerry Marzullo
Wilmingon
Arbitration of discipline where previ-ously it was only Board of Police Commissioner Hearing. Additon of a 12-hour shift schedule. Double compensatory time bank from 40 to 80 hours.
Increased dollar amount for clothing allowance.
Status quo on health insurance (no increase in premium).
Four year contract 1.5%, 1.75%, 2.25, 2.5%

Ray Garza
CSU
Officers and telecommunicators received 2.5% wage increase for each year of the contract and an additional step. 10% increase in uniform allow-ance.

Oak Forest
Wages 2.0% first year of the contract and 2.5% for the remainder of the contract.

Park Forest
Wages 2.25% for the first year and 2.5% for the remainder of the contract.
The “21-foot Rule” Part I of II

By: Jeffery Ortinau

Edge weapon defense
Fact or Fiction

The “21 foot rule” originated back in 1983 from research by a Salt Lake City firearms instructor named Lt. Dennis Tueller, and was popularized by the Street Survival Seminar and the seminal instructional video “Surviving Edged Weapons.” The rule stated that in the time it takes the average officer to recognize a threat, draw his sidearm and fire two rounds, an average subject changing at the officer with a knife or other cutting or stabbing weapon, can cover a distance of 21 feet.

The implication, therefore, is that when dealing with an edge weapon suspect, at anything less than 21 feet an officer had better have his gun out and ready to shoot before the offender starts running at him or else he risks being set upon and injured or killed before he can draw his sidearm and effectively defeat the attack.

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For example, an article on the 21-Foot Rule in a highly respected L.E. magazine states in its opening sentence that “a suspect armed with an edged weapon and within twenty-one feet of a police officer presents a deadly threat.” The “common knowledge” that “deadly force against him is justified” has long been “accepted in police and court circles,” the article continues.

Statements like that, Lewinski says, “have led officers to believe that no matter what position they’re in, even with their gun on target and their finger on the trigger, they are in extreme danger at 21 feet. They believe they don’t have a chance of surviving unless they preempt the suspect by shooting.”

However widespread that contaminated interpretation may be, it is NOT accurate. A suspect with a knife within 21 feet of an officer is POTENTIALLY a deadly threat. He does warrant getting your gun out and ready. But he cannot be considered an actual threat justifying deadly force until he takes the first overt action in furtherance of intention-like starting to rush or lunge toward the officer with intent to do harm. Even then there may be factors besides distance that influence a force decision.

So long as a subject is stationary or moving around but not advancing or giving any indication he’s about to charge, it clearly is not legally justified to use lethal force against him. Officers who do shoot in those circumstances may find themselves subject to disciplinary action, civil suits or even criminal charges.

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MISINTERPRETATION

“Unfortunately, some officers and apparently some trainers as well have ‘streamlined’ the 21-Foot Rule in a way that gravely distorts its meaning and exposes them to highly undesirable legal consequences,” Lewinski says. Namely, they have come to believe that the Rule means that a subject brandishing an edged weapon when positioned at any distance less than 21 feet from an officer can justifiably be shot.

As a prelude to more extensive studies of edge weapon-related issues, the Force Science Research Center (FSRC) at Minnesota State University-Mankato has responded by reexamining the “21 Foot Rule”. After testing the Rule at Minnesota State University-Mankato has responded related issues, the Force Science Research Center (FSRC)

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Chapter Elections

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

Buffalo Grove
Mike Martin
President
Michelle Kondrat
Vice President
Meghan Hansen
Secretary
Anthony Turano
Treasurer
Hector De La Paz
 Sergeant at Arms

Lake in the Hills
Matthew Mannino
President
Erik Watters
Vice President
Randy Story
Secretary

Winfield
Mike Dewitt
Representative
Scott Miara
Representative
Joe Gaske
Representative

Westchester
Keith Rollins
Wheaton
Stephen Hamill
Woodridge
Ken Hinton

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Thoughts and Prayers

Officer Tony Muscolino of the Niles Police Department passed away suddenly last September. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family since we learned of this sad news. We will continue to pray for him and his loved ones.

Disability payments

Recently MAP approved two one-time disability payments to officers who were dues paying members in good standing. Officer James Emmett of Oak Forest and Officer Ronald Kadzielawski of Mount Prospect were both injured in duty related incidents.

We wish them well with all their future endeavors.

Election

Are we not glad to see the end of this year’s election cycle? It seems that no candidate ever really tells you what they are going to do for their constituents. It’s rather they scream loudly at what is wrong with the “other candidate,” whether perceived reality or not.

Hard to get interested over all the noise for sure. But it’s not making this up. Don’t know if the plate was dropped, spreading food all over while hungry homeless people scurried around for tidbits like children after the candy from a broken piñata.

Sure, I know homeless folks can be problematic but many are mentally ill, addicted, or have legitimate issues. Preventing 90-year-old’s and ministers from feeding them and actually arresting them seems unduly harsh. Makes us look kind of uncaring, too, while we follow the orders of our leaders who will use us as a buffer to take the bad press.

I guess they could buy the permits and follow other rules devised by evil mayors and politicians, but it is only food. Now if it was cellphones, I may agree, but “drop the plate now” gives me indigestion.

Our website

Check out our website www.mapunion.org for more good stuff.

Bears

Going into December, the Bears stink. Sorry, but y’all know it’s true.

Go Blackhawks!

21 Foot Rule

vice training programs now are reluctant to include the Rule as part of their edged-weapon defense instruction for fear of non-righteous shootings resulting.

When you talk about the 21-Foot Rule, you have to understand what it really means when fully articulated correctly in order to judge its value as a law enforcement concept,” Lewinski says. “And it does not mean ‘less than 21 feet automatically equals shoot.

Happy Holidays!

Another happy time of the year. Like Shark Week but with present, MAP and our entire board, staff, and legal guys wish you all the best. Praise the Lord. Be safe. Be kind. Love your life. Merry Christmas, or have a great holiday season in whatever your belief or tradition.

Chief’s Follies

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it, the report says, but for those who run ice arenas.

They report that the Village of Bolingbrook subsidizes the ice rink while taxpayers are at risk. So a village board that supports Boss Hogg for years without actually any dissent cut a tax break for the owner of Rocket Ice Arena. Under a past deal, rent (to the village) was supposed to triple but with no debate, the Village of Bolingbrook kept the tax rate one percent for another 10 years. Rocket must know people in high places in Bolingbrook. Yes, he must, because in less than three weeks before the decade long tax break, the owner made his annual donation to the Boss Hogg’s campaign fund. They reportedly have given $164,500 to the mayor since 1999.

And all this as the Village of Bolingbrook cries that they have budget problems and have cut personnel with a smile on their face. That’s jobs, folks. Lost to the whims of the Village of Bolingbrook. And who runs against the guy with any juice for the mayor to have such an exorbitant campaign fund.

There is much more about this disingenuous village and the Boss, but it’s summed up in this line: “The revelations detail the latest example of Claar’s (that’s as in Boss Hogg) proclivity to meld village business with campaign contributions.”

Read it yourself in the October 13, 214, article. Verrry interesting! Maybe we should call him the Teflon Boss Hogg!

Well, another round of our finest not being so fine. The stories of their behavior just get dumber every issue. It’s hard to believe they are our leaders. H.L. Mencken once called these types of people “Homo boobiens.” Yeah, H.L., it still fits.
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