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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ronald Brooks, President



President Ron Brooks

Each time I sit down to write my President's Message, it seems that I have nothing but bad news to deliver. I wish this time could have been different, but, unfortunately, it is not. California is trying to do the unthinkable – legalize marijuana. Proposition 19 has been placed on the November ballot by Richard Lee, founder of Oaksterdam University, a for-profit school in Oakland, California, that teaches marijuana cultivation and marketing techniques. If this legislation passes, marijuana will be a legal substance throughout California. That will mean increased healthcare costs, greater demands on public safety services, increases in marijuana DUI injuries and deaths, and many more kids lost to the often-irreversible abyss of drug use. California may be more liberal (perhaps even more wacky) than many other states; but, if this farce passes, it will unleash a travesty upon our great nation, an avalanche of well-funded legalization efforts that are sure to flow across the country.

“Public Safety First,” the “No on Proposition 19” campaign, has made great progress in recruiting persons to fight against this dangerous initiative. Wayne Johnson of the Wayne Johnson Agency (a speaker at the NNOAC meeting in San Diego and manager of the successful effort to defeat California’s Proposition 5) is managing the campaign. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (a recipient of the NNOAC’s Member of the Senate Award) has agreed to sign the ballot argument against 19, along with the California Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Proposition 19 is also opposed by the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor and attorney general in California, as well as by Senator Boxer and many other federal, state and local elected officials. Led by the California Narcotic Officers Association, all of the major California law enforcement associations have come out against Prop 19. John Redman, Executive Director of Californians for a Drug-Free Youth (CADFY); Calvina Fay, Executive Director of Drug-Free America Foundation and Save Our Society; and Bishop Ron Allen, Director of the International Faith-Based Coalition, have brought the full force of their organizations into the fight against Prop 19. Many other community groups, business organizations and community leaders are signing up each day to fight Prop 19.

Unfortunately, as always, the problem will be raising enough money to fund an effective “No on 19” campaign. The polling is clear: if we can tell our side of the story and dispel the myth that marijuana is safe, then we can defeat this horrific ballot

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initiative. If we are unable to raise significant money to operate the “Public Safety First/No on 19” campaigns, then we will be in real jeopardy of losing this race and opening the door to similar legalization efforts elsewhere.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), a Soros-funded organization of cops and former cops who have betrayed their profession, has been aggressive in its support of the total legalization of all drugs, even though they know better than most people the dangers that drugs pose to the safety of communities and the health risks that drugs cause our kids. LEAP portrays itself as the true voice of law enforcement on drug legalization issues and has publicly said that the only reason the NNOAC and other law enforcement groups oppose drug legalization is to protect law enforcement jobs and increase overtime. What a cruel betrayal of our brother and sister police officers who have lost their lives enforcing drug laws or at the hands of drug-intoxicated criminals! This small group, who have turned their backs on our profession and the people they took an oath to protect, continue to spread lies and half-truths about the impact of legalization. We must fight back to make the public understand that they do not represent the views of America’s police officers.

Sadly, with the help of the Soros media machine, LEAP has been effective in securing speaking engagements and placing Op-Eds in major-market and regional newspapers. They use these public forums to spread their misinformation to the voting public. Because many in the media have taken a soft-on-drugs approach, LEAP has been able to get its drug legalization message out – even though no other credible law enforcement management, professional or labor organization supports legalization, medical excuse drug use, or other forms of drug decriminalization. Unfortunately, when the groups who actually represent our profession attempt to be heard, we are often ignored or given token amounts of time or space to tell the truth about the devastation to health and safety that will occur with the passage of Prop 19 and other, similar legislation.

The NNOAC has formed a working group to develop anti-legalization strategy and to advocate for sound national marijuana policy. Many of our partner organizations from other drug and criminal justice policy and legislative

efforts are part of the working group. They include: the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Sheriffs Association (NSA), Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), National Troopers Coalition (NTC), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), Drug-Free America Foundation and Save Our Society (DFAF & SOS), Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP).

These organizations have worked closely with the NNOAC on the development of the Marijuana Source Book, which is now being edited for publication and distribution. They have also collaborated with us to develop public and legislative outreach strategies. This working group has submitted several Op-Ed pieces, signed by most of the organizations, in response to articles published by LEAP or other drug-legalization groups. Unfortunately, no major-market newspaper has had the courage to print our articles, despite their being signed by major law enforcement, prevention, prosecution and drug court associations collectively representing hundreds of thousands of members. Although the members of our working group are very disappointed by the way most of the media has treated us, you can be assured that we will not give up in our efforts to tell the truth about drug legalization.

I continue to represent the NNOAC by speaking to organizations and on radio and television, whenever the opportunity arises, to educate the public about the myths of drug legalization. I recently had the opportunity to participate in a webinar for the National League of Cities, in which I was able to present the NNOAC’s views on medical marijuana and the impact on communities of marijuana dispensaries. I have also been asked to represent the NNOAC at the IACP’s conference by chairing a panel discussion on strategies for fighting back against medical marijuana. With your help and commitment, the NNOAC will continue to lead the fight against drug legalization. Each of you should write letters to the editor or Op-Ed pieces, speak at conferences and forums, and take any other opportunities to tell the truth about drug legalization. We must believe that the truth will prevail. The stakes are too high to give up on this issue.

With difficult fiscal times impacting federal, state

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and local budgets – and with even tougher times predicted for the future – the NNOAC will not only be fighting against legalization, we will continue to lead the effort to ensure adequate funding for Byrne/JAG, National Guard Counterdrug, HIDTA and RISS. I am cautiously optimistic that our efforts to restore funding for RISS will be successful this year; however, I know that we will have to work for a better, permanent funding solution in the future to make sure that we don't lose this very important program. I also believe that, as we get closer to the next Presidential election, our programs may be cut to show a more fiscally conservative approach by the Obama Administration. The NNOAC and our

partners must be ready to respond to proposed cuts. We need to be prepared to remind the Congress that homeland security begins on Main Street and that we need their help to keep our communities safe. Public safety should never be about politics.

As always, I want to close by telling you that it continues to be my great honor to serve as the president of the NNOAC and to work with each of you – some of the finest women and men in law enforcement. God bless you, be safe, and God Bless America. □

*Ron Brooks/President
NNOAC*



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Richard Sloan, Executive Director

*July 24, 2010
Executive Director Report*



Executive Director
Richard M. Sloan

Here we are half way through the year and looking towards our fall meeting in Nashville Tennessee. The months, days, years speed by so fast it is sometimes hard to keep track of where we are at times. We had a well attended meeting in Washington DC in February of this year. A lot was accomplished with well over 200 Congressional visits and informative speakers. I have been busy taking care of the filing of income taxes and preparing the audit for the Coalitions 2009 tax year. Also filling out all the registration forms and filing with all the States we fundraise in. Our meeting in Nashville is an important one, as we use this meeting to prepare for our 2011 Washington DC meeting. I would like to thank the Tennessee and Kentucky Narcotic Officers' Associations for co-sponsoring our meeting in Nashville Tennessee this fall. I know times are not good and finances are short but I hope that each association would be able to send at least one Delegate to represent their association at the meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you in Nashville in September. □

*God speed and be safe!
Dick Sloan/Executive Director
NNOAC*

Left: Dick and his daughter



The 2010 President's Award

Ron Brooks presented this year's President's Award to Bill Butka for his work with the NNOAC planning meetings, making forms, hotel accommodations and the magazine and to NNOAC's Vice-President Bob Bushman for his dedication and hours of work for the National Narcotics Officers' Associations Coalition.

Congratulations to these two long-standing members of the NNOAC. Your work is integral to the success of our organization.



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History

National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition

Since the beginning of the drug epidemic in the 1960's, law enforcement officers in many states have formed statewide narcotic officer associations. Most of these associations are involved in providing drug enforcement training for law enforcement officers and drug resistance education to the public. Additionally, most associations worked closely with their own state legislatures and criminal justice policy organizations to develop strong drug laws and policies. These associations have been responsible for enhancing the professionalism of narcotic enforcement.

Although many of the narcotic officers' associations were very successful in representing the needs of law enforcement officers within their own state, they realized that they were not especially effective in working with the Congress or Federal criminal justice policy agencies. It became apparent to the leadership of these state associations that they needed to come together as a combined group in order to effectively represent narcotic officers at our national capital.

During 1994, the Funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Program was removed from the Administration's budget. This funding was crucial for the continuation of many local and state drug enforcement programs. This was the catalyst for the foundation of the National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC). The NNOAC was created in July of 1994 in Chicago, Illinois, when the leadership of many of the nation's state narcotic officers' associations came together as part of an effort to re-establish the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund. As a direct result of the NNOAC's efforts and the efforts of many other concerned groups, funding was restored to this vital program.

The NNOAC is currently comprised of 40 individual state narcotic associations, the six RISS projects and the Territory of Puerto Rico representing more than 55,000 law enforcement officers from across the nation. It serves as an umbrella organization, coordinating the efforts of these associations in our nation's capital. Each member association appoints a delegate to represent them at the NNOAC Board meetings. With, "one association, one vote", every association receives equal representation regardless of the size of their association. The NNOAC is managed by an Executive Board, which consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. Those positions are elected from within the ranks of the appointed delegates. The President appoints committees such as membership, drug policy and web-site, as well as regional directors to represent each region of the country.

The NNOAC represents its member associations by monitoring all relevant Federal legislation and policy. The Coalition focuses on domestic and international drug-related crime issues by developing and maintaining relationships with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) and the National Guard Counter Drug Program and all other relevant agencies and programs.

The NNOAC allows state and local narcotic officers' associations to work through their congressional delegations allowing for the unified voice in the nation's capital. The Coalition actively researches, monitors, and supports legislature initiatives designed to increase the effectiveness of narcotic enforcement and law enforcement in general.

Over the past eight years, the NNOAC has been very successful in representing narcotic officers from its member associations. Our successes have included restoration of the full funding for the Edward Byrne Program

in 1994, and providing support, which resulted in the passage of legislation regarding the ban of assault weapons, the Administration's Crime Bill. The NNOAC has participated in policy meetings and conferences with other law enforcement organizations and have been active participants in the preparation of ONDCP's National Drug Control Strategy, the Department of Justice's National Methamphetamine Strategy, and DEA's National Heroin Strategy.

The NNOAC has also been responsible for increasing the awareness of the Administration and Congress regarding state and local drug enforcement issues. NNOAC delegates have testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate on a variety of drug issues, including the Byrne hearings, asset forfeiture, minimum mandatory sentencing, medical marijuana, funding for the National Guard, and the Certification of Mexico. NNOAC delegates have also participated as briefing team members for congressional study trips. In addition, a member of NNOAC was part of the President's Law Enforcement Steering Committee, which consists of National law enforcement groups. This committee is responsible for advising the President on key law enforcement issues. NNOAC serves on the ONDCP committee to develop the National Drug Control Strategy, on the Advisory Committee for the Counter-Drug Intelligence Executive Secretariat for the implementation of the Central Counter-Drug plan. NNOAC also serves on the Law Enforcement Intelligence Forum (LEIF), which advises the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance on Regulations regarding the collection and distribution of criminal intelligence information and serves on the committee for National Model Drug Laws.

As the NNOAC continues to grow, so will its participation in the legislative and policy areas. To learn more about the NNOAC and our positions regarding Federal drug policy and legislation, please visit our web site at www.natlnarc.org.

Here is a list of NNOAC's goals and objectives:

- To ensure that the Edward R. Byrne Memorial Fund is fully funded in order to maintain the multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, which are the backbone of narcotics law enforcement.
- To maintain, increase, and intensify drug asset revenue sharing – the most important tool that narcotic law enforcement has today.
- To assist in the preparation of the National Drug Strategy.
- To place more emphasis on the domestic side of the drug strategy by increasing state and local level involvement on the direction taken in the fight against drugs.
- To increase unification, networking, and act as a liaison for the exchange of information.
- To have an impact on legislation affecting narcotic officers and narcotic enforcement in the United States.
- To act as a conduit for the exchange of information, intelligence, and training guidelines affecting narcotic enforcement.
- To identify and refer members to quality training for narcotic law enforcement officers to ensure their safety and effectiveness.
- To act as a resource for states that want to establish a narcotics officers' association. □

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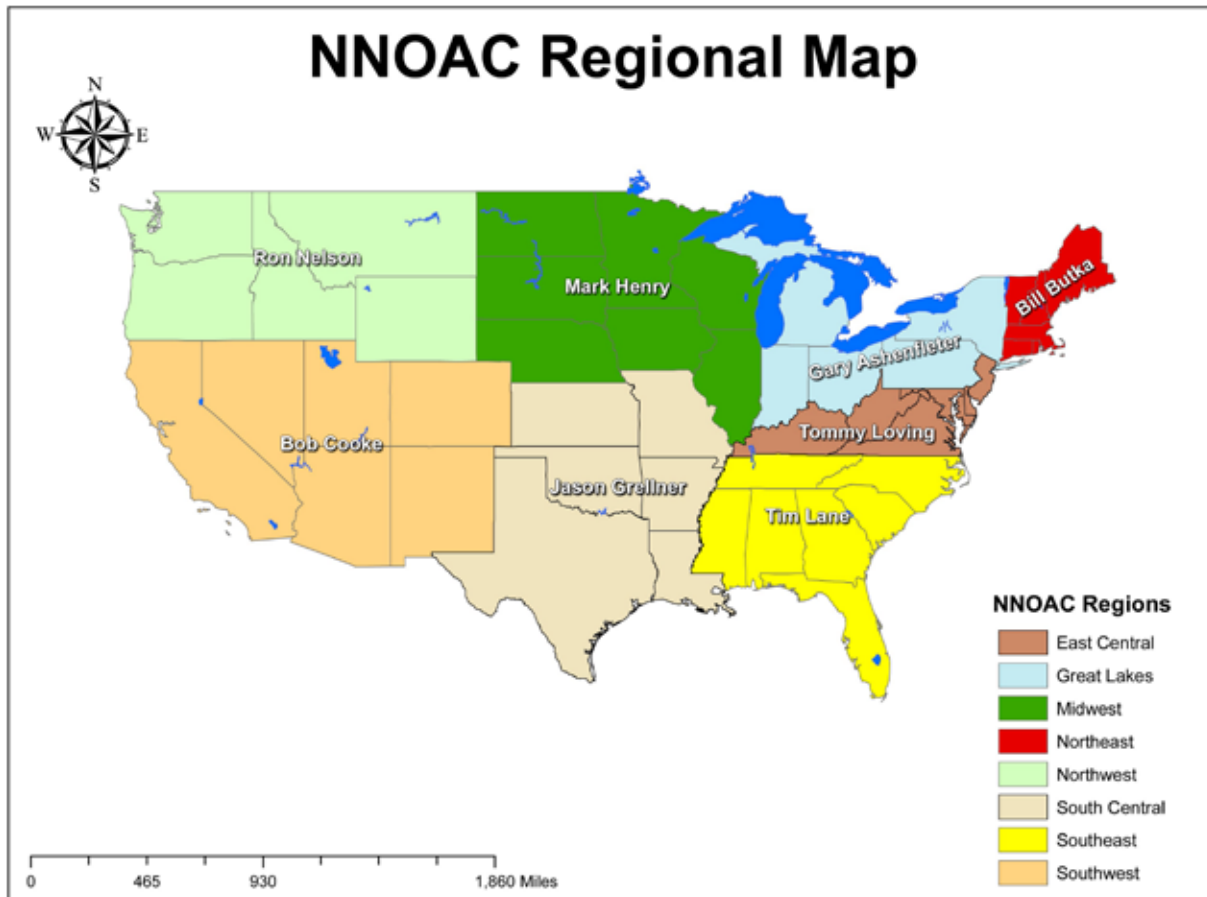
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Bob Mecir Retires

NNOAC's Southwest Regional Director Bob Cooke recently emceed a retirement dinner for California Department of Justice / Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement Task Force Commander Bob Mecir.

Bob served over 30 years as a California law enforcement officer. At his retirement dinner his son, Nick Mecir, played solo guitar and sang this song that he wrote for him. Bob's wife Michelle and daughter enjoyed the song with Bob Mecir.

Below: Father and son.



"Circle No More"

By Nick Mecir

On an old and dusty road, you don't need no shoes,
Because the road's been worn
by those who've been through.
And many men may walk, knowing danger never creeps,
Cause of the people who protect,
giving all of us some peace
But on a mountain filled with jackals,
these guardians must walk
Between the safety of the road,
and a cliff with jagged rocks,
And when a normal may cower,
at the sound of jackal's roar,
It takes a man of courage, to fight when death is at his door
(Chorus)

My father is a warrior who served the people well,
For thirty years fought battles, a just mantle he's upheld
Here he stands before us all
and although his time has come,
His legacy remains in the eyes of his proud son
What will happen to a warrior who puts his shield down?
Will he still try to fight? Still crave battle sounds?
Or does he hold his head up high?
Embrace the soldier's fate
Because the Soldier's final battle
is to put the sword in the grave
(Chorus)

So boys raise up your drinks
because we're going into hell
When the battle's over we'll be ringing that victory bell
And saying farewell to you commander,
and then your son will say,
"You're a warrior no more, but still my hero anyway!"
(Repeat Chorus twice)

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NNOAC Members Named U.S. Marshal

ROBERT ALMONTE AND SCOTT PARKER NAMED U.S. MARSHALS

Western District U.S. Marshal Named

*Dick Sloan/Executive Director
NNOAC*

President Barack Obama and Congressman Sylvestre Reyes proudly announced the naming of a well known El Pasoan Robert Almonte as the new U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Texas.

Former El Paso Deputy Chief Robert Almonte Nominated By President Obama For U.S. Marshal Post

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sylvestre Reyes (D-TX) released the following statement after President Barack Obama nominated El Pasoan Robert Almonte as U.S. Marshall for the Western District of Texas today: "I congratulate former Deputy Chief Robert Almonte on his nomination by President Barack Obama to be the next U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Texas. Chief Almonte brings nearly three decades of distinguished service in law enforcement to this critical post, and I am proud to have recommended him to the President. "The United States Marshals Service is the oldest federal law enforcement agency in the nation, and Marshals help ensure the effective operation of the federal judicial system. Marshals are responsible for the protection of federal judges, their staff, and every individual who enters a federal court facility.

Marshals also oversee the managing and selling of seized assets, transporting federal prisoners, protecting witnesses, and serving court documents. "The Western District includes much of the US-Mexico border, so having a strong and varied background in law enforcement and a deep familiarity with our border community are critical. With Chief Almonte's experience in the El Paso Police Department and his service as Executive Director of the Texas Narcotic Officers Association, I am confident he will serve our community and our nation. □

Eastern District U.S. Marshal Named

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Scott Parker, a longtime Nash County resident and former lieutenant with the Nash County Sheriff's Office was sworn in as a United States Marshal for the Eastern District last Thursday.

It's been a long process for Parker, who was recommended by United States Senator Kay Hagan last July and went on to be nominated by President Barack Obama in February of this year. Parker was finally confirmed by the United States Senate on May 28 and sworn in last week, on June 17, at the U.S. Marshal's Service headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

Parker began his law enforcement career with Nashville's Police Department in 1987. He was there for two years before moving on to Hertford County, where he served for six years on the Roanoke Chowan Narcotics Task Force. In 1995, Parker came back to Nash County where he joined the Nash County Sheriff's Department. Parker last served as the Commander of the Narcotics Division for the Nash County Sheriff's Office.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. U.S. Marshals are responsible for apprehending federal fugitives, protecting the federal judiciary, operating the Witness Security Program, transporting federal prisoners and seizing property acquired by criminals through illegal activities.

Parker, who started with the Marshal's Office on Friday, said he was looking forward to serving the Eastern District.

“I look forward to working with the dedicated professional men and women of the U.S. Marshall’s Office,” Parker said. Parker said he will continue to reside in Nash County. □

U. S. Marshal Scott J. Parker Biography

U.S. Marshal Scott Jerome Parker began his full-time law enforcement career in 1987 as a patrol officer with the Nashville Police Department in Nashville, NC and from there he served as an assistant commander of the Roanoke Chowan Narcotics Task Force. He also served fifteen years as the Narcotics Division Commander of the Nash County Sheriff’s Office for a total of twenty-three years of service.

He is presently the U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina which is comprised of forty-four counties. Marshal Parker was sworn in on June 17, 2010 by the Director of the U.S. Marshal Service after Senate confirmation and Presidential appointment. During his tenure as a law enforcement officer, Marshal Parker has worked on local, state and federal task forces to include the organized crime task force for the U.S. Marshals Service, ATF Violent Crimes, DEA, and ICE, formally the U.S. Customs Service. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA, the North Carolina first annual Criminal Investigators’ Academy at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salemburg, NC and the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy. Marshal Parker has completed numerous trainings and has been involved in several civic and professional organizations.

Marshal Parker has been recognized by many professional organizations for his exemplary dedication to law enforcement. A few include the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by the Governor of North Carolina, DEA, ATF, U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Department of Justice, the NC Governor’s Crime Commission and the NC Academy of Counter Terrorism and a host of other law enforcement and civic organizations.



Left: New Eastern District U.S. Marshal Scott Jerome Parker



Below: New Western District U.S. Marshal Robert Almonte is sworn in with his family in attendance.

Almonte’s formal invitation



*You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
The Investiture Of*

Robert Almonte

*United States Marshal
Western District Of Texas*

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10:00 a.m.*

*Chamizal National Memorial Theater
800 South San Marcial Street
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Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training

A partnership between The Florida National Guard and St. Petersburg College

CHANGING THE FACE OF TRAINING

By Todd Kirchgraber –Training Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) program

How do we learn? How do we train? Since the inception of modern policing in the United States until the turn of the 21st century, we learned and we trained in traditional classroom settings, obtaining new information in instructor lead courses. In the past decade however, we have seen a steady shift moving away from strict classroom settings to virtual environments encompassing the advancements made through improved computer technology and use of the Internet.

Beginning in 2001, the MCTFT program launched an aggressive plan to implement many of these emerging technologies into the development and delivery of law enforcement and first responder training across the nation. Producing an average of 12 training broadcasts per year, MCTFT began delivering training in the field using its own satellite truck housed as its headquarters in St. Petersburg, Florida. Using a variety of uplink sites, these broadcasts were sent directly to law enforcement agencies across the country, reaching an estimated 36 million viewers per year. This new delivery method for MCTFT training was only the beginning.

The next evolution in expanding our training capabilities was through the joint partnership with the Department of Defense and its military police school. Four CD-Rom courses were developed with a variety of topics including Risk Management and Violence in Undercover Operations and Drugs in America. These in-depth courses are

designed to be self-paced, and upon successfully passing the course's final exam, students have the ability to print out certificates of completion right at their computer. During the past 16 months, over 6,600 law enforcement and military personnel have completed one or more of our CD-Rom courses.

With the desire to reach those law enforcement professionals that do not have the ability to attend a traditional counterdrug class, MCTFT has developed 18 online classes. These interactive courses enhance the skill sets of law enforcement, military, and first responders across the nation, on topics ranging from Criminal Street Gangs to Interview and Interrogation without ever having to step foot into a classroom. The popularity of this training modality continues to grow as evidenced by the fact that in just the past 2 years, over 46,000 criminal justice practitioners have successfully earned certificates of completion for a MCTFT online class.

In the attempt to exploit these new developing technologies, MCTFT launched an aggressive campaign to place many of its training videos online, viewable on demand, to accommodate the needs of those law enforcement and first responders working non-traditional hours. The current catalog of available on demand videos (web casts) contains nearly 90 broadcasts, on a wide variety of drug related topics. During the past six years in which MCTFT has made webcasts available, more than 31,000 viewers have logged into this area and watched these training videos.

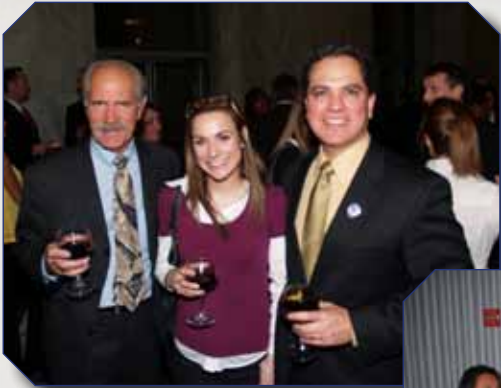
What does the future hold? MCTFT continues to explore innovative ways to use technology such as M-learning (the delivery of learning content to learners utilizing mobile computing devices such as smart phones, PDA's, mp3 players, etc.) to provide training. MCTFT is currently working on the development of podcasts and phone apps that will take advantage of new smart-phone capabilities. In addition to providing "traditional training" through these new formats, extensive data bases are being explored that may help law enforcement quickly identify illegal drugs and abused pharmaceuticals, complete safety check lists in the event of a man-made or natural disasters, or even provide operational protocols for investigating crimes such as clandestine methamphetamine laboratories or marijuana grow houses.

Since 1992, MCTFT has been the national leader in delivering tuition free training to law enforcement, first responders, and the military. We will continue this tradition with extensive research on emerging drug related trends, utilizing the latest technologies to deliver this vital and often lifesaving information to those in the field.

To learn more about the variety of training available from the Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force (MCTFT) program, visit us at <http://www.mctft.com> or contact MCTFT Executive Director, Eileen LaHaie, at 727-344-8030. □

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Informants: Friend or Foe?

By Sgt. T. Gene Donegan

On May 7th, 2008, officers with the Tallahassee Police Department watched confidential informant Rachel Hoffman, a 23-year-old Florida State University graduate, crest a hill on her way to buy – at their direction – cocaine, ecstasy and a handgun from two suspects for \$13,000. Rachel was never heard from again and would not be seen for two days, when officers recovered her body in nearby Perry, Florida. Rachel was murdered and dumped on the side of the road by the same two suspects from whom she was attempting to purchase drugs and a handgun.

The use of informants is perhaps one of the most controversial subject matters in law enforcement today. Police officers continue to receive negative publicity concerning this practice and, unfortunately, bring much of that bad publicity on themselves. It appears that each incidence of informant-related publicity, no matter how far removed, brings back to the media spotlight stories such as that of Rachel Hoffman or the gypsum board scandal in Dallas, where detectives continued to use informants who were making fake kilos from gypsum board.

During my 25 years in law enforcement, I have identified three key problem areas that could lead an officer down the path to a disastrous event. Examination of the troubles associated with informants reveals that police officers usually could have avoided most of them. Potential problems can be minimized or eliminated by (1) avoiding complacency, (2) recognizing the importance of understanding an informant's motive, and (3) understanding the need for policies and/or guidelines for utilizing informants.

The major deficiency for police officers in dealing with informants can be summed up in one word: complacency. With the exception of source informants (such as FedEx and UPS employees and rental car and airline clerks) who provide law enforcement with information concerning suspected illegal activity, police officers must keep in mind that most informants are usually criminals. Police officers have a tendency to forget that part of the equation when dealing with informants. But more often than not, most informants have been arrested during some type of police investigation and have lengthy criminal histories. Unfortunately, the longer officers utilize particular informants, the greater their tendency to become complacent; officers begin to develop relationships with the informants, their families, their financial problems, and their judicial problems. An informant will certainly become aware of an officer's

complacency and take advantage of the situation. Some officers who become trusting of informants are less likely to search the informants or their vehicles as thoroughly as they should. The exhaustive search that was conducted when an informant was first utilized soon becomes a cursory pat-down of the outer clothing and a visual inspection of his/her vehicle. Police officers forget that, while many informants may not have a formal education, most have a master's degree in street sense. It will not take long for that informant to notice that the formerly thorough search has become a superficial one. The "criminal within" will quickly resurface and win over, taking money or drugs during the undercover operation. Officers must stay vigilant while conducting searches of the informant and his/her vehicle before the transaction, as well as afterwards.

The second potential pitfall is in not remembering what an informant's motive is for cooperating with law enforcement. It may be as simple as trying to work off criminal charges or trying to get lenient deviations on his/her sentencing guidelines. There is, however, always the possibility of a possible hidden motive or agenda, such as fear, revenge or competition. Some reformed users even want to rid the world of drugs. Police officers can usually deal with those types of motives – but only as long as they are aware of them at the onset of the cooperation. An intensive interview process will address these types of problems before the informant is accepted into the program.

The third factor that seems to plague law enforcement is the lack of a departmental policy for dealing with informants. Law enforcement agencies, particularly narcotics divisions, are the subjects of a plethora of news stories of improprieties involving informants. These stories almost always deal with payments to informants, undocumented meetings with informants, or officers having sexual contact with informants. Departments must have specific guidelines, set out in a policy which clearly mandates rules and regulations in dealing with informants. The policy should, at a minimum, address the basic components, such as: payments to informants, meeting and control of female informants, locations to meet informants, and guidelines for signing up an informant. These are just a few of the issues that should be addressed, but each department will certainly face different or unique challenges that may have to be given special attention.

This article only scratches the surface of issues to be considered dealing with informants. There are many more,

Informants. cont.

but these alone should motivate officers to examine their own departments' policies, or lack thereof, and evaluate the necessity for changes. Addressing these issues proactively may help avoid problems such as the tragic incident that occurred when an informant provided the Atlanta Police Department with fraudulent information which then formed

the basis of search warrant. During the execution of that search warrant, a ninety-two-year-old woman was shot and killed. I want to leave you with what I believe is the single most important lesson: do not become complacent. It is imperative that police officers control the informant, not that the informant controls the officers! □

LIVE RESPONSE

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Live Response is a 60-minute live-to-tape television satellite broadcast and webcast in which a panel of experts explores topics related to “all hazards” events. Designed exclusively for the civilian and military emergency response communities at all levels and across all disciplines, Live Response also helps local, state and federal administrators stay informed of resources and operational considerations that may impact their communities. Broadcast once a month, this series began in January, 2001, and has been running continuously ever since. The programs are archived on the NTPI website (<http://terrorism.spcollege.edu>) and are also available on DVD.

Originally a live broadcast funded by the Dept. of Justice (DOJ) Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), Live Response changed to a pre-taped format in January, 2008. Funding transferred to the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) with topics specifically

aimed at promoting existing DHS courses. The average annual registered audience for these broadcasts has grown from an estimated 22,000 in 2001 to over 200,000 in 2009.

Live Response is produced at the Allstate Center television studio at St.

programs, which are closed captioned for the hearing impaired, are broadcast via C-Band satellite, private network carriers, and are streamed live on the internet. Satellite viewers can watch the program on several networks including the Corrections Learning



Petersburg College. This is a four-camera, independently trackable, virtual studio that allows an infinite arrangement of graphics and videos. With this capability, the “look” of Live Response is comparable to that of contemporary network television.

The Live Response broadcasts reach a variety of emergency responders from all fifty states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, Mexico and Canada. In addition, the audience is made up of local, State, Federal and tribal viewers from public, as well as private agencies. The

Network (CLN), the Department of Justice Television Network (DOJ), the Defense Education and Training Network (DETN), the Veterans Administration Network (VA), The South Carolina Government Television Network (SCETV-G), the California Distance Learning Health Network (CDLHN), the FAA network, and the Public Health Training Network (PHTN). It is also available on over 80 cable system public access channels with a total subscriber base of nearly 9 million.

CEU credits are also available for viewers who are interested. Those wishing CEU credits must register to view the live webcast or an archived program, and pass the online tests with a 75% or better score. They will then receive an online CEU certificate. □

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Officer David L. Curtis

10/03/1978—06/29/2010

Officer David Lamar Curtis—31 years old

Assigned to uniform patrol squad 306 at the time of the shooting

Work History

Joined the Tampa Police Department on October 26, 2006
Served with HCSO as a jail deputy prior to joining TPD

Worked in all three police districts
Prior to his current assignment in District Three, he served four months on the District One plain clothes Rapid Offender Control Squad known as ROC.

Served on TPD's Honor Guard for 2.5 years
Last month he attended National Law Enforcement Memorial Week in Washington, DC. He stood post at the wreath ceremony and candle light vigil honoring Corporal Mike Roberts.



Personal Information

Born in Mobile, Alabama

Played football at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas

Devoted to his wife, Kelly and four sons
His sons are 8-month Hunter, 5 year old Tyler, 6 year old Sean and 9 year old Austin.

Officer Curtis was best described as a family man
He loved to tell stories about his kids

He lived in Webster, Florida.

There are several lakes on his property that he frequently swam in with his three Labradors.



On June 29, 2010, Officer David L. Curtis was called to pull over a vehicle on Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The car had no license plates and was eventually pulled over on 23rd Avenue. Officer Curtis and the passenger were both arrested. A check warrant out for Officer Curtis was called for backup. Officer Kocab arrived. Together they searched the suspect's vehicle on the driver's side. The next morning, a citizen calling 911 reported that two people were shot. The first person found on the ground and immediately transported to Paramedics transported to Tampa General Hospital. The victim was pronounced dead on arrival and taken to the hospital. Doctors were unable to revive him on life support. He passed away later in the morning.

At the time of the shooting, all officers were assigned to patrol squad 306.

Crimestoppers is offering a reward for any information leading to the arrest of these suspects.

A special account has been set up with the Tampa Police Union for anyone who would like to make a donation to the memorial fund for Officer Curtis and Kocab.

Make Checks Payable to: Officer Curtis/Kocab Memorial Fund

You can make a donation to any credit union in the Tampa Bay area.

You can also mail your donation to: The Tampa Police Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 172995 Tampa, FL 33617

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2010 at 2:15 a.m.,
David Curtis attempted
to steal a vehicle at Martin
Boulevard and 50th Street.
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the vehicle to report two officers
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and Officer Kocab on
Curtis immediately began CPR.
Both officers transported
to the hospital. Officer Kocab
and shortly after arrival
doctors put Officer Curtis
was pronounced dead
at the scene.
At the shooting, both
officers were assigned to uniform patrol
squad 306.
The family offered a \$100,000
donation leading to the
establishment of the
Jeffrey Curtis Memorial Fund.
The fund has been established
at the Bay Federal Credit
Union. The fund is interested in making
donations to the families of Officers
who are killed in the line of duty.

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Officer Jeffrey Alan Kocab

11/06/1978—06/29/2010

Officer Jeffrey Alan Kocab—31
years old

Assigned to uniform patrol squad
306 at the time of the shooting

Work History

Joined the Tampa Police
Department on May 4, 2009
Served with the Plant City Police
Department prior to joining TPD

Moved through TPD's training
program at an accelerated pace
because of his outstanding police
skills.

Was named Officer of the Year for
the Plant City Police Department
in 2007

Named Employee of the Month
four times over three years

Personal Information

Born in Michigan

Married ten years to Sara who is nine months pregnant.

He was anticipating the birth of his first child next week.

He coached young actors with the Children's Theater of Florida

Studied Brazilian Jujitsu at Russ Cross' World Fighting Arts Center
in Haines City





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Law enforcement officer deaths: Mid-Year 2010 Report
After 50-Year Low, Law Enforcement Fatalities Surge 43% in First Half of 2010

After reaching their lowest level in 50 years in 2009, law enforcement fatalities surged nearly 43% during the first six months of 2010. If this trend continues, 2010 could end up being one of the deadliest years for U.S. law enforcement in two decades.

**Total fatalities:
 Mid-Year, 1960-2010**



Preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) show that 87 officers died in the line of duty between January 1 and June 30, 2010. By comparison, 61 officers were killed during the first six months of 2009. Officer fatalities rose 42.6 percent between the first half of 2009 and the first six months of 2010.

By June 30, 2010, officer fatalities had already reached 75 percent of the year-end total for 2009, which was 116. That was the lowest number of line-of-duty deaths since 1959.

All major categories of officer deaths rose sharply during the first half of 2010, according to the NLEOMF's preliminary data:

- Firearm-related deaths increased 41 percent, from 22 in 2009 to 31 in 2010. This continues the trend from 2009, when gunfire deaths rose 22 percent.
- Traffic-related fatalities were up 35 percent, from 31 to 42. This year's total included 29 officers who died in automobile crashes, 4 in motorcycle crashes and 9 who were struck and killed while outside their vehicles—all increases from 2009.
- Deaths from all other causes combined jumped 75 percent, from 8 to 14, including eight officers who died this year from physical-related injuries or illnesses.

Thirty states and Puerto Rico experienced at least one officer fatality during the first six months of 2010. In addition, five federal law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty this year.

Over the last decade, approximately 48 percent of all fatalities occurred during the first six months of the year. If that percentage holds true for 2010, the year-end fatality figure could approach the 2007 total of 185. Outside of 2001 (when 240 officers died, including 72 killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11), 2007 was the deadliest year for U.S. law enforcement since 1989 (195 deaths).

Mid-year statistics are released by the NLEOMF in conjunction with Concerns of Police Survivors. The data are preliminary and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for 2010.

*A Closer Look:
 California Highway Patrol*

It has been a tragic six months for the California Highway Patrol. Five CHP officers have died this year, including three who were struck and killed during a five-day period in June.



• Pilot Officer Danny Benavides, EOW: 5/7/2010—aircraft accident while on observation patrol for the Border Division.



• Officer Thomas Coleman, EOW: 6/11/2010—motorcycle accident while pursuing a traffic violator.



• Officer Philip Ortiz, EOW: 6/22/2010—struck and killed while issuing a traffic citation.



• Officer Justin McGrory, EOW: 6/27/2010—struck and killed while investigating a suspected drunk driver.

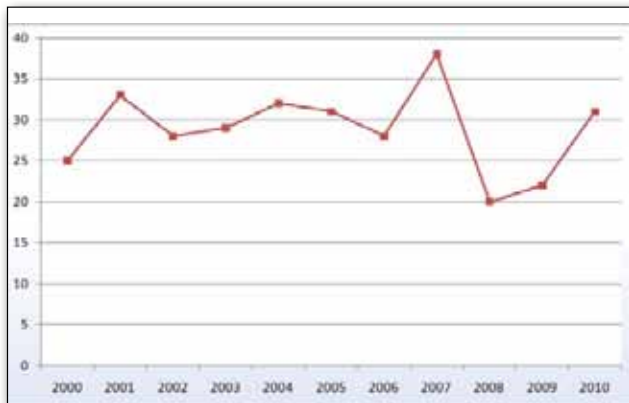


• Officer Brett Oswald, EOW: 6/27/2010—struck and killed while investigating an abandoned vehicle.

The California Highway Patrol currently has 217 officers on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the seventh highest total among all U.S. law enforcement agencies.



Firearms-related fatalities: Mid-Year 2000-2010

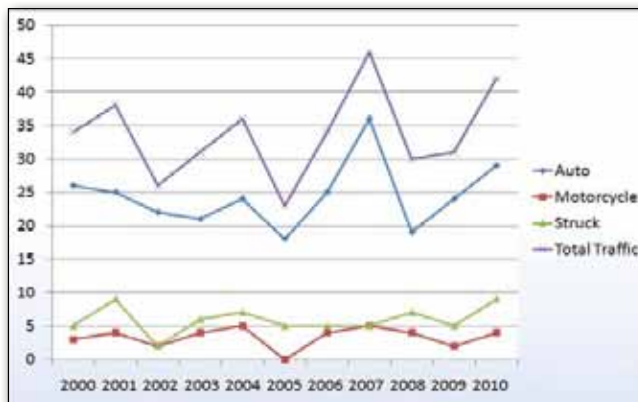


Thirty-one officers were killed in firearms-related incidents during the first half of 2010. That represents a 41 percent increase from mid-year 2009 (22) and a 55 percent rise from just two years earlier, when 20 officers were killed by gunfire during the first six months of 2008. While the 2010 mid-year total was not the highest in recent years, it still exceeded the annual average of 28.6 firearms-related deaths during the first six months of 2000 through 2009.

Of the 31 officers killed by gunfire this year, six officers died in three separate “cluster killings” (see page 4). In 2009, 15 officers were shot and killed in five multiple-fatality incidents.

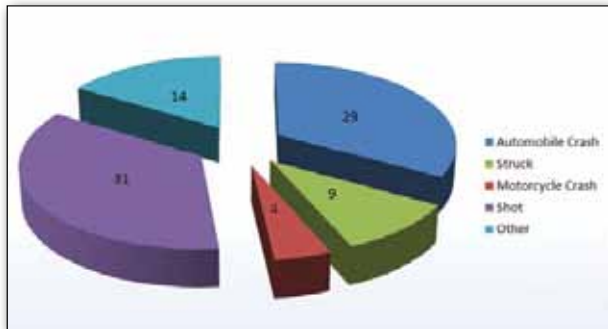
After generally decreasing the previous two years, traffic-related fatalities rose sharply during the first half of 2010. The 42 traffic-related deaths in 2010 were 35 percent higher than the 2009 mid-year total (31) and 40 percent greater than the mid-year figure for 2008 (30). The 2010 figure even approached the 2007 mid-year total of 46. In 2007, 84 officers—a record high total—died in traffic-related incidents for the entire year.

Traffic-related deaths: Mid-Year 2000-2010



All types of traffic-related fatalities increased during the first half of 2010. The increase in officers struck and killed was particularly sharp—from 5 in 2009 to 9 in 2010. Five of this year’s struck-and-killed deaths occurred in California, Massachusetts and New Jersey during one three-week period in June.

Causes of officer deaths: Mid-Year 2010

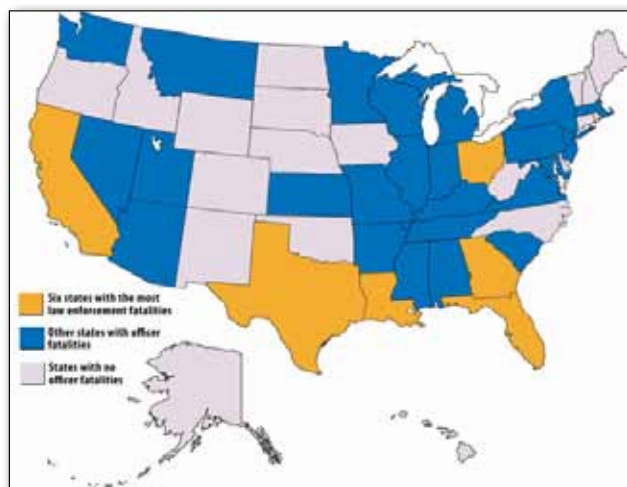


If current trends continue, 2010 will be the 13th consecutive year in which more law enforcement officers are killed in traffic-related incidents than die from any other cause. Traffic-related incidents—which include automobile and motorcycle crashes, as well as officers struck while outside their vehicles—accounted for more than 48 percent of the fatalities between January 1 and June 30, 2010.

Firearms-related fatalities made up nearly 36 percent of the mid-year 2010 deaths. Deaths from all other causes combined accounted for the remaining 16 percent.



Geographic distribution of officer fatalities: Mid-Year 2010



Thirty states and Puerto Rico experienced officer fatalities during the first six months of 2010. California had the most deaths, with nine, including five members of the California Highway Patrol who died this year (see page 1). Following California were Texas (8), Florida (6), and Georgia, Louisiana and Ohio (4 each). These six states accounted for more than 40 percent of all officer fatalities in the first half of the year.

Five federal law enforcement officers died in the line of duty between January 1 and June 30, 2010. That compares with two federal officers who died during the first six months of 2009.

Mid-Year demographic profile of officers killed: 2010

Race/Ethnicity	
Caucasian	64
African American	11
Hispanic	10
Native American	1
Asian American	1
Gender	
Male	82
Female	5
Average Age	40.16
Average Years of Service	11.24

State	Number of Fatalities	State	Number of Fatalities
CA	9	NY	2
TX	8	UT	2
FL	6	VA	2
GA	4	WA	2
LA	4	AL	1
OH	4	IN	1
AR	3	KS	1
IL	3	KY	1
MD	3	MN	1
NJ	3	MS	1
SC	3	MT	1
TN	3	NV	1
AZ	2	PA	1
MA	2	WI	1
MI	2	Federal	5
MO	2	Territorial	3
		TOTAL	87

Causes of law enforcement officer fatalities: Mid-Year 2010

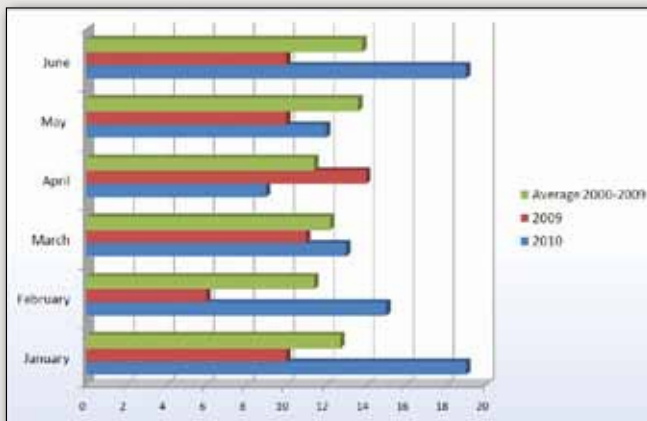
	2009	2010
Traffic-related		
Automobile crash	24	29
Struck (outside vehicle)	5	9
Motorcycle crash	2	4
<i>Subtotal:</i>	31	42
Firearms-related 22 31		
Other		
Physical-related incident	7	8
Helicopter crash	1	0
Aircraft accident	0	1
Beating	0	1
Drowned	0	1
Accidental	0	1
Boating	0	1
Fell	0	1
<i>Subtotal:</i>	8	14
TOTAL	61	87



2010 figures are preliminary and subject to change.

Mid-Year fatalities: Distribution by month

Of the 87 law enforcement fatalities that occurred during the first half of 2010, nearly 44 percent took place during the months of January and June alone (19 deaths each). The next highest month was February, when 15 deaths occurred.



Comparing the first six months of 2009 and 2010, the number of law enforcement fatalities rose each month, with the exception of April, when they declined from 14 to 9.

Over the previous decade (2000-2009), June and May were the deadliest months during the first half of the year, averaging 13.8 and 13.6 fatalities, respectively. February and April have had the fewest deaths during the six-month period (11.4 each).

A Closer Look: Cluster Killings

The disturbing 2009 pattern of “cluster killings”—when more than one officer is shot and killed in the same incident—continued during the first half of 2010.

- On February 25, Fresno County (CA) Deputy Sheriff Joel Wahlenmaier and Reedley (CA) Police Officer Javier Bejar were shot while attempting to serve an arrest warrant on a suspected arsonist. Deputy Wahlenmaier died that day; Officer Bejar succumbed to his injuries on March 1.



- On May 20, Sergeant Brandon Paudert and Officer Bill Evans of the West Memphis (AR) Police Department were gunned down following a traffic stop by two suspects armed with AK-47s.



- On June 29, Tampa (FL) Police Officers David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab were shot at close range following a traffic stop by a suspect with an outstanding warrant.



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ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

No on Prop 19

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Dear CNOA Member,

Have you heard about Proposition 19? This November, there will be an initiative on the ballot to legalize the sale and cultivation of marijuana. If passed, this measure will have innumerable harmful effects on our state. That is why I urge you to join in opposing Proposition 19 donating to the campaign!

As narcotics officers on the front-line each day, we know the devastating impacts Prop 19 will have. Here are some additional facts about the initiative you may not know:

Smoking dope on the job? According to an analysis released by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, a California employer will no longer be able to: "screen job applicants for marijuana use; regulate any employee conduct related to the use, transportation or cultivation of marijuana unless the employer can prove job impairment; or choose to maintain a drug-free workplace consistent with federal law." If an employer allows employees cigarette smoking breaks and/or certain areas in which cigarette smoking is allowed, they would have to allow marijuana smoking as well. Is your doctor stoned? Is your child's teacher? You won't know.

Driving while stoned? According to Prop 19, no driver over 21, including bus, taxi, light rail train operators, or everyday commuters can be required to be drug-free while operating a vehicle. Although the initiative says you cannot use marijuana while driving, it is completely permissible to use marijuana just prior to getting behind the wheel. You might wonder if that bus driver next to your family on the freeway is stoned.

California stands to lose \$80 billion in federal monies! If Proposition 19 passes, employers will no longer be eligible to receive federal government grants or contracts greater than \$100,000. This includes any California California businesses, governments and educational institutions that receive federal money. This will drive up California's unemployment even higher than the current rate of 2.2 million!

It won't reduce the state deficit. Supporters say that taxing marijuana once it is made legal will reduce the state deficit. But, marijuana sales are illegal under federal law and the United States Supreme Court has ruled that sellers may refuse to pay the tax. Further, all taxing and regulatory authority is left to the cities, not the state. You know what a jumbled legal nightmare that will become. All Prop 19 will do is legalize marijuana in your community.

We need your immediate help and contribution of \$50, \$100, \$250.

DONATIONS NEEDED! GO TO WWW.CNOA.ORG

Your urgent support will enable us to continue our fight against this terrible ballot measure.

P.S. After contributing we also need you to forward this email to your friends and family, and urge them to sign the petition and donate to keep marijuana out of your community!

I hope you'll take this opportunity. We are running a campaign against well-funded opposition groups and every dollar counts! Thank you.

Read more on the No ON Prop 19 website WWW.NOONPROPOSITION19.COM

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