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Remembering Fallen Officers July 2021 to Present

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Lieutenant Clinton Joseph Ventra	Police Officer Lewis Andrew "Andy" Traylor	Police Officer Edward Perez	Sergeant Christopher Ray Wilson	Police Officer Robert Troy Joiner	Sergeant Sherman Peebles	Deputy Sheriff Dale L. Wyman
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Detective Jon Alexander Cooke	Police Officer George Gonzalez	Sergeant Patrick Wayne Madison	Patrolman Shane Green	Police Officer Bonnie Nicole Jones	Corporal Charles Wayne Catron	Sergeant Michael D. Rudd
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Letter From LECF

The year was 2002 and I was a 23-year-old rookie working the streets of small-town U.S.A. Just two years prior, I had graduated from Fox Valley Technical College with an associate degree in Police Science. According to the State of Wisconsin, I was a certified Police Officer. I passed my Psychological Exam and Physical agility testing. All I needed was a department to take a chance on me. That would prove to be more difficult than I anticipated. My path was anything but ordinary. I didn't have any family members in law enforcement and the only police officer I knew was my 5th grade D.A.R.E Officer. That was all it took for me. That officer took the time to recognize my struggles as my parents were going through a divorce. From that point on, I knew if I could have that same impact on even one person's life, that was my calling. That story continued to drive me when the naysayers told me I was too short and didn't weigh enough to be a Police Officer. I took every opportunity I had to get my foot in the door and increase my experience. I started out as Reserve Deputy, and a part time officer with two small police departments. Finally, a department took a chance on me. I was issued my badge, a gun, and a key to the squad. The job started at \$13.00/Hour. After a brief two-week training period, I was on my own. This was my dream job. All my hard work had paid off.

As many of you reading this know, it didn't take long for me to see some of the daily challenges that police officers face. Sleep deprivation, isolation, being judged for the uniform you wear, internal politics with local government, mandatory overtime, and of course interacting with the citizens that are, in most cases having the worst day of their lives. The academy prepares you for many things, but as I remind people, officers are not robots, and they feel things just like

everyone else. I spent the next 18 years involved with many aspects of law enforcement including Patrol, Police School Liaison Officer, Sensitive Crime Investigator, Lieutenant, Past President-Wisconsin Juvenile Officers' Association, and volunteer for the Law Enforcement Torch Run. I remain active as the 2nd Vice President of the Fraternal Order of Police-Fox Valley Lodge #14. I have channeled my passion for law enforcement into a passion to support all aspects of the law enforcement community. Throughout my career, I witnessed many great police officers fall victim to internal investigations involving a personal opinion or off-duty experience. The Law Enforcement Charitable Foundation is here to help bridge the gap between the nearly 700,00 Law Enforcement Officers and the people they serve. We are YOUR voice! Additionally, with increased funding, LECF will grant aid to those departments who are in dire need of updated protective equipment and will continue to reach out to families of fallen officers, who gave their lives to protect and serve the people of their communities

I acknowledge this task will not be easy, but often times great things require work and collaboration. What can you do to help? Reach out and let me know the roadblocks our Officers and Departments are currently facing. "Like" our Facebook page at Law Enforcement Charitable Foundation, Inc. | Facebook Take a moment and pray for the safety of law enforcement community. Become a supporter of LECF at <https://www.lecf-inc.org/donations.php>. Stay tuned as we will be launching a free and exciting new way to support our local heroes. Please feel free to reach out to me with comments, questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

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I want to help. Please contact me about:

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- An award for an outstanding officer in my community

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Hero: Mind Over Matter

Deputy Jon Holt, Gloucester County Sheriff's Department, Virginia, is being acknowledged as a hero and a hero is exactly what he is. The following story is a testament to sheer willpower when it comes to saving a life.

On May 7, 2021, Deputy Holt was responding to a report of an overturned vehicle with someone trapped inside, according to a statement from the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office.

"The driver was laying underneath the vehicle with her head pinned by the sunroof," the report from the Sheriff's office read. "Seeing the trauma her child was witnessing, Deputy J. Holt went into overdrive."

Authorities shared part of Deputy Holt's body camera footage, which captured the entire ordeal as he can be seen arriving in his vehicle before running toward the incident.

The driver's daughter can be heard frantically yelling, "she can't breathe, she can't breathe, please help her." The woman's son can be heard crying and saying, "mommy." Holt remained calm and coaxed the boy out of the car. "Come here buddy," Holt said.

Officer Holt was heard saying, "She is trapped under the vehicle. I can't get it off." The screen then goes dark, but officer Holt can be heard straining and groaning loudly as he tries single-handedly to lift the car off the woman.

"Through sheer will and determination due to fearing the female may succumb to her circumstances in front of her panic-stricken child, Deputy J. Holt took quick action and was able to physically lift the more than 4,000-pound vehicle up long enough for the driver to maneuver her head out to safety," read the statement from the Sheriff's office describing the miraculous and heroic act.

"I tried to lift the vehicle off one time and said, 'I can't do it,'" he recalled. "I reverted back to my military training and that's something that's unacceptable, so I put my shoulder into the door frame, braced up and said, 'all I have to do is just stand up.' That's what I just kept telling myself. I don't know if it was adrenaline, sheer will, but I knew what I had to do."

"It's Mother's Day weekend," Holt said. "You can't let a child see their mom pass away on Mother's Day week-



Deputy
Jon Holt

Courtesy of Gloucester County Sheriff's Office

end or get seriously injured. You have to try. That's our job, we have to do something."

Deputy Holt's quick action saved the woman from an almost certain tragedy. She had some bleeding and minor injuries but will be ok.

"It's what we do," said Holt. "It's what we train for and I'm no hero. I'm just an average cop that gets put in extraordinary situations."

According to Holt, the family's dog was also in the SUV when it flipped over. The dog ran off, but thankfully it was found the next morning and was reunited with the mother and children.

But hold on, this isn't the first time Deputy Holt has been proclaimed a hero. Just three months earlier, he was given the Top Cop Award for the region that serves the Virginia areas of Chesapeake, Hampton, James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, York, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, Smithfield and Windsor, according to the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal.

"Deputy J. Holt recently accepted both the local and regional Top Cop Award from the Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line on February 2, 2021, for his commitment to public safety after saving the lives of 2 individuals from a burning house on the afternoon of March 24, 2020," said the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Holt, we recognize your selfless and courageous actions in your everyday dealings with the public. Thank you for all you do to keep your community and its people safe. ■



Everyday Actions

Shedding Positivity on our Everyday Heroes



Facebook / Footwear with Care

by Kris Hauser

Yet another example of our men and women in blue going above and beyond the call of duty and dissipating the sentiment that our law enforcement officials are anything but heroes. Not only do they lay their lives on the line each and every day to keep you and me safe, but they display acts of compassion and kindness that significantly exceed what is expected of them, or of anyone for that matter.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all took the time to look for the good in people? In doing so, that is exactly what we will find. We ought to seek and focus on the positive occurrences our law enforcement officials carry out in their day to day lives. Our hats off to all of you who put 100 percent into serving your communities and its people. The following is one more story about a police officer who has gone the extra mile.

Lending More than a Hand to the Homeless

Officer Jim Barrett, with the Hartford Police Department (Connecticut), not only has a heart for serving and protecting his community, but he also has a heart for the homeless — and has demonstrated that heart for many years.

Officer Barrett is devoted to helping the homeless. This is something he does in-between his everyday policing duties, including the police calls he responds to daily. He can be seen outside the Hartford City Hall and the Hartford Public Library putting smiles on people's faces, which comes easy for him. It is evident just how easy it is once you see him smile. His smile is infectious. Officer Barrett dedicates his life to assisting folks, and one of the ways he assists others is by helping them get back on their feet. However, they must be just as devoted as he is when it comes to committing to the plan at hand.

Officer Barrett once met a man whom he saw standing in the cold wearing raggedy flip flops, the man's only shoes. The man's name was Joseph Edwards, "I started talking to him, he found out I served in the military for a couple of years, and he just looked at my feet and told me he was going to change it," Edwards said.

And so, it began. Within in days of Officer Barrett talking to Mr. Edwards, he had purchased a pair of winter boots for Mr. Edwards. This inspired the start of a program called *Footwear with Care*. Since its conception in 2016, the organization has provided more than a thousand pairs of shoes and boots to Hartford's homeless population.

"I found out that a uniform doesn't make a person, the person makes the uniform, and it has made a total difference in my life," Edwards said. The interaction with Edwards was the beginning of turn-



Officer
Matt Lima

Facebook / Support Hartford's Homeless with Officer Jim Barrett

was living under a bridge when Barrett encountered him on his rounds. He had lost everything, including his confidence. But Officer Barrett helped him get a replacement Social Security card which is necessary in helping secure employment and housing.

“He had hit rock bottom, and without his Social Security card, he’d still be there,” Foote said. “He didn’t have a voice until he met Officer Barrett.” Barrett has helped men fresh out of prison get clothes beyond the ones they were discharged wearing. He’s listened to complaints about bed bugs in homeless shelters, making phone calls to city officials that have prompted investigations. He truly goes above and beyond!

“Once I start seeing progress I’m not letting go, I’m on them, I’m going to be riding them to the very end till they succeed,” he said. “All I request from them is pay it forward, once you achieve your goals and get yourself set up, if you see someone that is in need, that was in your situation, help them to get ahead.”

His kindness caught on, inspiring West Hartford’s Fleet Feet Sports to host a boot-and-shoe drive for Hartford’s homeless. “He’s valuable,” Deborah Barrows, program manager for Community Partners in Action, said of Barrett. “He’s not only keeping Hartford safe, he’s also making a difference in individuals’ lives.”

Barrows connected with Barrett through her work running her organization’s community-service branch in Hartford Community Court. Many of the men and women that Community Partners in Action have helped connect with food, housing, and other services were referred there by Barrett she stated.

“The philosophy of community-oriented policing speaks to partnerships, looking at why people do what they do and plugging them into resources, so they don’t repeat the same behaviors,” she said. “Jim personifies that.”

It is a philosophy that Barrett knows well. One of the big issues he faces in the area he covers is panhandling, especially when the homeless encounter office workers as they venture out of their buildings for lunch.

ing Officer Barrett’s city hall office into a revolving door.

Officer Barrett believes in second chances. He will bring folks into his office to listen to their story — something few people bother to do. “I knew when I joined the department, I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives,” Barrett said. He has turned away those who “weren’t ready” to make the right choices, he said. But he will still take the time to listen to their stories, whether they are ready or not.

Officer Barrett reaches out his hand to those in need. Whether it is helping someone find a job, overcome an addiction, or get day-to-day essentials, he is there. He is an inspiration to all those who come in contact with him.

Justin Jeremia Sweetwater of Hartford had this to say about Officer Barrett, “I’ve been suffering from depression all my life, I am 65, and they’ve had me on every kind of pill you can imagine, but just talking to that man was better than any pill.”

Jeremia also said, “He is our ambassador, he represents more than just a uniform, he represents the people.”

“It’s like a safe haven for them in city hall, whatever your needs are I’ll address them and if I don’t have the resources, I’ll make certain phone contacts to obtain them,” Officer Barrett said. “A lot of these guys lost hope of believing in themselves and once you start seeing them spark a light or some energy, they’re like, I can do this. I can get out of my situation and be successful in life.” He said the motivation for helping the homeless is the reward of seeing them succeed. Officer Barrett offers the homeless something not many people do, and that is hope. Having hope can make all the difference in the world to those who don’t have it. It changes lives.

He certainly made a difference in Kayley Foote’s life. “He was like a guardian angel,” she said. “With all the things going on in the world, he showed me that there’s good in people.” A relative



“Look, I could do one of two things: give them summonses, take them to community court and be done with it,” Barrett said, “or I could give them summonses, pull them aside and ask them what’s going on.” It’s empathy with a purpose: By forming these bonds, these relationships, trust is earned, and Barrett accomplishes his main role of maintaining public safety. “The work that I do, even though it’s not technically part of my job, it helps my job,” he said. “It makes it easier to solve a car break-in for example, because I have a pulse of what’s going on.”

People are constantly walking up to him as he walks down Main Street. They stop to say hello, give updates on their lives, or simply just to thank him. Officer Barrett has a positive impact on those in his community and that is what it is all about.

Barrett served in the U.S. Army for 21 years where he was deployed to Iraq and Bosnia. He also helped train soldiers in Germany. “When I got deployed back in ’07 overseas, I made a pact to my neighborhood Asylum Hill that when I come back I’ll take care of them,” he said. “In my mind it motivated me to give all I got if I come back or when I come back.”

He spent seven years working with the Department of Corrections and has been serving as a Hartford Police Officer for 18 years. The Police Commissioners Associa-

tion of Connecticut awarded him for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Roy Williams, a North End native, can attest to this as Officer Barrett was there to lend him a hand in his time of need. Williams’ life was upended when his house was damaged in a fire. Williams can only live in his home in the summer; when winter comes around the lack of heat forces him to go to a shelter. To make matters worse, he was struggling to pay taxes he owed on the damaged property. When Williams told Officer Barrett his story during their first meeting, Barrett knew that Williams was a Vietnam War vet, having served in the Army’s 101st Airborne Division. Barrett understood that Williams could get some tax relief with his discharge papers. So, Barrett, a veteran himself, helped him get the necessary documents from the Department of Veteran Affairs. He even went a step further and saved him copy fees by letting him use the equipment in his office.

“He never looked down on me, never treated me like a second-or-third-class citizen,” Williams said as he and Barrett talked outside the Hartford Public Library. “This man has done so much for me. He’s gone above and beyond the call of duty.”

In addition to the above, there is one more story about Officer Barrett that shows he is a hero in every sense of the word.

A man was about to jump off the Co-

lumbus Boulevard pedestrian bridge during a busy lunch hour one day. A witness recalls this day well. “There were tons of children going to the science museum,” said Manon Morande. “This could have been horrific.”

Officer Barrett, who was in the vicinity on his bike, thought that something wasn’t right and was there in seconds.

Morande watched the powerful life-and-death encounter between Officer Barrett and the person jumping. “I saw the officer on the other side of the bridge, lunging as this gentleman jumped over and put his arm out and caught him,” she said.

“There was no negotiating,” said Barrett. “He was committed to jump and he was in the position to actually jump. He was in the motion of jumping. That’s when I had to take the initiative and take charge and stop it from happening.”

“I said, ‘Hey, we’re going to get through this together,’” said Barrett.

Morande said, “I’m not trying to get emotional. He was amazing. We need more people like him around here.” They are both grateful the man is alive and getting the treatment he needs.

If you are interested in helping Officer Barrett and Hartford’s Homeless the information is as follows:

Footwear with Care is a program of Community Partners in Action with the Hartford Police Department, Fleet Feet of West Hartford and Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association.

Community Partners in Action provides Officer Barrett with items for the homeless such as food, socks, and underwear. The group also works with Officer Barrett to connect those in need to other services. For more information on how you can help, contact: Program Manager, Deborah Barrows: dbarrows@cpa-ct.org.

Another organization that helps Officer Barrett gather goods for the homeless is Church Army, USA. You can reach out to Dorathy Smolkis: dorathysmolkis@churcharmy.org if you would like to help.

Thank you, Officer Barrett, for impacting lives in your community in such a positive and compassionate manner. ■



Officer
Matt Lima

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Cops Connecting Through Social Media

by Justin Schweiner

Police work has always entailed an element of risk. However, the job is becoming increasingly more dangerous because of the escalating war against police. The rising anti-police sentiment has gotten so bad that we have seen rioting, looting, destruction of property, and calls for defunding police departments.

Police officers are increasingly painted as the “bad” guys. Yes, there are a few rogue cops who are brought to justice. But this by no means represents the vast majority of police officers, who serve honorably.

To show the human side of police officers that you don’t always see in the news, we have taken some tidbits from police departments across the country showing how they are connecting with their community via social media.

Showing Support for Causes

As many already know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For years the Grand Chute, Wisconsin, Police Department has been showing their support by allowing officers to wear a pink version of the department patch on their uniform. They are continuing this tradition again this year.



Creative Activities

The Appleton Police Department enjoys getting involved with their community with creative activities. A dunk tank with some members of the community is a fun way to get more involved with the community..





Connecting With Your Community

It's important that police departments use different ways to stay connected with their community they serve. An easy way to do that is through social media. The Grand Chute, Wisconsin, Police Department does a great job of this by posting positive messages on their Facebook page every morning.



Have Fun!

Being an officer is a tough and serious job so it's always important that police departments can relax sometimes and have a little fun!



Getting Involved in the Community

A police officer's duty is to serve and protect. It is also important that police officers get out in the community to build relationships with the members of their community. The Miami Police Department and Des Moines Police Department are providing great examples of this for other police departments to follow.



With the anti-police sentiment that we have seen over the past year, it is important that we continue to recognize the positive that comes from our local police. As you can see, there are many ways that local police departments are staying connected with their community in a positive way. In the age in which we live, it is pretty much required to put today's technology to use. All you need is a little bit of creativity and humor. Stay safe, and God bless. ■



Undermining Police

With Grants From Left-wing Foundation

Under the guise of justice, the radical MacArthur Foundation is paying local governments to release criminals from jail.



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by Alex Newman

In 2020, James Jumping Eagle, a well-known criminal and registered sex offender who sexually abused a minor, was arrested and charged for possession of LSD in Pennington County, South Dakota. Local law-enforcement authorities had signed a controversial deal in exchange for large grants promising to drastically reduce the number of people incarcerated in the local jail — especially if the people to be jailed were non-white. Jumping Eagle, a Native American, was released from jail, public records show, but did not turn up when required, so a bench warrant was issued. The charges could have carried years behind bars.

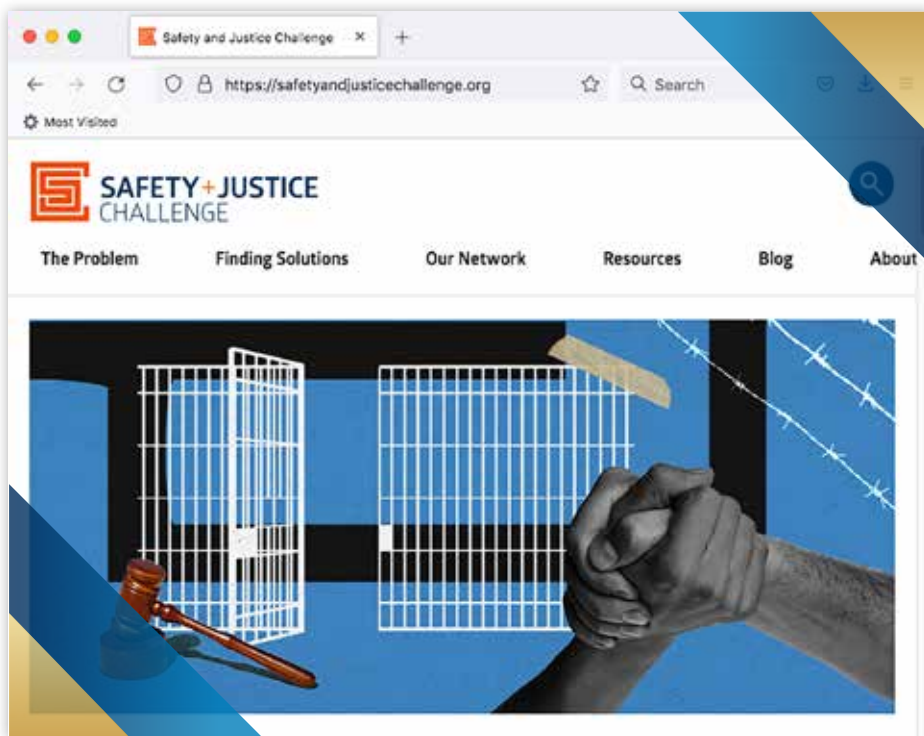
Just a few months after his arrest and release, though, on February 10, Jumping

Eagle allegedly broke into the home of 82-year-old Reta McGovern and brutally murdered her. The convicted sex offender then fled back to an Indian reservation that has no extradition agreement with local authorities. It was not clear what the relationship was, if any, between the alleged murderer and the great grandmother of 15 children. But many locals believe McGovern would still be alive today if Jumping Eagle had not been released from jail earlier under pressure from quotas established by the grant. The case was sealed, so it has become very difficult to get information.

This is hardly limited to Pennington County. In dozens of communities across America, crime is rising or even surging, and criminals who would normally be behind bars are roaming free terrorizing

neighborhoods and innocent citizens. Dubious racial quotas are being used to determine who goes to jail and who stays free. And the decisions making it possible are happening behind closed doors, funded by big bucks from an unaccountable left-wing organization in Chicago with leaders tied to radical movements — including one key official tied to a movement aimed openly at *abolishing* police across America.

One of the key forces behind this disturbing trend is the MacArthur Foundation, a tax-exempt behemoth with some \$7 billion that is showering huge grants on police departments and law-enforcement agencies nationwide. But the money is not free. There is no such thing as a free lunch. Instead, MacArthur is buying drastic policy changes, outside of the democratic pro-



Through its controversial Safety and Justice Challenge, the MacArthur Foundation has spent hundreds of millions paying local police departments to release criminals from jail, partly based on their race.

cess and the reach of voters, that the public would be unlikely to support. Critics have decried the resulting politicization of law-enforcement by such private interests, too. And yet it continues nationwide.

By its own admission, one of the foundation’s goals with the nearly \$250 million spent so far on “Safety and Justice Challenge” is to reduce the number of criminals behind bars in communities across America. They point out that the United States has more people in jail than any nation on Earth, and that this is tremendously expensive. They also highlight the fact that black and Latino men tend to be incarcerated at rates higher than white Americans, and that jailing people can destroy families and careers. That is all true, of course.

And yet, there are good reasons why the American people’s elected representatives at the state and federal level have passed laws to get thieves, rapists, murderers, drug peddlers, gang bangers and other dangerous individuals off the streets. And there are good reasons why Americans of

all ethnic backgrounds support those laws. If and when Americans become dissatisfied with those laws, there are simple tools for communities and states to change them using the democratic process.

But MacArthur Foundation thinks it knows better than communities and their elected officials. Among the key self-proclaimed goals of its “Safety and Justice” scheme is changing the way Americans think about jails and drastically reducing the number of people sitting in them. Another critical objective is ending what the left-wing foundation claims is the overrepresentation of “communities of color” in the criminal justice system.

This starts from the false assumption — a false assumption that is ubiquitous in the foundation’s work even beyond its criminal-justice programs — that the reason people from “communities of color” are arrested and jailed more often is because of racism in police and government. But countless studies and reports have pointed out the flawed thinking be-

hind the idea that alleged “systemic racism” is responsible for the issue.

In any case, the ultra-liberal foundation’s primary mechanism for injecting its racist ideology into law enforcement and policing is known as the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge. According to the outfit’s website, this program provides funding for projects nationwide that involve “creating fairer, more effective local justice systems using innovative, collaborative, and evidence-based solutions.”

In other words, changing policy and systems with big money rather than through the legislative process and public debate. Launched more than five years ago, the scheme has over 50 jurisdictions in more than 30 states involved already. A massive “communications campaign” designed to peddle its narrative and stir up the American people is an integral part of the plan. But the public knows little about the shadowy money flows changing government policy in their communities.

While crime levels nationally have been generally decreasing slightly over the last five years, with the COVID chaos complicating matters more recently, the data in some of the cities receiving MacArthur grants actually showed increases in crime. That is despite the fact that critics of the MacArthur schemes say the grants are encouraging police and authorities to overlook some crimes and seek lesser charges on others.

In some cases, such as New Orleans, Louisiana, the surge in crime levels was drastic, with violence exploding. Philadelphia, another major recipient of MacArthur grants (where even the prosecutor has been backed by billionaire leftist George Soros’ “Safety and Justice” grants), saw 500 homicides last year — the second highest ever recorded and the highest in more than 30 years. This year is on track to be even worse.

On its Facebook page, however, the MacArthur program operatives and its partners defended their view that reducing jail populations would not cause increases in crime. “Narratives connecting these reforms to rising crime rates are misleading and damaging,” the page claimed, with-



out providing details but citing supposed “data” obtained through MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge’s controversial data-gathering operations.

Rapid City, South Dakota: A Test Case

Jumping Eagle’s murder of an 82-year-old grandma is just the tip of the iceberg in one of the areas hit hard by the MacArthur Foundation’s meddling in law enforcement. In Rapid City, South Dakota, where Pennington County became one of 20 initial jurisdictions chosen for the plan, the criminal justice system there has received an infusion of millions of dollars from the foundation. Obviously, there were strings attached. And the fruit is becoming clear, locals say.

The purpose of the initial grant, according to the agreement obtained by the *Intelligence Brief*, was to create a plan to “target jail misuse and overuse as part of a network of sites participating in the Safety and Justice Challenge.” The “criminal justice reform” scheme’s goal, it continues, is to “reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails.” Local judges and law-enforcement officials all signed off.

Among the strings attached to the grant were demands that, under the guise of “racial justice” and “equity,” more and more criminals be released from detention and less people be placed there. Despite the ongoing surge in crime, local authorities agreed to obey the foundation’s quotas by ensuring almost 25 percent less people in local jails. The effects soon became obvious, and local law-enforcement officers are feeling the pain.

The situation is now so bad that, according to Crime Grade, which rates cities based on how safe or dangerous they are, downtown Rapid City received an F, the worst possible grade. The numbers speak for themselves. Rapes, assaults, auto thefts, and other forms of violent crime have been on the rise since the MacArthur meddling began. The increase in crime is even more pronounced when compared with the U.S. average.

Locals have noticed. “Recent statistics from the Police Department in Rapid City show many serious juvenile crimes

such as weapons violations, assaults, and robbery,” said retired U.S. military serviceman EJ Manzano, a local activist in Rapid City with Citizens for Liberty working with state lawmakers who has extensively studied the effect of the MacArthur grants in his community. “Yet very few of these young offenders receive consequences through the criminal justice system.”

“Rather, they go to community diversion programs due to MacArthur Foundation requirements to reduce incarceration rates among specific ethnic groups,” explained Manzano, who also chairs the Black Hills War Monument Committee. “So in Rapid City SD arrest and incarceration rates are way down, yet crime is way up.”

One of the very revealing facts highlighted by Manzano involves “Square One Justice.” MacArthur Foundation

Criminal Justice Director Laurie Garduque is a Square One Justice executive committee member. The Pennington County sheriff whose jurisdiction includes Rapid City, meanwhile, is listed as a Square One “expert.” And yet, Square One is closely linked to Columbia University’s so-called “Abolition Democracy” movement, which is literally and openly working to *abolish* police departments nationwide.

Local activists and leaders seeking to get information and documents about the MacArthur program have had a difficult time due to the opaque nature of the grant. Incredibly, authorities concluded that meetings with the foundation and many documents related to the program are not public records subject to freedom of information because MacArthur is not a “political subdivision.” The Foundation also carefully works with local jurisdictions to manage communications with the



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MacArthur Foundation: Founded by a conservative billionaire, the MacArthur Foundation was quickly hijacked by leftwing extremists to promote leftwing causes.



media, fomenting even more suspicion among local communities targeted under the program.

One of those who grew suspicious was Nick Uhre, a lifelong resident of Rapid City and a local business owner who became concerned for the safety of his clients. “When criminals make secret deals that cause harm to the community, it’s called ‘conspiracy,’ but when a wealthy foundation gives money to our local government to adopt bad policies in secret, it’s called ‘cooperation,’” complained Uhre in an op-ed for the *Rapid City Journal* about the MacArthur-funded scheme.

Uhre, who provided documents to the *Intelligence Brief*, highlighted numerous other concerns. “MacArthur is clearly a leftist agenda-driven organization,” he said, wondering whether its vision is aligned with what citizens want. He also pointed out that that the foundation is not accountable to voters but is driving public policy — something that is obviously problematic under any circumstances, but especially on something as critical as public safety.

The fruit of the project is poison. “Since the advent of MacArthur’s influence on local law enforcement, we’ve seen a huge rise in vagrancy, property crime rates have skyrocketed, violent crime and murders like the brutal killing of Reta McGovern in her own home are far more common,” continued Uhre, whose local hotel has seen growing lawlessness in the community.

Blasting the race quotes and arrest restrictions imposed on law enforcement, Uhre said criminals were being “emboldened to offend.” Citizens who become victims of these criminals, though, have little understanding of the drastic policy changes being imposed on the city by the unelected, unaccountable foundation and its millions in grants.

“This is not a grant; this is a bribe masquerading as a grant,” Uhre told the *Intelligence Brief*, noting that the foundation was “purchasing” government immunity as well as massive amounts of private data through the program. “I am deeply concerned.”

Indeed, Uhre told the *Intelligence Brief*



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Local Jails: Accepting money from the MacArthur Foundation, which critics are calling a “bribe,” requires agreeing to a quota system in which about one in four criminals in local jails are released.

that he believes something even more sinister is afoot, though he cannot prove it due to the shadowy nature of MacArthur’s operations. And he is hardly the only one who has become suspicious of MacArthur’s motivations.

Lawmakers are also growing concerned. State Senator Julie Frye-Mueller, a Republican whose district is in the same region of the state, warned of numerous problems with the MacArthur grants being used to change local policy.

“My belief is that no law-enforcement agency should be taking any money from this organization at all,” she told the *Intelligence Brief*. “Once these agencies and departments have taken this money, they become beholden to that organization, and I, for one, do not like what they stand for.”

She called on law-enforcement executives and officials within the justice system to “do their due diligence and make sure they know what these organizations represent and who they are tied to before getting involved with them.” “Even worse would be if these law enforcement agencies and officials actually know and are taking the money anyway,” Senator Frye-Mueller said. “This has got to stop.”

Left-wing Extremism Pervasive in MacArthur

It is easy to see why critics would be so alarmed. The MacArthur Foundation has a long track record of left-wing extremism that falls far outside of the American mainstream and is clearly political in nature. The recipients of its grants illustrate the left-wing agenda of the foundation, and they show how out of touch it is with the concerns of everyday Americans.

For instance, one of its key grant recipients in 2017 was Mayors for Smart on Crime, a partisan scheme of the left-wing Center for American Progress (CAP) — also involved in the Safety and Justice schemes — funded by anti-police financier George Soros and founded by disgraced Clinton and Obama operative John Podesta. “Smart on Crime” did not mean what normal Americans would think.

The MacArthur-funded Mayors initiative was led by 10 of America’s most left-wing, anti-police mayors — many of whom would later go on to join the “Defund the Police” campaign. Among them: New York City Mayor Bill De Blasio, whose administration waged war on the city’s embattled police department and witnessed a historic surge in crime as a



result. Similar disasters befell other cities that attempted such approaches. New York is also a recipient of “Safety and Justice Challenge” funds.

Instead of traditional crime fighting, the mayors’ scheme called for new laws and approaches to crime that are “outside the criminal justice system.” In other words, instead of using police and sheriff’s deputies to control crime, the effort sought to divert funding into “public and behavioral health, education, jobs, and housing.” One of the mayors in the scheme argued that using law-enforcement solutions to crime would result in losing “human potential.” Ensuring that felons can vote has also been supported by the foundation.

MacArthur has been instrumental in peddling the narrative that American police are racist and that law-enforcement perpetuates “white supremacy.” The CAP-led Mayor plan, for instance, called for rejecting “outdated tough on crime approaches,” claiming that being “tough on crime” was racist because it allegedly has a “disproportionate” effect on “black and Latino communities.”

The MacArthur Foundation also showered money on the left-wing Brennan Center for Justice so it could produce a report, headlined “Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Jails: Recommendations for Local Practice.” Among other debunked left-wing talking points taking aim at police, the report argued that police supposedly suffer from “implicit racial bias,” and that this explains the higher rates of arrest among minorities.

Ironically, despite the MacArthur Foundation’s condescending attitudes toward both police and minorities, polls show black and Latino Americans overwhelmingly want the same amount or even *more* police in their communities — not less. Indeed, black and Latino Americans, like all Americans, also want criminals taken off the streets rather than allowing them to roam free terrorizing their families, businesses, and neighborhoods.

But the MacArthur Foundation appears to believe that it knows better what black and Latino communities supposedly need when it comes to protecting their lives and property from criminals.



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Radical leftwing billionaire George Soros is also using his billions to radically transform the justice system, bankrolling prosecutors who refuse to prosecute and jail criminals.

The foundation also funds agenda-driven propaganda disguised as journalism in order to promote its controversial agenda in policing and criminal-justice reform. For instance, in recent years, it gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to the left-wing Poynter Institute. The grant started with an assumption — “jail overuse” — and sought to arm “reporters” with “practical skills, technical assistance, and access to sources they need in order to report effectively on local criminal justice systems and jail overuse.” How the foundation determined that jails were being overused was not made clear.

Longtime Anti-Police Bias & Extremism

This obsession with protecting criminals from law enforcement and incarceration is not new. As Capital Research Center Senior Fellow Martin Morse Wooster explained in a 2005 piece for the Capital Research Center on the MacArthur Foundation, even back then the outfit was bankrolling this sort of research.

“For example, the foundation has, over several years, spent \$23.6 million (or as much as it spends on two years of MacArthur Fellowships) on the research of Felton Earls, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, who is studying the reasons why neighborhoods go bad and criminals gain the upper hand,” Wooster wrote.

“Many criminologists and police departments support the ‘broken windows’ theory of James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, which argues that ignoring small crimes like not repairing windows broken by vandals gives a signal to bad guys that they won’t be punished if they commit more substantial crimes,” he continued. “But Earls argues that rather than try to punish all crimes (including very minor ones), police might do a better job fighting crime if they figured out ways to encourage neighbors to work together and solve community problems. Community cooperation, not more arrests, is the answer.”

The foundation that is buying itself



more and more influence among police departments is politicizing everything it touches. And that is likely to continue. “Given MacArthur’s funding history, it’s likely that in the future, MacArthur will continue to be one of the Left’s best friends,” explained Wooster, noting that it is one of the largest and most powerful foundations in the nation. “The likelihood of more balanced spending from MacArthur is vanishingly small.”

More clues about the MacArthur Foundation’s vision for “justice” can be found in its full-throated support for the disgraced International Criminal Court. Widely ridiculed by legal experts as a kangaroo court, the global body includes no protections for the constitutionally protected rights that Americans take for granted. That is one of the reasons why the U.S. Senate has consistently refused to ratify the agreement creating it. And yet, the ICC continues to falsely claim that it has jurisdiction over everyone on the planet—including Americans—for such vaguely described crimes as “aggression.”

The foundation, which was set up by billionaire banker John D. MacArthur to avoid paying taxes, finances a wide range of leftist programs, organizations, and agendas. These include man-made global-warming activism, abortion behemoth Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, globalist organizations, environmental advocacy, criminal-justice reform, and much more. “There could hardly be a more liberal grant than the MacArthur Fellowship,” noted Sam Worley, deputy editor of the far-left “alternative” weekly *Chicago Reader*.

And indeed, the foundation has funded a veritable who’s who list of left-wing extremists including neo-Malthusian doom-sayer Paul Ehrlich and his cohort John Holdren, an advocate of coercive population control, among others. Perhaps even more alarming, the MacArthur Foundation was a key financier of a “juvenile justice reform” scheme led by unrepentant terrorist Bernadine Dohrn, whose terror group Weather Underground murdered police, bombed the Capitol, and cooperated closely with the mass-murdering communist dictatorship in Cuba.

It was not always that way, however. John MacArthur himself was known as a conservative and free-market supporter. “The liberals have destroyed what makes this country great,” he was quoted as saying in the *New York Daily News*. But by the early 1980s, with guidance from MacArthur’s ultra-liberal son, leftists seized almost total control of the board, with most of the conservatives resigning.

There may be some worthwhile elements to the grants being made by the MacArthur foundation. And there may be some truth to the idea that America relies too heavily on jails.

But the fact that big money from outside local communities is being used to change policy without input from the community—especially on an issue this important, and by an organization with such radical political leanings—means extreme caution is needed. The foundation did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

There are other major foundations pushing similar policies. Billionaire left-wing “philanthropist” George Soros, for instance, has poured countless millions into similar schemes, including funding for numerous prosecutors and organizations working to keep more criminals out of jail. Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg is in on it, too. The left-wing Ford Foundation is also pumping money into the cause.

If local communities want to find ways to reduce the population in local jails, they can and should do so on their own, without bribery, manipulation, and coercion from left-wing extremists in big cities with big money—and without compromising public safety. As it stands, local law-enforcement agencies should beware of “free cheese” from big left-wing donors and foundations. It may be bait in mouse trap. And your city’s residents may suffer big as a result. ■



Far-left New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio, whose government has been a major recipient of MacArthur grants, has waged war on police, causing skyrocketing crime rates.

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ANTIFA 2.0



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Violent leftwing extremists have big plans to wreak even more havoc across America. Police must be prepared.

by Dr. Martin Scott Catino

Flush with funds, new recruits, tactical experience, strategic success from street battles and resulting optimism, and a permissive environment created by a defanged police force, Antifa is postured to significantly escalate its violent and subversive activities. Well aware of their increased capabilities and opportunities, this “insurrectionary anarchist” movement is busily and boastfully developing their

dark networks and structures, maintaining protracted violent pressure on the state, and phasing to a decentralized and guerrilla-warfare strategy aimed at overthrowing the government of the United States. Therefore, Antifa warns its supporters to “[K]eep in mind that beyond direct actions, building infrastructure like networks of care and mutual aid are just as important to winning this struggle over the long-term” (Puget Sound Anarchists, “Decentralized Action: A Brief History and Tactical Proposal,” 2020).

These radical networks emerge in Antifa’s covert players in politics, law, society, education, and industry, their platforms on campus, social media, and journalism, and their projects in our culture and communities masking their real agenda. Accordingly, after discussing its street fights of the recent past, an Antifa source asserts: “Despite this, the movement has continued to grow, thanks in part to emerging social movement infrastructure including collectives providing health and medical support, pro-bono legal assistance, bail funds, and other forms of solidarity. Anarchists have participated on the front lines of these efforts, leveraging longstanding infrastructure, and drawing on decades of experience” (Crimethinc, “This is Anarchy: Eight Ways the Black Lives Matter and Justice for George Floyd Uprisings Reflect Anarchist Ideas in Action,” 2020).

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Anti-police activists: Antifa activists and affiliates went on a rampage last year, seizing and even burning down police departments as part of a broader war on civilized society.

One Philadelphia Anarchist states the matter succinctly in a strategic document:

As the Seattle anarchists and others have pointed out, we can intentionally decentralize our attacks so as to make it harder for police to do their job. This can prolong riots and expand the scope of an uprising’s destructiveness, but let’s not lose sight of the fact that the most desirable outcome of this approach would be to ultimately make that job — policing — permanently impossible. In order to do so, we must again think not only about decentralizing our actions, but also what our actions target. What elements of the State might we be able to take out that, coordinated with a sustained crisis of policing, could take mass uprisings over the precipice of State collapse? [Philly Anti-Capitalist, “Toward Insurrection: Anarchist Strategy in an Era of Popular Revolt,” 2021]

In addition to these escalations of violent rhetoric, Antifa has indeed aligned its elevated objectives to higher value targets

— increased focus and increased actions. After the above source praised anarchist attacks on the houses of the Mayor of Oakland, California (2020), U.S. Senate Minority leader Mitch McConnell in Kentucky, and U.S. House of Representative Speaker Nancy Pelosi in San Francisco, and the ICE office in the city, the source states, “It remains to be seen if more of us will dare to emulate (and take much further) actions like these that directly target State institutions and the individuals in charge, especially in moments when the destabilizing context of mass protests might exponentially multiply such attacks’ effects.”

Portland anarchists indeed emulated the targeting when on April 28, 2021, they directly threatened Mayor Ted Wheeler by saying: “Ted, we are asking for the last time that you resign. If you ignore this message outright, the destruction to your precious way of life is going to escalate. Blood is already on your hands, Ted, but next time it may just be your own” (cited in Curren, 29 April 2021, “Antifa doxes, threatens to murder Portland mayor: ‘Blood is already on your hands, Ted. The next time, it may just be your own.’” *Law Enforcement Today*).

Echoing such escalating strategies, anarchists in Seattle and Portland have called for the continued targeting of critical infrastructure: police stations, oil pipelines, banks and ATMs, and public communication platforms such as event centers that host Conservative speakers. A Portland anarchist zine directly threatening Starbucks and Whole Foods corporations warns: “You protect the capitalists at the expense of our lives. One day, hopefully soon, we will dance amongst the soft glow of a burning empire, while you both drown in the stagnant pond of your pathetic, miserable lives. Good f*&%ing [sic] riddance. See you at the barricades, friends. Black liberation & against property, love, some anarchists” (Rose City Counter Info., 2021, “This Rose Has Thorns: A Year of Anarchist attacks in so-called Portland”).

Recently, two far-left activists from Washington State associated with Antifa were convicted in Federal court for a November 2020 attempt to derail trains. This event was no simple act of violence. The terrorist act was a well calculated escalation of strategy.



In the past, terrorist groups have simultaneously targeted infrastructure and civilians in order to create deniability for killing human life, or for probing and testing public and government reaction. The Weather Underground used this tactic and denied human targets were the major aim even though human fatalities occurred, an attempt to soften the reaction to terrorism and yet achieve the group's objectives of creating fear and undermining public trust in the government's ability to provide security. Although no one was killed in this railway attack by Antifa in November 2020, the attack was undoubtedly a probing action testing government and public reaction.

Another dangerous development in Antifa's post-George Floyd insurrection strategy is its emphasis on repudiating and opposing left-wing reformist groups and leaders who do not conform to Antifa's radical agenda or who cooperate with the state. Communist and other terrorist organizations escalating to more advanced phases have historically opposed and annihilated competing po-

litical movements that threaten primacy or allegiances of the support base. Not surprisingly, in order to preserve its influence, Antifa has recently emphasized opposition to "collaborationists" and "community-branded counterinsurgency," the very groups seeking non-violent change within the existing political framework (Crimethinc, "George Floyd Square Autonomous Zone Survives an Eviction Attempt," 2021).

Antifa's strategic statements along with its recent violence indicate this darkly masked terrorist group is escalating violence and deliberately phasing to a more advanced lethal stage of operations while providing detailed tactical guidance on how to achieve these malign objectives. Consequently, the anarchist directives coming from their major platforms are urging simultaneous decentralized attacks and a guerrilla warfare strategy aimed at spreading police forces thinly, amplifying violence and destructiveness, and setting the conditions and positions for all-out guerrilla warfare against the state in order to hasten its alleged col-

lapse. Thus the newer direction of Antifa is not merely episodic but strategic.

Flush with experience, exuberance, fresh recruits, and opportunities created by a vacillating government and public, Antifa is openly advancing its support structures and violent activities as terrorist organizations commonly practice as they exploit opportunities and security gaps. These anarchists are indeed calling for an escalation of violence and shift to a guerrilla war strategy so they can extinguish the very flame of liberty they cannot see through the raging fires of burning cities they have bombed and looted.

Antifa may not achieve its dream of destroying the state regardless of what the future holds. But unless counter-terrorism operations occur in earnest, these so-called anti-fascists may be in a highly advantageous position to create major escalations of violence and destruction. Given these developments, last year's riots will seem like a mere announcement to a very dark and violent dystopian play about to be performed in street theatre across America. ■



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Black block: Self-proclaimed "Anti-Fascist" extremists better known as "Antifa" are making major plans to wreak havoc across the nation, even against authorities that have tolerated or welcomed the chaos.

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Killing and Ambushing of Law Enforcement Officers Rising

by Christian Gomez

Police and other law enforcement officers are being shot and ambushed at an alarming rate this year. Between January 1 and September 30, 2021, a total of 241 law enforcement officers were shot and 44 were killed by gunfire, according to data collected by the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Of the 241 officers shot during this time period, 93 were shot in 75 separate ambush-style attacks. And many of these ambushes are happening before the officers have any chance to respond.

On August 3, 2021, at approximately 10:37 a.m. EDT, Senior Officer George Gonzalez, 37, of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) was on duty at the Pentagon Transit Center platform when a male suspect exiting a bus immediately stabbed his neck with a knife without provocation. The assailant was later identified as 27-year-old Austin William Lanz, of Acworth, Georgia. The two struggled, with Lanz repeatedly stabbing Gonzalez in his neck and killing him. During the struggle, Lanz shot himself with Gonzalez's firearm. Shortly after, responding PFPA officers converged on Lanz and shots were exchanged. Lanz died on the scene. A civilian bystander was also injured at the scene and taken to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries and released the same day, according to the FBI.

Gonzalez, a native of Brooklyn, New York, was remembered by his friends and family as a "die-hard Yankees fan." He had been twice promoted since joining the PFPA and previously served an 11-month tour of duty in Iraq from August



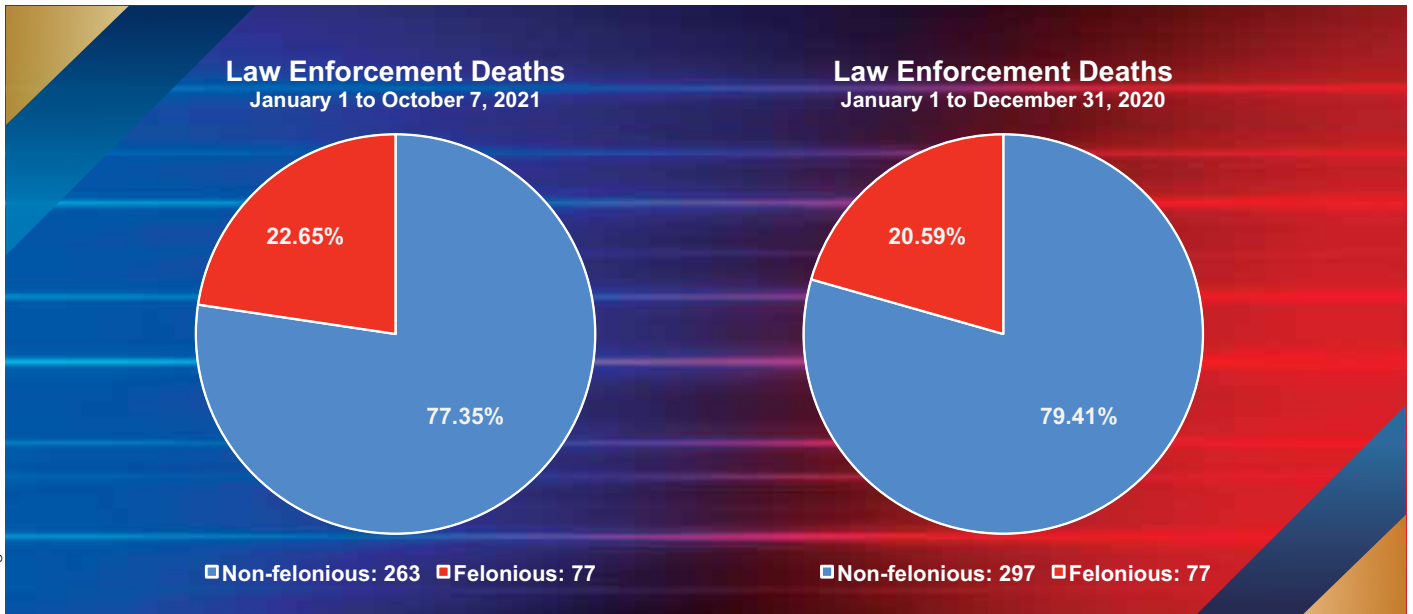
Shooting and ambushing of police officers is rising across America. Of the 241 officers shot between January 1st and October 1st of 2021, 93 were shot in 75 separate ambush-style attacks.

2004 to July 2005, with the U.S. Army. Gonzalez earned the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Iraq as a cannon crewmember, according to the *Military Times*.

Sadly, incidents such as this are becoming more prevalent. More and more, the possibility of being ambushed each day while on-duty comes with the job. In fact, ambush-style attacks on law enforcement personnel in 2021 have in-

creased 103-percent from the same time in 2020, according to the FOP. In general, 2021 has been a deadly year for those who wear the badge.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, as of October 7, 2021, a total of 340 enforcement officers have died in the line of duty since January 1st. Of those 340, 23 percent (77) were felonious deaths — as a result of gunfire, automobile crash, struck by a vehicle, as-



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By October 7, 2021, there were 77 felonious deaths of law enforcement officers throughout the country, which is equal to the number of felonious deaths of law enforcement officers for all of 2020.

sault, drowned, or stabbed. With a little less than three months left in the year (as of the time of writing this article), these numbers are almost identical to those for 2020, in which a total of 374 officers died while on the line of duty, of which 21-percent (also 77) law enforcement officers were feloniously killed.

Naturally, this begs the question: What is motivating these killings and ambushes of police and other uniformed law enforcement officers?

One need not look far on social media to find a slurry of hatred directed against police and law enforcement in general. Websites such as Twitter are abuzz with vulgar anti-police hashtags such as #ACAB for “All Cops Are B*****ds.” Posts with this acronym are usually accompanied by either hateful memes or video clips showing police (mostly in the United States and the U.K., but also elsewhere in Europe, Israel, and South America) in the middle of responding to a crime or apprehending a suspect without any context for the situation. On their own, without any context as to what happened before, the few seconds of video can look bad and that’s the point of the carefully spliced footage.

The idea is to make police look like lawless street thugs who violently berate people of color, women, and underage teenagers for (seemingly) no reason, seeing as the clips don’t show what happened before. These clips can be damaging when viewed by impressionable audiences scrolling through their social media feed on their phone. Many of these posts refer to the police or law enforcement officer attempting to subdue the unruly suspect in the footage as a “fascist,” “NAZI,” or “racist.” Short clips such as these, without any context and coupled with the hashtag #ACAB, perpetuate the notion that all police are bad and that the solution is to either “#DefundThePolice” or “#AbolishThePolice.”

While these posts do not always explicitly call for violence against police and law-enforcement officers (sometimes they do), they nevertheless generate and spread the kind of fear and hate that could motivate a person to ambush and kill law-enforcement officers without provocation.

On the night of December 7, 2019, officer Stephen Carr, 27, of the Fayetteville Police Department (FPD) was ambushed and killed while sitting in his patrol car

parked behind the FPD station in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Chilling footage released by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office showed an armed man approaching Carr’s patrol car from behind before shooting his firearm into the vehicle multiple times. According to a preliminary autopsy, Carr was shot a total of 10 times in the head, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office revealed.

Footage also showed two responding officers darting out to the parking lot and shooting towards the suspect before chasing him into alley. The officers confronted the assailant in the alley, where he was killed in a shootout. The suspect was identified as 35-year-old London T. Phillips. He was found in possession of a 9mm semi-automatic pistol (the same one he used to execute Officer Carr) and two boxes of ammunition. Like most of the assailants who ambush and murder law enforcement officers, Phillips acted alone.

According to a 13-page “Ambush Fact Sheet” report, published in 2015 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in collaboration with the Center for Officer Safety & Wellness (IACP) and the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community



Facebook/Blue Line Bears



Teddy bears for the families of slain officers. Teenager Megan O’Grady of Florida began making the teddy bears following the ambush killings of five law enforcement officers in Dallas, Texas, in 2016. As of October 6, 2021, she has delivered over 900 custom hand sewn bears.

Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, “The vast majority (83%) of assailants [in ambush incidents] acted alone.” Only 9 percent of the time are there two assailants, and 8 percent there are three or more assailants, the report detailed.

Also of interest was the fact that a “sizeable minority (40%) have a violent criminal record,” in turn meaning that 60-percent do not. What would cause a lone individual — especially in that 60-percent category that has no violent criminal record — to commit such a heinous crime directed specifically at law enforcement?

Certainly, there can be a number contributing factors: a personal grudge or animosity toward police following a prior arrest or incarceration for a non-violent crime (i.e., a desire for revenge), an overdose of psychopathic or other illicit drugs, overconsumption of alcohol, and playing video games where the player kills police officers (most notably, the *Grand Theft Auto* series). However, none of these really strike at the core underlying the hatred against law enforcement.

A likely suspect that is seldom mentioned and extensively researched is the role of social media, particularly how it

can radicalize users with extremist political content (e.g., calls to overthrow the state and capitalism, and defund/abolish the police/ICE, all in the name of fighting either a struggle for “liberation” or a “revolution”). This is the kind of extremist rhetoric associated with the far-left, socialist and communist organizations (see our 2020 Special Report about leading anti-police groups).

Although London Phillips — Officer Carr’s murderer — acted alone, he may have been influenced through social media. According to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, “Searches of the assailant’s social media accounts indicate he was interested in anti-law enforcement groups.” The Associated Press also reported that “Police have said Phillips was ‘looking for an officer to kill’ when he shot Carr.”

When an individual — such as a London Phillips, for instance — is perpetually radicalized with anti-police content on social media, creating and/or feeding into his hatred of law enforcement, it should come as no surprise when such a person takes the life of an officer.

It would be difficult to overstate the

power and influence of social media. In her opening remarks before a U.S. Senate panel on August 5, 2021, Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen stated that Facebook has “a system that amplifies division, extremism, and polarization. . . . In some cases, this dangerous online talk that has led to actual violence that harms and even kills people.”

Hashtags on social media such as #ACAB and #DefundThePolice are more than just simple misguided political statements or expressions of free speech; they can also serve as rally cries for further animosity toward law enforcement, putting the lives of officers and their families at risk.

In June 2020, teenager Megan O’Grady of Cape Coral, Florida, began receiving death threats on social media for making teddy bears for the children of slain police officers. In a segment on WINK News, Fort Myers, Florida, she elaborated, “We got a bunch of really good comments and then they started being really, really negative. And they were like ‘I hope that your dad gets shot in the face,’ ‘I hope that he’s the next officer you have to make a bear for,’ ‘I



hope your whole family gets killed.” She continued, “I just broke down in tears. I grew up believing that law enforcement is the best thing ever because I’ve grown up with it.”

Megan’s father is a police officer. She founded the non-profit Blue Line Bears, which makes teddy bears for the children of slain law enforcement officers, in order to help support their families. She created the non-profit in 2016 after five officers from the Dallas Police Department and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) were ambushed and killed that year. Since then, she’s helped well over 200 families and as of October 6, 2021 has delivered over 900 custom hand-sewn bears. During the WINK News segment that aired in June 2020, she explained, “when a police officer is killed in the line of duty, I take one of their uniform shirts and I make them into teddy bears for the kids.”

In July 2020, another teen, 16-year-old Savannah Chavez, was attacked with

vile, hateful comments on Twitter in response to her heartfelt post in memory of her father, McAllen Police Officer Ismael Chavez. Officer Chavez, 39, along with Officer Edelmiro Garza, 45, were both ambushed and murdered in the line of duty on July 11, 2020, while responding to a call about a domestic disturbance in south McAllen, Texas.

The assailant, 23-year-old Audon Ignacio Camarillo, opened fire on the officers as they were approaching the front door of the residence. Both Chavez and Garza were rushed to a local hospital, where they were pronounced dead. At a press conference, the McAllen chief of police told reporters, “The officers never had a chance to suspect a deadly assault on them, much less death, at that moment in time.” The officers, he stated, “did not draw their weapons, did not fire, [they] never stood a chance.”

With the number of police ambushes and murders skyrocketing, it would be-

hoove authorities and elected officials to pay closer attention to anti-police social media posts and comments. Seeing as those who post such violent and vile comments feed into the very anti-law enforcement climate that threatens the lives law enforcement officers and their families.

Additionally, Congress should also investigate subversive organizations, such as: ANTIFA, the Communist Party USA, Revolutionary Communist Party USA (RevCom), Workers World Party, Freedom Road Socialist Organization/Liberation Road, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Sunrise Movement, Huey P. Newton Gun Club, New Black Panther Party, and the Black Hebrew Israelite movement, among other anti-police groups that promote open hostility against law enforcement. How many more officers have to be ambushed before those in government act to protect the very police and sheriffs who keep them and our local communities safe? ■

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