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POLICE STRESS - In the field of police work there is one thing that we all face. We face a thing call stress, "Police Stress". Everyday in the area of work the situations are not the same. The routine maybe the same but what happens is not predictable. Responding to a call or a job you remain calm and collected on the surface but you are cautious under neath. Police Stress comes from may different aspects of police work. Stress levels go with the nature of the situation. If the situation is not stressful the stress is low. But if the situation is intense and the stress is high or very serious then that's something to deal with. For example you come under gunfire or exchange gunfire. At first you react the way you were trained. Everything is alright. But later on you may have flashbacks or other issues. What do you do?

How do you deal with Police Stress when it may become unmanageable? Many will find an outlet that is positive to release the stress. From exercising, to having a hobby, relaxation, a strong faith or getting professional help. There are books on the subject of how to manage and cope with the stress. "Police Stress Management" by Wayne D. Ford, PH.D is one book on the subject. If you need to have someone to talk to there are people you can talk to. You don't have to go at it alone. All law enforcement agencies have counseling assistance programs if you need help or someone to talk to.

Police stress when it comes there are ways to manage it in a positive way. You do not have to go at it alone.

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Gunmen Kill Mexican Police Chief Near the Border

http://www.team4news.com/Global/story.asp?S=5401109&nav=menu90_5_6

Sep 13, 2006 08:29 AM EDT - NUEVO LEON, MEXICO

MEXICO CITY (AP) _ Gunmen have ambushed and killed a police chief in the Mexican border state of Nuevo Leon . Enrique Barrera's slaying is the latest of a law officer in a region ravaged by a drug gang war. Barrera was police chief of the town of Linares, about 135 miles southwest of the border at McAllen , Texas.

Nuevo Leon Attorney General Carlos Trevino says Barrera was shot dead as he left his home to go to work yesterday. Trevino says the killing bore the hallmarks of an organized crime hit, but he needs to gather more evidence before making a conclusive statement.

A lone gunman killed Nuevo Leon 's top investigator, Marcelo Garza, last week outside an art gallery near the northern city of Monterrey. Trevino said there's no evidence the two killings were related. The border has seen a wave of violence attributed to a battle between the Sinaloa Cartel and the Gulf Cartel for billion-dollar smuggling routes into the United States .

Derwin Pannell is a retired officer from NYPD. He has been a member of TopCops-L for several years now. In fact, it was through TopCops on the Internet, <http://www.topcops.com/> that my sister and I got to meet Derwin. Even though he lives in the southern states, he still has family in New York, including my sister and myself. During one of his visit with his family we met for the first time. We visited with my sister, who lived in Pennsylvania at the time, and now Derwin in our heart Derwin is like our brother. In the short summary below, Derwin shares with our readers why he finds being a part of TopCops-L significant. (Deb)

For me being on the list is the best thing. The list has much information on it from around the world. Much is going on in the Police World. I have made friends on the list. I like all of the articles that I have read. Some make me laugh, some make me think, some sadden me, some have even helped me to personally grow. One thing I like best about the list is that someone is always there to help you if you need it no matter where you are in the world. Just go on the list and ask for assistance and someone will appear. "How can I assist you?". The list is a good way to network and meet other Professionals in the Criminal Justice Field.

Police officers all around the globe are doing a great job. Policing has changed alot sense I was a police officer. Policing has gone very high tech now and has gotten very sophisticated. All these new gadgets that they have now to fight and prevent crime has taken policing to a much higher level. The public view of police officers are pretty much the same. Some of the public appreciate, understand and respect us because of what we do and some do not. D.Pannell, Retired NYPD

Police captain commits suicide - South Africa - September 14 2006 at 09:24PM

http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?from=rss_South%20Africa&set_id=1&click_id=&art_id=qw1158257341649B265

A police officer scheduled for a psychiatric appointment next week, shot and killed himself in Ekulindeni village near Ermelo on Thursday, Mpumalanga police said.

Captain Dumisa Msithini, 46, shot himself in the mouth after asking his aunt to go and buy painkillers, police spokesperson Superintendent Abie Khoabane said., "Just after the aunt left for the shops, she heard a gunshot and rushed back to where her nephew was sitting."

"She was shocked to find her nephew's body lying in a pool of blood underneath a tree." Msithini, an officer at Kabokweni police station near Lydenburg, was on leave and had been visiting his mother.

Jury Awards \$5.4 Million for Deadly Police Chase

Sunday, October 01, 2006

A Randolph County jury returned a \$5,417,500 verdict in a wrongful death case against the City of Sparta. The case, Don Cole Special Administrator of the Estate of Janet Cole v. City of Sparta and Misty Starr McPherson Randolph County, concluded today. The Coles resided in Ballwin, Illinois. Janet was a 58 year old registered nurse who worked at Redbud Hospital for many years.

Ms. Cole was killed when her car was struck by a Sparta police car driven by Officer Misty McPherson on August 11, 2004. The crash occurred at the intersection of Route 154 and Michael Road at 9:20 am when Ms. Cole was turning left on Michael Road headed towards Burnett's Peach stand.

Officer McPherson was driving 80 mph in a 45 mph zone when she collided with Ms. Cole's car in the passing lane. McPherson's lights were activated but her sirens were not.

Ms. Cole is survived by her husband Don, her two sons Randy, 39, Kenny, 37 and her 2 grandchildren Andrew and Kellian. Trial began on Monday June 26 and was completed on July 3, 2006. The jury deliberated for 2.5 hours after hearing closing arguments today.

Mr. Cole was represented by Charles Chapman of The Lakin Law Firm. "Mr. Cole, his family and I are grateful for the jury's service and verdict. Hopefully this verdict will signal to police officials that senseless high speed chases will not be tolerated in Randolph County," Charles Chapman said.

By James Hamilton

Police killed in 'government-free zone'

<http://www.sundayherald.com/56814>

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THREE policemen heading for a dinner break have been ambushed and killed by an armed gang in a lawless corner of northern Guatemala, Mexican authorities confirmed yesterday.

The attack occurred in El Naranjo late on Friday, near the Mexican border, in an area overrun with drug and immigrant smugglers and part of a region that a recent US State Department report described as a "government-free zone" where criminals are largely free to do as they please.

Olimpia Pineda, a police spokesman, said an officer and two police agents were walking to a restaurant when a vehicle blocked their path and at least three men inside starting shooting with pistols and an automatic weapon.

"We are continuing to investigate, but you have to remember that this is a place where drugs and undocumented migrants are smuggled," Pineda added.

Investigators said they were unsure why the three officers were targeted. 16 July 2006

Child killer Clifford Olson denied parole

(Convicted of killing 11 children)

An artist's sketch of Clifford Olson at his faint-hope hearing in 1997. (Felicity Don/Canadian Press)



"Mr. Olson presents a high risk and a psychopathic risk," National Parole Board panel member Jacques Letendre said. "He is a sexual sadist and a

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[CBC News](#)

Convicted serial killer Clifford Olson was denied parole Tuesday after a short hearing in a Montreal-area prison.

narcissist.

"If released, he will kill again."

After indicating that he was not requesting parole and that the board had no jurisdiction over him, Olson did not return when the decision was reached following an adjournment.

"I will be staying in my cell," Olson said before the break. "I won't be coming back to hear your retarded decision."

Olson, who once described himself as "the beast of British Columbia," had applied for parole after serving 25 years for murdering 11 young people in B.C.

But at the hearing, Olson said he wasn't interested in seeking parole.

The three-member panel heard victim impact statements from family members of three of his victims.

Olson made bizarre statements during the session. He told the board he intended to leave the country as he had a deal in place with the U.S. attorney general because of information he had related to 9/11.

According to journalist Peter Worthington, who has interviewed Olson, such behaviour was not surprising.

Worthington told CBC News that in the past, Olson has tried to mail letters from prison to famous people such as television talk show host Jay Leno, former prime minister Jean Chrétien and former U.S. president Bill Clinton.

Worthington said that while the killer can instantly switch from moments of lucidity and introspection about his crimes to unrelated topics, he's usually in control of the conversation.

"He knows right from wrong; he just doesn't care," said Worthington. "Everything is a kind of learned behaviour. He's a good con man and he manipulates." Under Canadian law, Olson is entitled to make a case for parole every two years.

Colombian police find \$19M under house - 1 hour, 2 minutes ago, January 18, 2007

BOGOTA, Colombia - Colombian police Tuesday found about \$19 million belonging to a drug trafficking group buried under a house in the southwestern city of Cali, the second such discovery in less than a week.

Police said they arrested nine people who were in the house.

On Friday, police found \$16 million hidden in a modest house in Cali, the country's third-largest city about 185 miles southwest of Bogota.

Cali has been a center of Colombia's illegal narcotics industry since the days of the Cali cartel, dismantled in the 1990s.

Colombia is the world's largest producer of cocaine.

Local Police To Use Cameras In New Way

http://news.yahoo.com/s/wesh/20070118/lo_wesh/10781511

Thu Jan 18, 12:49 PM ET

Police frequently use dashboard cameras to record traffic stops and high-speed chases, but one local department announced plans to put cameras on another tool.

The Kissimmee Police Department is expected to announce on Thursday that it will be the first force in Central Florida to equip Taser guns with cameras, WESH 2 News reported.

Taser International is touting the new devices as a way to cut down on false claims of police brutality with the controversial stun guns. An Orlando attorney, who has represented more than 20 people who claimed they were victims of Taser abuse, said the cameras should be a big help.

"It's definitely needed, especially within bigger departments, because they are in a crisis mode having to deal with so many complaints," Tom Luka said.

There's no word yet on when other local police departments plan to add cameras to Taser guns.

Gilbert man dies after police Taser shock

Elias C. Arnold

The Arizona Republic

Jan. 18, 2007 04:42 PM

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0118taserdeath-ON.html>

An 18-year-old man died early Thursday in Gilbert after police used a Taser to subdue him during an arrest.

Police said officers shocked Andrew J. Athetis Wednesday evening when he failed to comply with orders. He then struggled during the arrest and soon after he suffered medical distress and was taken to a hospital, according to police.

He was pronounced dead at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center about 6:30 the following morning, police said.

Scottsdale-based Taser International faces about 50 lawsuits alleging wrongful death or personal injury. About 20 similar lawsuits have been dismissed.

A March Amnesty International report found many Taser deaths in the previous year had happened when victims suffered at least three Taser shocks, sometimes for extended periods of time.

Gilbert Police said they think Athetis had a history of drug use and said they found drug paraphernalia in his residence. A public records search showed Athetis had no adult criminal history.

Police responded to an unknown trouble call about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the 1000 block of East Cullumber Street, northwest of Lindsay and Elliot roads in Gilbert, where police learned there had been a robbery.

Witnesses told police Athetis had acted erratically and yelled, telling a 43-year-old woman his name and advising her to call police. He then punched her and took her keys, police said.

The woman went into a residence when Athetis tried to get into her vehicle, police said. He tried to follow her into the residence, but was unsuccessful and fled.

Athetis was partially submerged in a nearby fountain when officers caught up with him, confronting him with guns drawn, police said. Athetis was shocked with a Taser when he failed to comply with commands, police said. Gilbert Police Department is investigating the incident.

*Kenya: Gangsters Kill Another Police Officer - The East African Standard
(Nairobi)*

January 18, 2007

Posted to the web January 18, 2007

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200701181045.html>

Cyrus Ombati

Nairobi

A police officer was killed in cold blood in a botched robbery outside Kamukunji Police Station in Nairobi.

A gang of five shot Julius Kaptuai at close range as he and colleagues tried to stop them from committing a robbery. Two other officers sustained serious gun wounds in Thursday's 4pm incident. Kaptuai died instantly in a Peugeot he was in with colleagues after the gunmen's bullet hit him in the neck.

Witnesses and police said Kaptuai and his colleagues tried to stop a Toyota car with excess passengers along Landhies Road. The officers attached to Flying Squad, Pangani, pursued the car for almost a kilometer and attempted to block it outside the police station.

But before the police driver could overtake the Toyota, one of the thugs in the car fired at the officers using an AK 47 rifle. The bullet hit the windscreen and an officer seated on the co-driver's seat in the elbow and before reaching Kaptuai.

As the thugs escaped, they pumped bullets into a Land Rover carrying four Administration Police officers at the Kariokor Roundabout, about 500 meters. They injured one of the APs. The thugs then sped off towards Majengo slums where they blocked a motorist and robbed him of his pick-up. Nairobi area deputy PPO Francis Munyambu and his CID counterpart, Mr Isaya Osugo, said the thugs abandoned their car and escaped in the pick-up towards Maringo estate.

Doctors said the injured officers were out of danger. Police officers, who arrived at the shooting scene fought back tears when they saw the body of Kaptuai in the car. Kaptuai is the sixth police officer killed this month in cases of insecurity in the country.

Officers Francis Rop, Linet Sangoro and Richard Sangoro were killed in the Sh22 million robbery in Molo, while Steven Omino, 26, was shot dead in Lodwar. On January 3, senior sergeant James Njagi Kanyi was killed in the line of duty in Embu while in Mombasa the body of another officer was found dead near a police station at the same time.

Police officer's killer executed in Huntsville Self-described fascist killed San Antonio man.

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<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/01/18/18execution.html?cxtype=rss&cxsvc=7&cxcat=52>

By Michael Grazyk

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HUNTSVILLE — A self-described fascist who adopted the dark punk and goth lifestyle was executed Wednesday for the slaying of a San Antonio police officer 12 years ago. Johnathan Moore repeatedly apologized to the officer's widow.

Johnathan Moore Murderer's courtroom behavior made for an unusual trial. Murderer's courtroom behavior made for an unusual trial.

"It was done out of fear, stupidity and immaturity. It wasn't until I got locked up and saw the newspaper; I saw his face and smile, and I realized I had killed a good man," Moore told Jennifer Morgan, who stood next to the death chamber window surrounded by friends.

He wished her happiness. He then counseled a friend who was a witness to quit using heroin and methadone. He told his father that he loved him.

Moore was pronounced dead at 6:21 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal dose of drugs was administered.

Moore, 32, was the second condemned Texas prisoner executed this year and the second of five scheduled to die this month in the state that has executed the most inmates.

Moore was convicted of gunning down Fabian Dominguez, 29, who interrupted Moore and two companions during the burglary of a house in the officer's neighborhood in January 1995. Dominguez was returning home from his overnight shift when he spotted a suspicious car in the driveway of the house and stopped to investigate.

When he confronted Moore, seated in the passenger side of the car, Moore opened fire with a .25-caliber handgun. Moore also retrieved the officer's service revolver and shot him three more times in the head.

He was arrested the next day after leading police on a chase into neighboring Bandera County and wrecking his car by hitting a couple of police cars.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review Moore's case late last year. An appeal to stop the punishment by challenging the state's lethal injection execution procedure was rejected Tuesday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Supreme Court then rejected a similar appeal about two hours before Moore's scheduled execution time.

The San Antonio Police Officers Association chartered a bus, and about two dozen officers holding blue glow sticks stood outside the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to honor their colleague while prison officials inside carried out the punishment.

Moore is the first person convicted of killing a San Antonio police officer to go to the death chamber since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982. The two others with Moore the night of the shooting were arrested a short time after his arrest. Peter Dowdle, 29, is serving a 25-year prison term. Paul Cameron, also 29, is serving life.

On an Internet site, Moore said he "hung out with the Industrial, Punk and Goth scene" and described himself as "a full-blown fascist." But he added: "I have disappointed and let down everybody that has ever loved me."

Moore told the San Antonio Express-News last week that the shooting was the result of "fear and stupidity" and credited Dominguez for being "the man." "He was taking charge and he was running right into a situation that required a lot of strength and courage," Moore said. "I think about that a lot." Moore's capital murder trial was hardly routine.

After his conviction and before punishment testimony was to begin at his trial, he fired his lawyers so he could represent himself and then rehired them the next day. Before the trial, he had tried to escape from custody during a visit to a health clinic, grabbing a stun gun and a can of pepper spray hidden for him in a restroom and unsuccessfully trying to overpower a deputy guarding him. Authorities found a handcuff key inside a shoe in his cell.

During the punishment phase, his mother, from the witness stand, shouted profanities at lawyers for both sides and was arrested after she bit a court bailiff, deputies said. Dominguez had been an officer about 2 1/2 years at the time of his death. He had infant twin daughters, who are now 12. More than a dozen other Texas inmates already have execution dates for 2007, including two more next week.

Larry Swearingen, 35, is set to die Wednesday for the December 1998 abduction and strangling of a 19-year-old Montgomery County woman, Melissa Trotter. Ronald Chambers, 51, is scheduled to die the next day for abducting and fatally shooting Texas Tech student Mike McMahan, 22, during an April 1975 carjacking in Dallas.



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FBI Joins Inquiry in Killing of Suspect

Officers launched search, shot man 68 times after Polk deputy's gun death.

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By Gabrielle Finley

The Ledger

LAKELAND - The FBI is the latest of several law enforcement agencies to investigate the shooting of 27-year-old Angilo Freeland, who was found, then shot and killed by SWAT team members Sept. 29. The day before, police said, Freeland shot and killed 39-year-old Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Williams and his police dog, Diogi. Freeland also shot Deputy Doug Speirs in the leg and tried to shoot two Lakeland police officers, sheriff's officials said.

In December, the U.S. Department of Justice asked the FBI to review the shooting of Freeland after the department received a letter from the Florida Civil Rights Association, which called Freeland's shooting "profoundly disturbing." Freeland was burrowed under a fallen tree when SWAT team members fired 101 shots at him. Sixty-eight of the bullets hit him, according to the Polk County Medical Examiner's autopsy results.

Sheriff Grady Judd has said SWAT team members saw a gun before shooting Freeland, but a lawyer for the Freeland family has said Freeland was not holding a gun. Instead, the family lawyer, Grady C. Irvin Jr., said the gun was found after Freeland removed a shirt it was under.

Irvin said he is still serving as the family's lawyer, but said he wouldn't comment on the case when reached Friday at his Tampa office. Both the Justice Department and the FBI acknowledge they are investigating the shooting that killed Freeland, but said they could not comment on the status of their investigations.

Along with the FBI, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Polk County Medical Examiner's Office and the State Attorney's Office in Bartow are working separate investigations on the case.

All the agencies except the FBI will submit their findings to the State Attorney's Office, which will rule whether the shooting was justified. The FBI will submit its report to the Justice Department.

"Our office is awaiting several follow-up reports and once those are in, we will commence our review. I'm unable to say exactly how long that will take," said Chip Thullbery of the State Attorney's Office.

Following are answers to some questions about the case:

Q. What is the Florida Civil Rights Association, the group that filed a complaint alleging authorities showed disregard for human life when they shot Freeland?

A. The civil rights group was founded by its president, J. Willie David III, in March 2005 and is based in Orlando. In its mission statement, the nonprofit group says it fights "to advance diversity, equal opportunity and fairness for all people by eliminating prejudice and discrimination in the public and private sectors."

Q. The crux of the investigation will focus on the events that led up to SWAT team members firing shots at Freeland. What are the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Irvin saying happened before the shots were fired?

A. SWAT team members stumbled upon Freeland, who was hiding under a fallen tree, and shouted at him to put his hands up, Judd has said. Freeland showed only one hand and in the other they saw a gun, Judd said.

Irvin has said the gun was uncovered when Freeland removed a shirt it was under. Irvin recently said he would not comment further on the case.

Q: What is known about how Williams and Speirs were shot?

A: Williams was shot eight times: once in his right wrist, left bicep, left rear thigh, right leg, right buttock, right upper arm and two close-range shots on his right ear and right temple, according to Polk County Medical Examiner's autopsy results.

Speirs was shot once in the leg. Speirs and Williams were tracking Freeland in a wooded area near 10th Street and Wabash Avenue near Kathleen High School when a "burst of gunfire" erupted, Judd has said. Speirs returned fire, but the number of shots fired was not released and is still under investigation, sheriff's spokeswoman Donna Wood said.

Q: Two Lakeland police officers were involved in the investigation. What were their roles?

A: About 20 minutes after the two deputies were shot, Freeland fired at the police officers who found him near a home. The two officers, LPD Detective Jeff Birdwell and K-9 Officer Jose Bosque, shot back at Freeland. A State Attorney's Office report, released Jan. 11, concluded the two officers were justified in shooting at Freeland. The report is the first official review of the events surrounding Williams' and Freeland's deaths that has been released.

Q. What is the status of the remaining five investigations of the shooting?

A. FDLE: The agency is "near the tail end" of its investigation, which started Sept. 28, said FDLE special agent supervisor Ray Velboom. The agency is reviewing its findings internally and will have reports to the State Attorney's Office later this month, FDLE spokeswoman Trena Reddick said.

Q: Polk County Sheriff's Office?

A: The agency is conducting two different investigations, a death investigation and an administrative investigation, Wood said. Part of the death investigation has been turned over to the State Attorney's Office, Wood said.

She said she had no timeline for when the rest of the investigation - headed by the Sheriff's Office - would be turned in to the office. An administrative investigation of whether the shooting was within the sheriff's policy is still ongoing, she said.

Wood said the FBI has not requested any information from the Sheriff's Office.

Q: The Medical Examiner's Office?

A: The office conducted Freeland's autopsy and concluded he had been shot 68 times, said assistant Medical Examiner Vera Volnikh. The office has sent the autopsy results to the State Attorney's Office, Volnikh said.

Q: State Attorney's Office?

A: The agency will issue a ruling after all the agencies, except the FBI, turn their reports over to them, said Thullbery of the State Attorney's Office.

The agency can either ask a grand jury to rule whether Freeland's shooting was justified or decide on its own, Thullbery said.

Q: Freeland's family lawyer, Irvin, said he planned to send a letter asking the Governor's Office to investigate the shooting. With the FBI now on the case, does he still plan to file his request?

A: Irvin would not comment on Freeland's case. As of Jan. 12, the Governor's Office had not received a letter from Irvin, said a spokeswoman with the office.

Q: Has the FBI ever investigated a shooting in Polk County? If so, when?

A: Carol Michalik, spokeswoman for the FBI's Tampa office, said the FBI has investigated "several shootings" in Polk County, but said she could not disclose information about the cases because they're still being investigated.

Q: What was it about the case that led the Justice Department to ask the FBI to review the shooting? Who in the Justice Department made the decision to make the request?

A: David Allred, deputy chief of the department's criminal section, has said the letter asking the FBI to investigate is a standard response to civil rights complaints.

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3rd Deadly End to Police Shooting in 2007
WPVI By Erin O'Hearn

January 17, 2007 - Philadelphia Police have yet to publicly identify the man they shot and killed during a confrontation Wednesday morning in Port Richmond. It started with the robbery of a roofing company, and ended with a shootout between the bandit and a female police officer, and then a pair of highway patrolmen. Also on 6abc:

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The gunman also shot himself. Officials haven't said whether that was an accident or on purpose.

This was the third deadly police shooting in three weeks.

Although the investigation into this morning's shoot out in Port Richmond is in it's infancy, Philadelphia is looking at its 3rd fatal police-involved shooting this year... and its only January.

Is this indicative of an even more violent year than 2006?

Capt. Ben Naish of the Philadelphia Police says, "It's too early to say. Sometimes they happen in groups it seems like, but sometimes we can go a long time without it. But there's no doubt in anyone's mind that the streets hold some danger out there for the officers trying to fight crime."

It is a fight where police are outnumbered. Some of the city's mayoral candidates told Action News Wednesday night that too many guns and too few officers are hindering efforts to get Philadelphia's violence crisis under control. It is a problem they say that's not only rattling the city, but the force as well.

Philadelphia mayoral candidate State Representative Dwight Evans (D) told Action News, "Obviously the officers are very nervous about what's going on in the streets and obviously they think they need more help on the streets."

Former City Councilman Michael Nutter (D), who is also a candidate for mayor, says, "I know police Commissioner Johnson and the agencies will look at these individually but its indicative of a larger problem. There are more people engaging in aggressive behavior against the police."

But this year's first fatal police shooting suspect may have been unarmed. However, police say 20-year-old Bryan Jones was among a group of people shooting from a rooftop.

Each individual officer on the street has to make a split second decision as to what he or she is going to do. It could cost the officer their life or the person their confronting their life.

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A hearty hello from our friends of #Israel Cops

L-ISBAH XEWQAT LIL HBIEB KOLLHA TA' 'TOP COPs' MILL GZIRA TA' MALTA, U MIS-SURGENT JOSEPH BORDA, TAL PULIZIJA TA' MALTA. **Best wishes to all at 'Top Cops' from the island of Malta and from Sgt. Joseph Borda, Malta Police.** En hälsning till alla svensk talande TopCops och TopCops vänner. Vi hoppas att ni har det bra, var i än befinner er, och att ni uppskattar vårt nyhetsbrev. Med vänliga hälsningar Redaktionen. **A greeting to all Swedish speaking TopCops and TopCops friends. We hope that you are fine, wherever you are, and that you appreciate Newsletter. With kind regards. The editorial staff.**

Viele Gruesse von den deutschen Polizeibeamten, die Mitglieder und Freunde der "TopCops from Around the world" sind!... Volkmar, a German Police Officer Greetings from German Officers who are members and friends of "TopCops from Around the world". Salute a tutti gli TopCops intorno al mondo. Spero che vi piace il TopCops giornalino, Tanti saluti dal vostro amico della Legge Fabio. Greetings to all TopCops from Around the World. Be safe and enjoy TopCops Newsletter, your brother officer, Fabio. Ὠδῖοῦε Ἀάιυ, Ἰδεάαδὸνδὰσέδὰ ἐ νὰῖνὸ εὐ-ρὰῖὸ ἰἀεάσῖαδῖᾶῖνὸ Ἐὐδῖαεὸ Ἰῖᾶῖνὸἀέ Ἀέϋ ἱῖεῖεῖ ἂ ἰεῖδᾶ TopCops! Ἀέᾶῖᾶᾶδὲδ ἄῖᾶἰ ἰᾶῖεὶ ÷ῖᾶῖᾶἰ. (Harry Meyer) Good Day, Welcome to the best International News Magazine for Police in the World... TopCops! Thanks to all our members.

(Dutch/Flemish)

Goeie dag, welkom bij het beste on-line internationaal Nieuwsmagazine voor politie-agenten wereldwijd ... TopCops ! Aan al onze leden, bedankt.

(French)

Bonjour, bienvenue chez le premier on-line périodique de nouvelles pur officiers de police du monde entier ... TopCops ! Merci à tous nos membres. (Werner Glasse) Bonjour! Bienvenue à la meilleure revue internationale pour policiers à travers le monde disponible sur l'internet... TopCops! Merci à tous nos membres. (Randall Perry) **Hello! Welcome to the best International magazine for police officers throughout the world available on the internet...TopCops! Thanks to all our members.** ¡Buenos días y bienvenidos a la mejor revista internacional cybernética para policías del mundo entero... Top Cops! Gracias a todos nuestros miembros. (Officer Jose Rodriguez, P.R)

(French by Mike) "Bienvenue de bonne journée au magazine de nouvelles international en ligne le plus fin pour la police, tous les mercis supérieurs de cannettes de fil du monde... à tous nos membres. "

(Spanish, Mexican version) "Buenos Dias, Bienvenidos al la mejor linea internaccional de internet de la revist mundial de policias..."TopCops"- Agradecemos a todos los subscriptores por su apoyo e interes" (Mike Wegner)



The End, for now!