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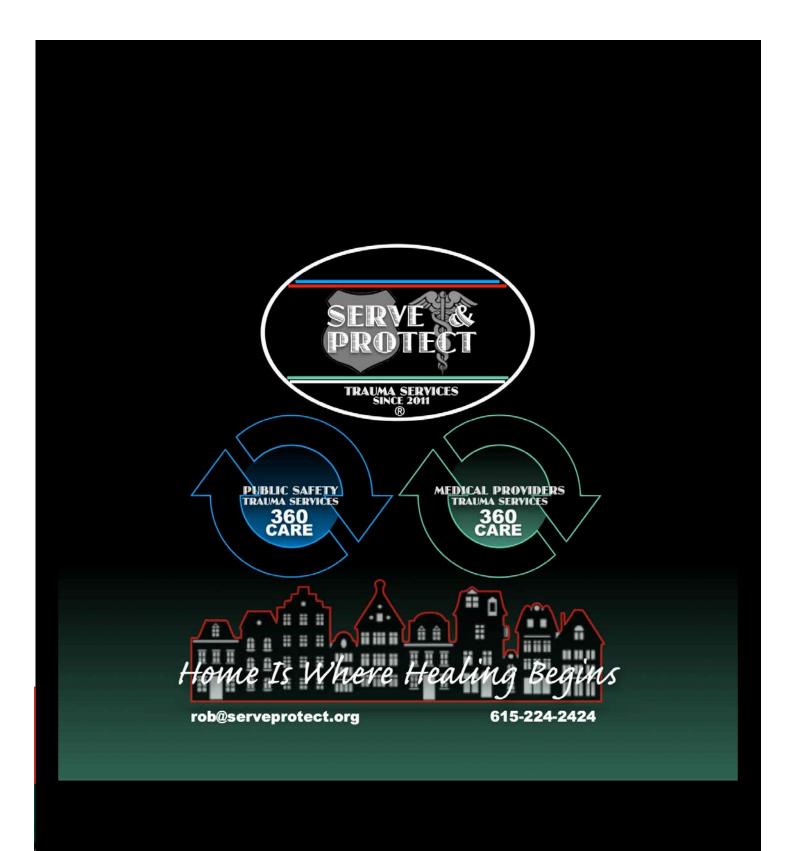
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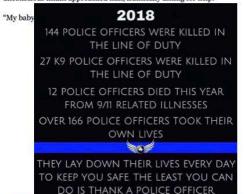
MORE FIRST RESPONDERS DIE FROM SUICIDE THAN FROM LINE OF DUTY DEATH

PTSD: 'The Dirty Little Secret of Law Enforcement'



On a warm early morning in 2007, police officer Mark Dibona was sitting in his cruiser in front of a fire station in Sanford, Florida.

Dibona was taking notes in his police logbook when a woman carrying an unconscious infant approached him, frantically asking for help.





For the third straight year, police officer suicides exceed all combined causes of line-of-duty deaths.

In 2018, at least 158 officers died by suicide, nine percent more than the total number of line-

2017

of-duty deaths resulting from 15 other causes such as felonious assault, patrol vehicle

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accident, heart attack, and duty-related illness.

PTSD AND DEPRESSION

5X'S AVERAGE PUBLIC

'Silence can be deadly': 46 officers were fatally shot last year. More than triple that - 140 - committed suicide.

Christal Hayes, USA TODAY Published 3:20 p.m. ET April 11, 2018 | Updated 3:39 p.m. ET April 12, 2018

WHITE PAPERS & RESEARCH

Study: Police Officers and Firefighters Are More Likely to Die by Suicide than in Line of Duty

A white paper commissioned by the Foundation has revealed that first responders (policemen and firefighters) are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty. In 2017, there were at least 103 firefighter suicides and 140 police officer suicides. In contrast, 93 firefighters and 129 police officers died in the line of duty. Suicide is a result of mental illness, including depression and PTSD, which stems from constant exposure to death and destruction.

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OUR PROVEN MODEL

<u>Education</u>: in partnership with Safe Call Now and several other partners who travel the country providing seminars and distributing our information, as well as previous clients who want peers to know where they found help - we make every effort to raise awareness that help is available. Another resource is the cadre of public safety professionals / families we have helped who distribute cards to help peers.

<u>Facilitation</u>: through initial contact with a Safe Call Now peer advocate answering the crisis line, callers are assessed for proper solution to their reason for calling. If residential care is needed, Safe Call Now facilitates that process from start to finish. If trauma therapy in the caller's area is appropriate, Serve & Protect facilitates the proper service and the appropriate level of trauma care.

Our **A-TEAM** is the core of our work. Our **clinical advisor**, **trauma services manager**, and a cadre of **peer advocates**, seasoned first responders who have diverse experience personal and professional experiences each are ready to serve. Some had administrative trauma, others involved in shootings, and others serious injury. The peer advocates serve callers while a proper counselor is located.

Our *unique 360 Focus* provides a completeness that has become our trademark. If a caller to the crisis line is referred to residential care, Serve & Protect is equipped to step in to locate a Chaplain for the family while the spouse is getting treatment. As the first responder approaches release, we work to locate a trauma therapist to help maintain a continuum of care for maximized recovery. In addition, we can locate other services like AA or Celebrate Recovery programs or intensive outpatient programs in their area.

<u>Restoration</u>: the heartfelt goal for Serve & Protect and our partner Safe Call Now is providing care needed by our heroes with care designed to restore them to duty and their family equipped to face the future together. We work to insure recovery through a well-planned aftercare program of trauma therapy. We provide real solutions for real problems for public safety.

Serve & Protect was founded in 2011 by Robert Michaels who served both as a MP and also on patrol and detective bureau with Norfolk VA Police. Michaels earned a B.S. from Columbia International University and M.A. from Wheaton College (IL). He is Chaplain for the FBI Memphis Division, Nashville Resident Agency, Chaplain for ATF Nashville Region and Chaplain for Brentwood Fire Department (TN). He is a member of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and National Center for Crisis Management, and recipient of the 2017 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, Memphis Division. Serve & Protect has been recognized by both the Tennessee House and Senate through Proclamations and Joint Resolutions for the work of the organization.





Understanding 360CARE

Serve & Protect created 360CARE to better provide emotional wellness support for public safety professionals. To that end, we have distinct components for serving:

- Serve & Protect therapist referral services, which is the backbone of what we have done for almost 8 years and 5,000 referrals. This is business as usual. SCN Peer Advocates send the referral to Ron Jones and Rob Michaels with the contact info, zip code, email, phone, insurance carrier, and a brief description of the need. One of our S&P peer advocates will work directly with the caller through referral.
- Our new 360CARE enhances the ability of SCN and S&P to address the need of the caller referred to residential care in a more comprehensive way. When SCN places a caller in residential care, S&P offers the following:
 - We will assign a spouse peer advocate to the family at home while their loved one is in care.
 - We can assign a chaplain as well, if the family desires. SCN can offer this.
 - Once in residential care, IF the facility contacts us to advise of release date, we will
 locate a trauma therapist in the same manner as we do for <u>non residential</u> clients. This
 will aid in the continuum of care.
- NEW SERVICE Serve & Protect launched a Chaplain Peer Support service for public safety chaplains. We have a cadre of seasoned chaplains available to help. When you get such a request, email Ron and Rob the name and contact information of the chaplain requesting peer support.
- COMING SOON We will launch an all new Spouse Peer Support service to provide insight
 and hope for public safety spouses troubled by their loved in public service. Spouse peer
 advocates will be led by Mendi Keatts, who went through the police academy and is now a
 therapist married to an officer. Together we are building a cadre of spouse advocates,
 launching this quarter.

QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL ROB MICHAELS, rob@serveprotect.org

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- three unique seminars on trauma, finance and faith each live streamed on Facebook and captured on video for free download.
- COMING SOON: first public safety Talk Line for when they are not in crisis but need a listening ear.
- COMING SOON: first responder spouse peer advocate support







Sometimes life is overwhelming. At times, hope seems far beyond your grasp.

But it comes down to THAT moment.
THAT choice.
Life or death.

Heart pounding. Mind numb. Too many of us get there, to that place.

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At Serve & Protect, we have helped many in dispatch who struggle with the trauma they hear every day. Life . . . and death.

If you are a dispatcher struggling with depression, nightmares, recurring thoughts, and the other signs of trauma, call us. We will locate a therapist near you, who understands your job and takes your insurance.

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SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST DOES CARE.

Il started Serve & Protect having served with Norfolk Police, and Il saw the harsh climate in law enforcement today. The trauma is not just what you see or experience. It can be emotional abuse from politicians, media, and sometimes the administration. Maybe you are emotionally exhausted from the struggle for hope.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. EVER.

Serve E Protect is a free non-profit created for your benefit. We provide a confidential peer advocate to listen and help find your hope. We will locate a trauma therapist who takes your insurance and understands MOUR job. We charge nothing.

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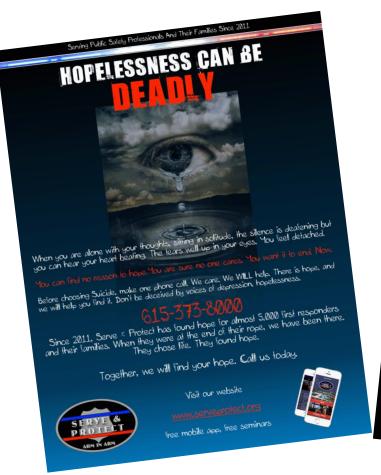
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A safety net of Hope & Healing

Over this last weekend before the New Year, God saw fit to send 3 spontaneous notes of encouragement from some we have helped. As one who has helped us through the years, this is real return on investment. Lives saved. Lives changed. Hope found. Thank you.

Rols Michaels

About a year ago your group found me someone to talk with . . . I would not be here without your group and help. My daughter is grateful too.
Rec'd December 28, 2018

Hí Rob! I wanted to take the time to wish you a happy new year! I know I am terrible at returning messages but please know how grateful I will always be to you for being instrumental in saving my life! I pray God will bless you abundantly always. In my eyes you are a true hero because you have helped so many and helped us find hope in hopelessness. Happy New year my friend, and my brother! Rec'd December 29, 2018

Hi Rob,

Just went to your website and I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I realize that my faith and spirituality have been lacking since I retired in 2015. Reading your words made me realize that when you are lacking in the aforementioned, the rest of your life really is shallow.

I have gone back to getting on my knees every day and letting God know that I am once again putting my faith and spirituality first and give my life to him.

Thank you for hearing me out on this! God bless Sir.... Rec'd December 30, 2018







IN THEIR OWN WORDS ...

If I had not spoken with you on the 11th of January, I am not sure which road I have may taken with my grief. if it was not for Serve & Protect, I know in my heart I would have committed suicide after Jeff committed suicide. I was broken and torn I could not think straight, all I wanted was to be with my husband I did not know how I would go on with out him.. With Rob's prayer and hope and strength he seen in me, also my family. I was able to go one more day one day at a time. To know that someone cared about a complete stranger and could look at me with compassion in his eyes and feel the need to help me and my

family gave me Hope. You have uplifted me over and over with a simple prayer every time we speak.

(Ginny, Widow TN)

As a finance to the officer that was shot in line of duty and lost his job we have faced the daily struggles along with the uncertainty on how to provide for our family during the holiday seasons. It was a probably the lowest point that we encountered Robert Michaels. He was our saving grace. He took his time to reach out to us and gave us support (both spiritually and financial) and pointed us to the right direction...Church. We were both Christian people but seemed to be putting blame instead of asking for God to lead us in the right direction. From that meeting in an McDonald's at Cool Springs one afternoon forever changed our lives. Serve & Protect (Rob) showed us the kindness and generosity

from people we've never meet but we're willing to reach into their pockets to help our family. I have never told this story publicly maybe probably because of pride but if any of our friends or family or especially fellow officers can or will help out I encourage you to do so. You never know you might be the next one who needs the uplifting support that we've gotten from the SERVE & PROTECT organization. So please just take a minute and reach into your pocket and give them what you can. I promise it will and does make a difference. Thank you Rob Michaels for making the difference in our life. (Heather TN)

I just wanted to let you know Rob, that I am eternally grateful for the compassion and support you gave to me and my family. I am now deeply committed to God, my family, and my recovery. I have almost completed all of my outpatient therapy and am an active and devoted member of Narcotics Anonymous. I am healing every day spiritually, mentally, and physically. Words cannot describe the gratitude I have for you and Sean Riley for your guidance and support. Please keep my email address. My story is a powerful one and I would be happy to convey any of it as a testimonial for Serve and Protect and Safe Call Now. You made the difference between life and death for me and I will never forget that. God bless you and contact me anytime. (Sergeant Donnie Ray Heacox, Police Officer Lakeland, FL)

SERVING HERO FAMILIES SAVING HERO LIVES

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Serve & Protect has been a blessing in m life. Their guidance and counseling brought me personally out of some dark moments. The worst being when I contemplated suicide. I owe a great debt to Rob Michaels for saving my life through their mere presence and friendship. (Paul, Corrections Lt. TN)

I was going through some very hard times and contacted Safe Call Now who in turn contacted Serve & Protect. Rob called and spoke with me on many occasions before, during, and after treatment. Those discussions have helped me stay focused on my wellbeing. I know Rob was instrumental in saving my life. I cannot imagine where I would be today without. (Kevin, Police Chief MN)

I responded to a pool accident call and the victim was my 17 year old son who died from his injuries. At the hospital I met Rob, who heard what happened and came to help us. Over the last several months Rob seems to know just when to call and check on me and my family. And has become a spiritual rock at times for me when the sand has run out from under my feet. (Mike, Police Chief TN)

Serve & Protect is a much needed service and component within the public safety sector. So much so that we partner with them. They bring the chaplaincy arm of the profession and reach out and follow up with those that we serve. They are a "life saving" resource for those seeking help. We support their efforts 100%.

(Sean Riley, President / Founder, Safe Call Now)

Serve & Protect has been a great contribution to Law Enforcement agencies throughout our country in providing immediate emotional counseling when a crisis would arrive no matter what time of day or night. I have used their professional services and I was very impressed with their ability to address the crisis and make a professional referral in a timely fashion. In my professional opinion of 25 years I have not seen a more committed and passionate organization in this line of service for our emergency responders. (Robert E. Douglas, Jr. Executive Director, National Police Suicide Foundation)

It has been a blessing to begin an incredible working relationship with Serve and Protect. There are people who care, and then there is Robert, whose vision and approach to help all of our sisters and brothers in blue, is much needed. Fallen Blue is honored to serve along side Serve and Protect (John Gurnieri, President Fallen Blue)

As a law enforcement wife I find that an organization like Serve and Protect is a must for all our first responders. With everything our first responders face daily, Serve and Protect is there on demand to meet the most critical parts of any individual, their spiritual and emotional needs. Many wives pray for the protection of their spouse and it is awesome to know that this organization is not only there for them as an individual, but there for them spiritually and emotionally. Serve and Protect is powerful weapon! (Allison Uribe, Chaplain San Antonio PD, CEO Wives on Duty)

You are doing truly amazing work. It also touches my heart and so wonderful how much you are helping people. (Linda Dappen, President, National Police Wives Association)

Friends,

Every now and then a nugget of encouragement comes unexpectedly. One stood out. It was from a client we helped who had experienced severe trauma, both personally and professionally. I wrote her and said thanks, and asked her permission to share the below selectively. She encouraged me to do so.

NAME WITHHELD

MAY 2016

"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for what you have done with your life.

It took me 20 months of constant obsession with death and suicidal thoughts to find someone I could reach out to that could point me in the right direction. Although I couldn't even say the words out loud on the phone, I was at a point in my life when I placed that call where I knew I was either going to need to get help right now, or I would take my own life. I had multiple plans, in detail, that I thought about constantly. My mind was absolutely a prison, and I felt like I could talk to no one because suicide is such a taboo subject.

I am sure you don't remember speaking to me on the phone, or maybe you do. But you reached out and contacted a resource for me, something I could not have, and would not have ever done for myself, and I started therapy last week. I can't say that I'm anywhere close to being better right now, but at least I have hope that I will be. I finally feel like it is possible to recover from what I am going through and I have options other than death. Words cannot explain how important you are in this world. Thank you for giving me hope not only for myself, but for everyone else that you have reached. You have made such a difference. Thank you."

AUGUST 2016 - Her response to the request to share

"You most certainly do have my permission to share what I had sent. I vaguely remember sending the message due to that period of time in my life being so dark.

For the sake of further encouragement, please know that I have since started and graduated paramedic school and that I am very much on the path that I know I am supposed to follow in my life, which is not all that entirely different from yours. For the next two or three decades I plan to serve as a paramedic, and following that I have devoted my time to helping first responders. I have full intentions on going to graduate school to earn my doctorate degree in psychology and in addition I have taken to writing poetry and a novel that will hopefully someday be shared with others who have been in similarly dark places. And yes, most importantly, I am alive.

Thank you again for what you have done, are doing, and will do. You have my most sincere respect and appreciation."

May I tell you that when a message like this comes to us, it is a stark reminder we deal with life and death and may never know it. I am grateful for our Safe Call Now crisis line partners, and Ron Jones who took her initial call. We can never ever look at a caller as routine. All are different. All present differently.

I am thankful we were here to locate the help she needed.

Robert Michaels
Serve & Protect

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING: KAT GOEBEL POLICE OFFICER APRIL 18, 2015

Dear Robert, I am putting this on your wall so that everyone can see what a great person you are. When I called safe call now, I was in a very bad way mentally, and in my spirit.

In 2009 I faced every call a officer probably wouldn't see in a life time . From a 4 yr old and mom who were hit by a drunk in front of school and kids at 11 am. And having to tell the parents was hard , then shortly after that I responded to Deputy Brian Etheridge being shot , I was with him keeping him calm and breathing while trying to get him stable to move him. He was ambushed by a guy who just wanted to kill a cop. I was in the ems truck with him and was the last to speak with him .the surgeon said he was going to be fine and so I was dropped at the station my car still at the scene because the shooter was in the field still hiding . Well a Lt came to work and didn't know what just happened so he had me answering calls with him. I heard him ask "what time did he die" I asked who? The suspect???? He said no Brian . I punched the Lt knocking his phone away and jumped out of the car throwing up everywhere ...at that point my life changed forever .

The Lt. and another very large officer had to pin me against the wall to calm me down .it was like a piece of my soul just was ripped from my heart . I worked that week everyday begging my partner to just take me home but she refused , she knew I needed to be there . That Thursday I had to tell his wife and mother what he said to me how he looked and was he scared. That was so hard because in my heart I knew he was going to make it . I lost 15 lbs in 4 days that week Sept 28 , 2009 .

Well a month later I was riding my beat and sent to a drowning of a 6 yr old who had a medical issue due to a fever and drowned in the tub .I did cpr on him for several minutes, spitting throw up out of my mouth as he was getting it out of his airway .that child also died . Then a few months later I responded to a found 2 yr old at an apartment wondering around, well dispatch knows she can count on me to handle the parent who wasn't watching the kid. As it was 110 degrees that day and a one officer call I of course was drilling mom about how it was impossible for that child to open the door .she of couse was sleeping when this happened, finally she said "maybe Jaden let him out " I said who is that , she says my 3 yr old almost 4 . I asked where he was she said she didn't know. So in my heart I knew...I called fire ems , dogs , everyone to look for this child . Well within 2 hours he was found 20 ft under in the lake behind his apartment. I ask myself all the time why ??

I was very upset with God for a long time and then realized that God doesn't give me anything I can't handle. He knows I needed to be there . Not a day goes by that I don't think of Brian .. I went to several councilors who have no clue what to do to help me .

Well Robert I want to thank you (Serve & Protect) for taking time to help find me the right person . Things are going good he let's me talk and is trying to understand me and doesn't push me into things unless I'm ready . He is also helping me with the heartache and stress that I have in regards to having a spinal fusion last yr due to on the job injury.

I wanted to put this out there so that others can see and understand and if anyone wants to reach out they can feel free . It's a slow process but I am doing so much better and understanding what is going on with me . So many officers don't understand because very few have had an officer die in their lap . I one day will share my story and hope it helps others . Thank you so much for caring for a perfect stranger . You are in my prayers . GOD knew that I needed more than what the city officers . And I was getting hit from every angle at work , because truth is since other Co workers don't understand, then they treat it as a weakness. God only puts his strongest soldiers to the front lines and I know God had me there because he knows my heart .

Thank you for believing in me, a perfect stranger but you were truly sent from God. Thank you so much I will attach a picture of Brian so that you can put a face to the name. Thank you for being a blessing and for helping me heal.



Serve & Protect provides hope and encouragement for the whole Public Safety family. We honor the role of the spouse, the backbone of family life. In so doing, we hope to preserve the family unit and combat high divorce rates.

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You have so many questions. You did not know it would be like this.

Family and friends don't get it. But you feel fear, loneliness, uncertainty when your first responder walks out the door. Where are they? What are they doing? Are they OK?

And when they do come home, they shut you out of their world. Silence. Avoidance.



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Serve & Protect Spouse Advocates live in your world.

They know the public safety family life - and all the trauma and pain.

Each of our spouse advocates is from a family like yours.

When you need to talk, to get perspective, to have a listening ear, they will take time to share your burden, to offer hope, or to just listen.

It is free. confidential

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December 5, 2018

Don't Let Another Year Pass Without Addressing Officer Stress and Trauma

START A CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE AT AMERICAN MILITARY UNIVERSITY.

By Leischen Stelter, editor of In Public Safety

December is a time to reflect on the year and figure out how we can do better in the coming year. For those of us at In Public Safety, it's the perfect time to review the topics that resonated most with our law enforcement readers.

THE PROBLEM IS NATIONAL - AND STARTED AGAIN WITH A SUICIDE IN CHICAGO NEW YEARS DAY



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Chicago PD Officer Found Dead Of Self-Inflicted Gunshot On New Year's Day



Florida deputy kills 3 family members, confesses on police radio before killing himself

By: Crystal Bonvillian, Cox Media Group National Content Desk

Hero Down: Davidson County CO Lawanda Steele-Williams Killed In Murder/Suicide





Davidson County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Lawanda Steele Williams killed by her husband on Sunday.

hville, TN - Davidson County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Lawanda le-Williams was murdered on Sunday, after her husband shot her in their hen and turned the weapon on himself.



"I'm here today, I'm saddened, but I'm also disheartened," Chronister said, "Disheartened that a deputy sheriff, a Hillsborough County deputy sheriff, would ever, ever cause harm to another individual.'

Hillsborough County Sheriff Chad Chronister offered details of the still-evolving investigation

a Wednesday morning news conference.

MEDIA











WAR ON FIRST RESPONDERS INCREASES TRAUMA

War Crime Metaphor Has Attorneys Clashing In Nashville Officer's Homicide Case

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New Hampshire Considering Bill To Ban Officers From Using Deadly Force - Blue Lives Matter



A provocative comment made during the preliminary hearing in the homicide case against Nashville Officer Andrew Delke has prompted a heated exchange between the case's competing

At issue is how Davidson County District Attorney Glenn Funk compared the officer's defense to one used by war criminals.

"Andrew Delke was following his training - same defense that Himmler used at Nuremberg, that Lt. Calley used in Vietnam, and now Andrew Delke is propounding to this court," Funk said in his closing statement on Saturday.







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Fla. fire commish: Firefighters should carry guns

Commissioner Fred Forbes said they should outfit firefighters with body armor and guns in response to first responder shootings

Sep 8, 2015

How to 'Light the N Body armor made mandatory for S.C. firefighters

The move was spurred by recent attacks on firefighters and first responders nationwide

Sep 21, 2013

By Matt McNaB The Beaufort Gazette

BURTON, S.C. — Burton's 54 firefighters are wearing custom-fitted body armor on all emergency calls, a move spurred by recent attacks on firefighters and first responders nationwide, Chief Harry Rountree said.

Burton and several other fire departments in Beaufort County have had body armor for over a decade. Many purchased armor in 2000, after four police officers from Port Royal and Beaufort were wounded in a shooting in August 1999.

RECOGNITION

2017 FBI DIRECTOR'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD







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All of us at Serve & Protect would like to say

Happy Mother's Day

to all Mothers serving in public safety, who selflessly work this day and other special days to protect their community. You sacrifice much for so little thanks.

May God bless and watch over you and your families. May He keep you all safe and in His care. May He provide for your needs, still your heart in times of trouble, and bring you peace and joy. You are true heroes in your child's eyes.

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HAVE YOU SERVED AS A FIRST RESPONDER, IN CORRECTIONS, OR DISPATCH?

DO YOU WISH YOU COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOUR PEERS WHO ARE HURTING?

Serve & Protect is growing, getting more calls for help!

We are looking for volunteer peer advocates who are either active or retired public safety professionals to join our A-Team, We care so we serve. You might be the difference in helping a peer go from hurt to hope.

If interested, email Ron Jones, our Director of Operations and Training. ron@serveprotect.org.



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Invisible wounds cut deep. Left untreated, they can be as deadly as a gunshot or stab wound left unattended. Those invisible wounds are the result of the trauma of the job suicides, crimes against children, and so much more cause the wounds. Emotional scars can cause symptoms, invisible wounds that <u>can be treated</u>. Like a

f post traumatic stress. They are not, proper treatment usually results Suicide among public safety too often is the result of PTS symptoms left untreated, and without proper help, can be the tragic yet avoidable result.

We are just a confidential phone call away. We will locate a <u>trauma therapist</u> near you who takes your insurance and understands your job. <u>We interview and hand pick every therapist</u>. Help is here. Now. <u>We are YOUR advocate 24/7/365/Nationwide</u>.

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NOT THROUGH GENES BUT THROUGH LIVING -FACING GOOD AND BAD ALIKE, EMBRACING PEACE - CONFRONTING DANGER

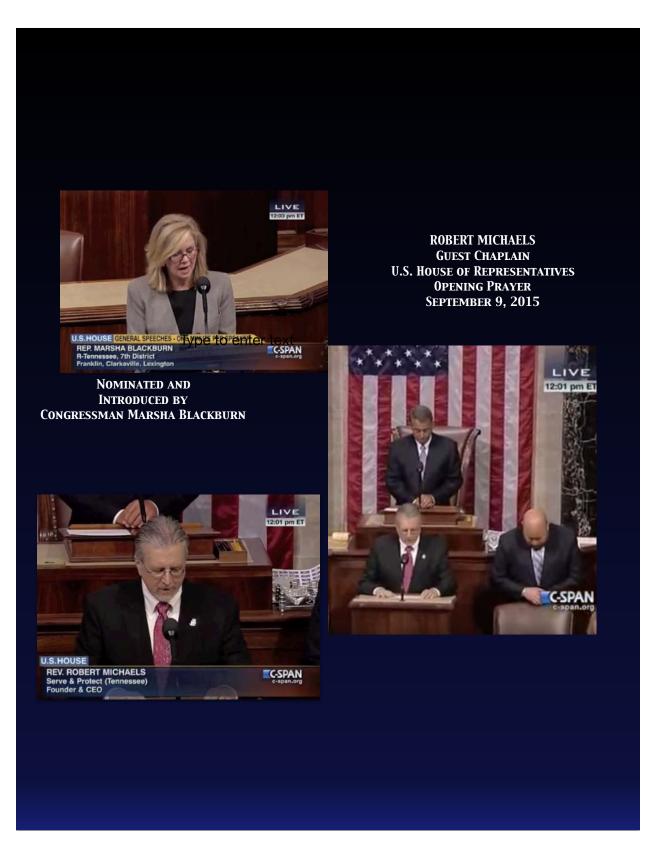
ULTIMATE COURAGE IS ROOTED IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. IT'S LIVED OUT AT HOME & ON THE JOB IT'S LIVING LIFE WRAPPED IN PRAYER

NOT ASSENCE OF FEAR -RATHER



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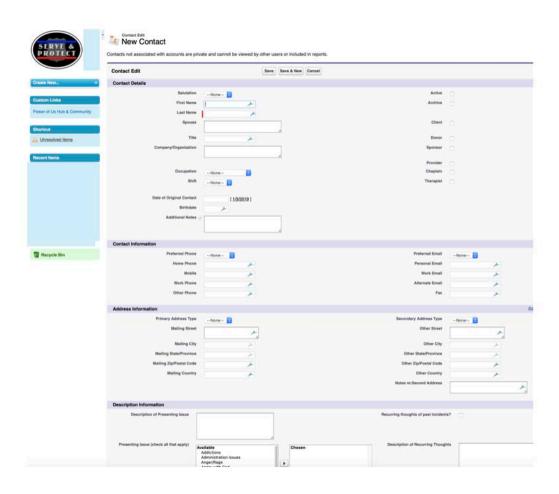
2015 CONGRESSIONAL OPENING PRAYER - INTRODUCED BY AND GUEST OF CONGRESSMAN MARSHA BLACKBURN

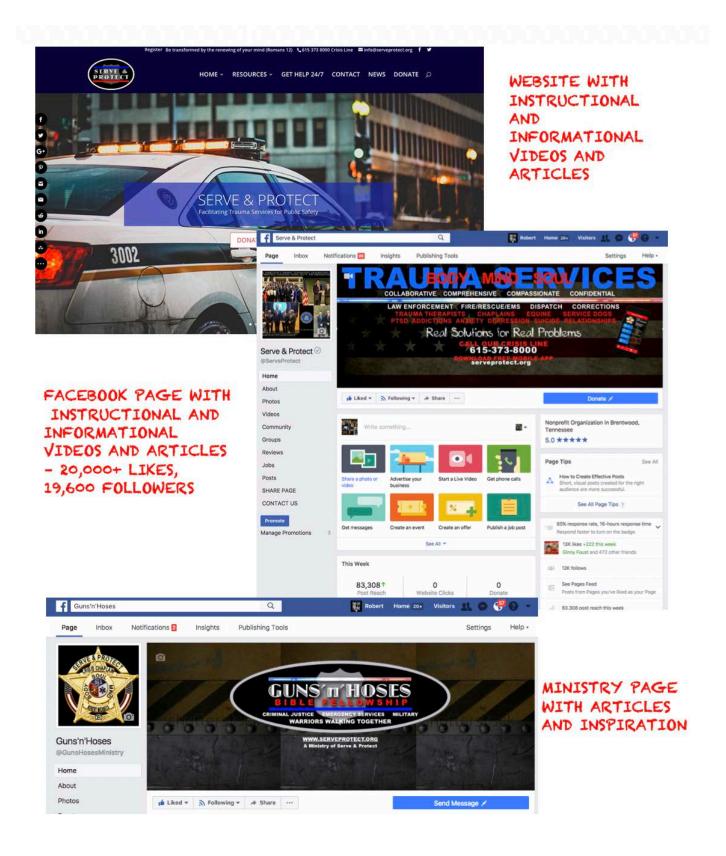


PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TRAINING



HIPPA COMPLIANT CASE MANAGEMENT





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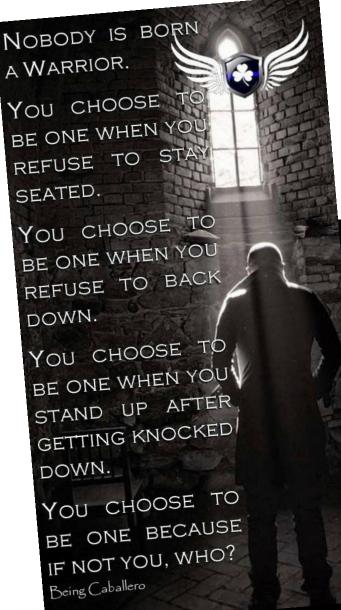






SERVE & PROTECT - A 41 YEAR JOURNEY FROM MP AND DETECTIVE TO THE LAUNCH IN 2011 - SINCE THAT LAUNCH, MORE THAN 5,000 LIVES AND FAMILIES HELPED.





Serve & Protect

exists to serve those who answered the call to keep our communities safe, who run into burning buildings, extricate broken bodies from mangled vehicles, take that 911 call from a panicked victim, sift through crime scenes and examine crime victim bodies, and chase those who run to the gunfire.

We are their 911.



I IS TOO MANY

To report a law enforcement or corrections officer suicide death from 2017-present

> CALL TOLL-FREE 833-784-2133(SUICIDE)

IN 2019 – 157 SUICIDES AND STILL VERIFYING MORE COMPARE THAT TO 134 DEATHS IN THE LINE OF DUTY 47 BY GUNFIRE

OF THE 157 SUICIDES

- 22 retired
- 10 former officers
- 12 corrections

Dr. Olivia Johnson

- Former military
- First Responder educator
- Expert in data collection.



MAKE UP YOUR MIND NO MATTER WHAT COMES YOUR WAY NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT NO MATTER HOW UNFAIR YOU WILL DO MORE THAN SIMPLY SURVIVE







YOU WILL THRIVE - IN SPITE OF IT ALL

Beyond Survive - Strength To Thrive



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