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*The Peacemaker*

## From the President's Desk



Welcome to this edition of the Peacemaker.

As expected, we had a great time this year at our [conference in Moncton](#). We were all blessed and encouraged by Ali Perez's testimony - an amazing man serving an amazing God! Ken Smith did a fantastic job organizing this conference! In fact, he did such a great job that at our AGM he was elected to be our new director for New Brunswick! We also welcome John Wright (St. John Police Force) as our new provincial representative for New Brunswick.

We thank Russ Ideson very much for the time and effort he put into the national board and his leadership as our director for BC. Steven Kolstad has stepped into the BC Director's position. We welcome Steve to the national board and look forward to his valued input. Steve is looking for someone to fill the role of Provincial Representative in BC, so if you are interested in advancing this ministry in BC, please get a hold of Steve.

In this edition you'll be blessed to learn about some of the good work that is evolving. We continue to see our membership grow as individuals learn of this unique ministry. In Particular, we were very pleased to welcome Ryan Daigle and his parents, Val & Carol, as some of our newest members - Ryan is a man of great faith, with an inspiring testimony of his unyielding faith and trust in The Lord.

We are always grateful to those who take the time to write a little something for the Peacemaker. **Your contribution can make the world of difference for someone.** So as you read this edition, please think of contributing an article for our fall edition. It's super easy, just send your work to: [fcpo.aapc@gmail.com](mailto:fcpo.aapc@gmail.com)

God bless,

Ron



Conference 2016

# A 2016 Conference Highlight

By: Ken Smith

Well the dust has settled from the 2016 National Conference in Moncton but the memories of that conference are still very much alive and fresh. For me, there were many highlights. From the intense and inspiring story of our special speaker, Ali Perez whom I had the opportunity to hear 3 times over the conference about God's amazing power to cover "Your Six" to the messages from our other speakers, to a wonderful church parade to conclude the conference. I could go on. There is one story however I do want to share with those who were not able to attend as I do believe it is intended to encourage those who may be discouraged or may be facing challenges in their work as peace officers.

On the Saturday before the conference, our home was included in a community yard sale. One of our neighbours, whom we have known ever since we moved to the community in 2006 dropped by and shared something with me that was disturbing to her. We chatted about this and then my attention went to her son Ryan, whom I knew was at one time a number of years ago a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, injured in a work related motor vehicle accident that left him impaired and disabled.

I asked Carol (his mother) if she thought Ryan might want to participate in our church parade on Sunday, June 5th. Carol responded that she thought he might want to do so but would discuss it with him. Shortly after that conversation, I received confirmation from Ryan himself that he would be very happy to participate. So then my mind started racing (as it usually does) and I thought: "What if Ryan in his wheelchair could lead the parade carrying the Canadian flag?" I had a conversation with Staff Sgt. Major Gilles Cote who is the protocol officer for the RCMP in J Division and he stated: "I will go a step further, I will have both outgoing "J" Division Commanding Officer Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown and incoming Assistant Commissioner Larry Tremblay escort Ryan behind the Codiac Pipes & Drums Band." Well now - what a blessing for everyone, especially for Ryan. When I broke the news to Ryan and his family, they were ecstatic! And so he did. Besides this, I asked Ryan if he would share his story to conference participants during the conference and once again - so he did.

That was our very first session on Friday morning to start the conference and everyone was deeply moved by his story as he, with help from his mother and a PowerPoint presentation, painted a picture of him growing up, his training at Depot in Regina, the accident, the rehabilitation and life in general for Ryan.

Since then, I have had one more opportunity to hear Ryan share his story at his old home church in Rexton, N.B. Ryan wore his Fellowship of Christian Peace Officer golf shirt and so did I as Bonnie and I were there to support him and promote the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers.

I do believe that God will use Ryan and his story to touch the lives of many peace officers - across Canada! Once you hear his story, you will walk away knowing that there is a God and that he does care and gives each one of us a purpose. It is not necessary that you determine what your calling is, although you will be tempted to do so. It will emerge naturally. When it does, as in Ryan's case, it may not at all look like what you thought it was going to be.

I leave you with this verse to encourage you my brothers and sisters in your faith: *"But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth"* (Exodus 9:16). I hope you are encouraged by Ryan's story.



Ryan leads parade with Assistant Commissioners Roger Brown and Larry Tremblay



Ron Mostrey & Ron Seney present an FCPO golf shirt to Ryan

# My Story

By: Cst. Ryan Daigle (rtd.)  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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My name is [Ryan Daigle](#). I grew up in Rexton, N.B. I have one younger brother, Randy and my parents are Val and Carol. Growing up, I wanted to become a police officer. My brother, Randy and I and my neighbour friend, Rheal, used to play cops and robbers a lot. Needless to say, I had to be the cop and Randy and Rheal - the robbers. I grew up in a Christian home and went to church from the age of 5. When I was 10 years old, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and was baptized. I finished high school in 2000 and then went on to Mt. Allison University in Sackville, N.B. to start my commerce degree. I had applied to join the RCMP when I was of legal age to do so and was just waiting for my call. That call came in 2003 when I was in the 3rd year of my degree at Mt. Allison.

I began training in August of 2003 and finished in December, 2003. I was posted to Prince George, B.C. I worked all of 2004 and loved my

job. I couldn't believe that they paid me for doing this. It was all I expected and more. I joined a church in Prince George and though I missed my family, I made many good friends and my colleagues were great.

Then on January 15, 2005, I was dispatched to a domestic dispute on the outskirts of Prince George. The roads were very bad and I hit a patch of black ice and I struck a utility pole. I was taken unresponsive to Prince George Regional Hospital, then on to Vancouver General. I was there for a total of 21 days and then transferred back to Moncton. I was still in a coma and my parents had been told that since my brain swelling had gone down and I was not awake, there was a very good chance I would never wake up and I would remain in a vegetative state. **BUT PRAISE BE TO MY GOD,** I did wake up slowly in April of 2005, after 3 full months in a coma. My parents, church family and friends had been praying for me and my family was by my side the whole time. Once I woke up, I started therapy in Moncton and then was transferred to Stan Cassidy Rehabilitation Center in Fredericton, N.B.

Since the accident the Lord has been very close to me and has given me this courage and drive to not give up and I know God has left me here with work He has for me to do. I believe he has supplied the love and support I need here from family, friends and support workers. I have never been bitter about the accident and I don't question God as to why. Of course, I would not have this to happen to me or anyone, but I feel God is using me in a way to give encouragement to others and to promote His kingdom.

While I was recovering over the years, it was very hard to go to church to worship in my condition, so I would listen each Sunday to one of my mentors - Charles Stanley with In Touch Ministries. I was always encouraged and strengthened through Dr. Stanley's teachings.

Romans 8:38-39 says: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Not even sever brain injury, in my case, can separate me from His love.

Cst. Ryan Daigle (rtd.)

Find us on





### To my newest family members,

Gracie and I want to first of all thank each and every one of you for making our trip to your beautiful country beyond special. We want to thank Ken and Bonnie for making this visit a reality. We can't stress enough that we were blessed beyond our expectations! (Just like our father to do that). It is my sincere hope that the testimony the Good Lord blessed me with offered hope, encouragement and inspiration. I truly believe Gracie and I gained a new family. Please know you all have gained a home in San Diego. I believe we will all cross paths again! Thank you again. Be safe stay vigilant.

God bless each of you and your families.

Ali & Gracie Perez

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## Live the Victorious Life



Dino Doria

Is it possible to live a Victorious Christian Life every day of our lives?

If we are counting on our own strength or intellectual abilities they may lead you to believe that yes it is possible to go about your day quite successfully until we hit a road block in our lives.

When this happens we begin to question what we placed our trust in. We question ourselves and begin to see that our strength or intellectuality is very frail, it becomes evident that our physical and emotional strength can be affected especially if that's all we believe and rely in.

Police Officers and Peace Officers and people in general are conditioned to believe that these 2 items will carry them through critical events that come their way.

Unfortunately when these serious events happen - we all discover that the things we relied on to pull us through are replaced with self-doubt, discouragement, and weakness. Instead of providing strength - our strength eludes us - then we try relying on our intellectual God given smarts and find out - that it also fails to provide reason for why the critical event happened.

As Officers or people in general - we feel deceived by circumstances that are unexplainable or beyond our control. It is at this time we experience physical and emotional

weakness.

When you feel weak - Rejoice and Praise Him - hold on to the One who has promised that He would NEVER leave us.

The Bible gives us the answer to our dilemma of human weakness. Yes you are NOT alone - Trust In His Power. He wants us to get to know Him through His Word - the secret of our strength is found in Him alone. It is not of ourselves that strength is found - no - true strength is only discovered when we let go of the circumstances and ask Him for His strength.

The Bible in 2 Corinthians 12: 8, 9 and 10, reveals true strength is manifested in us:

8 "Three times I called upon the Lord and besought Him about this and begged that it might depart from me:

9 "But He said to me, My grace - My Favour and loving kindness and mercy is enough for you - sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully :

For my strength and power are made perfect - fulfilled and completed and show themselves most effective in (your) weakness.

Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weakness and infirmities that the strength and power of Christ the Messiah - may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell upon me!"

10 "So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities, and distresses; for when I am weak in human strength, then am I truly strong (able, powerful in divine strength. Amplified Bible.

Turn your eyes toward the **TRUE SOURCE of Strength!**

Our Lord will not give you the

spirit of fear, weakness or defeat.

2 Timothy 1:7

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

New King James Version (NKJV)

May He bless you today with His Power & Strength - so that you may live everyday a Victorious Christian life.

Dino Doria M.Sc

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**MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY M. LOTT, USMC (RET)**  
Former Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia, and the Marine Corps Principal Representative to the Joint Capabilities Board.

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**RANDY BRASHEARS** UNIV. OF MASS PD  
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ALL ACTIVE DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, JAIL, AND SAFETY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO A FREE DAY IN THEIR HONOR WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY SACRIFICES THEY MAKE ON OUR BEHALF.

**SATURDAY 10.1.2016, 11:00AM - 8:00PM**

40' Rappel Tower Rifle/Pistol/Skeet/Cannon/Machine Gun Shoot 52' Rock Climbing Wall  
400 ft Long Cable Zipline Gourmet Food Knife/Tomahawk/Battle Axe/Spear Throwing  
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**INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING COMPETITION**  
5 Stages Rifle, pistol, cannon, machine gun, skeet  
1st Place: \$200 CASH  
Reigning Champion: Tim Clark, LaGrange Co. (IN) SD

**3 MAN SHOOTING COMPETITION**  
Same stages as individual competition  
Winner: 6 loading trophy  
Reigning Champs: Kenny Wade, Lemmy Dabhenko, Andy Rucker - Elkhart (IN) PD

**ULTIMATE WARRIOR COMPETITION**  
Shooting stages plus knife throwing, tomahawk throwing, battle axe throwing, spear throwing, archery and military obstacle course time final.  
Winner: Floating broad sword trophy  
Reigning Champ: Cody Skipper, Elkhart (IN) Police Department

**EVENT LOCATION**  
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No media allowed at event.  
No alcoholic beverages please.

For More Information contact:  
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In October of 2015, our Past President and previous executive director, [Marvin Massecar](#), retired from the Woodstock Police Service and returned to the ministry as the pastor at [Golden Harvest Baptist Church](#). We are very pleased that Marv will continue with the FCPO in his role on the national board as our Past President. We wish Marv and Marlene all the very best as they minister at this beautiful church in Stevensville, Ontario.

# North American Police and Firefighters Games

By: Eric Beauchamp, Quebec Provincial Rep.

Hello to everyone!

Even though we took a break for the summer vacation, we were still present on the field!!! From July 1st to July 10th we were present during the North American Police and Fire Games held in Drummondville, Québec. It was their 1st Games with roughly 1000 athletes from Canada-USA participating.

So we proudly stood at the entrance to welcome (with the FCPO booth) all the athletes that were registering at the front desk. Numerous (I totally lost the count) pamphlets, rack-cards, Gospels of John, bibles, books and other information were either given to the competitors.

Out of this effort, a correctional officer joined the Fellowship and he said he would tell 3 of his fellow Christian co-workers about the FCPO. Let's pray that it will start a chain of reaction!

In conclusion, I would like to encourage you to continue your excellent work: When God asked Moses to free His people from Egypt, he wanted to encourage Moses by showing him His power. So he told Moses to take a snake by the tail and that it would turn into a rod. Everyone needs to understand that you NEVER take a snake by the tail because it's going to bite you. The snake was Moses' fears and the rod was God's sovereignty. As long as Moses was holding the snake by its tail (his fears by faith), he was having a rod (God's power) in his hands. So my question is: What are you holding in your hands?



Eric Beauchamp greeting one of the Games organizers

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Do you know someone who may like to join us? We have 2 types of membership. Regular Membership is for peace officers, while Associate Membership is for any Christian who agrees with our [Statement of Faith](#) and wishes to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Join online at: [www.fcpocanada.com](http://www.fcpocanada.com)





L to R: Linda Swihart, Mike Swihart, Dino Doria, Ron Mostrey, Kristi Neace, Rick Neace, M. C. Williams, Jim Bontrager, Robert Sharp, Kevin Bernard, Randy Dylhoff.

FCPO-USA and FCPO-Canada had a joint booth in "tent city" in Washington, DC for National Police Week, May 15-21. The team consisted of:

Kevin Bernard - Philadelphia PD  
 Michael (M.C.) Williams - FCPO-USA Vice President, CO State Investigator  
 Jim Bontrager - FCPO-USA National Board Member, Elkhart (IN) PD Chaplain  
 Randy Dylhoff - Portage (MI) PD  
 Ron Mostrey - FCPO-Canada President, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Retired)  
 Dino Doria - FCPO-Canada National Board Member, Toronto PD (Retired)  
 Robert Sharp - retired Scottish officer  
 Rick and Kristi Neace - FCPO-USA National Board Members, Union (MO) PD  
 Mike and Linda Swihart - Ft. Collins (CO) PD (Retired)

## FCPO – Canada & USA – Police Week Outreach

In May, Dino Doria and Ron Mostrey together with good friend Robert (Bert) Sharp ([International Christian Police Fellowship](#)) from Scotland, drove down to Washington, DC from Ottawa to partner with our FCPO-USA friends for Police Week USA. There for 3 days, they shared a booth in “tent city”. It was a great occasion to reach out to literally thousands of officers who attended this event. The tent city had a large variety of booths with items of interest to officers. We were the only ones that were bringing The Good News!

Many officers stopped by the booth, and joined in prayer with us. Some came to know the Lord for the first time. We very much appreciated the harmony and fellowship we enjoyed with our US colleagues – one big family - together shining the light of our Lord and Savior!

## “Knowing the God who Protects and Serves” October 26 -28, 2016



*The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) is pleased to support the Law Enforcement community by announcing the third annual [National Law Enforcement Retreat](#), October 26-28, 2016; a three day event in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains just outside of Asheville, North Carolina.*

*In appreciation of Law Enforcement and your devotion to protect and serve others, the RRT would like to support you with this retreat focused on addressing the unique emotional and spiritual needs law enforcement officers and their families face. The mountain setting of the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove is just the right environment to step away from the pressing demands of life and career to focus on the truths found in God's Word.*