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### From the President's Desk



It's hard to believe I've been retired for three years now - how time flies! One of the good things about retirement is having more time to dedicate to this important ministry. I love meeting and speaking with officers who are still out there in the trenches and encouraging them in their careers and more importantly encouraging them to always serve and trust God who put them in their "calling". For me, it is particularly encouraging to see officers and associate members joining the FCPO as soon as they learn about us. There are so many fellow believers out there that have never heard about FCPO. When they join, if nothing else, they know they are a part of a big family.

In this issue you'll read an article from MC Williams on how iron sharpens iron. We all need to take heed of this biblical concept and support one another in our Christian walk and growth. You will also be blessed to read Part II of Dino's message "*FAITH" and "Obedience" to God's Word*. If you missed Part I, in our May issue, you can find it in our [Peacemakers Archives](#). I'm also sure you'll be encourage by Alex Mill's miraculous story of restoration.

Membership in FCPO is great, but we are always looking for individuals to step up and contribute to this ministry. I often say anyone can be an usher at church (well, almost anyone), but not anyone can promote the Lord within the ranks of serving officers in Canada. It's a blessing to serve in this ministry. Whether you are a serving or retired officer, I encourage you to look at how you can contribute. Maybe it's time to just contact us and say "Here I am"! We have some leadership vacancies. Maybe it's time to start a FCPO chapter in your area. We do outreach activities in various cities, maybe you can help there. All can include this ministry in their prayers, and some may feel led to support it financially. However you can contribute, will be greatly appreciated. This is an important ministry and we are making a difference in lives and communities.

Our newsletter is a great vehicle to share stories and encourage one another. So... please take the time to write a little something for your newsletter. Your comments and input are always most welcome.

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God bless,

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# New Lessons – Restored for Further Service

By Alex Mills



Insp. Alex Mills (Rtd)

It was early morning, Joanne and I were preparing for our normal, everyday morning walk in Hallandale Florida. As I was getting ready, I said to myself, this is the last walk, tomorrow at this time, we will be on the road, heading back to Canada. It is time for me to return, I no longer want to be here. Before we started this walk, I already had the attitude that I did not need, nor want this but I will go through the motions only to accompany Joanne. Our walks were usually twice daily, of about 1.5 to 2 hours in length.

On this morning, my attitude was let's get this over with, and as we were into completing our first hour, Joanne wanted to do a little side tour. Of course, this really went over well with me, "let's get this over with, I do not want to go that way", as my frustration continued to escalate. Anyway I followed her, but I was not too happy about it. We were now walking

south on US Highway 1, a very busy roadway on the east coast of Florida.

Some ten minutes or so on this stretch, I muttered three words to Joanne (and I had said very little on this walk), in which she uncharacteristically responded, while turning to face me, "stop talking like that". I had no idea what she meant, then her eyes met mine and she became hysterical. I suddenly lost my coordination and feeling on my left side, falling to the left onto a building. She was screaming and I had no idea what was happening, as I fell to the ground, she screamed, "you are having a stroke"!

Confusion set in as I lay on the ground, I could not move my body and I could sense my brain struggling to manage my left side and correct whatever was happening. As Joanne ran over to me and tried to steady me as I was trying to move, she began praying over me and asking God for help. Confused, for unknown reasons, my voice was telling her to get away from me, "leave me alone, you don't know what you are doing, stop praying and just go". She continued to pray and placed herself on my left side to prevent me from hurting myself as I struggled to sit up. I had no muscle control on my left side, as she prayed and lifted I felt a release from this physical bondage and was able to stand. As she held me, I staggered a few steps and she asked bystanders to call 911, but I discouraged them from doing so. I became determined to convince her that we can make back to our condo, so in order to ease my mind, she grudgingly agreed. We made it back to the condo, all the while she kept insisting on calling 911, I refused.

After resting for some time, I said that I wanted to go out. While outside walking, I was becoming tired and she noticed that my facial muscles and the left side of my body was again beginning to struggle. She immediately demanded that she drive me to the hospital, about 2 kms away. For some reason, I had no resistance left in me and slid into the car. Walking into the hospital/triage, the intake nurses and admitting doctor saw the cuts, scrapes and dried

scabs on my left side. Joanne then provided the doctor with the details. Now it was my turn to listen and with some preliminary tests, I was quickly admitted and told that my condition would need to be monitored.

With medical observations and a brief examination I was uncertain of what impact this event would have on me. I was scheduled to return to Canada the next morning, and determined to keep that schedule. Anyhow, up to the six floor I went, Cardiac treatment unit. What the heck is going on, I have no heart problem! It was now early evening, I had sent Joanne back to the condo to make sure that all of our items were packed and we would be ready to leave in the morning.

As this point, the nurses and lab technicians started to scan, take blood, do ultra sound tests, and get me to do physical movements. EKG/EEG CT scans and the constant connection to machines. My Cuban born nurse kept me informed of all matters and prepared me for all tests - too many to count and remember. Early the next morning she prepared me for an MRI, I think that I was the first one that morning, which made me happy, but I realized that the hospital was already delaying my scheduled departure time, but I had a backup plan! Being early into the MRI, I should be cleared for discharge very early. This is good! If I am able to see the neurologist before noon, I should be able to convince him to recommend that I be discharged. If discharged by 3pm, I still have time to drive to the Jacksonville Florida area, which would be okay. The hours ticked by and now I had a new nurse and I kept asking her when the neurologist would see me. I told her I had an appointment that I could not miss! She smiled and said she understood. I am sure that she had seen patients like me before and thus knew how to handle me. Now it was 3pm, this hospital is messing with my planned departure time. At 3:15 pm the neurologist arrived. I told him that I had an appointment and asked him to keep things simple and be quick. He delivered his examination of the testing done and stated that there are no physical symptoms of being subject to an attack other than the initial physical control problems and the cuts and bruises on my left side. He said that "I was very lucky and he had no explanation of what caused the event". I responded "thanks, but yesterday was Good Friday

and I knew that I was being cared for". He gave me a brief stare and then departed, wishing me well. We tried to hurry out of the hospital, maybe thinking that I can still keep part of my schedule. But the nurse had something to say about that, but I did eventually get out on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

A few weeks earlier my sister had mentioned that she was flying into Ft. Myers on April 21<sup>st</sup>, for 2 weeks in Ft. Myers. About April 8<sup>th</sup>, she had called and said that she had changed her flight and would be flying into Ft. Lauderdale on April 15<sup>th</sup>, though still staying in Ft Myers. Seemed strange to me? There is a two hour drive between Ft. Myers and Ft. Lauderdale?

When Joanne went back to our place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, after I was safely in the hospital. She placed a call to my sister, giving her the details of what happened and my determined scheduled departure time. My sister asked to see me on the 15<sup>th</sup>, so don't leave. Gosh, someone else trying to control my life - when does it end! So on the 15<sup>th</sup>, after I was released Joanne told me that my sister will be in Hallandale in a few hours and it is important that we stay for the evening. At this point I gave in, the message was becoming clearer, I would not be leaving on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I rested well that evening, and we departed early the next day, arriving back in Moncton on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Since arriving back in Moncton, I have continued with numerous follow-up testing, all results continue to be positive, no nerve or cell damage from the event. My coordination has returned and my left side strength has been restored.

Though this event had a very narrow time line of just one day, the event has an application of numerous months and still continues to evolve today.

About 18 months ago, I retired from the RCMP and was very blessed with my career. Very early in my career, undertaking a Police Leadership course, Henson College. An assignment required students to identify our career goals and articulate the steps to achieve those goals. Every goal that I identified at three years of service was achieved. To some this may mean that you had a plan and stuck with it. To me it was a commitment that the Lord had blessed me with.

3. We misunderstand the application of 'punishment vs discipline'

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I could have easily blamed God for the event and been angry that he punished me, or understand perhaps that it was His Love that was in fact the originator of 'discipline' seeking to restore and bring me back to where I need to be. I needed to be 'disciplined' by an event that would take control away from me.

**LESSON:** On May 11<sup>th</sup> Ken Smith invited me to attend his weekly FCPO fellowship meeting with other serving & retired officers, and feel free to share God with others. I accepted, which is unusual as I tend to keep things close but the tug at the heart insisted that I go. I had a medical appointment at the same time, but the Lord allowed for the meeting time to be changed. We had a great time of sharing!

Since this general timeline for the event was during the Passover. I had spent the week reading the Book of Exodus. Hallandale has a large Jewish population and all week long I witnessed the Jewish people honour their historical commitment to Passover. As I read Exodus it became very clear to me that the Jewish people, to this day, remain very passionate about being freed and have never forgotten about the gift in being set free. Perhaps that relevant connection between God and His people so many centuries ago, was also meant to teach me on Good Friday?

God Bless,

Alex



**LESSON:** I had always been grateful to the Lord for his provision of my career and acknowledged that when it was over, I would be able to find a service to honour him. These past 18 months have become a difficult adjustment for me and I found myself heavily involved in filling my time with university studies. My time continued to be focused on me, studies are not sinful, it was just the process that I used to determine my priorities and how this new found time was to be used.

**LESSON:** Why did my sister change her flight schedule and location? The Lord knew that I was still struggling to maintain control of circumstances and that I needed to give it up and let the Lord decide when the time was right for travel. If I left without seeing her, it would be very hurtful.

**LESSON:** Why did the neurologist see me at 3:15 pm instead of 3 pm? Again, I was always able to control the agenda, my time line! The Lord controlled the time factor for when the neurologist would see me, not I. He knew better than I what was needed, and I needed to start making the adjustment as a prescription for restoration and healing.

**LESSON:** Why did my wife, Joanne change our walk route that Morning? If I had not been in that exact spot at that precise time of the attack, it was very likely that there would not have been a building in my proximity to break my fall, since I was not able to protect myself, crashed to the ground, and possibly hurt myself significantly.

**LESSON:** Having such a good health history, why did this event happen on Good Friday, in a foreign country? Was this to again demonstrate the meaning of God's grace, with the symbolism of Good Friday? Physically incapacitated but to become spiritually healed?

**LESSON:** On Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>, our Hallandale church message was entitled; *'Why we backslide?'* There were three main points to the message:

1. We confuse emotion with commitment;
2. We prefer to live with the 'protection of God, rather than live a life of surrender, to experience the 'Blessing of God'; and,

# "FAITH" and "Obedience" to God's Word (Part II)

## (How do we pray with faith?)

By: Dino Doria, Director, Ontario



Dino Doria

If you were standing before the Lord Jesus - Would you tell Him how much you love Him? Would you be Praising Him and thanking Him or would you continually keep asking for the answer to your prayer request? Would you show Him that you are revering Him, Praising and Trusting in what He has declared in the Bible and what He is about to do in your life? Would you show doubt in His Power when His eyes locked into yours or would you demonstrate a Solid Reverential Faith in Him?

In Romans 3:28 we read: *"For we hold that a man is justified and made upright by Faith independent of and distinctly apart from good deeds."*

Stop and reflect on these points.

Over the years The Holy Spirit is continually teaching me lessons of Faith - firstly he has taught me that He loves me and does answer prayer. His answers are always on His time table and not mine and always so precise.

His answer to prayer always brings peace and His loving ways always leave His signature so that we may know without a doubt that it came from Him. This is how our Lord expresses His unmerited love towards us. Recognize it and thank Him.

Some people think that God's ways are foolish, but we who have tasted His goodness we know. Here is another example see how God's strategy to conquer the city of Jericho was unique in two ways. First, the strategy was laid out by God Himself, and, second, the strategy was a seemingly foolish plan in the eyes of men. This is what baffles the human mind and this is exactly where Faith in God prompts us to Learn, Obey and have Faith in His assurance of the evidence of things not yet seen - yes what is not seen shall come to pass in "His Way" and in His time.

Reflect on what God told Joshua "to have the people march silently around Jericho for six days, and then, after seven circuits on the seventh day, to shout." Though it seemed foolish, Joshua followed God's instructions to the letter. Are we capable of being "obedient" to the instructions of the Holy Spirit?" When the people did finally shout, the massive walls collapsed instantly, and Israel won an easy victory. In fact, God had given the city of Jericho to them before they even began to march around its walls (Joshua 6:2, 16). It was when the people of God, by faith, followed and obeyed the commands of God that the walls of Jericho fell down (Joshua 6:20).

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The apostle Paul assures us, *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope"* (Romans 15:4). The description of the complete obliteration of Jericho was recorded in Scripture in order to teach us several lessons. Most important is that obedience, even when God's commands seem

foolish, brings victory. Are we being "obedient" to the instructions of the Holy Spirit so that we may have victory over the walls of our "Jericho?" When we are faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles we must learn that our Jericho victories are won only when our faithful obedience to God is complete (Hebrews 5:9; 1 John 2:3; 5:3).

We must discipline ourselves to read and equip ourselves with the word of God. When we read the word of God it nourishes our soul, gives us direction and our factual Faith grows. The word of God also teaches us that the anchoring of our Faith is ONLY found in Jesus Christ our “Solid Rock”. When His truth nourishes our roots of faith our Faith becomes solidly grounded and rooted and immovable.

Let us examine other key lessons we should learn from this story. First, there is a vast difference between God’s way and the way of man (Isaiah 55:8–9). Though militarily it was irrational to assault Jericho in the manner it was done, we must never question God’s purpose or instructions. We must have faith that God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do (Hebrews 10:23; 11:1). Second, the power of God is supernatural, beyond our comprehension (Psalm 18:13–15; Daniel 4:35; Job 38:4–6). The walls of Jericho fell, and they fell instantly. The walls collapsed by the sheer power of God. Because of faith, the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encompassed for seven days [by the Israelites].

The Story of the walls of Jericho falling down, as recorded in Joshua 6:1–27, is one that vividly demonstrates the miraculous power of God. But more than that, the utter destruction of Jericho teaches us several great truths regarding God’s grace and our salvation. The apostle Paul assures us, “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4).

Blessings to you all!

Dino

## FCPO at Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference

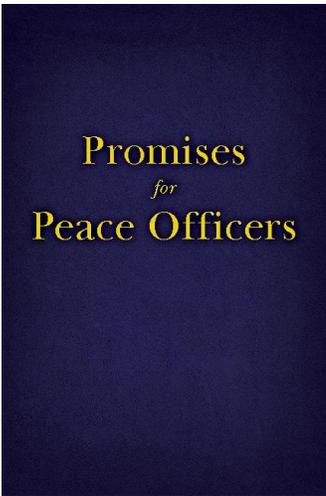


(L-R) Paul Bateman, Ron Mostrey

A major event for chiefs of police and senior police leadership is the annual [CACP conference](#). This year it was held in Montreal July 17 -19. It was a great occasion to increase knowledge of the FCPO. Ron & Paul took the short drive from Ottawa to manage our FCPO booth. It was a great occasion to inform Canadian police leadership about this ministry. Many of the delegates dropped by the booth to learn about the FCPO, and were pleased to learn of all we do to support their officers.

We are very grateful to the [CACP](#) and [Taylor & Associates](#) for providing us with free booth space for this important event.

# Especially for Peace Officers



**Wow** - just take a look at the Table of Contents for this small book, "Promises for Peace Officers"! A handbook containing selected New King James Scripture verses that apply to situations peace officers face on a daily basis. This will make a great addition to a duty bag, large pocket, or desk top. We have purchased a quantity of these books, and it will be great to get them in the hands of Canadian peace officers - particularly junior officers who may be struggling with their identity as a follower of Jesus and their new role in law enforcement.

Check with your local FCPO representative if you would like a copy for you or some other officer. It's a great tool to let colleagues know what the bible has to say about these various topics that at one point or another touch all our lives as peace officers.

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## Who had the vision to research and compile these scriptures?



**Thank you Judy La Salle for your passion to put this publication together!** “Judy La Salle was a peace officer for 36 years. What began as straightforward peace-keeping, with the occasional serious felony, became a job requiring firearms at almost all levels, body armor, instant communications, and videos. Not only do officers have to deal with more ruthless criminals and a changing justice system, they sometimes face a less supportive public. Today’s officers need help in dealing with these realities and there is no better back-up than Scripture. So Promises for Peace Officers was compiled as a reference to address specific needs as modern officers perform their various duties.

Judy holds a master’s degree in Criminology and has taught criminal justice courses at the college and university levels. She was a newspaper columnist for 19 years; was a flight attendant with an international charter airline, and served a year in Vietnam with the American Red Cross.”



Put on the full armor of God  
Ephesians 6

Here is a devotional from our good friend M.C. Williams of [New Centurion Law Enforcement Ministry](#). "This ministry is a non-denominational, evangelical Christian outreach by, for and about law enforcement (police, deputies, investigators, probation/parole, corrections, etc.) and military personnel. TCLEM is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – USA and provides Bible-based support, fellowship and accountability for officers worldwide. They also seek to infuse Christian servant-leadership into our profession and equip the Christian officer to boldly share and live the Gospel. The Roman centurion of **Matthew 8** -- and the namesake for their ministry and of course a ranking "police" supervisor of Jesus' day -- came to the Lord seeking help for his servant who was paralyzed and suffering terribly. He came to Jesus because he believed (had radical faith) He could heal him. Amazingly, and while Jesus was willing to come with the centurion, this 1st Century "cop" understood that, like himself, Jesus was also **under authority** and as such had but to speak his servant's "healing".

## Iron Sharpens Iron

By: Police Lt. (Ret.) & Chaplain M.C. Williams

The necessity of regular "all in," mutually accountable and challenging fellowship with other mature believers. *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another* Proverbs 27:17



I use the biblical expression "*iron sharpens iron*" in just about every Centurion newsletter and in many of my messages, but have not dedicated a study to it in some time. This week the Lord pressed me to do just that.

**Proverbs 27:17** says, "*Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*" The NLT reads, "As iron

sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend." Do you understand the meaning? When iron and steel blades are hammered or moved across one another, friction occurs and heat is produced. In the process, burrs and nicks are taken out as the blade becomes sharp and effective. A dull sword is a poor weapon indeed. Likewise, when believers are actively involved in one another's lives, mutual edification occurs -- we "sharpen" one another. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** is a similar passage: "*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him-a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*" While it was NEVER comfortable, those of us who understand being truly cold in battle or in military training have no problem using one another for warmth (ask any sailor who has made it through SEAL BUDS training, or the "[Frozen Chosin](#)" Marines in Korea). As cops, we don't go through the academy alone and many police agencies still pair-up officers on the street. Moreover, the academy

training process is designed to involve group pain and discomfort -- with the goal of hammering and sharpening us into the razor sharp servant-warriors God has called us to be.

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*"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."*

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God made us for fellowship (**Genesis 2:18**)! Even when a believer sets himself apart from others to be with the Lord in prayer and the study of His Word, we are in fellowship (intimate relationship vs. cold, empty "religion") with Him. In fact, the whole counsel of Scripture provides numerous examples of what happens when we become "Lone Rangers" without the backup of a faithful "Tonto." David was alone when he lusted after Bathsheba and planned their illicit meeting; Samson never placed himself in an accountable relationship, etc. Moreover, you'll note that our Lord, with the exception of Judas before His Passion (and you know what happened there), never sent his own disciples off alone (**Luke 10:1**) - *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.*

The New Testament is replete with instructions concerning how believers should relate with one another. They are to do good to each other (**Galatians 6:10**), bear each other's burdens (**Galatians 6:2**), forgive each other (**Colossians 3:13**), restore each other (**Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20**), submit to one another (**Ephesians 5:21**), encourage each other (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**), admonish and exhort each other (**Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 3:13**), pursue peace and mutual growth (**Romans 14:19**), and stir one another on to love and good deeds (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). The Body of Christ -- true, born again believers -- should be encouraging, exhorting and edifying (the 3-e's) one another. When we do, we are like iron sharpening iron, honing one another to more effectively carry out our callings. In fact, we should all be in discipleship relationships of one kind or another, and have at least one brother-in-Christ who will be truly honest in offering sound counsel (and, if need be, loving criticism) that will help us grow in our walk with Christ and as believers in general.

**Proverbs 27:17** also likens the interaction between two brother servant-warriors seeking to their skills by "sharpening" their swords against one another (iron/steel blades coming together as they train for combat). The analogy is even clearer in the Hebrew, where the second half of the verse is translated " *one man sharpens the face of another.*" Just as a man might sharpen the face of his sword against a sharpening iron in order to make it more suitable for combat, so does a faithful friend equip his brother for success by constructive criticism and sound, biblical counsel.

Giving a tool or weapon the desired sharpness took time in the ancient world where there were no electric whetstones or other high tech sharpening devices. Persistent, careful striking or pressure of the tool against the sharpener or anvil was required, and the process lasted longer than a matter of seconds. Thus, the proverb is underscoring the importance of persistence in friendship. One man does not sharpen another with just one speech or dialogue, though words spoken in the right season can go quite far in helping improve another person. Instead, people sharpen one another over time, through years of friendship and going through tough times together. A truly constructive friend is faithful over time to offer his criticism and instruction, and he does not give up the first time his friend does not heed his advice. Of course, for those of us serving in law enforcement or combat roles, this sharpening is a matter of life and death (and the bonds of brotherhood forged there last a lifetime).

Again, God repeatedly reminds us in His Word that personal and spiritual growth is a group affair. From the very beginning, God did not make just one human being but two (**Genesis 1:26-27**). David had Nathan the prophet, a faithful and wise counselor who brought him to repentance (**2 Samuel 12:1-15**). Jesus went on to direct that His church be led by a body of elders and deacons to come along one another and their pastor (**Acts 6:1-7**). He even called for his friends to come alongside Him as He prayed and waited to be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Clearly, we all need others in our lives to sharpen us and encourage us in the work of ministry (and EVERY Christian is called to ministry of one kind or another).

First Responders are not very good at reaching out or trusting others (especially those outside of our unique profession). Neither are we particularly good at recognizing when others may be reaching out to us. We talk far more than we listen (as my bride -- a true accountability partner -- lovingly reminds me). We tend to isolate ourselves from others and too many of us prefer it that way. How many **police suicides** are you aware of where the suicidal party was with others when he/she ended their lives? Likewise, how many surf porn or commit adultery with their spouses or battle buddies are in the same room with them or otherwise holding them accountable?

Part of my own testimony is that I isolated myself...a true Tonto-less "Lone Ranger" if there ever was one. While God had to break me to get my attention, He also brought other committed brothers into my life to hold me accountable, build me back up and lead me to true repentance and salvation (Vince Harrison, Roch Hart, Todd Griffin and Kevin Cunningham, among others -- love you guys).

Coming together in *iron sharpens iron* fellowship (the Greek word used here is *koinonia* -- literally "to share in common") -- whether it be a men's or women's study, a Centurion or FCPO "cop church" chapter meeting or just church (the right kind) in general -- is **NOT OPTIONAL** (read the whole of **1st John** and of course, **Hebrews 10:24-25** where Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, encourages us to "...consider how to stir up one

*another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*") Clear?

Finally, we need to understand that in the New Testament context, *iron sharpens iron* means **believer to believer**. Is that you? Are you sure? Consider the following:

(1) Jesus said, "*Repent and believe in the Good News*" -- **Mark 1:15**. To "**repent**" is to do a 180 -- a radical change of mind as it relates to your sin. To "**believe**" as God intends it to completely and radically surrender to Him in **faith** ("believe" and "faith" have the same Greek root) in the same way you have faith that your body armor will stop the rounds it is designed to stop!

(2) In **John 3:1-21**, Jesus said, "... *you must be born again.*" Note our Lord's emphasis on "**must**" (not "may" or "should"). This is the life-saving/life-changing personal **relationship** (not "religion") with God in Christ that I stress so often. See "**What does it mean to be a born again Christian.**" Remember that you can't be in a RELATIONSHIP with yourself!

**Time to get sharp, brothers and sisters -- let the sparks fly!**

MC

## Welcome to our National Board



Supt. Paul Bateman (Rtd)

At our recent Annual General Meeting, Paul Bateman was unanimously elected as our National Secretary. Paul recently retired from the RCMP, where he had a diverse and rewarding career. Paul has been a long-time member of the FCPO, and he is excited to now have more time on his hands to devote to encouraging those still serving, as well as growing this ministry. President Ron Mostrey noted: "*Paul is bringing a unique skillset to our national leadership. I cannot think of a more organized and dedicated person to contribute to the strategic growth and development of this unique ministry. We are blessed and thankful that Paul has taken on this new challenge*".

**Welcome aboard Paul!**

# Our Treasurer's Encouragement



Greetings from London, On. When I joined the FCPO as a member, and later the Board, personally, I had no idea how so many years later just how much the friends and fellowship which make up the FCPO would mean to me, and have an impact in my life / career.

The FCPO is an organization which exists because of each of us. The FCPO is also an organization which provides support as a result of how each of us give back. As the Treasurer, I would like to bring forward how the small contributions of many can be leveraged for the greater good.

Insp. Andrew Cowan, Treasurer

In the fall, those of us who work, will have the United Way campaign come across our desks. You as an employee can designate your contributions to the FCPO which means you are supporting our work and your ministry. Consider joining the United Way campaign in a way that promotes the FCPO. By designating your \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50 bi-weekly donation to the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – Canada, with charity number 120365804 RR0001 in part B or C (depending on Federal, Provincial or Municipal employee), you are in an easy way, coming alongside a ministry which has your back.

Stay safe and blessings,

Andrew

## Thank you for your support!

Folks support this unique ministry through volunteering, prayer, and financial gifts. We are a registered charity\*. On our [website](#) you can find 3 ways to [donate to this ministry](#):

1. [Online](#)
2. **Cheque (made payable to: Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers – Canada      372 Rideau Street, Suite 234 Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1G7)**
3. **United Way (payroll deduction)**

**\*Registered Charity No. 120365804RR0001**



# INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN POLICE FELLOWSHIP

[Internationalcpf.org](http://www.internationalcpf.org)

The new International Christian Police Fellowship website is up and running. One of its aims is to provide a central forum for prayer requests. Do check it out: <http://www.internationalcpf.org>

## **The Purpose of ICPF**

The purpose of the International Christian Police Fellowship, (ICPF) is to act as an umbrella organization and looks to assist and support the work of national and regional Christian Police Groups throughout the world.

They achieve this through organizing International conferences and attending national conferences where testimonies, fellowship, information and ideas are shared. There are also visits by board members, regular newsletters and prayer support.

National and regional Christian Police Groups can become members of ICPF. Currently 26 Groups are members of ICPF (that includes FCPO – Canada).

ICPF is non-denominational and simple bible based Christianity.

## **Prayer for Peace Officers**



**Paul said, ‘I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for ... all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour’ (1 Tim. 2:1-2).**

### **Praise and Thanksgiving**

Thank God for his presence, for hearing our prayers, for sharing his heart with us. Thank God for the work of the peace officers, for their dedication to peace and justice. Thank Him that they are willing to do a job that is often sacrificial and challenging. Ask that even as you are praying, God will pour out his Spirit across our land.

### **Reduction in Crime**

Pray for a dramatic reduction in crime across the country and in your local area. Ask God to reveal any specific types or hotspots of crime that He wants to act on during this time. Pray about crimes that have affected you or people you know. Pray that God would break any strongholds, and bring peace.

## **Specific Types of Crime**

Pray that God will expose and root out violent crime, pedophilia, drugs, pornography, terrorism, domestic violence and child abuse. Ask for His wisdom and insight for those dealing with these types of crime. Pray for continued integrity and fairness in all that the peace officers do. Pray for an end to anti-social behaviour, gang culture, knife & gun crime and youth offending.

## **Offenders – Change of Heart**

Pray for a change of heart in offenders. Pray that they would come to know God's love for them and find purpose in their lives. Pray that God would set them free from habitual and destructive behaviour patterns. And that there would be positive role models to get alongside them. Ask that God would help them turn their lives around.

## **Victims of Crime**

Pray for healing and peace for people who have been victims of, or affected by, crime. Ask God for a new sense of safety and hope. Pray that their experience would turn them towards God and not drive them away from Him. Pray that God would help them to forgive those who have hurt them, so that they can be free from bitterness, depression and hopelessness. Pray that God would bring good out of their suffering.

## **Justice System**

Pray for the legal system, that it would truly be founded on God's truth and justice. Ask God to raise up more Christians in the legal system who will bring His light into dark places. Pray that people will feel confident to trust the integrity of the system, and that any breach or failure would be dealt with firmly and appropriately to restore confidence. Pray for wisdom and integrity for judges and magistrates, and all who administer justice.

## **Leadership**

Pray for the leadership and senior peace officers. Pray for wisdom in how they use the resources available to them as they face increasing budget constraints. Pray for the strategic decisions that they make in these very challenging times. Pray for health, strength and opportunities to relax.

## **Relationships with Communities**

Thank God for the positive relationship that the police have in many communities. Pray for relationships with communities and groups who find it hard to trust the police. Pray that God would bring down barriers and build bridges. Pray that He would create opportunities for relationships to be built and for police and local communities to get alongside each other. Pray that peace officers would show compassion, even in very difficult situations. Pray for protection over peace officers, physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally as they engage with people who do not respond positively.

## **Marriage, Family, Work/Life Balance**

Pray for peace officers and staff – for their marriages and families. Pray that they would have opportunities to spend quality time with their families, and that they would be able to manage their work/life balance effectively. Pray for support and healing for those who have experienced traumatic situations in their work and find it hard to deal with them. Pray that there would be spiritual protection over them as they face some of the darkest aspects

of human nature. Ask God to give them the qualities they need to be able to do their job and not to become hardened and cynical. Pray that they would find hope and peace in Jesus.

## Restoration and Revival

Pray that God would work out his plan to bring love and hope into the lives of all peace officers. Thank Him for the chaplaincy schemes throughout the service. Pray that Christians throughout law enforcement would be willing to heed God's call to reach out to those who don't know Him. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come in mighty power, bringing revival across our nation.

## Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - Canada

Thank God for the work of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, and pray that all members would be a beacon of His light, responding to His direction. Pray for areas of the country where there is not a Chapter of the FCPO, that Christians might be encouraged to join together and show a united witness.

Thank you for taking the time to pray for all peace officers and the justice system in this country.

It would be wonderful if you would continue to pray throughout the year and positively engage with peace officers in some way,

The proceeding prayer suggestions for peace officers was adapted from a piece by our friends at the [Christian Police Association](#) (UK)

# National Law Enforcement Retreat

*"He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him."* — Proverbs 2:8, NLT



The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) is pleased to support the Law Enforcement community by announcing the fourth annual [National Law Enforcement Retreat](#) October 23-25, 2017; 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.

Location: Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove  
\$225 individual • \$395 married couple (US\$)  
(this includes on-site lodging, food, sessions, and materials)

For more information, visit [BillyGraham.org/NLER](http://BillyGraham.org/NLER), or call 1-800-950-2092 to register



# Make Plans for an October Trip to Indiana!



This is an absolutely amazing event! (a County Fair for LEOs)

Click → [Watch a clip of last year's Appreciation Day](#)

Led by our good friend [Jim Botranger](#), "the [23rd Annual Officer Appreciation Day](#) (October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017) is a celebration of law enforcement and the invaluable role officers play in our communities. A National Peace Officer's Appreciation Week activity, it's open to all active duty officers and their families (including Canadians). Come and experience a grateful public that is not mad, bad, or sad ... Be encouraged with a fresh reminder that you are appreciated!"

While there, take in another amazing event the 2017 [Breaching the Barricade Conference](#).





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# LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY

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 10.7.2017, 11:00AM - 8:00PM**

42' 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  
Children's Bounce Houses, Crafts, and Activities Helicopter Rides Door Prizes Archery  
Military Obstacle Course Fun For The Whole Family

### INDIVIDUAL SHOOTING COMPETITION

5 Stages: Rifle, pistol, cannon, machine gun, skeet  
1st Place: \$200 CASH  
Reigning Champ: Mike Kelly - Philadelphia (PA) PD

### 3 MAN SHOOTING COMPETITION

Same stages as individual competition  
Winner: 6' floating trophy  
Reigning Champs: Kenny Wade, Lenny Dolshenko, 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 trial.  
Winner: Floating broad sword trophy  
Reigning Champ: Scott Hupp, Elkhart (IN) Police Dept.



*Middlebury, IN*

No media allowed at event.  
No alcoholic beverages please.



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## J. WARNER WALLACE

Former LA County cold case homicide detective, J. Warner has written several books and starred in the movie *God's Not Dead 2*. He has been featured on NBC's *Dateline* and TruTV for his work in solving several high profile cold case murders. J. Warner is a master communicator who understands the challenges of law enforcement.



## CHIEF BRENT NEWMAN

Chief Brent Newman is a law enforcement trainer for Franklin Covey and has served in California law enforcement for 28 years. Drawing from his experience in executive LE leadership, Brent is passionate about leadership development and helping others succeed.



## STACY ETEL

Stacy is an active law enforcement officer/ administrator and the Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Advocacy Network (LE.AN.). Having experienced firsthand the negative fallout from a hi profile critical incident, he will address the destructive world of social media and what to do about it.

## BACKUP FROM THE HOME FRONT: SPOUSE SEMINAR



## VICKI NEWMAN

Victoria Newman, is author of *A Chip On My Shoulder* and *A Marriage in Progress*, both books on law enforcement relationships.



## MARTHA ETEL

Martha Ettel's heart is to push others to overcome adversity. She speaks from her experiences as the wife of an officer involved in a high profile critical incident.



## KRISTI NEACE

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## MEMBERSHIP

We have 2 types of membership: Regular Membership (voting) is for current or retired peace officers, while Associate Membership (non-voting) is for any Christian who agrees with our [Statement of Faith](#) and wishes to be a part of this unique ministry.

Join online at: [www.fc pocanada.com](http://www.fc pocanada.com)