



Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS FRIENDS!

The last few months have flown by and as I look back there have been many events that make me proud to be part of the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation. We held our Fall Luncheon on November 1, 2011 and as usual this annual event was inspiring. We were there to honor and recognize the accomplishments of one of our outstanding Law Enforcement leaders, Chief Jeff Kermode, Tehachapi Police Department. Our Keynote Speaker, FBI Unit Chief Larry Brito, knocked it out of the park with his presentation on the Mexican Drug Cartels and the devastation caused by their greed and violence. His riveting lecture held the attention of all in attendance. The KCLEF and its members were very fortunate to have such a high caliber speaker in Agent Brito. He came all the way from El Paso, Texas to inform us about the high cost in both lives and resources caused by the events taking place on and beyond our southern borders. I can't thank him enough for his efforts!



Jon Busby

The KCLEF was able to respond to a request from Shafter Police Department regarding the purchase of surveillance/monitoring equipment. At a time when financial resources are thin, especially for the smaller Police Departments, I felt privileged as the KCLEF President to present them with a check for \$3500 to purchase the equipment.

As I look forward to upcoming fund raising events I'm really excited for a couple of reasons. First, the events are always fun to attend and meet nice people. Second, the more successful these events are, the more money we have in our coffers to assist our Kern County Law Enforcement Agencies with equipment they need to make the citizens of Kern County safer.

This year, events include our annual Poker Tournament coming up on March 31st and if you've never attended, treat yourself to a fun night out with a live band, complimented by fantastic food and drink. Our annual awards dinner is scheduled for June 8th and it always gives me a sense of pride to recognize the accomplishments of our Law Enforcement heroes in the presence of their families, friends and supporters. Our next Fall Forum Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th.

KCLEF is very excited about our first Golf Tournament coming up on November 2nd at Stockdale Country Club. Form your teams and bring your best game because we've planned a day of exciting golf for the participants.

Mark these dates on your calendar and come out and support the KCLEF events. If you are not already a member, consider joining. For more information, go to kernlaw.org and find out what we're all about. Remember, every penny donated at these events goes to support Kern Law Enforcement activities. When this happens, we all win!

Sincerely,

Jon Busby
KCLEF President

FALL FORUM LUNCHEON (ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD)

By Lynn Watkins, Editor

On November 1, 2011, members of Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation, Kern County Law Enforcement Officials and our community supporters gathered at the Stockdale Country Club to honor and recognize the accomplishments of this year's recipient of the KCLEF "Administrator of the Year" award, Jeff Kermode. Jeff is the Chief of Police in Tehachapi, California. Also in attendance were several elected officials and/or their representatives.

Chief Kermode was introduced by Charlie Fivecoat, long time friend and former Chief of Police in Shafter, California. Mr. Fivecoat shared that Chief Kermode had a total of 32 years in Law Enforcement, 26 years of that time with the Irvine Police Department. During Chief Kermode's tenure with Irvine PD, he worked in or was exposed to almost every aspect of police work, including service as a SWAT Officer, Sergeant and eventually the SWAT Commander.

Chief Kermode commenced his responsibilities as Tehachapi C.O.P. in November 2006 and since then; Tehachapi PD has grown from its original 11 sworn officers to 14 sworn plus support staff. Additionally, Tehachapi PD now has a K-9, a Mounted Unit and has an officer assigned to the Kern County Narcotics Task Force.

Fivecoat also mentioned that Chief Kermode was a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. and had also received his Juris Doctorate along the way and was a member of the California Bar Association.

As the various State legislators, along with Kern County Officials, stepped to the podium to present Chief Kermode with plaques and certificates of recognition, it became crystal clear that Kern County and the City of Tehachapi are very fortunate to have a man of Chief Kermode's caliber keeping Kern County's citizens safe.

Many friends and family members were on hand and very proud to observe Past President Tom Sheets bestow Wayne Ketcherside with a Lifetime Achievement award from the KCLEF. Wayne has served as a Board member for more than 20 years. During his tenure, Wayne has acted in many capacities on a number of committees and was instrumental in the early years helping the Foundation accomplish its mission and set various goals. Wayne is one of those people that is low key but is always there when something is needed that he can provide. Wayne Ketcherside has many outstanding qualities that make him deserving of this recognition, but most important; he is a fantastic human being!

A short time prior to the luncheon, the KCLEF Board of Director's received a request from the Shafter Police Depart to purchase surveillance/monitoring equipment to help combat crime in their jurisdiction. The KCLEF was pleased to provide \$3500.00 to satisfy their urgent need. KCLEF President Jon Busby presented the check to Chief Greg Richardson.

A few days later, President Jon Busby and Board Member Lynn Watkins traveled to Shafter and made a formal presentation of the check at the City Council Meeting. The Mayor and the Council expressed their appreciation for the assistance at a time when budgets are tight.

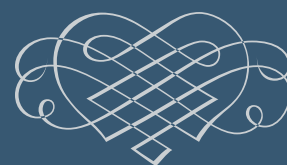
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LAW ENFORCEMENTS USE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY SCIENCE FACT OR SCIENCE FICTION?

By Lieutenant Amy Christey
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office
COMMAND COLLEGE CLASS 47

The Command College Futures Study Project is a FUTURES study of a particular emerging issue of relevance to law enforcement. Its purpose is NOT to predict the future; rather, to project a variety of possible scenarios useful for strategic planning in anticipation of the emerging landscape facing policing organizations.

This journal article was created using the futures forecasting process of Command College and its outcomes. Defining the future differs from analyzing the past, because it has not yet happened. In this article, methodologies have been used to discern useful alternatives to enhance the success of planners and leaders in their response to a range of possible future environments.

Managing the future means influencing it—creating, constraining and adapting to emerging trends and events in a way that optimizes the opportunities and minimizes the threats of relevance to the profession.

The views and conclusions expressed in the Command College Futures Project and journal article are those of the author, and are not necessarily those of the CA Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

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Editors Note: Lieutenant Amy Christey is a 20 year veteran with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. She holds a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute & University and is currently attending Monterey College of Law in pursuit of earning a Juris Doctorate. Lieutenant Christey is a graduate of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Sherman Block Leadership Institute and Command College No. 47. In Command College, Lieutenant Christey's research topic focused on how California law enforcement will need to be aware of emerging nanotechnology and its uses for investigating violent crime by the year 2019 resulting in the article before you. As the Sheriff's Office Bomb Team Commander, Lieutenant Christey is aware of technology's advantages and is encouraged about what the future holds for law enforcement. Lieutenant Christey was chosen by her Command College peers as the recipient of the Hank Koehn Memorial Award for most inspirational student.

LAW ENFORCEMENTS USE OF NANOTECHNOLOGY SCIENCE FACT OR SCIENCE FICTION?

By Lieutenant Amy Christey
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

In a mid-sized coastal community in California, a grisly homicide has the community paralyzed by fear and the local law enforcement agency is working to bring the perpetrator to justice. Over the past few years, using federal grant money, the agency obtained investigative tools developed with nanotechnology. The Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) responded to the scene of the homicide. While combing the crime scene for evidence, one of the investigators found ammunition casings near the body of the deceased. The investigator used the DNA nano-test kit to analyze the collected casings. The kit, properly used by the well-trained investigator, produced immediate DNA results indicating the identity of the perpetrator.

Investigators quickly made an arrest, restoring a sense of relief amongst area residents. During the court proceeding, investigators presented their findings, evidence collected by using one of the newest forensic tools in their arsenal. The defendant, at the advice of his attorney, admitted culpability and was convicted of the homicide. The use of nanotechnology to convict a murderer receives national media attention and accolades. During the media blitz, the chief was praised for her acquisition of nano-tools and their use by the Department's investigators. In fact, as we looked back years later, this became the seminal case in the use of investigative tools developed through the use of nanotechnology.

The optimistic future described above may represent where we, as a profession, are headed. The near future will bring with it some amazing new technological devices and systems that will, in many ways, rival the decades old imaginings of Hollywood science fiction. Law enforcement will need to get used to that fact and prepare for it. (Policing 2020, 2007) One of the scenarios of our future may be utilizing nanotechnology-manufactured tools designed for law enforcement use. Is this science

fact or science fiction? What nanotech tools are available now or might be "fact" in the very near future? A snapshot of the past will illustrate the absolute need for nanotechnology to manufacture investigative tools.

The Unsolved Violent Crimes

The past is riddled with failed violent crime investigations that may have had very different results with the assistance of nanotechnology available in the near future. For example, the Santa Cruz Sentinel published a story in 2002 about unsolved homicides, including the murder of a 12-year-old who had been found strangled in a park with her hands taped behind her back and masking tape around her neck. Another case involved the body of a 19-year-old woman who had been fished out of the mouth of a river. A third was a University of Santa Cruz student who had been beaten to death at a local State park. In that article, seasoned investigators addressed their hopes for the future and crime investigation. They hoped recent advances in forensic detective work and possible scientific advances in the coming years would offer new leads in cases and help lay these mysteries to rest. (Santa Cruz Sentinel, 2002) Of course, these are just a few of the thousands of homicides occurring every year. As well as the police do to solve many of those crimes, many are left in the trash bin of history. Those victims and their families deserve more.

Timeliness of investigative Effort

According to Federal Bureau of Investigation in a 2004 Uniform Crime Report, every 23.1 seconds a violent crime is committed in the United States. Moreover, the report detailed that in 2004 law enforcement agencies cleared just 46.3 percent of violent crimes. (U.S. DOJ, 2004) These statistics stress the importance of acquiring advancing technology, including nanotechnology, law enforcement tools as they will allow for accurate and immediate evidence collection, results and probable apprehension of the offenders. Had nanotech tools been used in the preceding cases, the perpetrators may have been found immediately, bringing closure to the families of the victims and restoring peace to the communities for which the crimes occurred.

Law Enforcement's Use of Nanotechnology

According to William E. Halal, Professor Emeritus of Science, Technology & Innovation at George Washington University, "research in materials and nanotechnology is making it possible to design almost any type of product, and mass customization can deliver an endless stream of sophisticated goods customized for each individual." (Halal, 2008) Nanotechnology, the manipulation or self-assembly of individual atoms, molecules, or molecular clusters into structures, can be used to create materials and devices with new or vastly different properties. (European Nanotechnology Gateway, 2007) On an even smaller scale, the nano world offers high-performance materials, powerful computers, medical treatments, and other benefits yet to be realized. (Halal, 2008)

Nanotechnology promises smaller and more accurate tools and systems, batteries with longer life and incredibly sensitive sensors. (The Indian Police Journal, 2007) Nanotags will be used to coat surfaces to capture DNA, nanoparticles will develop miniature sensors that will detect various illegal drugs, x-ray systems will be enhanced through the use of carbon nanotubes, infrared nanotechnology will expand the uses of searching for missing people and suspects, dusts (known as Clever Dust, Deputy Dust, Daft Dust, Smart Dust and Flashy Dust) may be used to track movements, and miniscule RFID may offer assistance to those who need them the most. (UH ISRC, 2005) The promise of using nanotechnology to investigate criminal activity is rapidly approaching and the use of these newly developing tools may provide the next generation of peace officers their primary method to solve crimes.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Nate Allen, PhD, U.S. Army, "the pace of change mandates that effective leaders understand the implications and promise that the coming technological tsunami holds." (Halal, 2008) Daniel Linstedt, an internationally known expert in data warehousing business intelligence, proclaimed "Nanotech is already here, and there are limitless utilizations for it." (Linstedt, 2010)



Mike Pitlthy, the CEO of ROAR Particles, concurs. In a 2009 Materials Today article, Pitlthy notes law enforcement agencies have begun to evaluate and use nanotech tools. For instance, the FBI started using a nanoscale developer and x-ray source to image etched fingerprints on a number high profile cases (Pitlthy 2009). This type of nanotech, developed by researchers at Leicester University in England, assists with the detection of fingerprints left on a bullet casing. It can capture a print after the chemicals from the print corrode the surface of the metal. Another fingerprint breakthrough Pitlthy noted was prints captured with nanoscale powders. Nanoscale powders provide clearer images, thus prints developed using nanoscale powders can provide information about whether or not the donor had been handling explosives, handling illegal drugs or if the donor had been using illegal drugs. Although one might have difficulty imagining how this could be used, a recent incident receiving national attention exemplifies the potential of this breakthrough.

On May 1, 2010 in New York's Times Square, a suspected terrorist abandoned a suspected Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED). Had nanoscale powders been utilized, the investigating law enforcement agency could have ascertained explosive compounds while developing leads from fingerprints. Using explosive detection nanotechnology would have provided the investigators valuable officer safety information and excellent trial evidence. Fortunately, the NYPD made a quick arrest without any harm officers or the community. In the very near future, though, information obtained through explosive detection nano-tools will better ensure the safety of law enforcement officers. Soon, it may be possible to avert VBIED and similar events altogether if the appropriate surveillance nano-tools are deployed in places like New York and other terrorist targets.

The future promises other powerful tools that will prevent crime, safely lead investigators to perpetrators and instantly locate missing at-risk people. For instance, the U.S. Army is testing a wireless health-status system that monitors a soldier's vital signs, location, need for water and other critical indicators. Smart wireless sensors and Radio-frequency Identification (RFID) tags are growing in use and becoming smaller and more powerful. (Halal, 2008) The use of these systems would flourish in the law enforcement world. To have the ability to track wanderers and people with disabilities, such as autism and Alzheimer's, would save lives and provide valuable assistance to the law enforcement community.

According to Thomas J. Cowper, member of the Police Futurists International's Futures Working Group (and 23-year law enforcement veteran), studies show that information processing power has been increasing at an exponential rate for many years and will continue even faster in the future (Policing 2020, 2007). Given the rapid rate of change in the coming years and the new capabilities and opportunities it will bring to policing it is important to remember that we cannot continue "business as usual". To be successful, law enforcement must constantly adapt to changing circumstances driven by technologies and creatively explore better ways of fulfilling their mission. (Policing 2020, 2007) The profession must also be attentive to the social and ethical implications of using nanotech to fulfill aspects of its mission. As Linstedt (2010) noted, "privacy and ethics are a hot debate in the nanotech industry". ...

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FALL FORUM CONTINUED

...“Larry” Brito, currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, El Paso, Texas. Agent Brito is a 26 year veteran of the FBI’s Drug Investigative Program. Agent Brito’s career has caused him to be assigned to several locations throughout the United States. His present responsibilities include the coordination of Strategic and Intelligence Matters for both the Northern and Southern Borders of the U.S. Agent Brito was the recipient of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force National Case of the Year award; The State of Texas Federal Officer of the Year Award; FBI Director’s Award and the Attorney General’s Award for Investigative Excellence.

As Agent Brito began his lecture, he cautioned the audience that the carnage depicted in his photo presentation of the collateral damage taking place in Mexico was very graphic.

In an overview of the Mexican Drug Wars, Agent Brito spoke of how it all began while he mentioned various factions such as Tijuana, Juarez, Sinaloa, Los Zetas and other Cartels. He discussed the various cartel connections with the Columbian cartels and the routes that were set up to get Columbian drugs into the U.S through Mexico and the trends connected to firearm trafficking. Agent Brito also furnished us with some statistics such as the almost 50,000 casualty estimate, including over 1000 policeman and prosecutors that have fallen victim since the problems began. As Agent Brito concluded his presentation the entire audience was quiet and remained focused on every word and photograph he used to convey the gravity of the Mexican Drug War. It was very clear that that Agent Brito’s expertise regarding this tragic drug war was second to none and extremely informative.

As Americans, we can only hope that we remain safe from the residual violence that filters across our Southern Borders. Our greatest concern should be the possibility that the same level of carnage taking place in Mexico will spill over onto the U.S. side of the border perpetuating the same level of violent tragedy.

Our special thanks go out Agent Brito whose riveting account of the drug activities taking place along our Southern Borders was truly an eye opener for those in attendance. We also wish to thank Rob Guyton, Supervising Special Agent in the Bakersfield FBI Field Office. Agent Guyton coordinated our efforts to have Agent Brito come to Bakersfield from across the country to make this outstanding presentation at the KCLEF Luncheon.



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Nanotechnology: Locating the Missing

In April 2010, the community of Santa Cruz had been struck with two unfortunate elderly missing person deaths. Both were senior citizens suffering from Alzheimer's and both had walked away from the homes they were placed in to live safely. In one of the cases, the woman had been placed in a care facility on a Friday evening. Within the first 30 minutes of her stay, she walked out the front door without detection. The facility was located in a county adjacent to the county for which she had resided. She wandered for several days until a resident found her lifeless body in an agricultural field ten miles north of the facility her family had intended her to live. The second elderly missing man suffered from dementia and like the woman, he wandered out of a car facility and was found deceased several days later.

In addition to these two incidents, law enforcement worked tirelessly to locate a missing autistic man in the same month. Erik was a 30-year-old autistic man who walked away from home without a trace. Not long after his disappearance, friends and community volunteers posted fliers throughout the county. Sadly, Erik's body washed ashore on a neighboring beach on the last day of the month. Had the families of the missing (and the police charged with finding them) been able to capitalize on emerging rfid and similar nanotech devices, any of the three might have been found alive.

John P. Kotter, the author of *Leading Change*, said "Vision refers to a picture of the future with some implicit or explicit commentary on why people should strive to create that future." (Kotter, 1996) Nanotech is the epitome of envisioning a future state, and then acting on it. Nanotechnology promises smaller and faster computers, smaller and more accurate Global Positioning Systems (GPS), batteries with long life and sensors that are incredibly sensitive and affordable. (Indian Police Journal, 2007) Enhancing the current RFID technology with faster, more powerful, more sensitive and longer lasting nanotechnology may have future uses that will benefit law enforcement's ability to locate missing people in the quickest manner possible.

Social Implications and Ethical Considerations

To assess the social and ethical implications of utilizing nanotech for law enforcement investigations, a group of subject matter experts convened in September 2009. This group identified several concerns regarding the government's use of this incredibly invasive technology. The most concerning trends identified were:

Ethical usage; law enforcements use of advancing technology must be ethical and transparent. The panel expressed concerns while relating a nanotechnology scenario that could resemble the L.A.P.D. Rampart scandal if there is no transparency about tools and usage

- Civil rights protections; nanotechnology promises higher quality surveillance systems and concerned was expressed that the technology may be used

to obtain information that law enforcement might not otherwise have access to. Privacy rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution must be considered and protected

- Information security; concerned was expressed about the information obtained through the use of nanotechnology and that it may be subject to sabotage and theft. Moreover the panel was concerned that information obtained with nanotech could be sold or used inappropriately by private enterprise and corporations
- Reliability of the information; will evidence and information obtained with nanotechnology be reliable and who will have the task of qualifying the information, and,
- Regulatory concerns; what governmental agency will be tasked with regulating the usage of nanotechnology and will that agency have knowledge base and savvy to do so

These experts also discussed events that could affect law enforcement's use of nanotech. Chief amongst their concerns were incidents indicating nanotech was unreliable in practice; that the adverse impact on privacy rights might prompt legislation & court decisions to limit it, and that exposure to nanotech technologies was determined to be harmful to human or environmental health. The panel did identify means by which policing and the nanotech industry might mitigate concerns on the near horizon.

The recommendations included the development of a law enforcement nanotech research team. Advocating for the creation of a law based team of nanotechnology experts that will identify the most appropriate tools for acquisition and that these tools best meet law enforcements immediate needs. As law enforcement agencies obtain new technology, initial and recurring training must be emphasized. Law enforcement agencies will need to account for the maintenance of nanotechnology tools and create a team of technology experts to assist them with this task. Assessing and writing protocols will assist law enforcement leaders with standards and expectations for the use of nano-tools. Newly enacted laws that regulate governmental use, as well as the creation of a regulatory agency, will provide the public with the transparent use of nanotechnology by governmental entities. Finally, providing secure information storage systems to ensure the information obtained through the use of nanotechnology is used in an ethical and legal fashion and that only those who have legal access to it, can. By planning for future law enforcement technological tools and taking the appropriate steps to ensure ethical and reliable usage, the public sense of security should increase and acceptance should follow.

According to Cowper (Policing 2020), despite our reluctance, things will continue to change. Tomorrow's policing world will be fundamentally different than the one we know today. Technology has always generated profound changes in the way people live, culture, social norms, business processes, organizational structures and government policies. Policing will become more difficult in the next decade and a half, not less, and in order to understand how we will need to operate with the tools available in the

future, we must try to envision how technology will have changed the world from the way it is today. (Policing 2020, 2007)

Cowper points out the necessity of embracing technological changes in the future and the importance of preparing for it. Although there are many promises nanotechnology may offer law enforcement, most importantly law enforcement leaders must take action today to prepare for these powerful crime fighting tools.

The Future

The future holds many promises for law enforcement and the communities they serve. There will be nanotechnology tools available for the detection of crime, investigating crimes, surveillance and tracking tools for those citizens with disabilities that require the assistance of others to track their whereabouts.

Preparing for our future today is the responsibility of our law enforcement leaders. They must know what technology will be available to protect their communities and know how they will acquire it. Our future promises a safer community through the use of nanotechnology. Our duty is to be trained, have set standards and protocols for the ethical usage of this emerging technology, and continually improving our tactics to solve crime and protect the public. Is law enforcements use of nanotechnology science fact or science fiction? It is, in fact, science reality and law enforcement must be prepared.

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SHAFTER POLICE HAVE A NEW C.O.P. GREG RICHARDSON

By Lynn Watkins, Editor

On October 27, 2011, the City of Shafter swore in Greg Richardson as Shafter's Chief of Police. Richardson replaces Chief Charlie Fivecoat who left the department to pursue an opportunity in the private sector. Chief Richardson is a native of Kern County and is therefore familiar with the local history and heritage of the community. Chief Richardson's law enforcement career began in 1981 with the Bakersfield Police Department. In 1991, he moved to the Shafter Police Department as a Sergeant where he helped open and manage the operation of the Shafter Community Correctional Facility.

Over the course of his more than 30 year career, Chief Richardson has been exposed to almost every aspect of law enforcement including patrol, traffic, narcotics, specialized tactical teams, bike patrol and investigations. In 2009 Chief Richardson was assigned as the officer in charge of patrol

operations.

In addition to his professional experience, Chief Richardson's educational achievements include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Management from Cal State University Long Beach and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Tiffin University. He is a certified POST trainer and has served as the Shafter Police Department's Range Coordinator and firearms instructor.

Subsequent to his promotion, Chief Richardson was asked by Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation to lend his expertise to the Board of Director's as one of their Ex-Officio Members. He graciously accepted and there is no doubt that his contribution will be beneficial to their decision making process.

Chief Richardson is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys spending time with his wife and two children hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and gardening.



Chief Richardson is also a coach for the Golden Empire Football League and the Shafter Recreation Department.

Please join the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation as we congratulate and welcome Chief Greg Richardson to the ranks of Kern County's Law Enforcement leaders.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



By Lynn Watkins, Editor

Editor's Note: Have you ever wondered where your old partners are and what they're doing? This is the first edition of planned newsletter articles intended to inform readers about what the people they may have worked with in the past are presently doing. Many have relocated out-of-state after retirement causing us to lose contact with them.

CHRIS DAVIS I recently contacted Chris Davis to find out what he's been doing since he relocated to Austin, Texas. Chris spent a total of 30 years in Law Enforcement, 1.5 years with LAPD and 28.5 years with Kern Sheriff retiring as a Commander in 2006. Prior to moving to Austin, Texas, Chris traveled there every few weeks to visit a lady friend. This arrangement continued for a couple of years and during this time his fondness for the area grew so he decided to move there and purchase a home.

Chris bought a home with 1.7 acres of oak trees located about 12 miles from downtown Austin. Chris said there are many things he likes about Texas such as; they have zero State Income Tax. While he admitted that the climate is humid in the summer, he said it is quite pleasant most of the year. In fact, Chris boasted that he has played golf in shorts during every month of the year. Chris owns a Harley, and says, "Riding in the area is a pleasure as long as watch out for deer. They are as thick as ground squirrels here." Chris said that Austin is a great place for entertainment saying there is something going on every weekend.

Chris shared that since he's been in Texas he has done a number of things to keep himself busy in terms of employment. He has maintained his Real Estate License since 2007 but admits he doesn't work very hard at selling property. Chris currently has a part-time job working at Falconhead Golf Course in the golf shop. He says the job attached playing privileges are excellent. Chris also owns a poker entertainment business.

Chris was recently honored by Austin Police Department for his part resulting in the arrest of a suspect involved in a home invasion robbery. Chris said that while he was getting his car washed he noticed Austin PD setting up a perimeter. He asked a Police Officer about the situation and was told about the robbery. A few minutes later Chris observed some car wash employees looking over a fence outside the police perimeter. Chris said he then saw a male suspect jump up and run behind some buildings. Chris said his instincts kicked in so he jumped in his car, which was now clean and made an educated guess where the suspect might re-appear. He drove to the area and waited. Chris said, "sure enough, the suspect came over a fence and then over another and then hid next to a storage building." Chris said that before he could dial 911, a police car drove by so he waived the officer down and reported where the suspect was hiding. Chris told me that officer's immediately responded to where the suspect was hiding. After a brief struggle the suspect was taken into police custody.

Chris said that after a few weeks the Austin Police Department presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a commemorative coin. Most citizens would not have gotten involved and this suspect might have eluded police and escaped. As I congratulated Chris on taking actions resulting in a positive outcome, Chris said, "I guess once it is in your blood, it never goes away."

If you would like to contact Chris, his email address is listed below:

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Angela Barton, KCLEF Vice President, is shown presenting Event Sponsor Plaque to Jon Van Boening, President/CEO of Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Mercy/Memorial Hospitals were co-event sponsors for the KCLEF Officer of the Year Awards Dinner.

EAST KERN LAW ENFORCEMENT MAKES A LARGE DONATION

By Lynn Watkins, Editor

On August 26, 2011, the 3rd Annual Greater Tehachapi Policeman's Ball was held in Tehachapi. There were approximately 80 participants from Tehachapi PD, Bear Valley PD, Stallion Springs PD, Kern County Sheriff's Department – Tehachapi Sub-Station and CHP Mojave.

Law Enforcement enjoys the support of all the Kern County Mountain Communities in the Greater Tehachapi area. The residents are always willing to help, and help they did, to support this event in a number of ways. All profits from the Policeman's Ball were donated to the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation. This equates to a wonderful

thing, brother/sister officers helping brother/sister officers. It's even better when you can raise money to help each other and have fun doing it.

On January 18, 2012, Chief Jeff Kermode, Tehachapi Police Department, attended the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation Board Meeting. Chief Kermode presented KCLEF President Jon Busby with a check in the amount of \$3647.00, all the proceeds from the Policeman's Ball. Special thanks go out to all officers serving in the Greater Tehachapi area.

The generous donation will be used to help Kern County Law Enforcement Agencies in need of assistance with the purchase of needed equipment, training or anything needed to improve their ability to accomplish their mission.



KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION PRESENTS

**\$2,500
in prizes
paid out!**

3rd Annual
**TEXAS
HOLD'EM NIGHT**

Remembering Kern County's Law Enforcement Heroes

March 31st 2012

420 Club

3910 Alfred Harrell Highway

Dinner 5PM

Food by Big Mike's BBQ

Bar by Randy's Towing

Tournament..... 6PM

Donation..... \$100.⁰⁰

Just Dinner (Non-Players) .. \$30.⁰⁰

Please help support all Kern County law enforcement heroes.

**For tickets or more information please call
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KCLEF GOLF TOURNAMENT

the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation is proud to announce that on November 2, 2012 they will host their 1st Annual Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Stockdale Country Club. If you are a golf enthusiast, form your team and get prepared to hit the greens. We are planning an outstanding event featuring an exciting day of golf, refreshments, and prizes.

All proceeds go to Kern County Law Enforcement Agencies.



KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION PRESENTS



TEXAS HOLD'EM NIGHT

Remembering Kern County's Law Enforcement Heroes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR... 3rd ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER NIGHT

On Saturday, March 31, 2012, the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation (KCLEF) will host its 3rd annual Poker Tournament at the CHP "420 Club" located on Alfred Harrell Highway in Bakersfield.

For those of you that wish to test your poker skills against other poker enthusiasts, we'll have another great night in store for you. Put your poker face on and get your tickets now. If you don't play poker, there will be plenty of other activities going on to keep you entertained. There will be a fantastic steak dinner catered by Big Mike's BBQ, and lively music provided by the "Two Timerz Rockin Country Band". You can also treat yourself to your favorite beverage at our no host bar. There will also be a raffle with a number of fantastic gifts for some lucky person to win.

All donations go directly to all Kern County Law Enforcement Agencies.

WANT TO JOIN



**Kern County
Law Enforcement
Foundation**

Our Membership Committee members; Jon Busby, Angela Barton, Tom Sheets, Greg Sturges, Sofie Zimmermann, Wayne Ketcherside, Arnold Johansen, and Frank Williams are working to keep our mailing lists for the newsletter and membership information current.

If you were previously a member and did not renew, you can simply go to our website, www.kernlaw.org, and download an application and mail it to us with all necessary information. We will update your background check and get you reinstated as soon as possible. If you are interested in becoming a new member, our history and bylaws are on our website which is easy to navigate. Once you've made the decision to join us, any board member or Law Enforcement Officer can be your sponsor. If you don't know any of us, just write the word "open" in the recommendation and it will be referred to our background committee. The website contains all the information on membership and backgrounds.

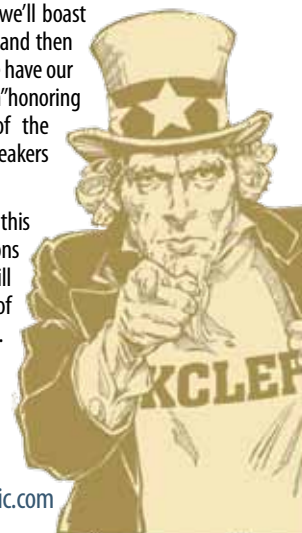
The website, which is always a work in progress, contains previous editions of the newsletter, where you can read about events and projects we've done in the past.

Individual memberships are only \$100 per year and are tax deductible under 501C (3) rules. Our business sponsorships are \$500 and \$1000 per year and the money is used for awards, grants and scholarships given by Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation. In fact, all monies received from

our various efforts goes to the support of Law Enforcement efforts throughout Kern County. An example is the seven (7) PAL (Police Activity League) programs we support financially in addition to the SAL (Sheriff's Activity League) that we also support.

Since our beginning in 1988, we have raised and given out close to \$600,000. As a member, you can be as involved as you want to be and are always welcome to attend the events we hold throughout the year. We start the year in March with our Poker Tournament, and then have our largest and most important event in June, our "Officer of the Year" Awards Dinner. In early Fall we'll boast our Golf Tournament and then in early November we have our "Fall Forum/Luncheon" honoring our "Administrator of the Year". Our Guest Speakers are second to none.

Again, reading this and previous editions of our newsletter will keep you abreast of our many activities. We hope to see you soon!



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