

RETIRED OFFICERS DREAMS.....

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This says it all.....

When a good officer leaves the line, and retires to a better life many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he (she) knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know. We know for example that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.

We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship, which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his frame. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do, only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from the life. You are only escaping the "job" and we are merely allowing you to leave "active" duty.

So what I wish for you, is that you ease into retirement, but in your heart never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God," and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

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Editors Note: We have not forgotten all of you in retirement and would like you to join our organization, which supports all local law enforcement. We have given over \$300,000 grants, awards, equipment and scholarships since 1988 when we began. We have created a special "retired officers membership" for \$50.00 a year, contact any board member or officer for an application. Of course the background should be a worry, please join us and continue to support local law enforcement.