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Good Guys and Bad Guys on the Streets of Philly

Philadelphia bike cops get an A+ from a reporter who watched the action taking place outside of the Republican Convention.

By Bob Lonsberry

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PHILADELPHIA -- If God in his glory has an unrealized ambition, it is to be a bike cop in Philly.

A gun on his hip, an embroidered badge on his chest, riding second row in a squad of Good Guys whipping down the street to keep the peace.

There was a lot of that yesterday, cops and protesters and various Republican grandees looking on, a gridlock of thousands and thousands in the heart of a great city. Legions in blue and a shifting sand of anarchy, smelling of filth and clove cigarettes, dashing from spot to spot to sow the seeds of chaos.

Unsuccessfully.

The Good Guys won and the Bad Guys looked like a bunch of punk-ass kids.

I half expected onlookers to break out in applause. I think most of them went home and wished they had.

This is a city of narrow streets, pressed in by buildings and heavy traffic. And the scum planned to shut it down. Sit in the road, link arms, shout things about what do we want and when do we want it. And they pulled it off, to an extent. For hours they roamed through the heart of Philadelphia, choking off street after street, moving and marauding until a phalanx of Good Guys would set up ahead of them, like a machine deploying itself to consume them, and the advance stopped and turned.

I followed it for hours through the afternoon and evening, in the heat of the day and the dusk of the night. An amazing balance of good versus evil, the foundation of society versus the decay of society.

And if God doesn't want to be a Philly cop, then he wants to hire them to guard the gates of heaven.

With the bicycle cops in the lead.

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women who pedal in at breakneck speed, in a formation of twos, and dump the bikes and push them back. Three or four or five of them stopping a hundred, holding them down and taking their blows and guarding them in a pile of three or four, the zip-lock cuffs behind their backs, while the cavalry came over the hill — quiet, measured, detached.



I saw them first near the Convention Center when the vermin lay down in the road, road after road, taxing the police and snarling the traffic and stopping the shuttle of conventioners. They were a lightning squad, moving and staging and moving again, riding for all they were worth, flying around stopped vehicles, like leaves on the wind.

That's how it was downtown.

And that's how it was at my hotel.

When we sat down, the reporter I'm working with and the crew from R News, in the dining room, they asked us to move back, to move back from the window, because they were just down the street. The security men scurried around more than seemed necessary and we enjoyed our dinner and the pedestrians ambled by as they will.

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PMBA is now under the watchful eye of new Executive Director Maureen Becker. I have known Maureen for several years as Events Director for the League of American Bicyclists. As Events Director, she planned and ran three National Rallies of Cyclists each year, at various locations around the country. I have seen first-hand how organized she is, and working with her is a joy. When I heard Jennifer was leaving, Maureen was actually the first person I thought of to replace her. After a serious search and interviews with several good candidates, Maureen still came out on top.

I had a chance to help Maureen at the League Rally in the Twin Cities this past June. One of the duties she assigned me was to count the Rally t-shirts to make sure that they were all there and that the sizes were all correct. In all my years of IPMBA conferences, I can tell you I can't ever remember anyone counting the t-shirts. This isn't meant to tease Maureen. I mention it to illustrate her attention to detail and making sure that customers are satisfied. That is precisely the sort of care I expect her to enthusiastically bring to her job as IPMBA Executive Director. I am looking forward to all the new things that will undoubtedly happen with Maureen and her new staff.

I mention new staff because Andrew Davis, our first-class Program Manager, is leaving IPMBA to pursue education, career, and a life that doesn't include a daily commute from Washington, DC, to Baltimore. I want to personally thank Andrew for the great job he has done. Andrew was jack-of-all-trades, a remarkably loyal employee, and a friend to every IPMBA member. We literally would not be where we are today without him.

Andrew is officially invited to all future conferences as the organizer of bike polo matches, which were a big hit in Tucson. Thanks for everything, Andrew, and good luck. Your work and friendship are deeply appreciated and you will truly be missed.

One of Maureen's first big tasks was to hire Andrew's replacement. She has hired Keith Lorenz, who recently graduated from Towson University in Maryland. Keith has experience working with some other non-profit organizations and has customer service skills that will fit right in for IPMBA. He also speaks Spanish fluently. We are happy to have Keith on board, and I look forward to

meeting him. Fortunately, Andrew will stay with us long enough to make sure that Maureen and Keith both understand the processes and programs already in place.

Welcome, Maureen and Keith, to the best public

safety membership organization in the country!

My column wouldn't be complete without again thanking Jennifer Horan for all of her hard work for IPMBA over the past couple of years. Thankfully, Jennifer isn't leaving us completely. She will work on the IPMBA News and assist with marketing and promotion on a part-time basis. Her full-time job will be taking care of new baby, Nicholas – born August 21 – and his big sister Ella.

I am excited about the changes and new energy coming into IPMBA. I expect the training programs to be fine-tuned and the service to our members to be second to none. If it isn't, let me know.

Ride Safe — Kirby Beck

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I was pleasantly surprised to see that Eko Sports, Inc., makers of PowerGrips™, has officially recognized its place in the police cycling world. Eko Sports is now making PowerGrips™ in black, stenciled with the word "POLICE". I have used PowerGrips™ on my work bike and my personal mountain bike since 1992, after seeing Allan Howard use them. He seemed like a good person to copy. I have found them a great alternative to using toe clips, the required piece of safety equipment most of us love to hate. I am sure most of you remember how hard it is to get used to toe clips!

I formerly used toe clips, but found them too awkward and noisy for police work. I learned the hard way – and have the scars to prove it -- that a half dismount (crossover dismount) will cause even a loose toe clip to tighten on the foot. It can hold onto your foot and will not let go. Ouch. If you choose to flip out and stand on the bottom of the pedal, the toe clip scrapes noisily on the ground, giving up your stealth advantage.

PowerGrips™ are basically a piece of stiff canvas-like poly laminate that attach to the pedal diagonally. To use PowerGrips™, the rider puts his/her foot into the grip "pigeon-toed" and pivots the heel to tighten the hold on the foot. The strap reminds me of an old fashioned ski binding. The stiff poly laminate holds the loop open for easy, hands-free operation. The current version has a quick-adjust feature that allows the rider to use different shoes or boots, or accommodates different riders, which is helpful for departments that have shared bikes. As a long time PowerGrips™ user, I think the quick-adjust feature is GREAT for comfort and convenience.

PowerGrips™ work as well as toe clips with tightened straps to enable a rider to power through the entire pedal stroke. Toe clips, which were designed for road cyclists to use with cleated shoes, require the rider reach down to loosen the straps when coming to a stop. Because of the need to dismount quickly, it is dangerous for police cyclists to ride with toe clip straps tight enough to take advantage of the entire pedal stroke. PowerGrips™ provide the advantages of tight toe clips, but offer the safety of quick release clipless pedals. When standing on one side of the bike for a half dismount the PowerGrips™ is in its loosest and safest position. I still believe in flipping out of the pedal and standing on the bottom when preparing for a tactical dismount, but while toe clips scrape noisily on the ground when inverted, PowerGrips™ are hardly audible.

PowerGrips™ can be attached to virtually any quality pedal, though the provided screws may not work for every pedal. If you can't use existing screws, the proper ones can be found at any bike shop. PowerGrips™ also sell pedals with the PowerGrips™ already attached.

PowerGrips™ are a great choice for police officers because they are quick, quiet, comfortable and simple. If necessary, a rider can simply stand on top of the loop and use it like a regular pedal. They provide nearly the same power advantage of a clipless pedal, but are easier in and out than any clipless system, which also makes them popular with some mountain bike racers. Finally, and importantly for officers who ride in extreme weather and temperatures, they work as effectively with cycling shoes as with insulated, waterproof boots. 

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A bunch of guys in red dresses ran by, out for an evening's jog, but that's Philadelphia and we thought nothing of it.

And then as we got up to leave for our rooms they started coming. Some in dreadlocks, many in ratty clothes, a few speaking into radios, skirmishers out in front, like an infantry advance, running into an alley and wheeling dumpsters back into the street and turning them over in a barricade. On the avenue in front of the opulent hotel where the elite of the Empire State were ensconced. From the windows people with convention credentials around their necks looked out frightened.

In the bar, by the side door, you could see the bicycle cops wheel up, coming around to meet the skirmishers head on. They grabbed one or two and then the main body of the protestors got there and they circled the cops, pushing them and pulling them and grabbing the people in custody and trying to drag them free.

The protestors threw the punches and the cops took them.

And then the magic happened. In front of the hotel, almost without being noticed, the Good Guys set up, one line behind another, night sticks at the ready, rock steady, and the advance stopped there. A good 30 feet between them, the arrested ones in a pile waiting for tempers to cool, a couple hundred milling ragamuffins chanting about rich people and corporations and some cop-killing bastard named Mumia.

standing, a milling about that slowly climbed down from the boiling point.

And the cops didn't move. They were passive, standing there, stubby batons diagonally across their chests, like

Anarchists, in a clear example of organized and orchestrated crime, sought through roving guerilla bands not to make a point or to raise an issue, but to throttle a city. To choke it into submission, to spread chaos and

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thousands of their brothers and sisters had been through the day, just standing. Even the bike cops, looming above their prisoners, just stood there, looking down or away. No words, no looks, no confrontations. Two giants standing on the brink, pretending it's a stroll in the park.

And maybe 15 or 20 minutes into it, after the kids were bored and the prisoners were away, a cop captain in a white shirt strolled across the gap with a partner, smiling and friendly, ok, they said, it's time to go. And the protestors smiled in return and they exchanged pleasantries and they turned back, and the captain and the cop, two guys alone, walked them back a half a block, the hundred or two of them, and then the two lines advanced silently, passing scattered applause, to take up a new position behind the captain.

And a bus came through, like it was supposed to, to pick up a load of delegates who would go home with a story to tell.

Minutes later the bike cops

rode off by twos

mounted up and leaving nothing but a line of motorcycle cops flanking the street.

Yesterday was an interesting trial.

disorder, to steal time and commerce and freedom of movement. And the cops who defend that city were hamstrung by the critical eyes of a thousand reporters and a bias against them.

It was mission impossible in the real world.

And the Good Guys won. They won by restraint and they won by professionalism.

Because it wasn't about the streets. It was about a powder keg and lighting the fuse. The protestors were pushed forward by their puppeteers in a mission intended to end with injury and confrontation. They wanted the kids to attack the cops and they wanted the cops to fight back. They wanted the cops to club back.

And they wanted it on the evening news.

But the cops held steady. Big, brassy, hard as a rock. They stood their ground, they flew in on bikes, they wrestled when they had to.

But mostly they just stood there, unflinching, taking the blows.

And they won. And the Bad Guys lost.

Sure, the traffic was snarled. But the fuse wasn't lit.

Score that a win.



And if God doesn't want to be a Philly cop, then he wants to hire them to guard the gates of heaven. With the bicycle cops in the lead.

Slipping outside I moved into the middle of the crowd, unmolested, seeing them mostly as young ignoramuses, walking to the leading edge, across from the Philly cops, various in the group trying to incite chants, but mostly it was just

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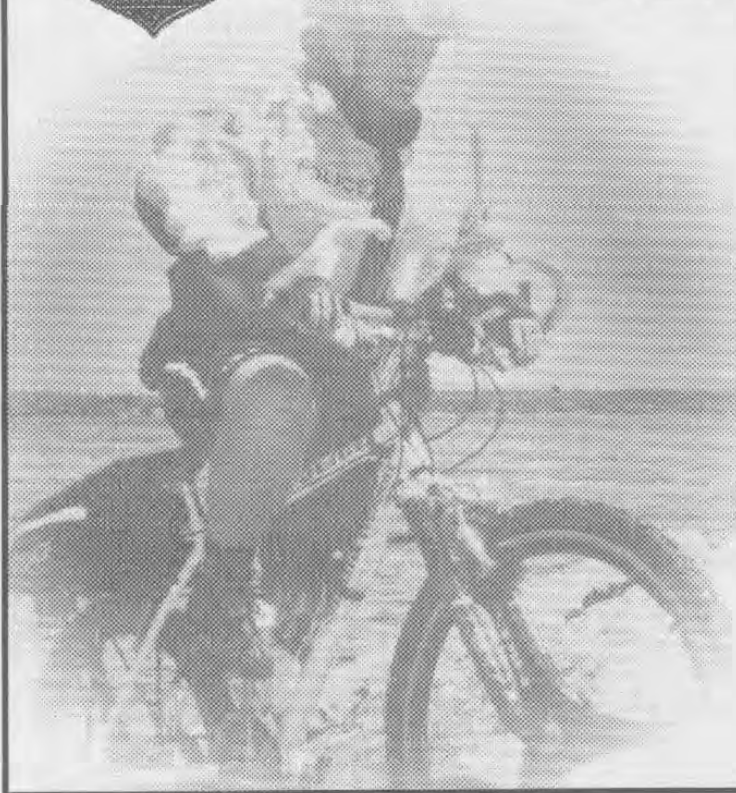
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Product Review

By Officer Raimond Ranne
Chicago Police Department (IL)

"This stuff is amazing". That is what comes to mind when you try ProLink Chain Lube for the first time. ProLink cleans as it lubricates. ProLink combines the friction fighting qualities of a wet lube with the cleanness of a dry. It achieves this because it is not a lubricant but rather a "metal treatment," which means that it penetrates the chain rather than just coating it to prevent chain wear. One of the added features of ProLink is that you cannot over lubricate, as the more you use it, the cleaner your chain will be.

The first time I tried ProLink, I had just come back from the Tucson Conference, and those of you who were there and did any kind of off-road riding know how dirty your chain rings and cassettes were. I applied ProLink to my chain, ran it through a couple of times, and wiped it down. Since then, I've applied it a few more times and my chain, chain rings, and cassette look better than new. I don't know what is in this stuff, but it allows you to ride through the elements without any dirt build-up, and the chain runs effortlessly and has that new chain feel. It is almost dry

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By Officer Raimond Ranne
Chicago Police Department (IL)

The Diadora Bike Patrol Police Shoe was specifically designed for Law Enforcement cyclists. These all-black, leather and synthetic cycling shoes are durable and comfortable, yet still have that professional, uniformed look. The shoe's 5/8 height provides extra ankle support and the lace closure adjusts to give a snug fit to almost any shape foot. Added features include a retaining tab with velcro to keep the laces out of the chain ring; a padded and relieved Achilles heel collar that won't slip or rub; and an internal heel reinforcement to help stabilize the heel. The black rubber outsole has an internal Diapen stiffener that allows for better control on the pedal yet has plenty of flexibility should you need to dismount and run. The shoes may be used with

ProLink Chain Lube is "Amazing"

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Product: Supper Saddle
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Cost to Members: \$99.00
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 Denver CO 80211
Phone: 800-383-8231
Fax: 303-825-2765
E-Mail: jgarment@hyrax.com
Website: hyrax.com/patrol.html
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Regular Cost: \$49.99
Cost to Members: (Shorts)
Notes: C, D, DC, MC, PO, V
Form of Payment: Phone, Fax, E-Mail
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Company Name: Bicycle Parts Pacific
Contact Name: Darek Barefoot
Address: PO Box 4250
 Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone: 970-241-3518
Fax: 970-241-3529
E-Mail: rossbarefoot@compuserve.com
Website: www.bppbike.com
Product: Grips with "Police" imprint
Regular Cost:
Cost to Members: \$19.95
Notes: \$14.95
Form of Payment:
Ordering Options: C, CK, MC, V

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Phone: 801-829-6801
Fax: 801-829-6104
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Product: MESA Rear Rack Trunk
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Cost to Members: \$35.00
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Form of Payment:
Ordering Options: AX, C, CK, MC, V

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Phone: 800-527-1527
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Fax: 619-453-6783
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Cost to Members: 40% off retail
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Form of Payment: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website
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Fax:
E-Mail:
Website:
Product: Bike Patrol Shoe
Regular Cost: \$90.00
Cost to Members: \$80.00
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Form of Payment: MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone

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Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail

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Phone: 800-886-5427
Fax: 773-276-3331
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Website: n/a
Product: Illuminated Safety Light Products
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Cost to Members: \$9.00
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Ordering Options: Phone, Fax

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Website: www.marvli.com
Product: Lighting Systems
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Fax: 770-962-7705
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Website: www.maxxistires.com
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E-Mail: moceankp@aol.com
Website: www.mocean.net
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Cost to Members: 10% to 30% off retail
Notes:
Form of Payment: C, CK, MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone

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Contact Name: Ed Joslin
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Product: Helmet Gear, Cycle Visor
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 V = Visa

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Fax: 616-493-4300
E-Mail: nukerpr@nukeproof.com
Website: www.nukeproof.com
Product: Police Edition Warmhead Wheelsets, more deals
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Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

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Website: n/a
Product: Cycling and Running Socks
Regular Cost: \$5.00
Cost to Members: \$4.00
Notes: \$5.00
Form of Payment: AX, C, CK, MC, PO, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail

Company Name: ProGold Products
Contact Name: Doug or Van
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 College Park GA 30349
Phone: 800-421-5823
Fax: 404-766-3977
E-Mail: progoldmfr@aol.com
Website: www.progoldmfr.com
Product: ProLink Chain Lube, Progold lube, EPX Grease/more
Cost to Members: Call for details; 40% off retail
Notes: \$599.00
Form of Payment: C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

Company Name: Promark International Inc
Contact Name: Kenneth Battcher
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 Massapequa NY 11758
Phone: 516-795-6543
Fax: 516-795-4259
E-Mail: promarkint@aol.com
Website: n/a
Product: Full Line of Law Enforcement Equipment
Regular Cost: \$300.00
Cost to Members: \$15.00
Notes: \$30.00
Form of Payment: C, DC, MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail

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E-Mail: pyi@pyiinc.com
Website: www.pyiincspokeswear.com
Product: The Glove
Regular Cost: \$30.00
Cost to Members: \$15.00
Notes: \$30.00
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Product: Sunglasses and Sport Eyewear
Regular Cost: 10% over wholesale
Cost to Members: MC, V
Notes: 10% over wholesale
Form of Payment: MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone

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Website: www.amc-corp.com
Product: Mounts for GPS & hand held com.
Regular Cost: \$56.19
Cost to Members: \$33.71
Notes: And more savings....
Form of Payment: C, D, DC, MC, PO, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax

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Website: www.bicycleracks.com
Product: TranSport Quick-Load Bicycle Racks
Regular Cost: \$270.00
Cost to Members: \$216.00 (Cost for 2 bike)
Notes: For 4 bike: \$344 v. \$430 normally
Form of Payment: C, DC, MC, V
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Contact Name: Ray
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 Penitont BC CANADA V2a7J1
Phone: 800-469-7924
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E-Mail: n/a
Website: www.swagman.net
Product: Bike Racks for Hitch/Ball Mount
Regular Cost: 30% off the normal \$99 - \$250 cost
Cost to Members: MC, V
Notes: 30% off the normal \$99 - \$250 cost
Form of Payment: MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax

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Website: www.tamerusa.com
Product: Suspension Seatposts
Regular Cost: \$69.00
Cost to Members: \$30.00
Notes: And more savings
Form of Payment: C, DC, MC, PO, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax

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Website: www.terrybicycles.com
Product: Bicycles, Apparel, Accessories, Seats
Regular Cost: Wholesale prices on all goods
Cost to Members: C, CH, DC, D, MC, V
Notes: Wholesale prices on all goods
Form of Payment: C, CH, DC, D, MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail

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Product: Suspension Seatpost
Regular Cost: \$159.00
Cost to Members: \$89.00
Notes: \$159.00
Form of Payment: DC
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax, E-Mail

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Cost to Members: Wholesale to members
Notes: Wholesale to members
Form of Payment: CK, DC, MC, V
Ordering Options: Phone, Fax

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Product: Electric Power Assist Bikes, Systems, Patrol Bikes
Regular Cost: 5% off all ZAP products
Cost to Members: AX, C, CH, D, DC, MC, PO, V
Notes: 5% off all ZAP products
Form of Payment: AX, C, CH, D, DC, MC, PO, V
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Advance Notice of IPMBA Board Openings

Four seats on the IPMBA Board of Directors will up for election/re-election at the 2001 Police on Bikes Conference in Cincinnati. This is an advance notice for those who may be interested in serving on the IPMBA Board. This is **not** the official notice.

In order to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, you must hold current certification as an IPMBA PCI or EMSCI.

According to the IPMBA By-Laws, **Article 111, Section 5: Board Candidate**, any qualified member can become a candidate for the Board of Directors by:

- a. Submitting a letter of interest to the Executive Director after the official notice and no later than 45 days prior to the first day of the Annual Police on Bikes Conference (last day to submit letter and resume will be March 19, 2001).
- b. A resume must accompany the letter of interest. If the resume is not submitted the candidate's name will be deleted from the list of potential candidates.

At least two of the four seats up for election are held by members who will step down from the Board at the end of their terms.

If you are interested in serving on the IPMBA Board, please watch future issues of IPMBA News for the official notice. You may submit your letter of interest and resume to the Executive Director at any time between the Winter Issue and March 19, 2001. Please do not submit your materials prior to the official notice.

POLICE MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION

The Association of Law Enforcement Trainers (ASLET) will host the first-ever **Law Enforcement Skills Championships**, which will include a police mountain bike obstacle course competition. IPMBA has been invited to design the course and run this portion of the competition, which will track both individual and two-person team scores. The Skills Championships will take place on February 15, 2001, in conjunction with ASLET's Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. This is a great opportunity for IPMBA, as heavy media coverage is planned for and expected. With displays and demonstrations by local law enforcement agencies of specialized units and equipment, food vendors and the skills events, this promises to be an exciting event not just for competitors, but for observers and their families as well.

To receive information or to register on-line, please visit www.aslet.org, email info@aslet.org, or call 301-668-9468. For information on sponsorship opportunities, including purchase of vendor support banners, please contact Kat Kelley at 888-542-5616.

In the next newsletter:

- ⇒ Registration form for the 2001 Conference in Cincinnati!
- ⇒ Highlights and previews of the 2001 Conference offerings
- ⇒ "How to Get Quality Training Miles" — an article by Stephen Estes
- ⇒ Formal announcement for IPMBA Board Openings

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Airman Gets Highest SPS Award

By Master Sgt. Merrie Schilter Lowe
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The law enforcement airman who stopped a former airman from killing additional innocent bystanders at Fairchild AFB, Wash., last year has won the Air Force's highest security police award.

SrA. Andrew P. Brown, now with the 15th Security Police Squadron at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, received the Col. Billy Jack Carter Award during ceremonies at Offutt AFB, Neb., April 26.

The award is named for the first career security police officer to become Air Force chief of security police. Carter was also commander of the 377th SPS at Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, which distinguished itself in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

Air Force annually presents the Carter award to the military, civilian or contract employee who makes the most significant contribution in protecting Air Force people and resources.

Brown, who has been in law enforcement and the Air Force about six years, said in a telephone interview that he is very proud of the award and what it represents, despite the tragedy that merited his winning it. The 25-year-old airman shot and killed former A1C Dean Mellberg, who had gone on a shooting rampage at Fairchild June 20, killing five people and wounding 23 others.

"Looking back, I have to remind myself of what could have happened had I not been there," said the soft-spoken Brown. "A lot of other innocent people might have died."

Brown, who is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds, was on bicycle patrol the day of the incident. He had just stopped to talk with the gate guard before going to patrol the housing area outside the base when the call came that shots had been fired at the base hospital, which is also located outside the base perimeter.

Brown raced the three-tenths of a mile to the hospital parking lot, where he found scores of screaming people fleeing the area.

Brown tried to determine the location of the gunman but got conflicting reports from the panic-stricken crowd. Once past the crowd, Brown spotted Mellberg who was armed with a MAK-90 assault rifle. Instinct and training then took over, Brown said.

"I got off my bike, drew my weapon, crouched down and shouted, 'Police; drop your weapon!'" Mellberg ignored the

order and continued firing at innocent people. Brown fired four shots from his 9mm handgun, two of which struck Mellberg.

With reports that a second gunman was in the area, Brown -- along with other base and local police now on the scene -- conducted an extensive search of the area while evacuating hundreds of people from the crime scene.


"His performance under pressure surpassed the expectations of our profession," said Lt. Col. Dennis A. Hunsinger, Brown's former commander at the 92nd SPS at Fairchild. Hunsinger said the airman "faced the ultimate challenge of a law enforcement patrolman and won the battle."

Shortly after the shooting, President Clinton directed that Brown receive the Airman's Medal for heroism. Gen. John M. Loh, Air Combat Command commander, presented the medal June 30. Brown also received an award from the Spokane, Wash., community, and another from the International Police Mountain Bike Association.

Brown is a 1988 graduate of South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard. He said he really enjoys law enforcement and plans to continue in the field even after his military career.



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BIKE PATROL AS HIGH LIABILITY ACTIVITY

By Kirby Beck

IPMBA President

Bike patrol is a high liability/high risk activity. I have made this a recurring theme in national publications and with law enforcement organizations like American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers (ASLET) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). It is important that all IPMBA members who agree with me share this theme with administrators and trainers at every possible opportunity. Some would say we should all “sing from the same sheet music.” It is time that bike patrol gets treated with the seriousness it deserves. We have proven that bike patrol isn’t just a fad, and we all know that bike patrol indeed works.

Kathy Vonk and Lou Ann Hamblin have been surveying our members at the Police on Bikes conferences for several years. The survey always includes a question about injuries during bike patrol training and/or on-duty riding. Nearly 55% of the respondents reported some sort of injury while training or on-duty riding. While most of these injuries were usually minor, such as road rash (abrasions), bruises and injured pride, more serious injuries have included fractures or dislocations of upper extremities, severe lacerations, and concussions. (See Kathy’s article “Training and Policy” *IPMBA News* Summer 2000)

I know from my own training classes that students, and even sometimes instructors, lose their balance and fall. Minor injuries are inevitable. A bike is a single track vehicle that relies upon the rider to balance it. If that balance is somehow compromised, and the bike is left to itself, it will fall every time!

Two of our IPMBA Instructors have had students die as a result of their training classes. One student died from an apparent heart attack. The second fatality, just this summer, died two days after an off-road training ride during which he did an “endo” over the handlebars and fractured his neck.

Falls are common during training and while on bike patrol duty; serious falls and crashes with vehicles are uncommon. One of the primary reasons for training is to prevent serious injuries from falls and crashes. Having a qualified instructor who understands and enforces class safety guidelines is essential to the safety of the trainees, both during and after the training. Can you imagine what would happen if any other police activity resulted in a 55% injury rate during training or performance on the street? It would blow the roof off. It happens in bike patrol work and nobody seems to care.

The point of this is to make you see – so you can help others see -- that bike patrol work, and bike patrol training,

are high liability activities. Police have three other high risk training areas which have gotten the respect they deserve: Firearms, Defensive Tactics (DT) and Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVO). In each of these areas, it is recognized that students can be injured or killed if the training isn’t carefully monitored and controlled with safety rules. These aspects of police work are taught by qualified and certified individuals who are proficient in the performance of and schooled in the safe instruction of the skills. *Bike patrol and bike patrol instruction should be added to this list.*

Few police administrators would send an officer on the street without training and qualification in firearms, DT or EVO. Too many,

however, send officers out on bike patrol without *any* training, assuming that they learned to ride as children. Most learned how to balance, but very few learned how to ride effectively and safely. Few know how to use gears properly, adjust the bike to the proper fit, perform emergency maneuvers to avoid crashes, make minor repairs and fix flats, and operate the bicycle safely and legally in heavy traffic. They certainly do not know how to use the bike as a complete law enforcement tool! To experienced, well-trained bike officers, the bike is not only a mode of transportation – it is a tool that allows them to do their jobs that much better.

It is risky enough to send untrained officers out on bike patrol; it is even more risky to have an unqualified person provide training to others. Have you ever known a police department to send an officer to a basic course in Firearms, DT, or EVO and then expect them to *teach* it to their peers when they return? Unbelievable as it sounds, it happens quite often in departments that don’t take bike patrol seriously. Frequently a bike patrol officer who has had just 32 hours of training will be given the responsibility of training all the other bike officers in the department. Those departments are taking on unnecessary risks of both injury and liability.

As you speak with administrators, trainers, and supervisors about the need for training, this high risk activity analogy may help make your point. It is important that bike patrol be understood as not just a public relations tool, but as a potentially dangerous policing strategy that can be both safe and effective when officers receive the training they deserve.



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