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Pedals, Not Petrol

by Maureen Becker
Executive Director

The Fall 2004 issue of *IPMBA News* contained excerpts from four newspapers reporting that police departments in Niagara County NY; Victorville CA; Cocoa FL; and Grand Forks ND were starting or expanding their bike patrols to counter the rising cost of fuel. Four years later, gas prices nationally hover around \$4 per gallon, having increased 217% since 2000 (according to the American Transportation Association). Hardly a day goes by without a report of yet another bike unit being started or expanded as part of an effort to save gas money. At first it was a trickle, but it has become a flood. In the past few months, departments in Bridgeton NJ; Summit County, OH; Weston, CT; Yarmouth MA; Hollidaysburg PA; Maumee OH; Northwood OH; Clive IA; Delaware OH; Fremont CA; Aberdeen SD; Harrisburg PA; Cook County IL; Park City UT; Naperville IL; Anthony TX; Norwich NY; Charleston WV; Atlanta GA; Mint Hill NC; Asheville NC; Marion County OH, and Toronto ON; have cited rising fuel costs as a factor in their use of bike patrol. In Cook County, for instance, Sheriff Tom Dart has parked 17 cruisers and replaced them with mountain bikes, a move he expects to save the department \$60,000, according to the June 5 edition of the *Southtown Star*.



It is encouraging to see so many departments renewing their commitment to bike patrol. Perhaps the time is ripe to institutionalize bike patrol and bike patrol training within public safety agencies of all types. As fuel prices increase and the “green” movement gains momentum, there is likely to be increased demand for bikes, uniforms, related equipment, and, of course, IPMBA training. IPMBA members, instructors, and industry supporters can capitalize on this opportunity by emphasizing the fuel savings and the environmentally friendly aspects of public safety cycling. If you have been having a difficult time convincing your department that they need more personnel on bikes more often, this could be just what you need. Tell them how much money they will save, and then go out there and show them that bike patrol is about a lot more than just saving gas. It is about stealth, mobility, versatility, and accessibility. It is about fighting crime and saving lives.

Tired of Pricy Gas, Police Pump up Bike Patrols

by Dan Nephin
Associated Press
26 May 2008

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Since even the long arm of the law can’t rein in fuel prices, the long legs of the law are getting more exercise these days.

Bicycle patrols — a community policing tactic that some law enforcement agencies de-emphasized in recent years — are seeing a resurgence as the price of gasoline approaches or surpasses \$4 a gallon across the country.

“You think the car’s the great savior of us all, but in urban areas and dense areas, you’re probably better off on a bike,” said Chris Menton, an associate professor in the School of Justice Studies at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island who has studied police bike patrols.

In the tiny western Pennsylvania borough of Hollidaysburg, police Chief Jeff Ketner said high gas prices prompted him to resume daily bike patrols several weeks ago.

The department’s regular bike patrol had fallen by the wayside and was mainly being used for special events.

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And Introducing ...



I want to begin my first column with a humble "Thank You" to the current and former board members and association members who have expressed their confidence in my ability to lead this organization. It is not a position that I ever thought I would occupy as I am usually content to be a "worker bee". I

pledge to this membership that I will do my utmost to ensure that IPMBA continues to provide the best, most comprehensive training programs available for public safety cyclists in the world.

With that said, how about that Indianapolis conference! Things went off very well, especially considering the upheaval that the department experienced prior to the conference. My hat is off to Doug Johnson and Al Simpson for the work they and their crew did in making sure the conference was a success.

On the 17 hour drive back to the holy land of TEXAS, a conversation with another officer from my department really struck a chord with me. He was telling me how he really liked coming to the conferences as it allowed him to re-focus and get re-energized about bike patrol and all it means and can do. While at work during the year, a lot of extraneous things get in the way of going out and being productive and effective on bikes. At the conference, he was able to talk with other officers, sharing experiences and revelations, which enabled him to put things back into perspective. He has been

inspired to get past the things that have kept him from getting out on the bike. It has pushed him to be more creative with his approach to bike patrol.

My challenge to you is to find a way to attend the 2009 conference so you can receive a transfusion of energy and push your bike unit to new heights.

I found myself to be in total agreement. I think back over the last 10 years and consider the ideas and concepts that have been implemented at our agency. Most can be traced directly back to a conversation or class at a conference. During the downturn in bicycle patrol, when many units were being taken out of service, the conference served as a reminder that others were experiencing the same turbulent times and that we needed to buckle down and stay the course. The state of bike patrol has improved recently and I predict will continue to improve for some time in the future. My challenge to you as members of this organization is to find a way to attend the 2009

conference in Albuquerque so you, too, can receive a transfusion of energy and push your bike unit to new heights.

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Stay safe,

David Hildebrand



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The 18th Annual IPMBA Conference: Keeping you up to Speed!

People from all over the world flock to Indianapolis to immerse themselves in the history and tradition of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The world's greatest drivers have handled the curves at speeds in excess of 200 mph, and records have been set and broken. On Saturday, April 26, 2008, a new record was set as nearly 150 bike officers and medics poured onto the track. Some were inspired to accelerate to racing speed; others pedaled slowly, savoring every inch of the 2.5 miles. It was the culmination of the seven days of training and camaraderie that was the 18th Annual IPMBA Conference. *Pages 5-16.*

Photo courtesy Brian Copenheaver

IPMBA Conference '08

The IPMBA board, staff, members, and conference attendees would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) for hosting the 18th Annual IPMBA Conference. We are grateful to Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard and Chief of Police Michael Spears for providing us with the many resources necessary to provide our attendees with a valuable and enjoyable conference experience.

The word resources has a very broad definition. One might be tempted to think only of the obvious resources needed for a conference – a hotel, meeting rooms, training venues, equipment, transportation, food, printed material, etc. When making a list, it can be easy to overlook the most essential resource of them all – the individuals who put all the other resources to use to achieve the end result. For their time and their talents, we are truly grateful.

IPMBA gratefully acknowledges the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and all who participated in the planning and implementation of the IPMBA conference, starting with Doug Johnson. In 2005, Doug traveled to the IPMBA Board Meeting in Scottsdale to present a bid to host the 2008 conference. At that time, he represented the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD). Little did he know that over the course of the next three years, the IPD would merge with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and be transformed into the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD). Despite the challenges associated with this magnitude of change, Doug and the other members of the conference planning team never wavered in their commitment to the success of the event.

Speaking of commitment, long-time IPMBA member and instructor Al Simpson volunteered his services to the conference planning effort. Having filled just about every other conference-related role – attendee, instructor, board member, education director – he decided to try his hand at host committee member. Al brought a wealth of knowledge, experience, dedication, and that most elusive resource – time – to the table. His energy, enthusiasm, and passion for IPMBA helped drive the conference to success.

Rounding out the host committee were Brad Bolling, IMPD; Brent Denny, ISU Public Safety; Brandon Laser, IMPD; and Mike McKenna, Lawrence P.D. They in turn were supported by a host of police personnel and volunteers. Many thanks to IMPD officers George Myers, Brian Pawlecki, Todd Scroggins, Gene Czaplinski, Steve Harris, Eric Simmons, Loren Eltzroth, Leon Essig, Kevin Jensen, Corey Shaffer, David Hinshaw, Steve Brinker, Josh Shaughnessy, Brad Harris, Aaron Snyder, Sgt. Doug Forrest, Scott Meyers, Brian Spengler; Sgt. Matthew Grimes, Rod Wallace, Jackie Stackman, Kevin Jennings; Southport PD Deputy Chief Mark Meyers and Officer Randy Swindle; Lawrence P.D. Officers Tracy Cantrell and Stacy Perkins; and Cumberland P.D. Sgt. Glen Talbot and Officers Jimmy Laws and Ryan Archer.

Not to be overlooked are the members of the police reserves who so willingly gave of their time in support of the event. These include Sgts. Mike Zinkan, Joe Bowman, and Bob Beck-Coon; Officers Parks, Campbell, and Meyers; and Officers Mick Jackson, Steven Docherty, John Simeone, Pat Allen, and Paul Gosnell.

After seven action-packed days of training, culminating in a lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track, the words “thank you” seem inadequate, but given the limitations of language, they will have to suffice. Thank you, 2008 IPMBA Conference Team, for making the 18th Annual IPMBA Conference a tremendous success.



Courtesy Chuck Sanders



Courtesy Al Simpson

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IPMBA Conference 2008

The View from the "Other Side"

By Al Simpson, PCI #165T/EMSCI #005T
Southeast Training Associates

My first conference was many years ago. I haven't missed one since. I first started teaching at the conference in 2000, and have taught both pre-conference courses and conference workshops. I have even attended several of them as a student. They were all interesting, informative and fun!

The one area I had never experienced was being part of the host agency committee. WOW! What a different view!

As an attendee to a conference, the most you may have to concern yourself with are things like booking your air flight, or deciding which roads to take to get to it. Do I take both of my bikes or only one and maybe a couple of different sets of tires? Do I need my computer? How much should I practice my riding? What classes should I take?

As an instructor of a pre-conference course, you obviously need to prepare your units of instruction. Do I need to update any of my PowerPoint presentations? Do I need any special visual aids?

If you are the lead instructor of a pre-conference course, it gets even more interesting. You may have four other instructors plus yourself to whom you assign units of instruction. So you ask them which one they want. Of course, you get at least a couple who want the same one. Then you have to decide which one does which unit the best because you want the students to get the most out of the training. Then, you need to consider seniority as part of the selection process. This doesn't get any easier.

Then you find yourself in one of the hardest places: being part of the host committee!

Okay so you woke up one morning and found that during a "lapse of reason" you volunteered to be part of the Host Committee for an IPMBA Conference. You ask yourself, "You did WHAT?" It is almost like waking up in Las Vegas, with a woman you don't know, and she has a wedding ring on her finger and says, "good morning, husband!" WHAT have I done?!

Anyhow, it seemed like the right thing to do at the time. When we started meeting to discuss the committee structure and what needed to be done first, we all kind of looked at each other, like we were

thinking, "I thought you would know that!" The conference committee chairman, Doug Johnson, fortunately did grab the reins and decided who would do what.

As time went on, there were high spots and low spots.

High Spot... Everyone came to the table with upbeat, excited anticipation (which later turned to sheer fright).

Low Spot... Most of the people on the committee had never attended a conference, which made it difficult for them to understand how past conferences had been organized and how much work it would entail.

High Spot... The people involved in the committee were experienced officers who cared about the outcome.

Low Spot... Trying to set up an IPMBA Conference without having helped organize one is like coaching a team in a sport you have only watched. That makes it tough.

One of the most troubling situations came when three of the organizations who pledged "big bucks" backed out at the last moment. However, others were

found to chip in enough to make it possible to do what needed to be done to have a successful conference, as far as expenses were concerned.

Then the blues club that was supposed to host the post-competition party backed out just weeks before the conference. But our conference committee chairman came through again, securing a commitment from a sports club, just as close, to take care of us, and they did a fine job.

The majority of the committee meetings were attended by approximately five people. Other individuals came on board a few weeks before the conference to finalize certain areas, such as ride escorts, routes and other areas that were best left up to the IMPD personnel who were the experts in those areas.

The night before the pre-conference started, there was not a lot of sleep going on. Even though some of us live within 30 minutes of the conference site, a few of us stayed at the hotel most of the week. Our families had to come by and visit us!

On the first day of the pre-conference, it seemed as if all of the committee members were strung tighter than a high string on a guitar. Each of us was anxiously waiting to see if the things we were responsible for would just "fall into place", and most of them did. We had a few rough spots, but once we ironed them out, the rest of the event went really smoothly.

The success of an event is measured by what the attendees say about it. Everyone I spoke with seemed to enjoy the training and had a good time. They all commented on the competition course and its venue, the White River State Park. They all thought the bike ride around the most famous race track in the United States was "awesome".

Teaching, attending, and then helping to plan and run an IPMBA Conference has shown me that there are different views, depending on where you are standing.

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Courtesy Chuck Sanders

My Letter to "Home"

by Allan Howard, PCI #001T
Dayton (OH) Police Department (retired)

Those of you that know me know that I'm a bit of a wanderer. Despite being employed as a Dayton, Ohio, police officer for 26 years, I roamed as far and wide as I could, every chance I got. Sometimes, I underestimated the challenges associated with the road to adventure and wound up in a fix. However, up to this point I've never got myself into anything I couldn't think or force my way out of, knock wood. Now that I'm retired I'm free to do what I please and in some ways it's quite a change from what I'm accustomed to. I'm no longer a police officer and I no longer perform a task that is useful to society. It's kind of like dreaming about something for years, even decades, and then finding out it wasn't exactly like what you imagined. Don't get me wrong, being able to spend time with the kids/grandkids, ride my bicycle, run, and ride my motorcycle as much as I please and still get paid is a good gig, it's just different.

IPMBA has always been a home to me even though the home office is in Baltimore and the conferences move from place to place. So when I went to the IPMBA Conference in Indianapolis, I was "home". While there are a great many people in the organization I don't know, none of them are strangers. I believe I have something in common with every bike cop out there and it's a great feeling to be around them. Even better is being around old friends who literally built IPMBA into what it is today. I was always in awe of my contemporaries and still am. We only see each other once a year but there isn't one of them I wouldn't strike out across country for to lend a helping hand.

I also got a chance to retire another IPMBA President, Jim Bowell. Some may think I put him on the spot by asking him to come up and say a few words, but nothing could be further from the truth. I wanted Jim to have the same chance that I and other past presidents had. I also wanted the membership to know that I was proud of the job he and the other board members have done in guiding the organization. I'm confident that Dave Hildebrand, the new president, along with the current board, will lead IPMBA to even greater success. Speaking of success

and why we achieved it, without Maureen Becker I know IPMBA wouldn't be where it is today. Thank you, Maureen, you have cared for something I love very deeply and I appreciate it.

I'm in the process of moving to a warmer climate – Inverness, FL, or San Antonio, TX, and in the meantime am just riding my bicycle and trying stave off middle age. Speaking of riding, after several bicycle and motorcycle experiments gone awry where I wanted to know the limit of the tires (think hillbilly tire adhesion test), my back won't tolerate a regular diamond frame bicycle anymore. So, I did what anybody committed to riding their whole life would do. I "cowboyed up" and got a recumbent. Talk about a blow to the ego!



But hey, riding is such an important part of my life that I'll do anything to continue. I do occasionally enjoy rolling up a on a pack of roadies and joining in the pace line. On several occasions I've met with the "who the heck is this Fred trying to ride with us?" After which, it's always fun to throw it up in the big ring, bury them and then later give them the, "This is my first bike since I quit smoking; I'm really just trying to get in shape for the MS 150. Were you guys in a race back there? Some of you guys look like those guys I see on Discovery Channel" act. Sometimes I crack myself up.

Anyway, that's about all for now. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue my association with the stellar people of this organization and hope to see many of you next year when I come home.

P.S.: If there are any bike cops in the Citrus County, Florida, area, I'd like to hear from you. Please email me at Nomadmax@hotmail.com.

The View from the "Other Side"

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But you know what? Whatever your point of view, the IPMBA Conference is exciting, wonderful and a "learning experience", which is what IPMBA is all about. Learning!

A real "thanks" to the other members of the 2008 IPMBA Conference Committee who were the reason we all had a wonderful experience in

Indianapolis: Committee Chairman Doug Johnson, IMPD; Brad Bolling, IMPD; Sgt. Brandon Laser, IMPD; Brent Denny, Indiana State University Police; Craig Campbell, Greenfield Police Department; Mike McKenna, Lawrence Police Department.

Al has been an IPMBA Instructor since 1996 and has taught at every IPMBA Conference since 2000. He served on the IPMBA Board of Directors in the capacity of Education Director and has taught numerous Instructor Courses. He currently operates Southeast Training Associates, specializing in bike training, and can be reached at mtnbike@gate.net.



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EMS Cyclists in Indy

When people think of Indianapolis, images of automobiles racing around a track at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour come to mind. On Saturday, April 26, however, fast cars were replaced by...bicycles. Race cars cleared the track as nearly 150 public safety cyclists capped off the 18th Annual IPMBA Conference with a 2.5 mile victory lap – the culmination of a week of intense training.

The IPMBA Conference, which is recognized as the premier training event for public safety cyclists, drew participants from 37 states, Canada, and the Netherlands. The conference featured a series of multi-day certification courses, a wide variety of workshops, a product expo, and an obstacle course competition. EMS agencies represented were: Los Angeles Fire Department, Guilford County EMS, DeKalb County Fire & Rescue, Rutherford County EMS, Boston EMS, East Baton Rouge EMS, Williamson Medical Center EMS, Huron Valley Ambulance, Circleville Fire Department, Troy Fire Department, Cypress Creek EMS, Navajo Nation EMS, Beavercreek Fire Department, Bloomington Hospital, Cabell County EMS, Cobb County Fire & Rescue, Scottsdale Fire Department, Downers Grove Fire Department, Iredell County EMS, Jackson Community Ambulance, North Central EMS, Sterling Rescue, Richmond Ambulance Authority, Community Health Network, Prompt Ambulance, and Wake County EMS.

New on the agenda this year was the 32-hour EMS Cyclist II (EMSC II) Course. This course included such topics as night operations, search and rescue, EMS response to terrorist attacks, and operating in areas of civil unrest. A member of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's SWAT team, Pete Koe, conducted a presentation about the various less-than-

lethal weapons used in crowd situations, anticipating that EMS cyclists might be called upon to support police bicycle response teams.

The conference offered an array of workshops specific to EMS bike operations as well as skill development sessions attended by both police and EMS providers. Highlights included *Introduction to Tactical Operational Medical Support*, *Event Pre-Planning: the Medical Threat Assessment*, *Interagency Operations*, and *EMS Scene Safety*. Always a popular workshop, *EMS Scene Safety* uses scenario-based training to teach bike medics how to approach and assess scenes, how to position their bikes, and how to handle the hostile scene. The *EMS Roundtable* generated lively discussions on a wide array of topics affecting EMS cyclists, ranging from what equipment to use and how best to carry it to deployment strategies for different situations.

One of the highlights of the IPMBA Conference is always the obstacle course competition, and this year was no exception. Congratulations to the top three EMS cyclists: Matt Lane and Mike Hudspeth of Guilford County (NC) EMS, and Matt Wiley of Rutherford County (TN) EMS.

The IPMBA Conference provides a unique integrated training experience for police, EMS, and security cyclists. Participants frequently comment that the joint training sessions enable them better understand the challenges each faces, foster positive working relationships, and enhance interagency operations.

The 19th Annual IPMBA Conference will be held April 25-May 2, 2009, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All EMS cyclists are invited to come and rise above the rest!



Courtesy TJ Richardson

Dateline Indianapolis

By Doug Johnson, PCI #377/EMSCI #163
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
2008 IPMBA Conference Committee Chairman

Two weeks have passed since we helped pack the last conference participant on an airplane and see them off. In that time, we have all begun to get back into our routines and resume our regular duties. Bikes have been shipped home, IMPD vehicles returned to their respective units,



Courtesy Al Simpson

Doug Johnson at Command Center

traffic cones gathered and, unfortunately, the pole position for the 92nd running of the Indianapolis 500 has been passed from IPMBA to Scott Dixon and the Ganassi team (Dan Wheldon took second pole). It

was to be expected. Scott's track average on pole day was an average of 226.336 mph per lap! Now that things have settled down and the IMS has reclaimed their track I, on behalf of the local planning committee, wanted to take a few moments to address our conference participants.

I'd like to start by publicly thanking the many people it took to make the Indy 2008 Conference a great experience.

Nearly 400 man-hours of time were donated by local volunteer groups. Representatives from the Central Indiana Bicycling Association, Hoosier Mountain Bike Association, Indy Ambassadors and the IMPD Citizen's Police Academy Alumni were all instrumental in helping provide a quality conference experience.

Our public safety partners included officers from the Albuquerque Police Department, Cumberland Police Department, Indiana State University Department of Public Safety, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy firearms unit, Lawrence Police Department, Southport Police Department and medics from Wishard EMS. We owe you our thanks and appreciation.

Special thanks and recognition go to several entities within the Indianapolis Metro Police Department. They are—Captain Jim Reno, Administration Division; Downtown District and



Chief Michael Spears

Courtesy Chuck Sanders

Northwest District bike officers; Honor Guard; Sergeant Kelly Hayes, IMPD Bagpipes; IMPD SWAT; IMPD Mounted Unit; IMPD Motorcycle Unit; Metro Emergency Communications Agency; IMPD Reserve Unit; Captain Bob Holt, Training Academy, and the IMPD Firearms Training Unit.

We extend our thanks to Mayor Greg Ballard; Chief Michael Spears; Sergeant First Class Sammy Davis; the soldiers from the 38th Infantry Division Band, Indiana Army National Guard and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Laird, of the Jake Laird Memorial Foundation for sharing their son with us while we were lucky enough to have him and for their generosity in his memory – Jake would have been proud of our event and would have welcomed all of you to Indy as brothers and sisters.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the local planning committee membership. I owe each of them my gratitude and respect. Their dedication to the cause and their loyalty to each other made our conference possible. My hope is that future conference hosts can put together planning teams that include people such as Brad Bolling, IMPD; Brent Denny, ISU Public Safety; Brandon Laser, IMPD; Mike McKenna, Lawrence PD and Mr. Al Simpson.



Courtesy Chuck Sanders

Lastly I'd like to thank you, the IPMBA

MOH recipient Sammy Davis (center) performs with the 38th Infantry Division band.

membership and cadre of IPMBA instructors. Without you the 2008 Conference would have been a non-event. At the onset of the conference our local goals were to provide a quality conference venue, support safe and effective training and encourage participants to enjoy our city and have fun. I am glad to say that together we accomplished all of these goals. Pending serious injury or death we knew that there was nothing that could not be fixed or achieved. You all made that possible. Consider this an open invitation to return to Indianapolis and enjoy it with friends and family as well.

In closing I would like to look to the future and wish our peers in Albuquerque and St. Louis well. If the Indy 2008 team can be of any service please let us know. We will do everything we can to provide the same high degree of help and assistance that Baton Rouge, Dayton, and Scottsdale provided us. To all others, stay safe, stay in touch and watch out for each other—if we don't, no one else will.

Godspeed and safe journey to each of you.



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Racing into History

by Kurt Feavel, PCI #539
University of Wisconsin Police
IPMBA Board of Directors

Every year we gather for some great training, to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances, and take part in the much heralded IPMBA Competition. This year was no exception. The location at White River State Park in the city known for speed provided a great venue – alongside the White River Canal with the Indianapolis skyline in the background.

Competition sponsor Volcanic Bicycles was on hand to provide expert mechanical services and energy drinks. And, of course, so founder Eric Kackley could pit his skills

side and into another tight cone course. Next up: three large railroad ties and a decision – ride over them, or serpentine through them? Then another U-turn and a sprint to a set of three cones for a short serpentine. Another sprint to a boxed 90-degree left turn, followed by yet another sprint to a three-cone serpentine and finally the finish line and the checkered flag! Well, OK, we didn't have a checkered flag, but I'm sure there was one waving in everyone's imaginations.

This year's tight course yielded some of the fastest times I have ever seen. For the second year in a row the competition started on time, and it even ended early, leaving plenty of time to get ready for the post-

competition party and awards ceremony. Participants and conference attendees packed into The Pub, enjoying traditional pub grub and cold beverages while the results were compiled. Nothing works up an appetite like a good competition course, and the buffet did not last long!

Speaking of results, I have a confession to make. I screwed up. As I was tabulating the results for the Male 40-49 age bracket, I missed one. My apologies to Rob Peterson, Dan Lysholm, and Tommy Hamelink. Rob completed the race in 1:03 but I totally missed it. As a result, I awarded the first place medal to Tommy Hamelink (1:07.32) and the second place medal to Dan Lysholm (1:08.5).

The actual results for the Male 40-49 are: First Place - Rob Peterson with a time of 1:03 and Second Place – Tommy Hamelink with a time of 1:07.32. Rob, I'm really not out to get you. I will try to make sure that this does not happen again, especially to you! Pat Hernandez (:52.75) of Albuquerque PD earned top honors for the second year in a row. Jason Schiffer (:54.83) of Team Bethlehem took second, and Jason Westbrook (:55.25),

also from Albuquerque PD, captured third. The 30-39 age group is obviously not ready to pass the torch to the "next generation"! Pat's and Jason's times helped lift Team Leezards from last year's third place to first; bumping two-year reigning champion Team Desert Ratz into second place. The



Team Leezards (Albuquerque PD) strategizes.

Ratz will no doubt attempt to exact their revenge next year on the Leezards' home turf.

Despite the absence of any EMS cyclists from the list of results, they had a strong showing. A separate category for EMS no longer exists, but the top two EMS riders deserve a mention. Congratulations to Matt Lane (1:12.99) and Mike Hudspeth (1:18.44), both of Guilford County EMS in North Carolina.

Congratulations to the 75+ riders who participated in the 2008 IPMBA

Competition. Whether you finished first or last or somewhere in between, you did IPMBA proud!



Melissa Borja navigates a tight turn.

against those of his best customers! He demonstrated that he knows a thing or two about urban obstacles, placing first in his category and fourth overall.

After the traditional parade from the conference site to the competition site, expertly escorted by members of the IMPD motorcycle unit, we lined up for the conference photo. We took care of "housekeeping" with the course walk-through and safety briefing, and then the real thrills began.

The excitement started right from out of the gate; down a flight of 12 steps, a quick dash and up a set of five steps, the source of more than one pinch flat. Throw in a hard left U-turn through some cones followed by another short sprint and a tight S-turn to slow things down. Come out of the S-turn; hop onto a short platform, down the other



The patch collector collects.

— RESULTS —
2008 IPMBA Competition

TEAM COMPETITION

Team Leezards — 3:51.52

Albuquerque PD
Pat Hernandez — :52.75
Anthony Martinez — :59.07
Connor Rice — 1:03.95
Jason Westbrook — :55.25

Team Dezert Ratz — 4:40.84

Las Cruces PD
Rob Peterson — 1:03
Wallace Downs — 1:13.86
Michael Clifton — 1:11.68
Ken Coburn — 1:12.24

Team Yogi Bears — 4:42.07

Five Rivers Metroparks PD
Adam Gaby — 1:09.14
Eric Lane — 1:18.12
Adrian Sargent — 1:10.55
Cincinnati PD
Alex Hasse — 1:04.26

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY

Male under 30

First Place
Anthony Martinez, Albuquerque PD — :59.07
Second Place
Connor Rice, Albuquerque PD — 1:03.95

Male 30-39

First Place
Pat Hernandez, Albuquerque PD — :52.75
Second Place
Jason Schiffer, Bethlehem PD — :54.83

Male 40-49

First Place
Rob Peterson, Las Cruces PD — 1:03
Second Place
Tommy Hamelink, Politie Haaglanden — 1:07.32

Male 50+

First Place
Ramon Colon, Metropolitan PD (DC) — 1:07.03

Female 30+

First Place
Melissa Borja, Vienna PD — 1:22.93
Second Place
Barb Maleski, Cincinnati PD — 1:26.38

OPEN CATEGORY

First Place
Eric Kackley, Volcanic Bicycles — :56.99
Second Place
Sparky Malosh, Hoosier Mountain Bike



**Congratulations 2008
IPMBA Conference Instructor Course
Graduates!**

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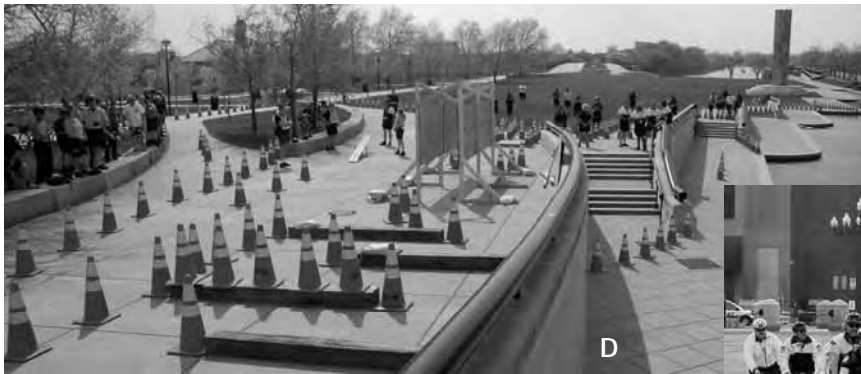
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- A. Tommy H. and the Secret of the Rubber Chicken. *Photo by Al Simpson.*
- B. Competition champion Pat Hernandez. *Photo by Chuck Sanders.*
- C. Tackling the Town Creek Trails. *Photo by Mike McKenna*
- D. View of the Competition Course. *Photo by Chuck Sanders.*
- E. Instructor Course Road Ride. *Photo by Chuck Sanders.*
- F. Kyle Callihan at the ballpark. *Photo by Chuck Sanders.*
- G. Ramon Colon tackles the Competition Course. *Photo by Chuck Sanders.*
- H. Testing Day in the Instructor Course. *Photo by Tom Woods.*
- I. Race Cars Make Way for IPMBA. *Photo by Brian Copenheaver.*



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Without a cadre of excellent instructors, the IPMBA Conference would not be known as the premier training event for public safety cyclists. These individuals give generously of their time, knowledge and expertise, both in preparing for and teaching at the conference. IPMBA is grateful to its instructors and guest presenters for their contributions to the conference.

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The Grandest Hall of All

The IPMBA Exhibit Hall is always a sight to behold. Brightly colored draping provides the backdrop for gleaming bikes, blinking lights, reflective clothing, and more. In a typical hotel ballroom or exhibit hall, the room pales in comparison to the wares. In Indianapolis, however, it is safe to say that the hall itself outshone even the brightest lights. Not only was it a grand hall, it was *the* Grand Hall.

In 1847, the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad reached Indianapolis. As other rail lines followed, connections became complicated, so in 1849, Union Railway Company laid tracks to connect them and built a large train shed – America’s first Union Station. As the town grew in size and importance, the city leaders felt it important to construct a more fitting station. In 1886, architect Thomas Rodd was hired to build a main office and waiting hall, known as a head house. He designed an impressive building in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, with stone walls, a slate roof, and a massive clock tower. The doors opened into a palatial hall housing the ticket windows,



Courtesy Tom Woods

a waiting area, and the railroad offices. Known now as the Grand Hall, it is marked with distinctive arches and columns, and features a stained glass barrel ceiling and two 20-foot leaded stained glass cartwheel windows.

It was this grand edifice that housed the exhibit hall, so it was no surprise that attendees felt compelled to look up first when entering rather than at the vendors. After the initial awe wore off, though, it was business as usual. IPMBA sponsored the Opening Reception on Wednesday night and on Thursday, **Mocean** and **United Uniform** teamed up to provide attendees with a buffet worthy of the room. The instructor cadre looked classy, too, outfitted in **Mocean** shirts, **Olympic** shorts, and **United** jackets. Not to be outdone, **Bratwear** provided the IMPD host committee and volunteers with brilliant orange shirts dubbed “OHSA Orange” by Mitch Trujillo.

Volcanic Bicycles kept their visibility high with a sponsorship that encompassed the Police Cyclist Course, the *Slow Speed Skills* workshop, and the competition. Their conference logo mugs were a huge hit, and so was the bike frame donated for the Silent Auction. There’s one more Volcanic in Bethlehem, thanks to Jon Pesesko!

Other suppliers deserving of recognition for their support of the conference include

Bike Medicine, for their contribution of lubes and cleaners; **R&B Fabrications**, for the practical and roomy conference bags; **Police Bike Store**, **Rite in the Rain**, **Safetec**, **Cygnus Publications**, and **Police** magazine for filling the bags; and **Kryptonite**, whose lanyards were, coincidentally, “OHSA Orange!” **Kryptonite** also sponsored the *Tackling Bike Theft* workshop conducted by Liz Bouchard and Steve Forbes. Eric Anastasia demonstrated

proper locking techniques and provided useful tips for preventing bike theft. Andy Paradowski and Ed Breslau of **Hayes Bicycle Group** conducted the very well-received Manitou Suspension Tech and Hayes Disc Brake clinics.

IPMBA welcomed several first-time vendors to the conference: **Circle City Bicycles**, **Endura Sport**, **Firehouse Decals and More**, **First Light USA**, **Hayes Bicycle Group**, **Seavival**, and **Tactical Wear Online**. They were quickly made to feel at home.

Finally, the Third Annual Product Showcase and Silent Auction, coordinated by Ron Burkitt and Bob Hatcher, raised more than \$2500 to benefit IPMBA’s training programs. One of the most sought after

items was not a bike...it was a bear. Not just any bear, though; this was a limited edition, handmade Bobby Bear,



the first bear given permission to wear the uniform of the London’s Metropolitan Police Service. Bobby, who comes with a carrying bag resplendently embroidered with the emblem of the Met Police, was donated by Charlie Irvine and went home with Kurt Feavel. Want your own Bobby Bear? Visit <http://www.bobbybear.tv>.

Many thanks to all Silent Auction contributors, and of course, purchasers! Contributors to the Silent Auction included: **Albuquerque Police Department**, **Bike Tac**, **Brake Director**, **Bratwear**, **Cane Creek**, **Cateye**, **ELHN Badge Design**, **John E. Reid**, **Gatorz**, **Grove Tools**, **Tommy Hamelink**, **John Hanke**, **IMBA**, **Jones & Bartlett**, **Kryptonite**, **Leonard Consulting Group**, **Louka Tactical**, **Maxit**, **Mocean**, **Olympic**, **R&B Fabrications**, **Rodon Corporation**, **Rudy Project**, **Secure Sports ID**, **Tactical Wear Online**, **Volcanic Bicycles**, and **WTB**.

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2008

Mocean Grant Winners

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2008 Mocean Grants for Public Safety Cycling

The Mocean Grants are designed to enable winning personnel to attend all or part of the annual IPMBA conference by providing funds for use exclusively for conference-related expenses.

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

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Michael J. Gagliardi University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia – \$650
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Jill Bishop, Wyoming PD, Wyoming, Michigan – \$350
Marylee M. Butler, Presque Isle State Park Police, Erie, Pennsylvania – \$350

EMS:

Kevin Johnson, DeKalb County Fire-Rescue, Tucker, Georgia – \$650

Grant monies were available for IPMBA members representing police departments, EMS agencies, and college/university departments of public safety.

Mocean president Bill Levitt stated, "Mocean began offering grants for the IPMBA conference several years ago in order to assist public safety cyclists in gaining access to the high-quality training available only at the IPMBA Conference. We are proud to support the efforts of the grant winners to improve their own skills and use them for the betterment of their communities. It is always difficult to select just a few recipients from the submitted entries, and this year was no different. We thank everyone who submitted an essay and wish sincere congratulations to the winners, whom I look forward to meeting in Indianapolis."

IPMBA would like to thank Mocean for their generosity and their continued support of IPMBA and our members. For more information about Mocean uniforms, please visit www.mocean.net or email Bill Levitt at moceanbl@aol.com.

From the Conference to the Street: Putting Knowledge into Action

Ed's Note: This letter was forwarded to IPMBA by David Millican, PCI #1006, of the Denton (TX) Police Department, who conducted a workshop on the *Use of Bikes in Search and Rescue*.

Dear Dave,

I recently used one of the techniques that I learned in your class while I was assigned to vehicle patrol.

A subject had stolen a motor vehicle out of one of the rental car lots, flattening three of the four tires when driving over the tiger spikes at the exit lane.

He was spotted by the airport's wrecker driver exiting the vehicle at the scene. The wrecker driver was able to provide central dispatch with a good description of the subject, and a BOL was broadcast for said subject.

About 25 minutes had passed and when I signed on, I decided to search the area 2 to 2 1/2 miles to the east/northeast, as his last direction of travel was to the east. Lo and behold, I found him within the hour. He was on foot, approximately two miles northeast of the airport, just like you had instructed during your presentation of a hasty search.

Because of your seminar, there is one less car thief on the streets of Metro Detroit. Thank you for presenting such valuable information.

Sincerely,

Aram T. Kaloian PCI #1091

Wayne County Airport Authority Police Department



2009



Albuquerque: Welcome to the Land of Enchantment

19th Annual IPMBA Conference ~ April 25-May 2, 2009

Your visit to Albuquerque for the 19th Annual IPMBA Conference will allow you to experience the authentic Southwest. One of the oldest cities in the U.S., Albuquerque boasts a unique multicultural heritage and history where Native American, Hispanic & Latino, Anglo and other cultural influences are a part of everyday life. Recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the country, Albuquerque's ethnic tapestry is reflected in its architecture, artwork, cultural centers and cuisine. Countless customs and traditions passed down over generations are a vibrant part of daily life in the city, and make Albuquerque an epicenter of authentic Southwestern culture. Nowhere is the confluence of



past and present more dramatic than here in Albuquerque, where the modern city skyline is set against a backdrop of the ancient Sandia Mountains and an endless, timeless blue sky.

Spectacular weather, with 310 days of sunshine, makes Albuquerque an ideal destination for outdoor

activities, especially biking! Combine the sunshine with very low humidity, and it is always comfortable. The average annual rainfall is about 9 inches, and the average relative humidity is only 44%. Average temperatures in April are in the mid-70's. Be aware however, that low humidity and lots of sunshine means you will need to drink lots of water as well and use lots of sunblock.

Our unique weather features also make Albuquerque the hot air ballooning capital of the world. Balloons dot our clear blue skies almost every morning, revealing a myriad of colors year-round. At night, the city is bathed in the glow of neon signs, relics of Albuquerque's place on historic Route 66. Locals and visitors kick up their heels in our bustling downtown entertainment district, go out for a night of entertainment by one of our international theater and dance companies, or visit one of the many casinos surrounding the metropolitan area. When the lights go down, the fun is just beginning in Albuquerque. Downtown is densely packed with brewpubs, wine bars, restaurants, billiards and dance clubs closely clustered within walking distance of the host hotel, the Doubletree Hotel Albuquerque (www.doubletree.com), and the closest Albuquerque casinos are just a 10-minute drive from downtown and several offer free shuttle service.

Every meal in Albuquerque presents you with an opportunity to experience the exotic, addictive flavors of America's most

unique and historic regional cuisine at one of Albuquerque's restaurants. The smoke-kissed flavor of freshly roasted green chiles and the earthy fruitiness of red chile sauce are essential to our favorite dishes, like breakfast burritos, stacked enchiladas and stuffed sopaipillas. When asked if you want red or green chile, say "Christmas", and you'll get both!

Albuquerque and the surrounding mountainous terrain is a paradise for cyclists. Challenging elevation changes plus dramatic scenic vistas with flats and hills make Albuquerque a haven for amateur and professional cyclists. Mountain bikers need to look no further than the Sandia foothills in northeastern Albuquerque, which offer miles of gravel and single-track trails leading to National Forest land overlooking the city. Albuquerque also has a vast network of paved bike trails throughout the city, including the gem of the network, the Paseo del Bosque Trail. Traversing the city for approximately 15 miles along the Rio Grande, the Bosque Trail winds through mature cottonwoods, wetlands and ample open space, where roadrunners, lizards and coyotes can often be spotted. Bike lanes on many of the city's streets and miles of open road on the outskirts are more reasons that Albuquerque has earned a solid reputation as an excellent city for cyclists.

The Albuquerque Police Department conference planning team invites you to come Rise Above the Rest at the 19th Annual IPMBA Conference!

For more information about Albuquerque, visit www.itsatrip.org.



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Product Purchase Program



Welcome to the IPMBA Product Purchase Program! This program is designed to save you money and connect you with businesses which have made a commitment to support public safety cyclists. Please have your IPMBA membership card handy when placing your orders.

These listings are abbreviated to accommodate more participants, but the full listings can be found on the Industry & Resources section at www.ipmba.org. Pages 19-22.

ABS SPORTS

Product: Super Saddle

Cost to Members: \$89

Contact Name: Van Zevenbergen

Contact Info: 609-371-1554/sales@abs-sports.com

Website: www.abs-sports.com

ALERTE SYSTEMS INT'L

Product: "Trail-Blazer" Bike Light Kit

Cost to Members: 10% off 1-10 units; 15% off 11-20 units

Contact Name: Bill Phillips

Contact Info: 800-728-1536/

sales@alertesystems.com

Website: www.alertesystems.com



ANDUSA & Co.

Product: Montague Paratrooper Folding Bike

Cost to Members: £475 + Delivery

Contact Name: Chulan Weeresinghe

Contact Info: ++(0)2082419826/

sales@montaguebikes.co.uk

Website: www.montaguebikes.co.uk

Available to UK forces. Supply valid IPMBA membership number with order.

BIKE TAC DESIGNS

Product: Siren, Helmet Earphone, Smith & Wesson Bikes & Accessories

Cost to Members: Contact for Discounts

Contact Name: Shelley Gale

Contact Info: 541-892-5344/lt.gale@biketac.com

Website: www.biketac.com

Send email with IPMBA membership.

BIKE WORLD

Product: Bicycles and bike accessories.

Cost to Members: Wholesale + 35%

Contact Name: Mike Beatty

Contact Info: 800-928-5558/

mike.beatty@bikeworld.com

Website: www.bikeworld.com

Contact Mike Beatty at 1-800-928-5558.

BRAKE DIRECTOR

Product: Brake Director: One-Hand Power Braking System for Bicycles

Cost to Members: \$100

Contact Name: David Krafchick

Contact Info: 206-285-6518/

davidk@brakedirector.com

Website: www.brakedirector.com

Contact with member number for directions to a special purchase page.



BRATWEAR

Product: Bike Uniforms

Cost to Members: 10% off Standard

Price List

Contact Name: Sara or Sally

Contact Info: 253-517-4000/sara@bratwear.com or sally@bratwear.com

Website: www.bratwear.com

BRAVE SOLDIER

Product: Ointments, Shave Gels, Lip Balms, etc.

Cost to Members: 40% off Retail

Contact Name: IPMBA Coordinator

Contact Info: 888-711-BRAVE/

contact@bravesoldier.com

Website: www.bravesoldier.com

BROFORM.COM PRO-PURCHASE MARKETPLACE

Product: Outdoor-Bike-Action Sports Gear

Cost to Members: Promotional Prices on Gear; Free Membership

Contact Name: John Shelly

Contact Info: 877-420-2766/js@broform.com or

info@broform.com

Website: www.broform.com

Email full name, department name, email address, IPMBA membership number & expiration date to BroForm contact.

BUSHWHACKER USA

Product: MESA Rear Rack Trunk

Cost to Members: \$35

Contact Name: Jeff Sims

Contact Info: 800-344-1256/jss1205@aol.com

Website: www.bushwhackerbags.com

BYCYCLE, INC.

Product: Bicycle Saddle

Cost to Members: 20% off Retail on any Product

Contact Name: Jim Bombardier

Contact Info: 877-397-2165/bycycleinc@qwest.net

Website: www.bycycleinc.com

CANE CREEK CYCLING COMPONENTS

Product: Suspension Seatpost

Cost to Members: \$90

Contact Name: Lena Warren

Contact Info: 800-234-2725/lena@canecreek.com

Website: www.canecreek.com

CASCADE DESIGN

Product: Platypus Hydration Systems

Cost to Members: Wholesale Pricing

Contact Name: Jonathan Shapas

Contact Info: 800-527-1527/

jonathan.shapas@cascaadedesigns.com

Website: www.cascaadedesigns.com

CATEYE ELECTRONICS

Product: Computers, Heart Rate Monitors, Lighting Systems

Cost to Members: Pro-Deal Pricing

Contact Name: Ellen Hall

Contact Info: 800-522-8393/ellen@cateye.com

Website: www.cateye.com

Contact Ellen for Pro-Deal form, pricing, and availability. Group and bulk orders preferred; one contact per agency/order.

CYCLE SIREN

Product: Cyclesiren Trooper, Patrol & EMS mini-sirens

Cost to Members: 10% off Retail

Contact Name: Greg Bohning

Contact Info: 877-477-4736/info@cyclesiren.net

Website: www.cyclesiren.com

E-mail or call with your name and IPMBA membership number.



CYCLE SOURCE GROUP

Product: Bikes & Accessories

Cost to Members: 20-35% off Retail

Contact Name: Peter Carey

Contact Info: 877-533-7245/

peterc@cyclesg.com

Website: www.swbikes.com

CYCLOPS

Product: Bicycle & Tactical Ops Equipment & Accessories

Cost to Members: 10-30% off Retail

Contact Name: Ashley Foster

Contact Info: 843-259-8368/

cyclopstact@yahoo.com

DANALCO

Product: Sealskinz & Chillblocker Waterproof Socks & Gloves

Cost to Members: Net Price

Contact Name: Sam Matthews

Contact Info: 800-868-2629/sam@danalco.com

Website: www.danalco.com

DE SOTO SPORT

Product: Triathlon Clothing and Wet Suits

Cost to Members: 40% off Retail

Contact Name: Emilio De Soto II

Contact Info: 800-453-6673/

contact@desotosport.com

Website: www.desotosport.com



DEMAND TECHNOLOGY, LTD.

Product: Lightrider Cycle Light

Cost to Members: £23.70; Case of 16: £18 each

Contact Name: Gill Hawkins

Contact Info: (01252) 612661/

gill@demandtechnology.com

Website: www.lightrider.co.uk

DESERT SUN

Product: Bike First Aid Kits

Cost to Members: 1-9 units: 10% off; 10+ units: 15% off

Contact Name: Bertie Anderson

Contact Info: 760-468-1800/bertiea@hotmail.com

Include IPMBA membership number & expire date with order.

The Product Purchase Program was updated January 2008. The information has been provided by the participating companies and is subject to change without notice. A company's participation in the Product Purchase Program does not indicate endorsement by IPMBA, nor does it indicate the company's sponsorship of IPMBA.



Product Purchase Program

DO WRAP

PERFORMANCE HEADWEAR

Product: Under Helmet Headbands & Bandanas

Cost to Members: 25% off Retail

Contact Name: John Okon, Rebeca Skoch

Contact Info: 800-359-2514/john@dowrap.com

Website: www.dowrap.com; www.sweatvac.com

Online orders: type IPMBA in coupon code to receive discount. Custom orders available.

DYNAMIC BICYCLES

Product: Chainless Police Bikes

Cost to Members: Contact for Special Pricing.

Contact Name: Patrick Perugini

Contact Info: 800-935-9553/
info@dynamicbicycles.com

Website: www.dynamicbicycles.com

ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION

SOLUTIONS

Product: Bikes & Accessories for LE and EMS

Cost to Members: Contact for special pricing on all items.

Contact Name: Seth Leitman

Contact Info: 866-895-2238/ets@electrictransport.net

Website: www.electrictransport.net

Have IPMBA membership card handy. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to IPMBA.

ELECTRIK MOTION

Product: Electric Mountain Bicycle, Accessories

Cost to Members: 10% off

Contact Name: Andy Koblick

Contact Info: 866-372-6687/electrikmotion@aol.com

Website: www.electrikmotion.com

IPMBA membership number required.

ELHN BADGE & EMBLEM DESIGN

Product: Custom Police Badges, Emblems, Pins, Coins

Cost to Members: 25% off

Contact Name: ELHN Rep

Contact Info: 203-364-8644/
elhnbadgedesign@aol.com

Website: www.elhnbadge.com

Call or email design/quantity for price quote.

ERGO, LLC

Product: "The Seat" Ergonomic Bike Seat

Cost to Members: \$30 lycra/gel; \$23 vinyl; \$15 faux leather

Contact Name: Thomas White

Contact Info: 425-333-6161/daedalus@nwlink.com

Website: www.thecomfortseat.com

EV TECH

Product: Bikes, Accessories, Montague Bikes, Siren Kit

Cost to Members: Contact for special pricing on all items.

Contact Name: Doug Canfield

Contact Info: 972-851-9990/dcanfield@evtech.us

Website: www.texaselectricbikes.com

Have IPMBA membership card handy. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to IPMBA.

EXPOSURE/USE (ULTIMATE SPORTS ENGINEERING)

Product: Lighting Systems

Cost to Members: Contact for Discount Details

Contact Name: Jonathan Sharpe

Contact Info: ++ (0) 1798 344477/
info@exposurelights.com

Website: www.use1.com

EYE SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.

Product: Protective Eyewear - Military, LE, Tactical

Cost to Members: 30-40% off List Price

Contact Name: Willy Breen

Contact Info: 208-726-4072/
wbreen@essgoggles.com

Website: www.essgoggles.com

FINISH LINE

Product: Bicycle Care Products

Cost to Members: 50% off MSRP & Free Shipping

Contact Name: David Clopton

Contact Info: 631-666-7300/
davidclopton@finishlineusa.com

Website: www.finishlineusa.com

Enter IPMBA in the Event Code field at the top of the online order form.

FOSTER GRANT SUNGLASSES

Product: Ironman Sunglasses

Cost to Members: 40% off MSRP

Contact Name: Bill Paine

Contact Info: 215-335-9218/painews@aol.com

FUJI AMERICA

Product: Bikes & Accessories

Cost to Members: Special Prices on Selected Models

Contact Name: Steve Harad

Contact Info: 215-824-3854 x1111/
sharad@fujibikes.com

Website: www.fujibikes.com

GATORZ EYEWEAR

Product: Eyewear

Cost to Members: 25% off published retail rates

Contact Name: Tom Harwood

Contact Info: 800-767-4287 x104/tom@gatorz.com

Website: www.gatorz.com

Must contact Tom directly.

GITA SPORTING GOODS

Product: Giordana Apparel

Cost to Members: 10% off Giordana

Contact Name: Nelson Frazier

Contact Info: 800-FON-GITA x 319

800-FON-GITA x 319/info@gitabike.com

Website: www.gitabike.com

On website, enter "IPMBA" in promotion code box.

GROVE TOOLS, INC.

Product: Seat Locks

Cost to Members: \$19.95

Contact Name: Rob Smith

Contact Info: 563-588-0536/
rob@saveyourseatlock.com

Website: www.saveyourseatlock.com

IMBA

Product: IMBA Membership

Cost to Members: \$10 off National Mountain Bike Patrol Membership

Contact Name: Spencer Powlison

Contact Info: 888-442-IMBA x101/
membership@imba.com

Website: www.imba.com

Submit copy of IPMBA membership card with NMBP membership application or renewal notice.

IOSSO PRODUCTS

Product: Cleaners & Lubes for Guns & Bikes

Cost to Members: 20% off Retail

Contact Name: Marianne Iosso

Contact Info: 888-747-4332/
iossoproducts@iosso.com

Website: www.iosso.com

KENDA USA

Product: Premium Bicycle Tires & Tubes

Cost to Members: 60% off MSRP

Contact Name: Karen or Cindy

Contact Info: 614-866-9803/bicycle@kendausa.com

Website: www.kendausa.com

Contact for Order Form.

KUJI SPORTS CO. LTD.

Product: Helmets; Public Safety Helmets

Cost to Members: \$17-\$50; Public Safety: \$25

Contact Name: Bill Paine

Contact Info: 215-335-9218/painews@aol.com

Website: www.ironmanhelmets.us

Public safety: available in black or white & with choice of stickers: police/EMS/Sheriff/Fire Dept/Security.

LANE SUNGLASSES INC

Product: Protective Eyewear & Goggles

Cost to Members: 30% off Retail for Quantity Purchases

Contact Name: Neal Dykstra

Contact Info: 800-542-7850/eyewear@netnitco.net

Website: www.lanesunglasses.com

LEONARD CONSULTING GROUP

Product: S&W and Fuji Bikes, Lightman Strobes,

Duty Gear, Tactical Radio Accessories

Cost to Members: 10% off Regular Prices

Contact Name: Mark Leonard

Contact Info: 501-517-5338/LCGInc@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.themaskedmerchant.com, www.4bike-

police.com

When ordering online, use coupon code IPMBA 10 for 10% discount.

LIFT & STORAGE SYSTEMS, INC.

Product: Automatic Bike Lift Storage Systems

Cost to Members: \$4,000 (30 bikes); \$6,000 (60 bikes)

Contact Name: Shawn Jones

Contact Info: 800-825-4777/sjones@liftnstore.com

Website: www.liftnstore.com

LIGHTCYCLES

Product: Bicycle Parts & Accessories

Cost to Members: 20-25% off Retail

Contact Name: Bob Light

Contact Info: 518-420-4666/lightrj@plattsburgh.edu

Email for details/availability/shipping charges.

LOUKA TACTICAL TRAINING LLC

Product: Video: Firearms & Training Issues

Cost to Members: \$23, incl. shipping

Contact Name: Lou Ann Hamblin

Contact Info: 734-697-6342/
louannblackwidow@aol.com

Website: www.loukactical.com

MADISON BICYCLE SHOP

Product: Bikes, Uniforms, and Accessories

Cost to Members: Up to 15% off; up to 12 months financing same as cash

Contact Name: Sal Piccolo

Contact Info: 973-377-6616/
contact@madisonbicycleshop.com

Website: www.madisonbicycleshop.com

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MARWI USA, INC.

Product: Lighting Systems
Cost to Members: Contact for Discount
Contact Name: Buck Mitchell
Contact Info: 800-448-3876/buck@magurusa.com
Website: www.marwiusa.com

MAXIT DESIGNS

Product: Headgator(TM)/Hothead™/Thermal Beanie™
Cost to Members: \$10.50 Headgator(TM)/Hothead(TM); \$9.40 (Beanie)
Contact Name: Liz
Contact Info: 800-556-2948/info@maxit-inc.com
Website: www.maxit-inc.com, www.headgator.com
35% off other in-stock items.

MAXXIS TIRES

Product: Bike Tires & Tubes
Cost to Members: 50% off Retail (Pro-form)
Contact Name: Ben Burgess
Contact Info: 800-4MAXXIS/
bikeorders@maxxis.com
Website: www.maxxis.com



MOCEAN

Product: Bike Patrol Uniforms
Cost to Members: 25% off Retail
Contact Name: Bill Levitt
Contact Info: 877-662-3680/moceanbl@aol.com
Website: www.mocean.net

MONTAGUE BIKES

Product: Paratrooper Tactical Folding Mountain Bike
Cost to Members: Free Folding Pedals & Kickstand with Purchase
Contact Name: Dave Widing
Contact Info: 800-736-5348/
dwiding@montagueusa.com
Website: www.montagueusa.com

MOUNTAIN RACING PRODUCTS

Product: Power Grips, White Brothers Forks, Kreidler Rollers, Tamer Seatposts
Cost to Members: 20% off Retail
Contact Name: Paul Aieta
Contact Info: 800-999-8277/paieta@mrpbike.com
Website: www.mrbike.com

NUGO NUTRITION

Product: Nutrition/Energy Bars
Cost to Members: \$1.02/bar; \$15.25/box
Contact Name: Keith Rohrlick
Contact Info: 888-421-2032/
krohrlick@nugonutrition.com
Website: www.nugonutrition.com
Call 888-421-2032 to order, and have your IPMBA membership number & expiration date handy.

OLYMPIC UNIFORMS/J. MARCEL

Product: Bike Patrol Uniforms
Cost to Members: 10% off Retail Prices
Contact Name: Julie Cruise/Rachel Peterson
Contact Info: 888-722-9222/rep@olyuniforms.com
Website: www.olyuniforms.com



OPENHOUSE PRODUCTS

Product: Panniers, Cycle Bags, Lyteline High-Viz Products
Cost to Members: 15% off Regular Prices
Contact Name: Bruce Burns
Contact Info: +44 (0) 1422 824777/
bruce@openhouseproducts.com
Website: www.openhouseproducts.com
Provide IPMBA membership number when ordering.

PARADIGM TACTICAL PRODUCTS

Product: FRISKER PRO Hand Worn Metal Detector
Cost to Members: \$155 + S&H
Contact Name: Camilla Cutler
Contact Info: 978-352-6633/
sales@paradigmactical.com
Website: www.frisker.com

PATROL CYCLE LLC

Product: Patrol Cycle Shoe
Cost to Members: \$74.95
Contact Name: Mark Eumurian
Contact Info: 800-208-2032/
patrolbike@earthlink.net; bgorton@patrocycle.com
Website: www.patrocycle.com,
www.patrocycle.com

POLARPAK

Product: PolarPak Reservoir, Custom Embroidered Hydration Packs
Cost to Members: \$14.98
Contact Name: Jeff Skillern
Contact Info: 208-426-9058/jeff@polarpak.com
Website: www.polarpak.com
Discount not available via online ordering.



POLICE BIKE STORE

Product: Fuji, S&W, Lights, Sirens, Bags, Accessories
Cost to Members: 10-35% off Retail
Contact Name: Michael Espejo
Contact Info: 309-797-9028/
info@policebikestore.com
Website: www.policebikestore.com

PROGOLD LUBRICANTS

Product: ProLink Chain Lube, ProGold Lubes, EPX
Cost to Members: 40% off Retail
Contact Name: Doug or Van
Contact Info: 800-421-5823/progoldmfr@aol.com
Website: www.progoldmfr.com

PROMARK INT'L INC.

Product: Full Line Law Enforcement Equipment
Cost to Members: 40% off Most Products
Contact Name: Kenneth Batcher
Contact Info: 800-645-4443/promarkint@aol.com
Website: www.publicsafetymall.com

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGOS

Product: Badges/Badge Cases/Jewelry/Patches/Etc.
Cost to Members: 10% off + drop ship free on \$150 or more
Contact Name: Michael Carrizales
Contact Info: 800-276-0706/
sales@publicsafetylogos.com
Website: www.publicsafetylogos.com

Code: 20PMA04 and IPMBA membership number must accompany order.



R & B FABRICATIONS

Product: Panniers & Safety Vests
Cost to Members: 15% off Retail
Contact Name: Tina Lime
Contact Info: 800-553-1911/info@rbfab.com
Website: www.rbfab.com

REDMAN TRAINING GEAR

Product: Defensive Tactics Training Gear
Cost to Members: 10% off Retail
Contact Name: Bob Brothers
Contact Info: 800-865-7840/
bob.brothers@redmangear.com
Website: www.redmangear.com

RUBEL BIKEMAPS

Product: Bicycling Street Smarts: 48-page booklet
Cost to Members: Free shipping on any size order.
Contact Name: Andy Rubel
Contact Info: 617-776-6567/info@bikemaps.com
Website: www.bikemaps.com
Contact for free sample; see full text at www.bikemaps.com.

RUDY PROJECT EYEWEAR

Product: Sunglasses, Sport Eyewear, Helmets, Goggles
Cost to Members: 40% off Retail
Contact Name: Craig Mintzloff
Contact Info: 949-272-2458/
craig@rudyprojectusa.com
Website: www.rudyprojectusa.com
At www.rudyprojectusa.com, click on OTHER INFO, then BATMAN. Enter activation code: services.

SECURE SPORTS ID

Product: Sports ID, Helmet ID
Cost to Members: 25% off MSRP, Free Shipping
Contact Name: Vino Bhandi
Contact Info: 613-219-3542/
vino@securesportsid.com
Website: www.securesportsid.com
Must say IPMBA member on website contact page. Available for fundraisers.

SEVEN STAR SPORTS

Product: Cycling Helmets, Multi-Sport Helmets, Protective Wear
Cost to Members: Bike Helmet: \$5; Visor Helmet: \$6; ABS Helmet: \$6; HOG ABS Helmet: \$8
Contact Name: Purvis Mirza
Contact Info: 888-527-7827/
purvis@sevenstarsports.com
Website: www.sevenstarsports.com
Freight Charge: \$1 per unit.

SIGMA SPORT

Product: Lighting Systems, Bike Computers, Heart Rate Monitors
Cost to Members: 40% off Retail
Contact Name: James Keller
Contact Info: 888-744-6277/keller@sigmasport.com
Website: www.sigmasport.com
Contact James.

SIGNAL MEASUREMENT CO.

Product: GPS & Communication Mounts
Cost to Members: 30% off Retail
Contact Name: Tom Polcyn
Contact Info: 800-527-1079/tpolcyn@smc-amp.com
Website: www.smc-amp.com

SUPERIOR GEAR

Product: Chain Stain Away Pant Protector
Cost to Members: 10% off Regular Price; quantity discount for 10 or more.
Contact Name: Frank Pollari
Contact Info: 888-519-2250/sales@superior-gear.com
Website: www.chainstainaway.com
For online ordering, enter IPMBA5 in the coupon box.

SWAGMAN

Product: Bicycle Carriers (Roof/Hitch/Trunk)
Cost to Members: 15% off Retail
Contact Name: Debbie
Contact Info: 800-469-7924/debbief@swagman.net
Website: www.swagman.net
All Shipments Made from Orville, WA.



Product Purchase Program

TACTICAL WEAR

ONLINE

Product: Under Armour Performance Wear
Cost to Members: 20-25% off MSRP; Free shipping over \$200; monthly specials
Contact Name: Donald Erb
Contact Info: 717-666-2348/erbd@tacticalwearonline.com
Website: www.tacticalwearonline.com
 On checkout page, enter IPMBA1 in the promotional code box. Click update at the bottom of page to update the total.

TERRY PRECISION CYCLING

Product: Bikes, Accessories, Seats, Apparel
Cost to Members: Terry Apparel — wholesale; see notes for more
Contact Name: Ginny Weisel
Contact Info: 800-289-8379 x 13/ginny@terrybicycles.com
Website: www.terrybicycles.com
 Contact Ginny via email for pro deal form.

TIMEX WATCH CORPORATION

Product: All Timex Products
Cost to Members: 33% off MSRP
Contact Name: Bill Paine
Contact Info: 215-335-9218/painews@aol.com
Website: www.timex.com

TUFFRHINO SAFETY SUPPLY

Product: Safety Gear, Hi-Viz Apparel, Cooling Products
Cost to Members: 10% off
Contact Name: Jennifer Reich/Lori Liszner
Contact Info: 866-922-4488/customer-service@tuffrhino.com
Website: www.tuffrhino.com
 Use Coupon Code IPMBA at checkout.

UNITED BICYCLE SUPPLY

Product: Bicycle Tools and Parts
Cost to Members: Wholesale Pricing to Departments
Contact Name: Pete
Contact Info: 541-482-1750/ubs@bis.net
Website: www.unitedbicyclesupply.com
 Call to establish an account for your department to be eligible for wholesale pricing on all products.



VISION 2000 LEEDS

Product: Mobile Surveillance Systems for Push Bikes
Cost to Members: 10% discount
Contact Name: Alex Hayes
Contact Info: 01132 370293/alex@vision-2000.co.uk
Website: www.v2k.co.uk
 Email contact details and IPMBA membership number.



VOLCANIC BICYCLES

Product: Bikes, Accessories, Outdoor & Camping Gear
Cost to Members: Avg. 25% off MSRP
Contact Name: Eric Kackley
Contact Info: 360-943-8613/eric@volcanicbikes.com
Website: www.volcanicbikes.com

WTB

Product: Tires, Saddles, Pedals, Wheel Parts
Cost to Members: 15% off Wholesale
Contact Name: Chris Schierholtz
Contact Info: 415-389-5040/cschierholtz@wtb.com
Website: www.wtb.com

ZEAL OPTICS

Product: Sport Eyewear & Goggles
Cost to Members: 50% off Suggested Retail
Contact Name: Sport Stars Pro Sales
Contact Info: 800-784-4090/melissa@zealoptics.com
Website: www.zealoptics.com
 Call Sport Stars Pro Sales for a discount code.

ZENSAH

Product: Tactical Shirts & Shorts
Cost to Members: 30% off Regular Cost
Contact Name: Ryan Oliver
Contact Info: 877-614-5076/tactical@zensah.com
Website: www.zensah.com
 When ordering online, type "IPMBA30".

ZOGICS LLC

Product: Citrawipe Degreasing Hand Wipes
Cost to Members: 25-50% of MSRP
Contact Name: Paul LeBlanc
Contact Info: 888-623-0088/413-235-0007
Website: www.zogics.com
 Contact for public safety special order form.

ZOIC CLOTHING

Product: Cycling Apparel
Cost to Members: 30% off Retail
Contact Name: Eric Swenson
Contact Info: 866-355-9642/eric@zoic.com
Website: www.zoic.com

Corporate Members



IPMBA proudly recognizes the following organizations for their continued support and assistance to IPMBA and the profession of public safety cycling.

They have helped to ensure that we can continue our mission of providing education, training, and resources for public safety cyclists worldwide. To become a corporate member, contact Maureen at maureen@ipmba.org or 410-744-2400.

BRATWEAR

Product: Police & EMS Bike Uniforms
 Phone: 253-517-4000 x 16
 Fax: 253-517-4004
 Website: www.bratwear.com
 Email: sally@bratwear.com



Cycle-Force UK

Charles Beral
 ++44(0)1344 862550
 Info@www.cycle-force.co.uk
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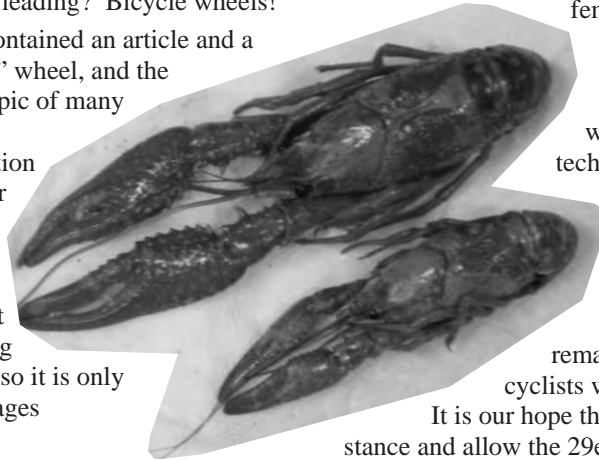
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The Debate Over Wheels Continues

by Don Coppola, PCI #1079/EMSCI #216
Baton Rouge Police Department (LA)

Is the saying really true that size matters? Maybe in some cases it does, but we aren't talking about crawfish or boudin balls. Wondering where this is leading? Bicycle wheels!

The spring issue of *IPMBA News* contained an article and a position statement regarding the 29" wheel, and the pros and cons of it have been the topic of many lively discussions among IPMBA members. The article and the position statement both contend that the 29er is not made for public safety work. Personally, I disagree. For approximately one and a half years, the Baton Rouge Police Department Bike Unit members have been riding and training on Gary Fisher 29er's, so it is only fair for me to dispute the disadvantages previously listed against my Fisher.



A major concern is the geometry of the 29er, as it places the rider in more of a forward position, which may make weight transfer difficult for smaller riders. This would be true if riders were only measured from the rear axle. If you measure the rider's relationship to the bottom bracket and handlebars, the rider is in the same spot as on a 26" wheeled bike.*

It is believed that larger wheels will raise the bottom bracket, resulting in a higher center of gravity and thus less balance and control for the rider. This isn't true on a Fisher. The bottom bracket height on the 29er frame is identical to that of the 26" wheeled Fisher. As a test, we put 26" disc wheels on a 29er frame. The bike could still ascend and descend obstacles with bottom bracket clearance.

There is a concern that tire/toe overlap will occur with smaller riders (under 5' 7"), which is a safety issue for the rider. However, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.) does not allow for toe clip overlap, regardless of wheel size. Standards are maintained for measuring this, and it is not applied any differently to 29" wheeled bikes.* To prove this, a 5' 2" novice female rider was issued a 29er. She successfully completed the circle box drill without experiencing any tire/toe overlap.

The wheel size presents another concern. It is believed that the 29" wheel does not offer the same lateral strength as the 26" wheel. This is a theoretical assumption that would be true if all things were equal. The reality is that they aren't. The 29ers which are currently used by the Baton Rouge Police Department are equipped with Bontrager 29" wheels. The Bontrager 29" wheels are designed with a different rim extrusion, crossing patterns and spoke gauges.* This equals out the lateral strength of the 26" wheel versus the 29er. As far as heavy pannier loads, well, B.R.P.D. has a 6'3", 250-lb rider, and he hasn't experienced any wheel problems.

Another concern expressed is that the longer wheelbase of the 29er might make it more difficult for basic students to complete the circle box drill. I want to remind you of the 5'2" novice

female rider in the tire/toe overlap experiment previously discussed.

Turning ability is broken down into two factors: steering geometry and wheelbase. Many low-end, non-technically developed 26" wheeled bikes have longer wheel bases than the Fisher 29er.*

In closing, our experience suggests that the 29er can be accessible for all public safety cyclists. The 26" wheels may well remain the standard, but those public safety cyclists wishing to ride the 29er should be able to.

It is our hope that the IPMBA Board will reevaluate its stance and allow the 29er to be used at IPMBA-sponsored training courses and events. Remember, it's not about size, it's all about technique!

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Cadillac Backpack

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by Steve Denny, *EMSCI #040*
Franklin (TN) Fire Department
Mike Campbell, *EMSCI #180*
Williamson Medical Center (TN) EMS

Many EMS bike teams are exploring options for carrying their medical equipment other than the traditional trunk bag and panniers mounted on a rack. Newer designs in backpacks offer more comfort to the wearer, compartmentalization, and the ability to carry a hydration system. The patent-pending Rescue Padre by Tough Traveler offers these features and more.

Mike Campbell and I tested this backpack over the past few months to see if it would live up to its rugged reputation. Tough Traveler sent us several bags to field test. We opted to try the Rescue Padre. At 2840 cubic inches, it was the optimal size for our medical and personal gear.

The Rescue Padre is a bright orange bag with color-coded elastic interior pockets. It has reflective strips around the outside for increased visibility. We had no trouble fitting our medical equipment into this bag. The main compartment is top-loading and has a water-resistant drawstring top. The exterior features color-coded compartments to hold a variety of medical gear. Our bags also came with a padded O2 cylinder protector for a C size O2 bottle.



Other features, as described on the Tough Traveler website, include:

- Internal pouch for a hydration pack.
- Fully-padded, breathable-mesh back.
- 1" thick, wide waist belt, and 3/4" thick shoulder straps.
- Load-control straps, sternum strap, and mini-internal frame for balance and weight control.
- Front pocket organized for intubation items, with elastic slots and internal pocket with clear vinyl window.
- Zippered padded pocket on one side and a padded open pocket with Velcro® web closure on the other side, designed for carrying a radio or other communication equipment.

As avid users of backpacks during bike events, one of the main problems we have experienced in the past is comfort – or lack thereof.

Backpacks designed for walking/hiking/skiing/etc., can be uncomfortable in the riding position. The Rescue

Padre was very comfortable in the riding position and offers a variety of adjustments. It is one of the most comfortable backpacks we have used. The Rescue Padre boasts a mini-internal frame suspension system and a mesh back to allow for ventilation which helps prevent that embarrassing sweat-soaked back when you take off the pack.

A USA manufacturer, Tough Traveler has been manufacturing luggage, back packs, and baby carriers out of USA-made materials

for 37 years in the Albany, New York, area. The Rescue Padre is definitely the “Cadillac” of backpacks for EMS applications. It also has a “Cadillac” price at \$390. This may seem like a budget buster; however, this would likely be a one time purchase as this is a rugged pack that will take years of abuse. Quantity discounts may be available for groups and agencies, and many Tough Traveler products are on the HIRE Multi-State Contract.

Another great feature we need to mention about Tough Traveler is that they can custom design a backpack for your department’s specific needs. They offer a variety of colors, and offer custom embroidery and screen printing. You can check out their products at www.toughtraveler.com/remed.asp, or call 1-800-GO-TOUGH or service@toughtraveler.com for more information.

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Kon-Spe-Q-Eddie: IllumiNITE Technical Wear

by Lt. Edward Lada, EMT-Paramedic, EMSCI #192
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Several months ago I received my first piece of equipment to proudly review for IPMBA.

The item is a very attractive jacket from IllumiNITE, out of Ashland MA. Right out of the package and at first glance, the jacket had some very striking qualities – including high visibility green color, generous pockets, vented back, drawstring waist, strategically placed reflective piping, and a lightweight mesh liner. Further inspection revealed a really cool feature; the jacket rolls into itself and becomes a compact pack that you can clip around your waist.

Looking at this garment, it is evident that without a doubt it achieves its goal. The magic of IllumiNITE products, though, occurs without the effects of the fire planet. When our nocturnal counterparts begin their day, IllumiNITE's products truly demonstrate how they got their name.

Imbedded in the fabric of all their products is what they call "sataLITE DISH" reflectors. The "sataLITE DISH" technology acts like millions of tiny mirrors that work together to bounce any lighting back to its original source, much like most other reflective products we have seen and used. The very distinct and impressive difference with IllumiNITE's products is that these reflective qualities are not confined to a stripe or lettering.

Nearly the entire garment surface is imbedded with this "Electric Cowboy" ability, which IllumiNITE so appropriately names "silhouette reflectivity". When the garment is illuminated, the observer has a clear image or outline of the wearer, including the upper and/or lower extremities (depending on the garment worn). This technology, combined

with the many color choices available, creates a very effective and attractive product.

We tested the reflectivity using both direct and indirect lighting sources. Let me tell you, it is really hard to hide at any angle while wearing this stuff. In fact, if it is *in-conspicuity* you're after, you will have to throw a cover over yourself and hide behind a building underneath a rock because this product really achieves its goal. There is a clear and immediately evident advantage to wearing this type of product over a simple stripe or lettering in reflective material. The IllumiNITE fabric creates an easily identifiable profile of the wearer from an impressive distance, upwards of 150 feet! This "silhouette" image is very hard to ignore as it appears to be an actual lighting source. The angle of reflectivity is about the same as with any reflective type product; it provides you approximately 15 degrees in either direction without direct lighting for more stealthy approaches.

Night bicycle operations put us at greatest risk for being struck, so we use many different types of equipment and materials to keep us conspicuous. IllumiNITE's products are a welcome addition to our arsenal. They carry a large assortment of shirts, pants, jackets, shorts and gloves. These folks even offer a line of garments for pets! All their products are manufactured with high-tech, breathable, and water resistant fabrics and materials. All-in-all, I was very impressed with the quality, fit and effectiveness of their garment.

For more information, visit www.illuminate.com or call 1-800-497-6171.



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From Guns to Cycles?

by Alan Clack

Hampshire Constabulary Historical Society

Smith and Wesson is known the world over for its guns, but just over ten years ago they went in a strange direction with pedal power. At that time, they introduced a line of law enforcement mountain bikes. Made in Taiwan but assembled in the Smith & Wesson factory in Massachusetts (they are now handled by Iowa-based Cycle Source Group), they went big in the USA. Five years ago, Ron Watkins of Cycle-Force UK became the first to import these cycles to the UK.

Ron worked for a camping and outdoor pursuits group until he went on holiday and came back to find the firm had gone bankrupt. Ron was in the process of a procuring a large order of Smith and Wessons for Sussex Police, the first agency in the country to be interested in these new police tools. Not wanting to lose this order, Ron, with the help of Charles Beral, spent the next few days going back and forth between Sussex Police and Smith and Wesson to get this first order into the UK. In the end, all the cycles had to be paid for up front before shipment to UK, so it was a very big gamble for the two. From that humble start, Cycle Force UK has supplied bikes to and/or gotten enquires from most of the 43 forces in the UK.

I went to visit them and to tour their facility. Now based in Bracknell, you would not imagine that behind two large metal blue doors would be such an interesting world.

Behind the first door is the most important area – the hub of the operations – the workshop where each of the three spec and six

frame sizes are assembled by hand. Each cycle can be mixed-and-matched with wheels and forks and frames to match each force's requirements. They do not build many standard Smith and Wessons now. A dream for me; it is one of the best laid out workshops I have seen, with room to work on four cycles at a time and storage for ten finished bikes (above).

Next to the workshop is the office with three work stations and the kettle (kitchen), and behind the workshop is the board room, for all important meetings. Then the clothes store, where Cycle-Force warehouses Mocean uniforms, Patrol Cycle shoes, gloves for patrol duty, and other items. Finally, there is the cycle store, which at any given time might contain up to three hundred boxed Smith and Wesson frames, wheels, forks, and other parts and accessories (at left).

Many thanks to Ron and Charles for giving me a glimpse behind the scenes at Cycle-Force UK; why not visit them yourself at <http://www.cycle-force.co.uk/>.

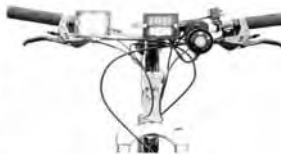
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Hello again from (occasionally) sunny UK. What has been happening in the world of Cycle Response over here?

The development of our own organisation, Public Safety Cycling (PSC), continues with the appointment of our Board, listed below in the box.

As you can see, the board consists of many familiar names as well as some not so familiar ones. Also, our favourite Dutchman, Tommy Hamelink, has been granted status as an honorary Brit!

These are new and exiting times. We are all learning what is required and how to do it as we go along. I have noticed that there never seems to be enough hours in the day! Many of us were invited to an event on 22 May, and a comment was allegedly overheard along the lines of, "I'm not going. Tom Lynch is going and I'm staying at home to enjoy a couple of hours when he can't send me more emails!" Tom is working his socks off on this, with emails and phone calls flying everywhere to get things done. Well done, mate.

To coincide with these developments, Charlie Irvine has been working with a colleague and computer guru to develop our website. This can be found at

www.publicsafetycycling.org.uk. Please take the time to have a look and let us know your thoughts. It is early in its development at the moment but will expand in content as time progresses.

The PSC seminar will take place on 29th to 31st August 2008 at The Barbican, London. The event will comprise of workshops and practical sessions to improve your bike patrol skills and the soon-to-be-legendary Tour de London, taking in many of the sights of our Capital City. All this activity will be interspersed with visits to various establishments for relaxation and refuelling. Details are available on the PSC website. Register on the site in order to access the seminar information under 'Events'.

There has been the usual flow of news articles since I last wrote. The first I want to mention is a five page article, including a double page action photo, in the June 2008 edition of *Cycling Plus* magazine, one of the UK's leading cycle publications. The article was written by Cara Coolbaugh, an American journalist who has worked on the magazine for a few years. At the time of writing, she was a volunteer paramedic for 'First Response' (www.firstresponse.org.uk), working in the West Country as part of their Life Bike responders. She attended an EMS Cyclist course run by Tom Lynch and wrote the article based on her experience on the course and subsequent duty. It is a very positive article and, if you can get sight of a copy, I recommend it.

Elsewhere, the following news has been reported.

In the East of London, London Ambulance Service (LAS) has expanded their bike response to include one or two EMS bikes on patrol in the Canary Wharf area seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

In York, the *York Press* wrote:

"POLICE hope new bikes will help them wage war on criminals by allowing them to sneak up on them unnoticed. Officers hope the bicycles will help them tackle crime, in particular burglaries, car crime,

drug use and anti-social behaviour. The Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Copman-thorpe, Poppleton, Fulford, Fishergate, Heslington, Bishopthorpe and Wheldrake bought the bikes with funding donated by the Co-op. They gave £700 from their community budget, with a further £200 coming from other sources. Sgt. Andy Haigh said: "We think this is a great way to fight crime and provide reassurance to members of the public at the same time...years ago we had a cycle team which got very good results because they were able to ride around quietly and creep up on people who were committing crime. We hope we will be able to get similar good results."

A certain friend of ours – Nigel Tottie, has been telling folk in the area this for years!

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has also hit the headlines for the right reasons, with the old faithful headline, "Local cops get on their bikes."

Derry Today reported that police in Limavady are utilising bikes as part of the PSNI's plan to develop neighbourhood policing in the town, explaining that six trained officers will be deployed in and around the Coolessan Walk and Glens area where arsonists recently targeted the estates with a string of attacks. Limavady PSNI Insp. Tony Callaghan said the goal is to increase the visibility and profile of police in the area and deliver better service to residents.

"It is a quick method of response and it allows the officers to get out of their cars and be seen by the residents," he said. One of the big advantages of having officers on bicycles is they can get to areas much faster than in a car, said Insp. Callaghan, who explained bike patrols were first introduced in Limavady two years ago. Limavady Deputy Mayor Brenda Chivers welcomed the news, and Chairman

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News from the UK

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of the Cooleasan Community Association, Sheila McWilliams believed residents in the area would be reassured by the bike patrols.

Insp. Callaghan said feedback from officers on bike patrol illustrates they do have a positive effect. "We're more likely to get a result and speak to people we need to speak to," he said. "The bike patrols are the preferred way forward for the police service, and it is important we are seen to build up trust with the community. Being out on the ground is one way of doing that."

In the Doncaster area, IPMBA got a mention as a result of Police and Community Support Officers (PCSO) being equipped with mountain bikes for their patrols. A South Yorkshire Police press release stated Doncaster South Safer Neighbourhood Team has welcomed new additions to the team...two police mountain bikes!

PCSOs Mike Clarke and Russ Saywell have each recently completed a rigorous four day training course to the recognised standard of the International Police Mountain Bike Association to receive their police bikes. The course was conducted by IPMBA Instructors Andy Buddle, PCI #933, and Karl Hughes, PCI #949.

Other reports state that Norfolk Police have acquired nine bikes for their PCSO patrols in the West of the county and that PCSOs in Sheffield have received further bikes for their patrols. In fact, Neighbourhood Teams across the country are appearing in local reports on how their constables and PCSOs are taking to their bikes. Most, if not all, of these reports emphasize that many of the bikes are being purchased with funding from local partnerships. For me, this is extremely encouraging. The people and organisations that help us in our work all recognise the positive benefits of having officers on bike patrol and want to help make it happen.

As I mentioned earlier, we attended an event on May 22 – the Transport for London (TfL) Cycling Communities Awards for 2008. I will write more about this in another article but want to congratulate some of this years 999 Award winners I've highlighted in the below box.

Well, that is it for now. Have a good summer, get the miles in and enjoy!

Ride Safely,

Matt Langridge

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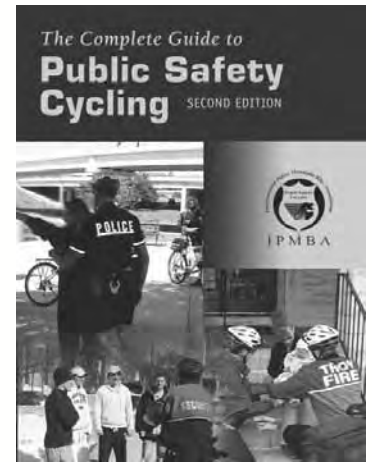
Beyond the Call of Duty Award: PCSO Eme Nwaofidel, Metropolitan Police, for chasing and stopping a bus containing a robbery suspect.

Cycling Advocate Award: Mark Phillips, London Fire Brigade, for promoting the use of cycle patrol as an arson prevention tactic.

Cycling Works Award: Shooters Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team, Metropolitan Police, for their outstanding work and results based around cycle patrol.

Cycling Development Award: Metropolitan Police Service for the progress made utilising and promoting cycle patrol in the last 12 months.

Two special awards were also presented: One was to the Snow Hill Division, City of London Police, Cycle Team for their work promoting safer, lawful cycling in London. This group includes PS Dave Prashner and IPMBA Instructor PC Mike Surgett. The second was to PC Charlie Irvine, Metropolitan Police, in recognition of his work promoting cycling within the Police Service and beyond, including his involvement in the birth of PSC. Charlie had absolutely no idea this was coming and he was (almost) speechless!



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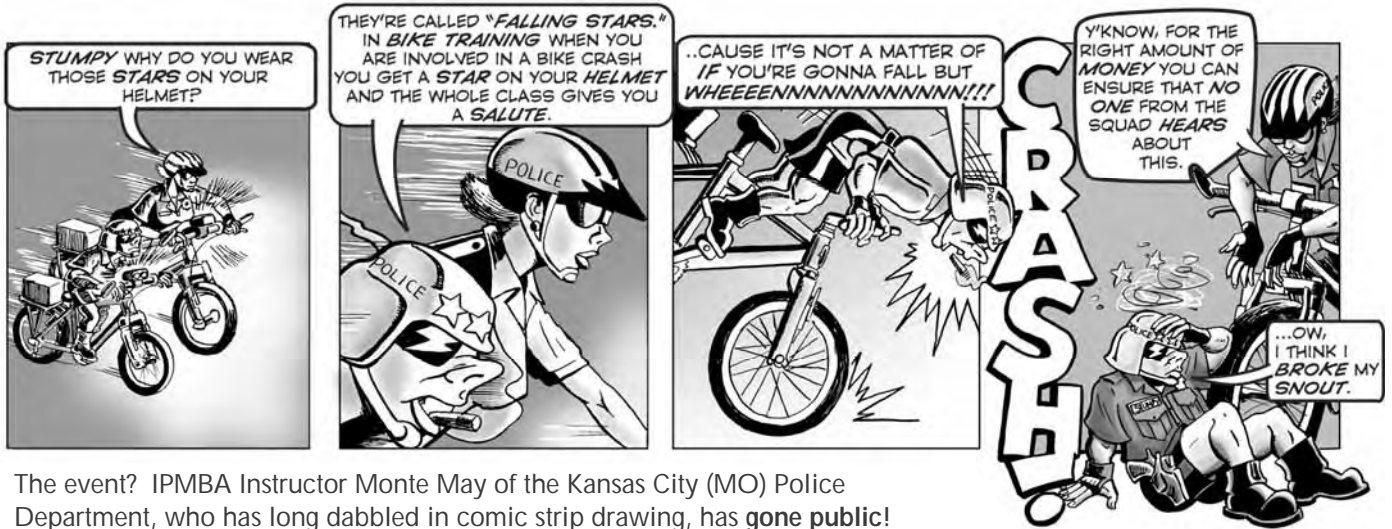
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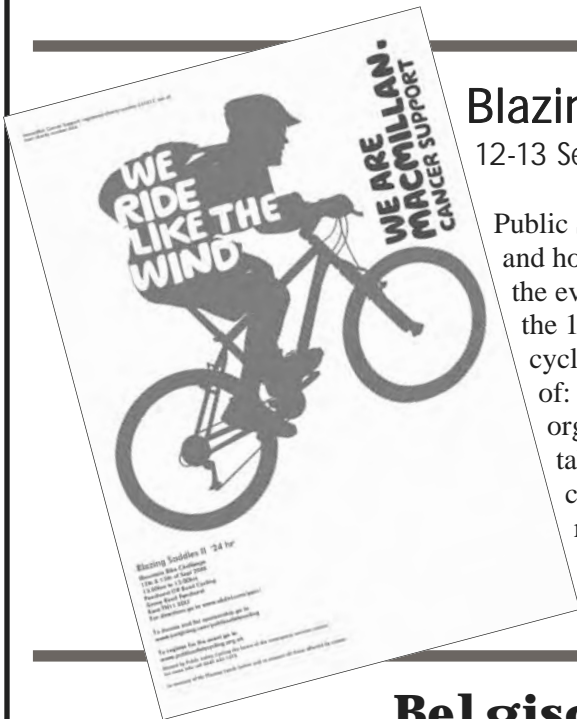
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P.I.G. Tales



The event? IPMBA Instructor Monte May of the Kansas City (MO) Police Department, who has long dabbled in comic strip drawing, has gone public!

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Blazing Saddles II 24-Hour Bike Challenge

12-13 September 2008

Public Safety Cycling, the UK home of emergency services cycling, will host and hope to complete 24 hrs of sponsored cycling for anyone who registers for the event. The plan is to complete 24hrs of non stop cycling from 13.00hrs on the 12th to 13.00hrs on the 13th of September. This will be on an 'off road cycle track' based in spectacular woodlands in Kent. The logistics support of: communications, first aid, lighting, power, shelter, refreshments & organisation will be carried out by the emergency services. The track may take up to 30 minutes to complete and will be quite challenging. We aim to continue cycling with at least two riders on the track at any one time and raise money for Macmillan, who supported Thomas Lynch Senior with his short battle with cancer. For more information, visit www.publicsafetycycling.org.uk.

Belgisch Kampioenschap Mountainbike Politiediensten

17 October 2008

Belgian police officer Brunclair Sven would like to invite all interested bike teams to compete in the first Belgian Mountain Bike Championship. Organized in honor of the fifth anniversary of the Politie Oostend Bike Team, named Foxen, the event will take place on 17 October 2008, in Ostend, Belgium. The event will comprise both individual and team competitions. For more information, visit www.politie-oostende.be/mountainbike or email bk_mtb2008@bizi.be.



Ride to Support Bike Officer Jesus Arocho

August 14-16, 2008

Events

On 06-11-08 Officer Jesus Arocho, a veteran officer of the Amherst Police Department and a seven-year member of the bike unit, tragically lost his two year old daughter Siara in a drowning accident. Officer Arocho and his immediate family are devastated by the passing of their youngest of four children.

In a tribute to Siara's life officers of the department have organized a memorial bicycle ride. The three day ride will start in Amherst, MA, and travel northward on Route 5, crossing into Vermont and concluding in Lyndonville, VT. The ride will depart Amherst Police Headquarters on August 14th, 2008, and arrive in Lyndonville on August 16th.

The goal of the ride is to raise money for the Arocho family and to foster relationships in the public safety community. For more details or to contribute, visit <http://arochoride.blogspot.com/>. 100% of all raised money will go directly to the Arocho Family to assist them through this difficult time.

If you are interested in learning more about this event please contact Officer William Laramee at the Amherst Police Department, 413-259-3008, or at larameeb@amherstma.gov.

UK Emergency Services Cycling Seminar

29-31 August 2008

The PSC seminar will take place on 29th to 31st August 2008 at The Barbican, London. The event will comprise of workshops and practical sessions to improve your bike patrol skills and the soon-to-be-legendary Tour de London, taking in many of the sights of our Capital City. Sessions include Dutch Police Women on Bikes, EMS Ambulance Event Plans, Public Order and Bike Fighting, Community Bike Safety Day, Police Covert Operations, Non-Emergency Cyclists and Voluntary at Work, and more. The keynote speaker will be John Franklin, author of *Cyclecraft*, the definitive guide to skilled cycling and the foundation for the National Cycle Training Standard accreditation scheme. Details and registration forms are available at www.publicsafetycycling.org.uk.



Biken tussen Duinen en Dijken

(Cycling between Dunes and Dikes)

18 September 2008



On 18 September 2008 there will be the fifth annual (Inter) national Police cycling day in the Netherlands. The police of city of Alkmaar will host this big one day event. Alkmaar is the famous cheese city and is 30 km north of Amsterdam.

The event will be held on and around the cycling velodrome of Alkmaar. Besides interesting workshops, there will a chance to ride the famous single-track bike trail in the dunes of Schoorl. There will also be a vendor area.

The program is from 9.00 till 16.30. Lunch included, and the event is free for police cyclists. Participants must bring their own bikes, uniforms and helmets.

Accommodations are available at Hotel 1900 in Bergen (www.hotel1900.com) or the Stayokay (www.stayokay.com) in Egmond.

For more information contact Tommy Hamelink at info@bikepatrol.nl.

On the Road with IPMBA

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EMS Expo, November 15-17, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada (www.emsexpo2008.com)

Interbike, September 24-26, 2008, in Las Vegas, Nevada (www.interbike.com). IPMBA will not have a booth, but if you are planning to attend and would like to assist in making industry contacts, please contact Charlie Summers at industry@ipmba.org.

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More EMS Cycling History ...

The Spring 2008 issue of *IPMBA News* contained a brief history of EMS Cycling and a request for additional information. IPMBA appreciates the following submissions.

From Juan M. Atan, M.S., Lt/PM II, of Orange County Fire & Rescue:

The first EMS bike team in Florida was started in 1995 with the Orange County Fire Rescue. We were the first ALS EMS bike team, and we went through our IPMBA certification with retired Battalion Chief Ed Brown, EMSCI #002T. Our initial plan for our bikes was to patrol the bike trails as well as International Drive (including the entertainment district and the Convention Center). Soon after, the Orlando Fire Department started a BLS bike team.

Our bike team has done numerous special events, including the recently opened Brighthouse Football Stadium, home of the UCF Knights. Unfortunately, due to recent budget cuts, the bike team is on "Life Support". The future of the Medical Bike Team here in Orange County is uncertain, but we hope they will see the light and keep us pedalling.

From Tom Harris, East Baton Rouge EMS:

The East Baton Rouge EMS Bike Team was founded in 1994 after Chad Guillot learned about the Denver Health Paramedic Bike Team while on a business trip. They have worked a wide variety of special events over the years, including Mardi Gras parades and LSU sporting events. Their effectiveness was vividly demonstrated during a 1995 Mardi Gras parade in which they arrived on scene within two minutes after a float truck driver passed out and accelerated through the crowd, leaving eight critically injured and several walking wounded. Since that time, they have been an integral part of agency operations. EBR EMS holds a special place in IPMBA's history as the first EMS agency to host the annual IPMBA Conference, in April 2007.

Cypress Creek EMS Bike Team to the Rescue

Submitted by Wren Nealy, EMSCI #154/PCI #860 and Jeff Taylor, EMCSI #156/PCI #925
Cypress Creek (TX) EMS

In early March 2008, members of the Cypress Creek EMS Bike Medic Response Team (BMRT) were assigned to patrol duty in the historic Old Town Spring area of Harris County, Texas, when a report of an injured person at a nearby ATV Park was received. Knowing they were closer than the inbound ground ambulance, the two paramedics sprinted 1.6 miles to the park, where they navigated the trails on bike until heavy mud conditions required use of all-terrain vehicles.

The bike medics, Brian Bayani and Diane Judd, were the first advanced life support providers on scene. They and personnel from the Spring Volunteer Fire Department made contact with the patient, who was in urgent condition after sustaining serious injuries in an ATV rollover. ALS care was initiated, and the patient was ultimately intubated and transported by air ambulance to a Level I trauma hospital in the Texas Medical Center.

Cypress Creek EMS serves 250 square miles of suburban and rural territory outside of Houston in unincorporated portions of Harris County, Texas. The BMRT was founded on donations in 1996, and today has grown to over 30 paid and volunteer personnel. CCEMS provides IPMBA EMS and Police Cyclist training, and continues to provide community education and rapid access to high-quality medical care, boasting "When Seconds Count...Count on Us!" Wren can be reached at wnealy@ccems.com.



Temple University Implements Active Shooter Training

by Chuck James, PCI #809
Temple University (PA) Police Department

Recent tragedies in our nation's high schools, colleges and universities have dramatically changed the way law enforcement officers, as first responders; react to the potential threat of violence in an otherwise serene educational environment. At Temple University, our law enforcement administrators recognize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to identifying potential dangers. Thus, a comprehensive approach requires the coordination of many services, as well as the review of protocols, training and equipment.

Since 2004, Temple University Police officers have taken part in a nationally acclaimed training program – Active Shooter – in preparation for a potentially violent event. This training program consists of classroom instruction, role-play scenarios, hands on simulation and a thorough debriefing.

The two-day certification training features key concepts, such as anticipation of

events, assessment of the environment, and quick apprehension of suspects. The goal is to train Temple Police officers to safely and effectively respond to a life threatening situation. Recognizing that an event may quickly escalate, Temple University Police officers practice the Active Shooter skills and tactics annually to reinforce their skills and ensure an efficient response should the need arise.

In an ongoing effort to improve the department's Active Shooter program and to incorporate lessons learned from previous tragedies, the department has purchased equipment such as breaching tools and ballistic shields and will soon be purchasing and certifying police officers in the use of patrol carbine rifles.

Ed.'s Note: *The Virginia Tech shooting occurred during the 2007 IPMBA Conference in Baton Rouge. As a result, William Trussell, PCI #1023, of the University of Mississippi Police Department conducted an introduction to Active Shooter training during the 18th*



Courtesy Joe Laballo, Temple University Photographer.

IPMBA and Active Shooter certified officers using Simunition training equipment demonstrate a method of quickly and safely clearing a stairwell.

Annual IPMBA Conference in Indianapolis. The workshop was very well-received and there are tentative plans to offer the training at the 2009 IPMBA Conference, April 29-May 2, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Temple Owls are Everywhere

by Chuck James, PCI #809
Temple University (PA) Police Department



Temple University Emergency Medical Services Staff pictured outside the Temple Police Department, one of their partners in this endeavor.

It has frequently been stated "Temple Owls are everywhere," as evidenced by the inception of the Temple University Emergency Medical Services (TUEMS) program. This program responds to medical calls during the hours of 7:30 pm until 3:30 am on Thursday and Friday nights. TUEMS, as a volunteer student organization, is designed to expand the university's emergency medical services and quickly access the need for medical care prior to police transporting an injured or ill person.

TUEMS is a collaborative project sponsored by students, the Temple University Police Department, Student Health Services, Temple University Hospital and Health System. Training for Temple University EMS includes certification through the state department of health, numerous hours of medical instruction and demonstration of skills in the emergency room of Temple University Hospital. Each member has also passed the International Police Mountain Bike Association EMS Cyclist course. The program undergoes continual review by the emergency medical director of Temple University Hospital to ensure that TUEMS renders only the highest quality of care. For more information or questions, contact tuems@temple.edu or the Temple University Police Department, or visit <http://www.temple.edu/students/tuems/>.

Chuck has been a Temple University cop for 20 years, and a corporal the past four years. He has been on the bike for about nine years and a PCI for four years. He spent one year (2000) working as a civilian police officer in Kosovo for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). He can be reached at Chuckj2712@comcast.net.

by Robin Pyle
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Lubbock Police Bike Patrol Cleans Up High-Crime Areas

When Lubbock Police Cpl. Walter Scott is on patrol, he travels at about 18 mph.

He jumps curbs and rides up and down stairs.

And he catches a lot of drug dealers and burglars.

He is a bike officer.

Scott and about two dozen other officers patrol high-crime areas of Lubbock on bicycles as part of the bike patrol unit, which has been successful at cutting down on crime, police officials say.

The bike unit began its seasonal patrol this month. The patrol works most days and weekend nights between May and September.

So far, they're off to a good start - bike officers have seized nearly 40 grams of crack cocaine in the past few days.

On Tuesday night, bike patrol Officer Chris Paine and other officers seized nearly 22 grams of crack cocaine and made two arrests at a Central Lubbock residence, Capt. Greg Stevens said.

Evidence at the scene indicates the suspects were actively involved in organized crime and manufacturing and delivering cocaine, police said.

"They've caught a lot of (criminals) in progress; they sneak up on them," Capt. Neal Brumley said.

Last bike patrol season, the night/weekend-shift officers made more than 450 arrests, 127 of which were felony arrests, and wrote more than 1,000 tickets, according to police records. They also seized more than \$6,000 worth of money and property.

Bike patrol officers often are successful because they are able to approach suspects or potential crime scenes quietly and are able to ride where cars can't go, Scott said. Also, bike officers generally are more aware of what's happening around them and in tune with their patrol beats.

"You see things from a different angle and perspective," Scott said. "You just see a lot more."

The unit primarily targets drug dealers and burglars, with officers zoning in on suspected drug houses, watching for drug drops and keeping their eyes out for burglars and other mischievous activity, such as car burglaries at Texas Tech football games.

An officer atop a bike can be less intimidating to many residents, Scott said, which makes the special patrol a public relations tool. Officers will stop and talk with residents, find out what's going on in the area and even have helped children fix their bikes, he said.

The police department has had an official bike patrol since 1996, but it took a five-year hiatus between 2000 and 2005 because of manpower restrictions. And on-duty officers have been riding bikes off and on since 1992. The special patrol unit is voluntary, and officers must attend a school before they can be a part of the bike squad.

This article appeared in May 21, 2008, edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, www.lubbockonline.com.

The unit primarily targets drug dealers and burglars

Here are some of the things a bike patrol officer carries on patrol

- Citation books
- Gloves
- Narcotics test kits
- Evidence envelopes
- First-aid kits
- Laser radar
- Water

By the numbers: bike patrol unit *

- Felony arrests: 127
- Other arrests: 340
- Tickets: 1,043
- Seized money and property: \$6,200

* Numbers are from May-September 2007 and are for the night-shift unit only.

Source: Lubbock Police Department

Bike Officers Catch Man Urinating in Fuel Tank

Submitted by Brad Miller, PCI #928
Lewisburg (PA) Police Department

Some officers from Bloomsburg (PA) Police Department made it onto CNN! During the 2008 "Spring Weekend" at Bloomsburg University, a student was caught urinating in a car's gas tank. Five bike officers caught the guy in the act and gave chase. One of the officers immediately bails off his bike. As the chase rounds the corner, the officer on foot was leading the chase. When I showed this video to a bike class, many guys thought it was a good idea for him to bail. I followed up with a call to the Sergeant from Bloomsburg P.D., who is also a bike officer. He told me that the officer on foot was NOT the one who caught the perpetrator - that distinction was enjoyed by one of the bike officers who maintained the "mechanical advantage". Here are links to two clips. One is the airing of the incident on CNN and the other is raw video of the incident. ENJOY!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNDZAxSngp8&feature=related>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brbR9MW6FDI&feature=related>

Brad is an IPMBA PC instructor and has been a police cyclist since 2002. He has been a life long cyclist and can be found riding trails in the Appalachian mountains in central Pennsylvania. He can be reached at ofcbrad@hotmail.com.



Courtesy Chuck Sanders

Andrew DeBerry is a bicycle officer who works primarily in the Downtown Square and Fry Street areas and has recently been awarded with Denton's Patrol Officer of the Year Award.

"He is well-known by those who work and live there and works extensively with merchants to curb graffiti and address issues related to homeless individuals in that area. He is consistently one of the most productive officers on his shift and goes about his duties with a positive, can-do attitude," his nomination form said.

But Officer DeBerry's work doesn't end on the street. He performs several additional duties that are critical to the department's operations, including assisting in the design of new patrol districts; instructing in bicycle schools and Taser certification classes; and serving as the lead police bicycle mechanic and procurement agent for bicycle repair parts," according to his nomination.

Excerpted from Police Department Awards Highlight Diversified Duties, by Donna Fielder, which appeared in the Denton Record-Chronicle, May 19, 2008.

Bike Patrol Officer Greg Pollauf Retiring

Submitted by Terry Ferguson, PCI #588
Toledo Metroparks (OH) Police Department

Greg Pollauf is retiring on December 31, 2008, with more than 30 years of service as a ranger with the Toledo Metroparks. Greg was trained as a bike officer in 1997 and has led his district with hours of patrol on bike every year for the last 10 years. Almost every year, he set a record for bike patrol. In 2007, he patrolled more than 650 hours, and as of June 2008, he had patrolled more than 400 hours. It appears he is on track to set a new record for hours on the bike, probably between 750-800 hours. All those hours on the bike keep him looking young (at 51) and very fit.

Ed.'s Note: IPMBA wishes Greg luck in establishing a new bike patrol record in his final year of service and hopes he will keep pedaling into retirement.



IPMBA Remembers Jeff Yoha

Jeffery S. Yoha, 47, passed away on April 4, 2008. He was a retired police officer and a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police. Jeff was certified as an IPMBA Police Cyclist in 2000 by Barry Bazan, PCI #233, and as an IPMBA Instructor in 2002. He was an IPMBA member until 2005, when he retired from the police department due to medical reasons.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Krista; son, Ryan; mother, Carol; sister, Jodi (Cory) Layton; and niece, Emma Layton. Memorial donations may be made at any Wells Fargo to bank account #5764086921, to help towards his son Ryan's college fund.



University Bike Police Honored

Submitted by Brent Denny

Indiana State University honored its police at the fourth biennial recognition and commendation dinner on April 25, 2007, at the Rod & Gun Club.

Capt. Brent Denny received the Life Saving Award for an incident last May in which he rescued a family of four from an off-campus fire he discovered while on bike patrol.

Capt. Russell Floyd and Brent Denny; Lt. David Smith; Sgts. Jacquelyn Smith and Brenda Edington; and Cpls. Justin Sears and Nathan Hills received certificates of appreciation for their work with the bike school for regional police departments.



Courtesy Al Simpson

Brent riding on the IMS track.



As this newsletter went to press, the IPMBA Instructor ToolKit (ITK) development team was working closely with Jones & Bartlett to put the finishing touches on the lesson plans that accompany the *Complete Guide to Public Safety Cycling, 2nd Edition*. Lecture Outlines were being fine-tuned, PowerPoints built, Skills Stations polished, Scenarios scrutinized, and more! All of these resources, collectively known as the ITK, will be housed on a CD-ROM.

A firm release date has been elusive as every effort is being undertaken to ensure that the material is accurate, comprehensive, and user-friendly, but it is anticipated that it will release this summer. In the meantime, IPMBA

Instructors should continue to utilize the existing materials.

Distribution of the ITK will be limited to active IPMBA Instructors. As soon as the ITK is released, all active IPMBA Instructors, including ones in departments with multiple instructors, will be required to purchase one within nine months in order to retain their certification as IPMBA Instructors. The nine-month period will begin upon release of the materials.

This requirement has been established to ensure that all instructors obtain the most current lesson plans and modify their course to reflect changes in the content, structure, and testing process. It will help ensure that all students have access to the latest information delivered

via modern methods of instruction. Finally, this requirement will help IPMBA maintain standardization and achieve its mission of offering the best, most complete training for public safety cyclists.

For the first six months after release, the cost of the ITK will be \$100, including shipping. After six months, the cost will increase to \$150. Any active IPMBA Instructor who has not purchased the ITK at the end of the nine-month period will be deemed inactive and will be required to attend the IPMBA Instructor Course as a recertification requirement.

If you have any questions about the above requirements, please contact IPMBA Education Director Mitch Trujillo at education@ipmba.org.

The following schedule will be implemented:

Time Frame	Cost	Additional Requirements
Months 1-6	\$100	None
Months 7-9	\$150	None
Months 10+	Instructor Course Tuition (currently \$525)	Successfully complete the IPMBA Instructor Course. Full tuition will be charged, but the application process and fee will be waived.

IPMBA Conference 2009

Rise Above the Rest

Technicalities & Technique

by Mitch Trujillo, PCI #244T
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IPMBA Education Director

On April 22 of this year, I inherited the post of Education Director. A risky undertaking, to be sure! It is with trepidation that I now will try to walk in the footsteps of my predecessors – two of my steps equal to one of theirs! While I play catch up in my new role, I'll begin to share a few *technical* and *technique* modifications to our methods.

Effective July 1, 2008, all IPMBA Instructors will be required to teach one approved course every 24 months, with no grace period. The old requirement mandated that PCIs and SCIs teach one course every 12 months and EMSCIs teach one course every 24 months. This decision was based primarily on the number of instructors who faced difficulty fulfilling the requirement due to manpower shortages and other departmental restrictions. The 24-month period is measured from the date of the last class taught, not the calendar year.

IPMBA Instructors must also maintain current membership status. Renewal notices are mailed the month prior to the expiration date, and if the membership is not renewed, a reminder is mailed the month after the expiration date.

It is the responsibility of the instructor to ensure that they keep their membership current, fulfill the teaching requirement, and submit the necessary paperwork in a timely manner. Notices about instructor status will not be sent.

There is now a technical modification in the method used to measure for the slow speed cone drills. The old process involved measuring traffic cones from center-to-center, based on a 12" base cone. The new process involves measuring the cones from edge-to-edge, which is unspecific to any cone base size. For instance, the distance between a set of corner cones on the Slow Box (formerly known as the 10 ft. Box or Circle Box), is 9 feet, from the edge of the base of one cone to the edge of the base of the other. This will eliminate differences in cone course measurements caused by the use of different cone sizes and will help ensure that the measurements are more accurate and consistent with those of other instructors, and with the measurements used for the Instructor Course.

There is a subtle, yet practical way for teaching the curb and stair ascents, referred to as the Lofting Method. While the technique for teaching the loft still involves having the basic student place their dominant foot in the "power pedal" position, it can be difficult to determine if the student is performing the correct power stroke technique or using the Compression & Lift (timing) method, or a hybrid of the two. A possible solution is to instruct the student to approach the obstacle at a slower speed, pause, and then perform the Loft. This will require the student to use technique, not timing, and will make the student's performance easier to evaluate. The Lofting Method for ascents will be a tested skill on the new Instructor ToolKit (ITK) practical test score sheets.

Finally, a couple of technical reminders....

IPMBA mandates four pieces of safety equipment which *must be used* by students throughout the basic class; one of which is: A mountain bike made by a reputable manufacturer, in good mechanical condition, and that fits the student properly. Please take the time at the beginning of the class to ensure the students' bikes meet those criteria. Think liability!

Test Reviews: Don't read from the test or give the test out as a study aid. Think of a way to rephrase according to the concept essential to the test question. If every student in every class scores a 100%, chances are you are teaching too much to the test.

If you use the *PAR-Q* – which is recommended – don't forget to customize it. The IPMBA office receives numerous faxes from unidentified students attending various classes, and if the *PAR-Qs* do not reach you, they are not of much use.

If you are not already using the single-page *waiver*, please contact the IPMBA office for a Word version, which can be easily customized to meet your needs. This waiver saves paper, copying, postage, and filing cabinet space.

Have fun in teaching your classes, and wish me luck while I "walk the walk" of an Education Director.

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A SNAPSHOT

Read the article to get the full picture!

- IPMBA Instructors will be required to teach one approved course every 24 months.
- IPMBA Instructors must maintain current membership status.
- New specifications for measuring cones! *Details in article.*
- The Lofting Method for ascents will be a tested skill on the new score sheets.
- Take time at the beginning of your class to confirm that your students' bicycles conform to IPMBA's standards. Think liability.
- Customize your *PAR-Q*.
- Use a single page waiver. Not using one? Email info@ipmba.org today!

Police Pump up Bike Patrols

(Continued from page 1)

Ketner resurrected the program after realizing he was on pace to go \$6,000 over budget on the department's four vehicles by the end of the year.

Other departments are making similar decisions. In Clive, Iowa, a Des Moines suburb, police Chief Robert Cox said more officers will bike and walk to save gas.

With gas at more than \$3.50 a gallon, Cox said his department has already spent its 2007-08 budget of nearly \$41,000, which allotted \$2.40 a gallon for 17,000 gallons.

It's the same story in Toledo, Ohio. Chief Mike Navarre said that although the department has long had bikes, he has been telling his officers to use them more, and walk more, to save gas.

Police bike organizations say they have noticed a spike in interest.

"Gas is one of a number of factors that come together in terms of establishing, revitalizing or expanding a unit," said Maureen Becker, executive director of the Baltimore-based International Police Mountain Bike Association, which provides training and resources to public safety agencies.

In the 1980s and 1990s, many departments started bike patrols, which were then a relatively new concept, said Wes Branham, a police officer with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in North Carolina. But after the Sept. 11 attacks, he said, they went "totally out the door. Money went elsewhere."

Now bikes are coming off the rack.

Branham, who heads his department's bike unit, said it began with two officers in 1994 and has grown to 25 full-time officers and 150 part-time riders. The department has about 1,800 officers.

"Departments are just trying to find more economical ways to patrol," he said. "A lot of departments are starting to realize they're getting a lot of bang for their buck with a bike."

Even departments that implemented bike units for other reasons are noticing gas savings.

In Bedford, Va., the police department bought eight bikes last year and is now saving 200 to 400 gallons of fuel per month, said Lt. Jim Bennett, who's in charge of the department's bike unit. The

benefit is twofold, he said, with cost savings and increased police visibility.

Trek Bicycle Corp., in Waterloo, Wis., sells more than 1,000 police bikes a year, and sales have been going up for three years, said Stefan Downing, who manages the company's police bike program. He said rising gas prices have probably been a factor.

The prices of police bikes vary, but they typically cost about \$1,100, Downing said. One special feature: a silent hub that doesn't make the ratcheting sound that typical hubs make.

Bike patrols do have limitations. Weather can be a problem and bikes can't be used to transport suspects or chase vehicles.

But advocates say the benefits are worth it. Bikes even help officers keep in shape.

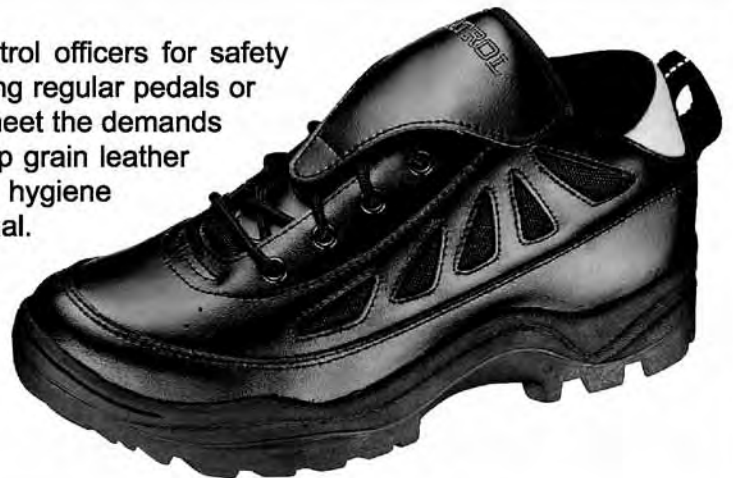
"I keep myself in pretty good shape, but it's hard," said Hollidaysburg Sgt. David Gehret, 46. "I'm primarily a desk sergeant ... it was really nice to get out and about."

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To prevent injury when cycling a stiffened sole is essential. Properly designed cycling footwear has a rigid mid-sole extending from the ball of the foot to the heel to guard against the crippling effects of Plantar Fasciitis and Metatarsalgia. The mid-sole also adds to comfort and efficiency by transferring the pedal pressure over the whole sole area, no localized soreness or pressure points caused by the pedals.

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Best Conference Memory: Getting somewhat lost on the Star Pass trail in Tucson and hooking up with some locals who took us on a goat trail just to prove a point.

Favorite Place to Ride: Lake Tahoe area

#1 Priority for IPMBA: To offer the best, most accessible, public safety cycling course in the world, so I will never see another newspaper photo of bike officers riding without helmets.

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Best Conference Memory: Riding a lap at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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IPMBA Member Since: 1998

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Best Conference Memory: 1st - Anything involving Andy D. 2nd - Baton Rouge, the food, fun, and fellowship. Did I mention the food?

Favorite Place to Ride: Alum Creek State Park with a new class.

#1 Priority for IPMBA: To remain the number 1 source for quality bike instruction in the world.

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IPMBA Member Since: 1994

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Favorite Place to Ride: Hall Ranch, Lyons, CO.

#1 Priority for IPMBA: Striving to improve the professionalism of our instructional materials and methods.

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Number of Years on Bike Duty: 16

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IPMBA Instructor Since: 2001

Best Conference Memory: I can't really nail it down to just one.

Favorite Place to Ride: Moab

#1 Priority for IPMBA: To help ensure that IPMBA provides the finest training

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Number of Years on Bike Duty: 12

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IPMBA Instructor Since: 2000

Best Conference Memory: Dave Hildebrand's Maniac Dance

Favorite Place to Ride: Moab, Utah

#1 Priority for IPMBA: To make IPMBA the best police training organization for police cyclists!

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Number of Years on Bike Duty: 15

IPMBA Member Since: 1995

IPMBA Instructor Since: 2001

Best Conference Memory: Desert ride at Scottsdale conference.

Favorite Place to Ride: Chicago lakefront

#1 Priority for IPMBA: Continuing and evolving the best education for public safety cyclists.

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Number of Years on Bike Duty: 6

IPMBA Member Since: 2003

IPMBA Instructor Since: 2006

Best Conference Memory: Baton Rouge, where an injury taught me more about IPMBA than the conference did.

Favorite Place to Ride: Any road leading out of town and toward the mountains without a map.

#1 Priority for IPMBA: To promote



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