Some may say it is a cliché, but all indications point to the e-Bike as exactly that.

It is not a substitute for a strictly pedal-powered bicycle any more than a bicycle is a substitute for a patrol car, a motorcycle, an ambulance, or a good pair of walking shoes.

It is just one in the spectrum of apparatus public safety personnel can deploy in an effort to best serve their communities.

An IPMBA member once remarked that, as a firefighter, he selected the apparatus that best suited the situation, whether it be a brush truck, a ladder truck, a tiller, a fire boat, an ambulance, or a rescue squad. While this may be taboo to the “pedal purists”, there may yet be a place for the e-Bike in the public safety fleet.

Back in the late 1980’s and early 1990’s, there was a lot of resistance to bicycles, and even more so, bicycle training. Since the early 2000’s, there has been resistance against e-Bikes. They’re heavy. They’re clunky. They’re expensive. They break easily. They encourage laziness. But as Bob Dylan would sing, “The times they are a-changin’”. Today’s e-Bike is lighter, more responsive, and more affordable than in the past. And even more are intrigued by the possibilities.

Agencies that are adopting them are finding that they appeal to personnel who like the approachability and accessibility that bikes offer, but do not necessarily enjoy riding bikes, whether it be for reasons of weather, traffic, or terrain. On an e-Bike, they can go further and faster with less fatigue, but they can also slow down and interact with the members of their communities. They feel confident that at the end of a pursuit, they can dismount and engage without feeling already spent. They feel they can traverse challenging terrain – on- or off-road – and deliver life-saving measures in a timely manner in certain situations in which pedal bikes may not work as well.

Inasmuch as many IPMBA members enjoy riding bikes on duty because they are bicyclists, they like moving slowly enough to be more aware of their surroundings, and/or they like getting paid to exercise, the e-Bike presents opportunities to agencies seeking ways to enhance their bicycle operations, expand the number of personnel who pedal on duty, and encourage more community engagement.

Look no further than the article by Clint Sandusky in the last issue of IPMBA News, the call for E-Bike Task Force members on page nine of this issue, and the many articles posted at www.ipmba.org (search electric bikes) to begin to embrace the possibility and practicality of integrating e-Bikes into your pedal-powered fleet.
Membership: Our Greatest Asset

Shortly after separating from “The League” in 1998, IPMBA began to focus more on developing training programs and resources for our members. Having introduced the IPMBA EMS Cyclist Course in 1997, IPMBA again expanded our offerings in 2002 (Bicycle Response Team Training), 2003 (Intermediate Police Cyclist Course, now known as the PESC II Course), and 2004 (Security Cyclist Course). Other achievements that decade included the Complete Guide to Public Safety Cycling and the Fundamental Skills for Public Safety Cycling DVD.

Fast forward to the current day, and IPMBA boasts nearly 3000 active members. 68% of members are certified Police Cyclists; 16% are certified EMS Cyclists; 7% are certified Security Cyclists; and 6% have obtained their BRTT certificates of completion. Our membership spans 11 countries and includes 140 active international members, the majority of whom are Canadian. The most U.S. members reside in Pennsylvania (263), Ohio (219), and Texas (206).

Our membership increases primarily through professional growth and development at the hands of our 683 active instructors, who taught 430 courses (3785 students) in 2017. Of these, only 17% had memberships submitted by instructors with the course documentation. We need to drastically increase this percentage.

It is extremely important that our instructors contribute to our growth by including membership as part of their initial training courses. I remember Al Simpson and Kirby Beck stressing this in my Instructor Course at the 2004 IPMBA Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. Instructors are not authorized to issue certifications; those come from the IPMBA office. They should not issue course completion certificates either; this circumvents the system and allows a student to get departmental credit for attending without an official certification. Remember: a course completion certificate is different from a certification backed by an accrediting association. To mitigate risk and liability and meet the requirements of accrediting bodies like the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), personnel should maintain certifications.

I mentioned Al and Kirby, my Instructor Trainers. IPMBA has 20 active Instructor Trainers, or “ITs,” as they are known. This elite group of subject matter experts are responsible for the growth and development of our instructor cadre. IPMBA is always looking for experienced instructors to join this essential group. Perhaps the best opportunity to complete the requirements is during the annual conference, which will take place June 4-9, 2018, at Washington University in Saint Louis.

Although we are primarily a training association, I believe our membership is our greatest asset. Some would say we only care about our instructors. I disagree. Our instructors comprise less than 25% of our membership, and, although they are vital to our continuing operations, they are clearly not the majority. Do you have to become an instructor or, eventually, an instructor trainer? No. You can remain a general member. That being said, we do encourage our members to expand their knowledge and skill set so they can join the instructor cadre and share their experience with future public safety cyclists. Either way, our membership is our greatest asset!

There are a lot of great things happening at IPMBA, and there are opportunities for our members to get involved and contribute to the good of IPMBA. At the Winter Board Meeting, the Board took steps to formalize and reorganize several standing and ad-hoc committees to assist with two major projects: the revision and update of the Complete Guide and the ITK. Additionally, we have formed a task force to address the use of e-Bikes (see page 9).

My challenge to you is, get involved in IPMBA! Maintain a current membership, write articles for the IPMBA News, join a committee, review products from our industry partners, attend the Annual Conference, apply for a position on the Board of Directors (see page 27). If you are an instructor, start thinking now about submitting to teach a new workshop at the 2019 Conference, April 8-13, in Fort Worth, Texas.

If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, or just want to “talk”, I can always be reached at president@ipmba.org.

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Welcome to the 16th Annual IPMBA Product Guide. This issue of IPMBA News is all about highlighting products and services designed to enhance your safety and effectiveness, both on- and off-the-job. It features a report from Interbike as it moves from Las Vegas to Reno; several product reviews, including winter-centric ones; and the updated Product Purchase Program. It celebrates three new Corporate Members – American Bike Patrol Services, NAEMT, and RZ Mask – as well as “senior members”, like MOCEAN and R&B Fabrications, which joined in 2004 and 2005, respectively. It is the hope of the authors and contributors that you will find inspiration in these pages, not only to support the companies listed within, but to go forth and bring new suppliers into the fold.

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Interbike 2017: A Dream Come True

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Interbike. This event has conjured up dreams for me for well over a decade. It is touted as the largest annual gathering of the Bicycle Industry in North America. I entered into the bike industry as a poor college student in 2004, getting my start as a bike mechanic at a shop in Tacoma, Washington. This year is the first year I have had the opportunity and means to attend. I was told by prior attendees that it is not as big or fun as it used to be, but I didn’t let that discourage my excitement. In fact, I found it to be quite fun and a wonderful experience.

I attended the event with fellow PCI Jason Bain from Saint Paul, Minnesota. We began our first morning at the Industry Breakfast, meeting up with Clint Sandusky (retired IPMBA member and former PCI). After breakfast, we quickly made our way to the exhibition hall in the Mandalay Bay Convention Center. While past conferences may have been larger, I was still quite impressed with the size of the expo. Seeing all of the shiny new technology on display made me a bit giddy, like a kid in a candy store. We began walking through the conference hall, stopping to greet and thank our current affiliated vendors and industry partners. Along the way, we met with numerous other vendors and began the process of building new relationships within the industry. Throughout the following days, we learned about new products and technology, test rode some e-Bikes, and I even competed in the 2nd Annual Mechanics Challenge!

It was impossible to walk 100 feet without encountering an exhibitor offering their own take on the e-Bike craze that seems to be sweeping the nation. If you don’t know what an e-Bike is, you’ve probably been living under a rock. For you under-rock-dwellers, an e-Bike is any bicycle that is assisted by an electronic motor. Interbike featured an entire test-ride track set up where you could ride a whole variety of e-Bikes. I rode full suspension setups, hard tails, and rigid setups to see what the craze was all about. I can definitely see a place for e-Bikes in a first responder world. Most of the bikes have pedal-assist technology, which kick in when the rider is pedaling. Other setups have a throttle button that allows the bike to speed along with no pedal input from the rider. I found it quite amazing how little effort it took to pedal at seemingly break-neck speeds. My favorite test-ride was a “drifter trike” – although I don’t think these setups have much of a place in a public safety setting.

I believe e-Bike technology can be a benefit to police, security, and EMS. Police officers can respond to priority calls with much less effort and still have gas in the tank to engage a threat upon arrival. EMS can utilize the technology to help them easily haul around the heavy weight of their equipment. I certainly think there is a learning curve, and e-Bikes should not be implemented without further research and training.

In addition to seeing plenty of e-Bikes, I was able to make contact with numerous vendors in hopes of setting them up with the Product Purchase Program, and to secure products for test and evaluation. This includes numerous types of products, including gloves, grips, pedals, bags, tires, armor, saddles, lighting, and plenty of other accessories. I also contacted some other non-profits including Project Bike Tech (bringing the skills of bicycle mechanics into (Continued on page 6)

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high-schools and after-school programs), and the PBMA (Professional Bicycle Mechanics Association). My hope is that IPMBA is able to become affiliated with both of these non-profits in the future, as I believe we can mutually benefit each other.

One of the companies I am personally excited about getting involved with is G-Form. G-Form is well known in the mountain biking industry for their armor. The armor is very flexible and comfortable, yet offers superior protection. At first glance, it doesn’t seem like the armor would protect that well, as the pads are soft and flexible. However, the pads harden upon impact (this happens at the molecular level), absorbing the energy and protecting the rider. Thanks, Science! G-Form offers numerous types of pads, ranging from full body protection to something as minimal as knee and elbow pads.

My most memorable experience of the show was participating in the Mechanics’ Challenge. There was plenty of stiff competition, as some of the participants were racing team mechanics, where time is of the essence for repairs. My method of repair is more along the lines of “slow and steady wins the race.” This method didn’t translate as well as I thought it would to a competitive setting. There were four stations, all mostly basic bike shop routines. Of course, changing a 700c tire blindfolded is not something I typically did during my shop days. Although my heat competitor beat me in three of the four stations, I smoked him on the water bottle cage and mirror installation station. My overall time was 17:30, which was well outside of the semi-final qualifiers of nine minutes and some change. But, at least I didn’t place last, and I had a great time representing IPMBA in the process.

For 2018, Interbike moves to Reno, Nevada. The Interbike crew is hoping this move will revitalize the show, drawing more vendors and promoting innovation along the way.

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As the leader in the field of public safety cycling, IPMBA endeavors to keep abreast of changing technologies, methodologies, and other applicable factors. This includes equipment and devices for use in training and in the field.

IPMBA comprises a diverse group of law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, and security professionals. These public safety cyclists operate their equipment under a wide range of environmental conditions, from rocky trails to urban settings, and in all kinds of weather. IPMBA teaches the skills necessary to safely operate a bicycle in a patrol capacity. As in other areas of public safety, different environments call for different apparatus; therefore, vehicle operations skills are designed to be transferrable to other, similar vehicles. As new bicycle designs continue to emerge, IPMBA has been asked to broaden the scope of bicycle styles deemed acceptable for IPMBA training and recommended for use during public safety cycling operations. This position paper was reviewed and approved by the IPMBA Board in October 2017.

**Background:**

Since the emergence of the mountain bike in the late 1980’s, IPMBA has taken the position that the mountain bike is the sole style of bicycle suitable for public safety use. This was necessary and appropriate at a time when there was a clear distinction between categories of bicycles (road, mountain, hybrid, cruiser), and the mountain bike was the only practical option due to its design and construction.

In the ensuing decades, new categories of bicycles have emerged and have blurred the lines of the initial distinctions. Many of these are tailored to meet specific types of riding, many of which did not exist in the 1980’s, including cyclo-cross, enduro, and downhill, and possess such features as electric-assist motors and fat tires.

Those responsible for vehicle selection are urged to assess such factors as riding surface, the frequency and duration of rides, type of riding, weather, and other environmental factors. The wide range of options available enables them to select the design and technologies that best suit their area of usage.

IPMBA has long encouraged its members to remain open-minded and to experiment with new accessories and components in an effort to increase safety, comfort, and effectiveness. However, IPMBA has historically been more cautious about embracing changes to the bicycle itself.

**Position:**

In light of the ongoing evolution of the bicycle, IPMBA hereby authorizes participants in IPMBA training to ride any bicycle that meets their agency’s needs and that can be safely used to complete the training requirements, with the following provisions.

As noted above, those responsible for equipment selection and procurement are encouraged to conduct a needs assessment that includes such factors as operational environment, riding style, frequency, etc. They are encouraged to consult subject matter experts within the public safety and cycling industries to help ensure they make the right choices.

IPMBA Instructors are responsible for ensuring that each student is equipped with a well-maintained, properly fitted bicycle and for evaluating the safety of all bikes prior to the start of each course. These assessments are to identify obvious equipment problems that may jeopardize the safety of the operator. Instructors should refer to the IPMBA ITK for further instruction on Bike Fit (Skill Station 2) and allow time for screening and sizing student bikes in the applicable course schedule.

If a bicycle is found to be poorly constructed or maintained, ill-fitting or otherwise unsafe, it is the instructor’s responsibility to prohibit use of the bike in training. It is the student’s responsibility to heed the advice of the subject matter expert and either withdraw or locate a more suitable bike.

Instructors are not, nor should they be expected to be, experts in bicycle construction or knowledgeable about all makes and models. However, instructors are advised to familiarize themselves with different types of bicycles and their advantages, limitations, and effects on cycling skills. This will help instructors maintain confidence in their ability to teach skills to those utilizing different types of bicycles. It will also enable them to provide advice to those in the equipment selection process.

IPMBA teaches the skills needed to operate a bicycle safely within a frontline service environment. We embrace technological changes and encourage agencies to select bicycles that best suit their service environment. It remains the responsibility of the IPMBA instructor to ensure that each rider masters all skills necessary to successfully complete the training requirements so they will be able to handle their individual bicycles competently in technical, vehicular, and operational cycling situations.

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IPMBA E-Bike Task Force

In light of the growing interest in e-Bike use for public safety and the proliferation of public safety-focused products on the market, IPMBA is forming an e-Bike Task Force.

The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the technology and its impacts (existing and potential) on public safety cycling. The goal of the Task Force is to establish best practices for e-Bike training and operations for police, EMS, and security personnel.

If you and/or your agency have been exploring the possibility of adopting this technology, or already have, and you would like to be part of this initiative, please email Brian Gillman at bgillman@ccems.com.

Thank you for participating in this important initiative to ensure safe and effective e-Bike operations.

by Joshua Sinai
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The author of this important book, who at the time of the incident was a five-year veteran of the Air Force, served as a security policeman on bike patrol. He was responsible for firing what became known as “the shot” that stopped Dean Mellberg’s murderous shooting rampage through the Fairchild Air Force Base hospital complex in Spokane, Washington, on June 20, 1994, that killed four and wounded 23 others. Mellberg, a mentally unstable 20-year-old who had been dishonorably discharged from the Air Force as an airman some five weeks earlier, embarked on his vengeful shooting rampage against a psychiatrist and psychologist whose diagnosis had led to his discharge from the service.

In this book, the author meticulously reconstructs the events in Mellberg’s troubled life and problematic Air Force service that led to the shooting, as well as the impact of the incident on his own life and subsequent military career. Tragically for the victims and all those who had to endure associating with him during his military service, the author writes, Mellberg had always been unable to fit in. Several psychological exams revealed him as having a “generalized anxiety disorder with strong obsessive traits,” with the potential to do harm to himself and others (p. 25).

Despite these warning signs, he was able to continue his military service, because, as the author writes, “On three separate occasions, squadron leadership selected to retain Mellberg on active duty despite strong recommendations from mental health professionals to discharge him.” (p. 297). Moreover, Mellberg was “able to affect his treatment by purging unfavorable documentation from his medical records.” (p. 297).

This case had important repercussions for the Department of Defense’s mental health guidelines, as it resulted in new instructions, including “a requirement to develop treatment plans for ‘imminently dangerous’ service members before they are discharged.” (p. 298). They also defined “imminent and potential dangerousness and established requirements to take precautions against threatened injury.” (p. 298).

The book includes valuable reference materials, such as a listing of the traits of a violent person and the phased-pathway to violence of mass killers, as well as reproductions of Mellberg’s psychiatric evaluations. As a meticulous reconstruction and assessment of Mellberg’s pathway to violence and examination of how his case was handled by military authorities, as well as its impact on the author’s life and career, this is one of the most insightful books written on the phenomenon of active shooters and how they affect the lives of others in their surroundings.

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Cold Feet Got You Down?

Bontrager Old Man Winter Riding Boots

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The Bontrager Old Man Winter (OMW) riding boot has a removable inner bootie made of nylon and fleece, stuffed with 200g of 3M Thinsulate® insulation, with a quick-pull lacing system. The outer boot is made with a four-way stretch, waterproof, breathable OutDry® membrane. It has a water-resistant, laser cut zipper; two Velcro® straps; a gaiter hook; and Velcro® anchors on the heels for blinking lights. These boots are clipless compatible and are extremely scuff- and abrasion-resistant. The Vibram® sole provides excellent traction when off the bike. It has enough flex to make walking easy while still being stiff enough to deliver sufficient power to the pedal. As a bonus, the style looks great with a patrol uniform, which can be tough due to the scarcity of solid black bike shoes.

In past winters, I have had to give up my clipless pedals in favor of flats because I couldn’t possibly wear my summer shoes in the wet, cold winter riding season here in Maine. When I approached my LBS (Local Bike Shop) with this problem, they recommended these boots. Truth be told, they were the only winter boot they had in stock, but there was a reason for that that. These boots work, and at roughly $200 MSRP, they are on the lower end of the price range for comparable boots from companies like 45NRTH and Lake. They recommended a size up to accommodate for layering on the really cold days, and they were correct to do so. This boot fits a narrower foot, so I would recommend sizing up one size for that reason as well.

I have used these boots for three months (December through February) and have put about 100 hours and 300 miles on them in the harsh coastal Maine winter. I have worn these boots in temperatures as low as -15 degrees F (-30 with the wind chill) and as high as 40 degrees F for eight-hour shifts at a time. I have worn them working security details at hockey games, standing and walking on concrete for three or more hours at a time. They have been nothing but comfortable from day one, with absolutely no break-in period needed.

Now, all this warmth will be nonexistent if you don’t wear the right sock combinations and materials. Absolutely NEVER wear cotton socks in the winter for any reason, ever! I can’t stress this enough. Cotton loses the ability to retain any heat when it gets wet, and your feet WILL get wet from sweat, even on the coldest days. I wear a medium- to light-weight wool or wool blend (think Smartwool®) sock, and on the coldest of days, I will add a very thin sock liner (not cotton!). I have some with a metallic heat reflective thread that work really well. Also, be sure to remove and dry the inner bootie after each ride as that will greatly improve the boots’ ability to keep your feet warm.

These boots have been nothing short of amazing! The OutDry® membrane has been completely waterproof even when I literally hose them off at the end of the shift to remove the road salt that builds up throughout the day (I average 15 to 20 miles a day on patrol). And after 300 miles, they show little wear and tear, meaning I should be able to get at least two winter seasons out of them, if not more.

The attention to detail, the high quality insulation, the YKK zipper, the Vibram® sole, the “grippy” fabric on the outside of the inner bootie to prevent heel slip, the heat reflective sole of the removable insole, and the OutDry® upper all add up to a boot that has the ability to keep you warm and dry in the harshest of conditions. The high quality components used in construction, much like those on a good bike, make these boots a joy to wear.

PROS
- Competitive price point
- Does not distract from the bike patrol uniform
- Excellent durability
- Easy to maintain

CONS
- I honestly can’t think of one.

Bontrager boots can be purchased directly from Trek, or even better, at your local bike shop. Visit www.trekbikes.com for details and to find a dealer.

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Can Nicotine Cure Your Winter Riding Blues?

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Are you suffering from seasonal depression? Do you get a warm, fuzzy feeling when you imagine riding your bike? Are you “jonesing” to ride, but don’t believe you can when the roads turn to snow and ice? Well, now you can, with the Nicotine tire from 45NRTH!

The 45NRTH Nicotine 29 x 2.35 studded tire is touted as a “high-performance mountain bike tire” and the first to have concave studs, 222 of them, to be exact. The tire actually measured approximately 2.55” wide when mounted on my SUNringle, Duroc and Mulefut rims, which are 50mm wide. 45NRTH recommends rim sizes no larger than 40mm, but I find they fit a 50mm rim with no detrimental “squaring” off of the tire sidewall.

I have used this tire since December 2017, riding my Trek Stache 7 with 29+ wheels in all types of foul, coastal Maine winter weather, from -15 degrees F with blowing snow, to walkways where ice skates would be a more appropriate form of transportation, to town roads turned greasy from treated snow and ice. I have put more than 100 hours and close to 200 miles on these tires conducting patrol operations at Bowdoin College, and I personally love them!

Bowdoin College has a fantastic grounds crew that is no stranger to the weather the coast of Maine can generate, and they do a phenomenal job clearing walkways, sidewalk, and parking lots on campus. But even with their colossal efforts to keep the paths clear, there are always spots of drifting snow as well as melted and refrozen patches of glare and black ice. These conditions make studded tires essential for safe mountain bike patrol operations. I have had my fair share of falls from my tires slipping out sideways on unseen patches of ice while taking corners, so I know that studded tires are a no-brainer. Using studded tires on your bike has the same advantages as using studded winter tires on your motor vehicle rather than all-season tires; the studs have similar cornering and braking benefits.

The Nicotines are available both studded and non-studded. The studded version has 222 concave aluminum carbide studs. Why is a concave stud better than a traditionally shaped stud? 45NRTH claims that when and if the stud ever cracks, chips, or breaks, the remaining piece will actually be sharper than before. These tires are not tubeless ready, and although they can be set up tubeless, it is recommended that they be run with tubes. Almost all the reviews I could find where people have attempted to set these up tubeless have resulted in disappointment.

Now for my take. These tires, compared to the Schwalbe Ice Spiker Pro tires we have on another patrol bike, have a tad more float being that they are notably wider, but lack the sure-footed cornering the 400 studs in the Ice Spikers provide. [On a side note, I have found the “plus” size wheel to be an advantage in all conditions and terrain except for snow. At approximately 3” wide, they are not fat enough to float in loose fresh snow and not skinny enough to cut through to the ground, but I digress.]

Don’t expect the same rolling resistance as your summer tires either. From the moment you push off and pedal, you are aware of every knob and stud as they make contact with the ground. These tires clear snow and ice remarkably well due to the large spacing between the knobs, and I have yet to encounter any icing up on the tread.

**PROS**
- Improved traction over non-studded tires (better cornering and braking)
- Excellent snow and ice shedding
- Self-sharpening studs

**CONS**
- Price (one of the most expensive tires on the market)
- Poor rolling resistance
- Lack of additional stud holes prevents customization of the stud count or pattern

These tires can be purchased from your local bike shop or online at http://45nrth.com. The studded version runs around $130 per tire; the non-studded version sells for around $80.

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Press Release, March 22, 2018

Congratulations to Musher Aaron Burmeister (bib #64) for a successful Iditarod finish in 12th place. The Iditarod is one of the most challenging races in the world, spanning over 1,000 miles of trails from Anchorage to Nome. This year the trail had deep snow conditions and dog teams worked hard with their mushers to break trail across the great State of Alaska.

“This year before the start of Iditarod, my shop in Nenana (Alaska) burned to the ground and I lost my collection of mushing gear from snow machines to dog sleds, harnesses, winter gear and tools,” shared Aaron during the meet and greet hosted at Sitnasuak Native Corporation headquarters in Nome on March 16. “Through this loss, I focused on the race and reflected on my slogan for this year – ‘There Is Always A Way – Believe In Yourself.’ I kept this in mind throughout the Iditarod trail as a motivation to move forward and work towards my goal to finish in the top 20. Over the coming year, I will be sharing this message with youth and communities to overcome obstacles in life and encourage everyone to achieve personal success – there is always a way.”

MOCEAN, LLC, a subsidiary of Sitnasuak Native Corporation, is proud to have sponsored Aaron Burmeister in the 2018 Iditarod. “Our performance apparel products are important to law enforcement, public safety and first response professionals across the US and we are honored to have sponsored Aaron with the message ‘there is always a way’ – which resonates with our company, customers and communities,” said Bill Levitt, Executive Vice-President of MOCEAN. To learn more about MOCEAN and its line of tactical products, visit www.moceantactical.com.

Congratulations to Aaron and his team for the successful finish in the last great race – the Iditarod – from MOCEAN, LLC, Sitnasuak Native Corporation and our family of businesses.

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PMBA is excited to report that after 20+ years, the Product Purchase Program is still going strong. As the retail environment has evolved, online shopping has made it increasingly easier to take advantage of the discounts offered by the below-listed companies. Many of them now offer a coupon code entered at checkout that automatically applies the discount. Most products (with the exception of duty gear) are available for on- or off-duty use. We know you have many choices when you shop, but we urge you to support those who support you. Visit http://ipmba.org/product-purchase-program and start shopping today!

**BICYCLES**

**iFORCE Patrol Bicycles**
*Product:* iFORCE Patrol Bicycles and Accessories  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* Contact for special pricing  
*Contact Name:* Skip Jones  
*Contact Info:* 724-431-2335/ sjones@ibistek.com  
*Website:* www.iforcebikes.com

**Safariland-Kona Patrol Bikes, Accessories, Repairs, Electric Assist**
*Discount/Cost to Members:* Minimum 10% off MSRP  
*Contact Name:* Michael J. Purdy  
*Contact Info:* 330-836-6600/ info@blimpcitybikeandhike.com  
*Website:* www.blimpcitybikeandhike.com

**Workhouse Trike with Patrol Accessory Kit**
*Discount/Cost to Members:* Bulk/Fleet Special Pricing and Discounted Shipping via UPS Freight  
*Contact Name:* James Simpson  
*Contact Info:* 802-923-6838/ blueexplorer76@hotmail.com  
*Website:* www.pedalpowerworkbikes.com  
*Notes:* Call or email and just let me know you’re “True Blue.”

**Enabled Enterprises LLC**
*Product:* Electric Police Patrol Bike  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 20% off MSRP  
*Contact Name:* Bill Eichengreen  
*Contact Info:* 847-656-8100/ enabledenterprises@yahoo.com  
*Website:* www.enabledvet.com

**Strider Sports International, Inc.**
*Product:* Balance Bikes and Accessories  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 24-53% off MSRP  
*Contact Name:* Customer Service (Ann or Jennifer)  
*Contact Info:* 605-342-0266/ ann@striderbikes.com  
*Website:* www.striderbikes.com  
*Notes:* Available in four sizes (12, 14x, 16, and 20”). To order, email info@striderbikes.com for an order form. Mention your IPMBA number in the email.

**ISM Saddles, LLC**
*Product:* ISM Bicycle Saddles  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 50% off Retail + Free Shipping in the US  
*Contact Name:* Laura Toll  
*Contact Info:* 813-909-1441/ orders@ismseat.com  
*Website:* www.ismseat.com  
*Notes:* Click on BUY NOW. Enter discount code FIRSTRESPONDER.

**R & B Fabrications**
*Product:* Panniers, Equipment Bags & Safety Vests  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 15% off Retail  
*Contact Name:* Liz Meeker  
*Contact Info:* 800-553-1911/ info@rbfab.com  
*Website:* www.rbfab.com

**Bar Mitts, Inc.**
*Product:* Bar-Mounted Bicycle Mitts  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 20% off MSRP + Free US Shipping  
*Contact Name:* Ward or Patti Graham  
*Contact Info:* 775-622-8048/ barmitts@charter.net  
*Website:* www.barmitts.com  
*Notes:* Send email with name, member number, item, and quantity. An invoice will be sent for payment via credit card or PayPal.

**Cane Creek Cycling Components**
*Product:* Thudbuster Suspension Seatpost  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* $99  
*Contact Name:* Brian Williams  
*Contact Info:* 800-234-2725/ brianw@canecreek.com  
*Website:* www.canecreek.com

**Epic Cycle & Fitness**
*Product:* All Bicycle Products  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 20% off MSRP (some exceptions apply)  
*Contact Name:* Mike Mrachek  
*Contact Info:* 815-679-6334/ info@epiccycleandfitness.com  
*Website:* www.epiccycleandfitness.com  
*Notes:* Contact Mike Mrachek for details and to order.

**Hero Kit**
*Product:* Portable Bike Repair Kits  
*Discount/Cost to Members:* 25% off Retail  
*Contact Name:* Jason Berv  
*Contact Info:* 970-497-2308/ jason@herokit.com  
*Website:* www.herokit.com  
*Notes:* Use coupon code IPMBA at www.herokit.com or contact HeroKit to use PO.
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**Kenda USA**  
**Product:** Premium Bicycle Tires & Tubes  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 40% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Sam Whitley  
**Contact Info:** 866-536-3287/swhitley@kendausa.com  
**Website:** http://shop.kendatire.com  
**Notes:** Available through Kenda’s consumer direct platform using the discount code IPMBA2018.

### MOUNTAIN RACING PRODUCTS

**Product:** Power Grip Straps - Regular or Fixie  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 20% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Tim Fry  
**Contact Info:** 970-241-3518/tfry@mrpbike.com  
**Website:** www.mountainracingproducts.com  
**Notes:** Contact Tim for order form.

### ROCK BAR CYCLING

**Product:** Rock Bar Gear and Training Case for Bikes and Packs  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 20% off four or less, 30% off five or more.  
**Contact Name:** Mark Connelly  
**Contact Info:** 818-745-2068/moreinfo@rockbarcycling.com  
**Website:** www.rockbarcycling.com  
**Notes:** Call or email with quantity and you will be contacted to complete the order.

**Product:** Shoes, Lighting Systems, Seats, Brake Pads, Tubes, Tires, Tools, Inflation, Clothing, Accessories  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 10% off Retail  
**Contact Name:** Mark Leonard  
**Contact Info:** 800-424-0047 ext. 208/mark@serfas.com  
**Website:** www.serfas.com  
**Notes:** Place your order at www.4bike-police.com using coupon code SERFAS10 or at www.bikepatrol.info using IPMBA18 at checkout.

### TIGER EYE

**Product:** High-quality, USA made, helmet-mount cycling mirrors  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 10% off MSRP through Bicycle Patrol Outfitters  
**Contact Name:** Rich Scott  
**Contact Info:** 630-292-0044/greg@yahoo.com  
**Website:** www.teamtigereye.com  
**Notes:** Place your order at http://www.police-bikes.com/mirrors.html and enter IPMBA2016 at checkout.

### TOGS

**Product:** TOGS Thumb-Over-Grip Systems  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 30% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Neil Harvey  
**Contact Info:** 801-891-7739/cs@togs.com  
**Website:** www.togs.com  
**Notes:** Enter discount code IPMBA30 at checkout.

### WTB

**Product:** Tires, Saddles, Grips, Rims, Wheels, Wheel Parts  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 15% off Wholesale Prices  
**Contact Name:** Jordan Smoke  
**Contact Info:** 415-389-5040 x 10/info@wtb.com  
**Website:** www.wtb.com

### BICYCLE STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

**Lift and Store, LLC**  
**Product:** Automatic Bike Lift Storage Systems  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 25% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Chris Benyo  
**Contact Info:** 800-825-4777/chris@liftstore.com  
**Website:** www.liftstore.com

**Velogrip**  
**Product:** Bicycle Storage for the Home, Apartment, and Commercial Settings  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 20% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Eric Anderson or Sean O’Rourke  
**Contact Info:** 972-824-9633/support@velogrip.com  
**Website:** www.velogrip.com  
**Notes:** Online; Use discount code IPMBAMEMBER in promo box at checkout.

### BIKE PATROL SUPPLY COMPANIES

**American Bike Patrol Services**  
**Product:** Bicycles, Lights, Parts, Gloves, Clothing, and Accessories  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 10% off products, 5% off bikes  
**Contact Name:** Aaron Roesler  
**Contact Info:** 626-488-2421/abps@bikepatrol.info  
**Website:** www.bikepatrol.info  
**Notes:** Bike coupon code: police18 / Products coupon code: ipmba18

**Bicycle Patrol Outfitters**  
**Product:** One-Stop Bicycle Patrol Products Store  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 5-10% off web prices  
**Contact Name:** Mike Flynn  
**Contact Info:** 951-318-7341/bpopatrol@yahoo.com  
**Website:** www.bike-bikes.com

**Police Bike Store**  
**Product:** Bicycles, Bicycle Patrol Lights, Sirens, Bags, Accessories, Uniforms, C3Sports Products, and More  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** Additional 5-10% off Web Prices  
**Contact Name:** Michael Espejo  
**Contact Info:** 973-366-5868/info@policebikestore.com  
**Website:** www.policebikestore.com

**4Bike-Police.com**  
**Product:** Police Bikes and First Responder Bicycle Duty Accessories; Complete “Head-to-Toe” Outfitting  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 10% or more off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Mark Leonard  
**Contact Info:** 501-517-5338/LCGInc@sbcglobal.net  
**Website:** www.4bike-police.com  
**Notes:** When ordering online, use coupon code IPMBA 10 for 10% discount.

**Patrol Bike Systems**  
**Product:** Bikes, Uniforms, Equipment, Park Tools, Patrol Cycle Shoes  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** Contact for Pricing  
**Contact Name:** Mark Eumurian  
**Contact Info:** 800-208-2032/651-773-8763/mark@patrolbike.com  
**Website:** www.patrolbike.com

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TEAM CYCLING AND FITNESS
Product: Accessories, Components, Tools (Trek, Shimano, Bontrager, Pearl Izumi, etc.)
Discount/Cost to Members: 15% off MSRP
Contact Name: Geoff or Greg Thielmeyer
Contact Info: 513-522-1551/info@teamcyclingandfitness.com
Website: www.teamcyclingandfitness.com
Notes: Online: Use discount code IPMBA in promo box at checkout. Discount does not apply to bicycles.

THE BICYCLE STORE
Product: Bikes and Accessories
Discount/Cost to Members: 15% off any regular priced merchandise and labor
Contact Name: Sal Piccolo
Contact Info: 973-377-6616/contact@thebicycletorenj.com
Website: www.thebicycletorenj.com
Notes: Complete police application. Call to demo a complete police mountain bike.

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES
ADIDAS OUTDOOR
Product: Apparel and Footwear
Discount/Cost to Members: 50% off MSRP
Contact Name: Customer Service
Contact Info: 866-639-7916/vip@adidasoutdoor.com
Website: www.adidasoutdoor.com
Notes: Go to www.adidasoutdoor.com/VIP and apply. Upon approval, orders placed using the email address on the account will be eligible for the discount.

BERN UNLIMITED
Product: Helmets, Pads, and Accessories
Discount/Cost to Members: 40% off MSRP
Contact Name: Amber Allaire
Contact Info: 781-582-8125/aallaire@bernunlimited.com
Website: www.bernunlimited.com
Notes: Order online at www.bernunlimited.com using promo code IPMBA40 at checkout.

MAXIT DESIGNS
Product: Summer & Winter Moisture-Wicking Headwear and Sock Liners
Discount/Cost to Members: 35% off Retail
Contact Name: Liz Fuoco
Contact Info: 800-536-2948/info@maxit-inc.com
Website: www.maxit-inc.com, www.headgator.com
Notes: Please provide IPMBA membership number and expire date.

SHOWERS PASS
Product: Cycling Outerwear & Apparel
Discount/Cost to Members: 40% off MSRP
Contact Name: Jeremy Rider
Contact Info: 503-203-8000/jeremy@showerspass.com
Website: www.showerspass.com
Notes: Order online. Enter coupon code IPMBA40 off at checkout.

SOCKGUY
Product: High Performance Cycling, Running, Hiking, and Lacrosse Socks
Discount/Cost to Members: 30% off on Police and Sheriff socks
Contact Name: Michael Foley
Contact Info: 760-804-1344-michael@sockguy.com
Website: www.sockguy.com
Notes: Online: Enter promo code JOHNNYLAW65 at checkout and click recalculate. Can be used up to five times per individual during the year.

DUTY GEAR

RZ MASK
Product: Air Filtration Masks
Discount/Cost to Members: TBD
Contact Name: Jim Hatzenshubler
Contact Info: 952-324-5474/jim@rzmask.com
Website: http://rzmask.com/pages/public-safety
Notes: Enter coupon code IPMBA at checkout.

ELECTRONICS & LIGHTING

CYGOLITE
Product: High-Intensity Lighting Systems, Designed and Built in the USA
Discount/Cost to Members: 35% off Retail
Contact Name: Andrew Ibanez
Contact Info: 949-297-4972/patrol@cygolite.com
Website: www.cygolite.com
Contact Name: Liz Fuoco
Contact Info: 800-536-2948/info@maxit-inc.com
Website: www.maxit-inc.com, www.headgator.com
Notes: Please provide IPMBA membership number and expire date.

ALERTE SYSTEMS INC.
Product: “Trail-Blazer” Bike Light Kit
Discount/Cost to Members: Contact for Special Pricing
Contact Name: Janice
Contact Info: 800-728-1536/sales@alertesystems.com
Website: www.alertesystems.com

ARCHANGEL DEVICE
Product: Guardian Angel Personal/Bike Mounted Safety Light
Discount/Cost to Members: $99.99 (light)/$109.99 (light/mount combo)
Contact Name: Chad Keller
Contact Info: 414-687-4727/chadwickkeller@archangeldevice.com
Website: www.guardianangeldevices.com
Notes: Email sales@archangeldevice.com to order.

C3SPORTS BIKE PATROL SOLUTIONS
Product: MaxPatrol-600 Police Light System, Siren, Cycling Lights, Gloves, Bags
Discount/Cost to Members: 20% off MSRP
Contact Name: Michael Espejo
Contact Info: 973-631-9839/info@c3sports.com
Website: www.c3sports.com
Notes: Enter discount code IPMBA20 at checkout.

CATEYE BICYCLE ELECTRONICS
Product: Cycling Computers, Lights, and Accessories
Discount/Cost to Members: 30% off MSRP
Contact Name: Bob Daniels
Contact Info: 1-800-522-8393 x 102 (1-800-5-CATEYE)/bob@cateye.com
Website: www.cateye.com

CYCLE SIREN
Product: Police & EMS Mini-Sirens & Lighting for Bike Patrol
Discount/Cost to Members: 12% off Retail
Contact Name: Greg Bohning
Contact Info: 877-477-4736/chadwickkeller@archangeldevice.com
Website: www.guardianangeldevices.com
Notes: Email sales@archangeldevice.com to order.

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### Night Provision

**Product:** Bicycle Lights/Tactical Flashlights  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 15% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Evan Hsieh  
**Contact Info:** 800-592-0319/support@nightprovision.com  
**Website:** www.nightprovision.com  
**Notes:** Online: During checkout, use coupon code IPMBA15 and include your IPMBA membership number under “Comments and Notes.”

### ENERSPECT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC

**Product:** AEDs: HeartSine/Philips/Physio-Control LIFEPAK  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 35% off MSRP on all AEDs  
**Contact Name:** Jon Rittenburg  
**Contact Info:** 702-269-9931/jon@enerspect.com  
**Website:** www.enerspect.com  
**Notes:** Email jon@enerspect.com with contact information and IPMBA membership number.

### Stat Packs

**Product:** Trauma Bags & Accessories  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 35% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Andrew Tepper  
**Contact Info:** 435-627-2265/atepper@statpacks.com  
**Website:** www.statpacks.com  
**Notes:** Enter coupon code IPMBA35 online during checkout or reference when placing phone orders.

### Rudy Project USA

**Product:** Sunglasses, Sport Eyewear, Helmets, Goggles, Prescription Eyewear  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 50% off Retail + additional 15% off closeouts and promotional items  
**Contact Name:** Customer Service  
**Contact Info:** 1-888-860-7597/orders@e-rudy.com  
**Website:** http://bit.ly/rudy-ipmba  
**Notes:** Online: Go to http://bit.ly/rudy-ipmba to view discounts. Includes prescription eyewear.

### XX2i Optics

**Product:** Prescription, Performance, and Casual Eyewear  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 60% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Ryan Marts  
**Contact Info:** 949-272-2468/rmarts@gorace.pro  
**Website:** www.xx2i.com  
**Notes:** Go to www.xx2i.com/discount/ipmba, or use coupon code IPMBA. Discount will be applied at checkout.

### Footwear

**Five Ten**  
**Product:** Cycling Shoes  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 50% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Customer Service  
**Contact Info:** 866-639-7916/vip@adidasoutdoor.com  
**Website:** www.adidasoutdoor.com  
**Notes:** Go to www.adidasoutdoor.com/ VIP and apply. Upon approval, orders placed using the email address on the account will be eligible for the discount.

### Haix North America

**Product:** HAIX Footwear  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 15% off + free shipping and returns  
**Contact Name:** Sandy Longarzo  
**Contact Info:** 866-344-HAIX (4249)/service-hna@haix.com  
**Website:** www.haix.com  
**Notes:** Place orders via www.haixusa.com/ipmba

### Maintenance and Tools

**ProGold Lubricants/ABC Compounding**  
**Product:** ProLink Chain Lube, ProGold Lubes, EPX

### NUTRITION

**GQ-6**  
**Product:** GQ-6 3:2:1 Hydration Base, GQ-6 REFUL Endurance & Energy, GQ-6 REKUVR Nite Time  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 35% off online orders  
**Contact Name:** Richard Hiraga  
**Contact Info:** 949-940-6649/info@GQ-6.com  
**Website:** www.gq-s.com  
**Notes:** Use the online code IPMBA2017 at checkout.

### NUGO Nutrition

**Product:** Nutrition/Energy Bars  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 20% off MSRP  
**Contact Name:** Alyssa Nard  
**Contact Info:** 888-421-2032/anard@nugonutrition.com  
**Website:** www.nugonutrition.com  
**Notes:** Enter coupon code IPMBA18 at checkout.

### Specialty Suppliers

**ARMORPUR**  
**Product:** Odor Neutralizing Products for Body Armor, Sports Gear, and More  
**Discount/Cost to Members:** 10% off Retail  
**Contact Name:** Lorenza Viders  
**Contact Info:** 973-244-1862/Contact@armorpur.com  
**Website:** www.armorpur.com  
**Notes:** Enter coupon code “IPMBA” on check out page; 10% will be automatically deducted.
American Bike Patrol Services (ABPS) has been involved with bike patrol in southern California since the early 1990’s. They were first invited to the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Academy as a vendor group and quickly became involved with bike patrol courses, providing training and support for a variety of police and security agencies in California. ABPS sells police, military, and bike patrol equipment; apparel and footwear; bikes, bags, lighting, accessories, and more. ABPS provides full service for all makes of patrol bicycles, from simple adjustments to complete overhauls, and offers fleet management and patrol bike rentals in the greater Los Angeles area. Contact Aaron Roesler at abps@bikepatrol.info or 800-488-9690.

NAEMT (National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians) was founded in 1975 with support from the National Registry of EMTs and numerous leaders in emergency medicine. NAEMT began its mission of educating EMS practitioners in the late 1980s with the introduction of Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). In 1999, the national rollout of Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) education program took place, followed by the national rollout of Pediatric Prehospital Care (PPC) in 2001. PPC was reintroduced as Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) in 2007. Today, NAEMT is the largest professional association for EMS practitioners in the United States, providing education, advocacy, community education resources, and more.

Combining comfort, style, and durability, RZ Mask is shaping the future of respiratory protection. Plagued by dust while riding ATVs and dirt bikes as well as working construction, founder Steve Torbenson set out to find a solution. His goal was to develop a mask sleek enough to fit under a helmet, comfortable enough to be worn all day, effective enough to filter 99.9% of particulates, and durable enough to be worn daily. RZ Masks are made of flexible, non-abrasive material that forms to the natural contours of the face. With filters that are up to 99.9% effective on particulates down to .1 Micron, they enable breathing safely on- or off-duty and are used in 50+ industries as well as the recreation sector. RZ Mask is proud to be a part of the IPMBA family and support the strong men and women who serve. They are extending a 15% discount to all members, with the discount code IPMBA15. Contact Jim Hatzenbuhler at jim@rzmask.com or 952-324-5474.
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<td><strong>Cygolite Bicycle Lighting Systems</strong></td>
<td>High-intensity lighting systems, designed and built in the USA</td>
<td>949-297-4972</td>
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<td><strong>EMS World</strong></td>
<td>Leading EMS Magazine, Website, and Expo</td>
<td>800-547-7377</td>
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<td><strong>The Safariland Group</strong></td>
<td>Patrol Bikes and Accessories, Body Armor, Duty Gear, Firearms Accessories</td>
<td>909-923-7300</td>
<td><a href="http://www.safariland.com">www.safariland.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Sound Uniform Solutions</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Bratwear</strong></td>
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<td>206-722-1412</td>
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<td><strong>velofix</strong></td>
<td>Mobile bike shops, providing on-site service, builds and repairs, and fleet management</td>
<td>443-791-9700</td>
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**BICYCLES**

- **Bar Mitts, Inc.**  
  *Website: [www.barmitts.com](http://www.barmitts.com)*

- **Cane Creek Cycling Components**  
  *Website: [www.cane creek.com](http://www.cane creek.com)*

- **Clean Bottle**  
  *Website: [www.cleanbottle.com](http://www.cleanbottle.com)*

- **Detours**  
  *Website: [www.detours.us](http://www.detours.us)*

- **Duro Tire**  
  *Website: [www.durotire.com](http://www.durotire.com)*

- **Envelo-SRSUNTOUR/NOVATEC**  
  *Website: [www.srsuntours.com](http://www.srsuntours.com)*

- **Epic Cycle & Fitness**  
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Bike Mounted Usher: 
A New Use for Bike Patrol

by Clint Sandusky, former PCI #849/EMSCI #159
Riverside (CA) Community College District Police Department (Retired)

We all know the benefits and using bicycles for public safety service delivery in a variety of environments. Police, EMS and security personnel have used bikes in many capacities for many years. They are successfully deployed in our cities, academic campuses, airports, amusement parks, casinos, hospitals, shopping malls, and more. They are effective at demonstrations, festivals, parades, concerts, and during and after disasters. But at your local church? Yes!

As either active and/or retired law enforcement and/or military personnel, we serve a very important role in keeping our houses of worship safe. It is a blessing for me personally to use the training, skills and experience I have acquired in my 24 years as a law enforcement officer to serve God and help protect the flock of believers. And yes, we DO need to protect our churches.

Many of us have heard of and/or attended one of Lt. Col. Dave Grossman’s “Bulletproof Mind” presentations. Over my career, I attended at least two, and they were invaluable. A while back, I learned that Grossman had expanded his seminars and training to include community, church, school, and women’s safety. These seminars are offered through Sheepdog Safety Training, a company founded by Dave Grossman, Jimmy Meeks, and Carl Chinn. On their website (www.sheepdogsafetytraining.com), it states, “We are building a community of leaders who are called to protect the flock.” To this end, they offer a “Sheepdog Mini-Seminar”, conducted by Meeks and Chinn, which focuses on preventing violence at churches.

Jimmy, a minister and retired police officer, also writes a blog on the Sheepdog Safety Training website. A November 24, 2017, blog post written by Jimmy stated: “108 people have died violent deaths on church- and faith-based property this year. That’s an all-time high (77 in 2015). This alarming statistic should enable you to ‘foresee danger’ to the point that you will ‘take precautions.’” The final count for the number of violent deaths on church- and faith-based property for 2017 was 117.

The website also states, “Since 1999, over 800 people have died a violent death while on church- or faith-based property. In addition, thousands of children have been sexually molested while on church- or faith-based property (or at church-related events). A segment of the Sheepdog Seminars for Churches is designed to help churches and faith-based properties be prepared against such violence.

Faced with this sobering information, and in the interest of taking precautions, other members of my church and I attended a SoCal forum on church safety last year, called the “5th Annual Ark of Safety Forum.” It was probably the BEST active shooter classroom training I’ve ever received! Because continuous training is always important, I also attended an “Active Shooter Preparedness” presentation for churches hosted by the US Department of Homeland Security, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s and Riverside County Sheriff’s Departments on March 9, 2018. Visit https://dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness for more information, including how to locate a workshops in your area.

Why Bike Patrol at Church?

In 2016, I helped provide security for my church’s (Wildwood Calvary Chapel, or WCC) “Summer Bible Blast” event. Walking around for hours, over multiple days, wiped me out (yes, I’m older). I thought to myself, “Some of us are already utilizing our skills as active and/or retired cops to keep our church events safe. Why not take it a step farther and do it on bike?”

Following the event, I approached our Head Usher and pastor who oversees the Usher Ministry about using my personal patrol bike at church. They both thought it was a great idea, and since then I’ve been riding bike patrol for key church services and events, both on- and off-campus. In January of this year, I even had the opportunity to do a “Bike Patrol and Bicycle Safety” presentation for the church’s Wildwood Christian Academy students. The scariest part was when I read them a bible-inspired story (fun, but not my forte).

So why conduct bike patrol at a church? Because the church environment is no different than any other environment in which safety and security is a high priority. As I proved over and over during my years patrolling on-bike in a college environment, the bike is perfect for helping deter incidents through high-visibility and responding quickly to calls for service, and is, of course, an excellent community relations tool.

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A New Use for Bike Patrol, Cont.

When we add additional bike-mounted ushers to the program, we will ensure they are adequately trained, skilled, and equipped, for their safety and the liability protection of the church.

The bike patrol program has been invaluable in the church’s mission to provide a safe and secure environment for worshipping God. We’ve received nothing but praise since we launched it.

The Challenge

In this time when innocent people find themselves the targets of mass violence, churches of all faiths must achieve a delicate balance between being a welcoming place of worship and being watchful and wary for potential problems. I believe the use of bikes by usher/security personnel can help churches establish this balance.

I would be interested to learn if anyone else uses bikes to patrol at their church. Please send IPMBA and/or me your experiences and/or comments.

As always, be safe out there everyone!

Clint’s 24-year career in law enforcement included both with Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Riverside Community College District Police Department (RCCD PD), where he served as Bike Team Coordinator. He has been an IPMBA member since 1994 and has attended 11 conferences. Since 1994, Clint’s been a CA POST certified Bike Patrol Instructor and has taught Bike Patrol Courses for Riverside County Sheriff’s Department for over 18 years. He actively competes in USA Cycling amateur cross-country mountain bike races and since 1999 has competed in what is now known as the United States Police & Fire Championships. He also competed in two World Police & Fire Games hosted in New York City (2011) and Los Angeles (2017). In 2016, Clint became a volunteer coach (NICA, Level 1) for the Yucaipa High School Mountain Bike Team and began coordinating adult bicycle safety presentations and trainings with ABEA (American Bicycling Education Association) and CyclingSavvy Instructors. He also assists ABPS (American Bike Patrol Services) with private trainings throughout SoCal, and patrols on bike during his church’s services. He can be reached at clint.sandusky@gmail.com.

Photos courtesy Clint Sandusky.
Notable Achievements

Bob Hatcher has been awarded the Delaware (OH) Police Department’s Distinguished Service Award for his role as 2017 IPMBA Conference Chairperson. The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed upon any department member or civilian whose action or performance significantly contribute to the betterment of the community and the Delaware Police Department. This includes innovative ideas, outstanding police work, or other substantive accomplishments. Adrian Foust and Adam Willauer received Commendations, which are presented for acts and accomplishments worthy of recognition. Jake Hartman, Mark Jackson, Jon Weirich, and Bill Zoller were presented with Letters of Appreciation. Congratulations to all! Photo courtesy David Field.

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Hey Wren,

I really liked your President’s Column in the Fall 2017 newsletter. It took me five years to find a certification course that was even remotely close to me. I’ve worked as a certified bike medic for four years now and have worked more than 80 events. I mainly work at sporting events such as 5/10Ks, half marathons and marathons. I work for three different agencies and as an independent contractor.

Your column struck a chord with me. With one agency, I was assigned to work an event with another bike medic. When I asked if they were certified, their response was “We’ve had no complaints.” Another event, their response was, “J. says he’s okay.” Needless to say, I don’t sign up for any of their events. If they ever ask me why, I’ll send them a copy of your column, if that’s all right with you.

At another event, I got paired up with a clown that had a garage sale bike and had always wanted to be a bike medic. She left me so she could trail the leader of the race while I was in the back of the pack treating patients. I was at a cardiac arrest call a few months later, and she was nowhere to be found. She was booted out of that agency. One national agency once told my partner that the race promoter only wanted one bike medic, so he asked why the race promoter was making decisions about how the medical team was staffed. He explained that I carry all the oxygen equipment and he carries the AED. Splitting us up made no sense. He received no answer. I signed up for another event, and that national agency said they only wanted one bike medic. I no longer respond to their calls.

It would seem that I’m surrounded by knuckleheads everywhere, but my buddy took the certification course together with me and we work as a team. We are both in different fire departments but work outside our departments independently. We are on Facebook with 5000 friends from fire and EMS agencies from all the over the world.

Thanks again for a great column and I hope it wakes people up.
—Steve R. Jackson

One of the Highlights of My Career

January 4, 2018

I appreciate your work for IPMBA. I’ve been retired now for over five years and IPMBA was one of the highlights of my career. I maintain my membership to show support. Thanks for everything.

—Stephen Superba
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Patrol vehicles can be intimidating as they have heavily tinted glass and are typically moving quickly. “Anyone wanting to talk to an officer has a difficult time getting the officer’s attention or speaking with him casually because the opportunity does not present itself in a patrol car,” says Officer Andrew Humes, College Station Police Department (Texas). Bike officers, on the other hand, are more approachable.

“They are typically moving more slowly, can see and hear the surrounding environment much better, and are doing something most people can identify with—riding a bike.”

Since attending the academy, Humes was aware his department had officers assigned to bike patrol and knew they were some of the most active and effective officers on the street. One thing Humes appreciates as a bike patrol officer now is the maneuverability of a bike that lends itself to more opportunities. “When on patrol [in the car] my beat was busy and I often ended up with several reports and many calls for service. I spent very little time talking to anyone who was not at my call or being stopped. Bike officers are able to ride in between or in buildings, on sidewalks through parks, and almost anywhere else. An officer’s exposure to the community is almost endless,” he says.

Denton PD’s Millican notes that bicycle policing significantly increases positive contacts and non-serious contacts with law enforcement. He points to a 2005 study, which saw an average of 7.3 contacts an hour on bike patrol versus 3.3 contacts an hour for motor vehicle patrol. “This opens the lines of communication between police and community members,” he says. “Officers are seen more friendly and it encourages a more positive interaction with the public.”

Sergeant Van Watson of the Little Rock Police Department (Ark.) has been a community bike officer on and off for two and a half years. He believes the patrol car comes across as a defense to some people, but on the bike, people seem to want to talk to him more. “People are willing to approach us and they’re more comfortable doing so,” he says. “When we’re riding bikes we’ve had community members join us and ride their bikes with us a block or two or even a mile, just to say hi or talk.”

This close proximity to the community they are policing allows bike patrol the opportunity to have casual conversations to know community members and lets the rest of the community get to know the officer, says Humes. “There is no substitute for communication and the bike helps foster this relationship. No matter how modern policing gets, at its heart it is a human endeavor.”

Improved Relationships

The aspect of approachability is one big reason police-community relationships have improved in many areas. The 2017 college football season will be Humes’ fifth on bike patrol in the entertainment district in College Station, Texas. Humes recalls that four years ago, his bike patrol unit was booed and the crowd would chant “Let him go! Let him go!” whenever anyone evaded police and was later caught or if the unit arrested anyone for perceived minor violations. “We began a concerted effort to improve relationships with both patrons and employees that worked the district,” he says. “Bikes often started conversations and made us available to anyone who wanted to talk.”

Two years later in 2015, Humes recalls that his unit had someone run away from them in a crowded area. The crowd pointed out which direction the suspect was running and made sure they were out of the way as the police gave chase. After a three or four minute sprint through the district they were able to apprehend the suspect in front of a large crowd waiting for rides. There was a short silence after he was handcuffed and then the cheering began. “Several of the regulars were reminding the suspect that no one gets away from ‘their cops,’” says Humes. “While everyone is not our best friend, the bike served as an excellent tool to build

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Watson tells a similar story. Community members will now come into the resource centers and talk to officers more on a one-on-one basis. “They ask for specific officers that they know and are more willing to tell that officer something because they feel like they have a connection,” says Watson. People know Watson and his bike patrol officers, who never ride solo. “They’ll flag us down and we may spend 30 minutes just talking about their kids but it’s a connection we’ve made with the community.”

Though he doesn’t have statistics on it, Watson has noticed that in the hours that he and his unit are on the bike, crime goes down a little bit. “We’ve noticed that the areas that we’re in on bike patrol, people are more willing to talk to us and relay criminal information to us that we can forward to our other divisions,” he says. This has created a partnership and trust between the police and community. “Our philosophy is that it may take us a little bit longer to solve an issue but we’re working with the community to help solve the issue—it’s not just a police issue. We’re getting the community involved.”

A commitment for the entire department

Though bicycle patrol has helped mend police-community relations in some areas, this commitment has to be a department-wide strategy. “Community-oriented policing is a commitment for the entire department and it takes many forms,” says Humes. “The officers assigned to a neighborhood or community need to understand the constituency and mission so they can engage the community appropriately.”

Community-oriented policing is the philosophy that the entire Little Rock Police Department has gotten behind. “We at Little Rock PD all believe in community policing where we’re all trying to build a relationship with our community to solve crimes to help our citizens have a better life,” says Watson. “If we can make a difference in one person’s life, that’s all that matters.”

The personal relationships bike patrol officers foster with the community not only increases trust, but strengthens the partnership.

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