

May 15-20 (next week) is National Police Week. In honor of the law enforcement officers of this country I wanted to put a story out from an unknown author:

When the Lord was creating Police Officers, he was into his sixth day of working overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You sure are doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord Said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

"A Police Officer has to be able to run five miles through alleys in the dark, scale walls, enter homes the health inspector wouldn't touch, and not wrinkle his uniform. He has to be able to sit in an undercover car all day on a stakeout, cover a homicide scene that night, canvass the neighborhood for witnesses, and testify in court the next day. He has to be in top physical condition at all times, running on black coffee and half-eaten meals. And he has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands.....no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "it's the three pairs of eyes an officer has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through a bulge in a pocket before he asks, 'May I see what's in there, sir?' (when he already knows and wishes he had taken that accounting job)."

"Another pair here in the side of his head for his partner's safety."

"And another pair of eyes here in front that can look reassuringly at a bleeding victim and say, 'You'll be alright ma'am,' when he knows it isn't so."

"Lord," said the angel, toughing his sleeve, "why don't you rest and work on this tomorrow?"

"I can't," said the Lord, "The world needs all I can make now."

The angel circled the model of the police officer very slowly, "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet," said the Lord. "It can tell you the elements of a hundred crimes; recite Miranda warnings in its sleep; detain, investigate, search, and arrest a gang member on the street in less time than it takes 5 learned judges to debate the legality of the stop...and still it keeps its sense of humor."

"This Officer has phenomenal personal control. He can deal with crime scenes painted in hell, coax a confession from a child abuser, comfort a murder victim's family, and then read in the daily paper how law enforcement isn't sensitive to the rights of criminals."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the police officer. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the lord, "it's a tear."

“What’s the tear for?” asked the Angel.

“It’s for bottled-up emotions, for fallen comrades, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the American flag, and for justice.”

“You’re a genius,” said the angel.

The Lord looked somberly at the angel and said, “I’m no genius, I didn’t put that tear in his eye!”

Thank all of you for your support over the years. If you see a police officer this week, please thank him for his service.

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