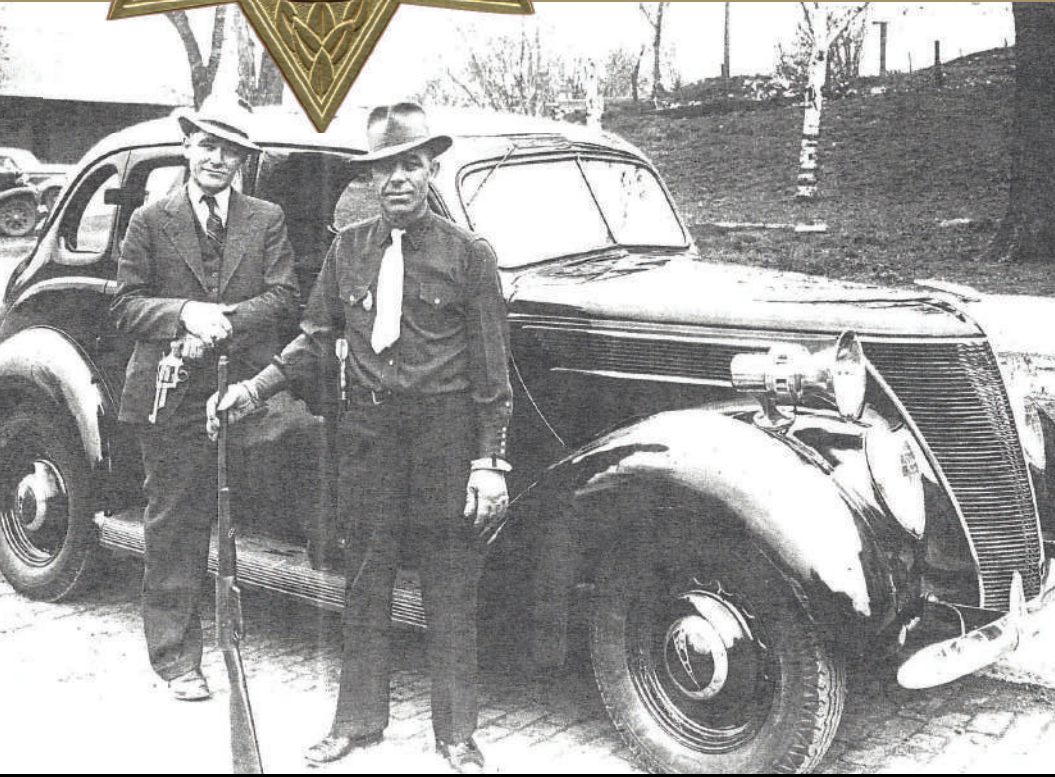




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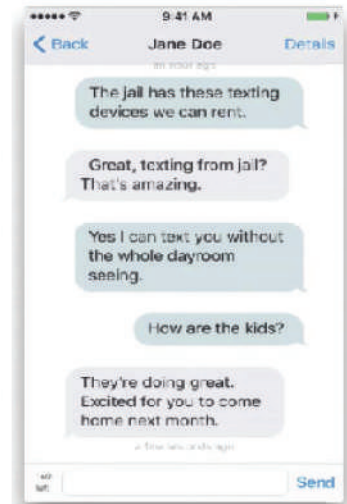
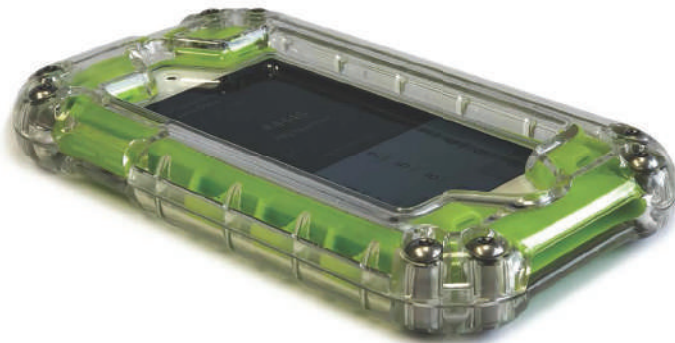


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Once again, our country has experienced the tragedy of mass shootings. The recent shootings in El Paso and Dayton is a reminder that it can happen anywhere, at any time.

In El Paso TX, families were taking advantage of its annual tax-free day and shopping for the start of the new school year. The Walmart was at

capacity when the gunman opened fire. In the end, 22 innocent citizens lost their lives.

In Dayton OH, people were enjoying themselves in an entertainment area when the gunman opened fire, killing 9 innocent citizens including the gunman's sister. The heroes of the Dayton Police Department saved countless lives when they ended the threat within 30 seconds that the shooting began.

As has become the norm after a mass shooting, both political parties are placing blame. If both parties continue to refuse to work together, there will never be a solution and more innocent lives will be lost.

We live in a country where the threat of an active shooter has become the norm. Citizens today are in danger by going to the movies, concerts, dinner, shopping, and school. As law enforcement officers, we routinely train on active shooter response; one officer entry, multiple officer entry, tactical medical response, and how to deal with the aftermath of the tragedy. We encourage our officers to carry off duty and instruct our family members what to do if they become the target of an active shooter. We instruct school kids to "Run, Hide, or Fight" or "Avoid, Defend, Deny". This is something we never thought about 25 years ago.

We need to come together as a country, not as Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, but as Americans. Regardless of race, political affiliation, or religion, we are all Americans. We need to stop the violence.

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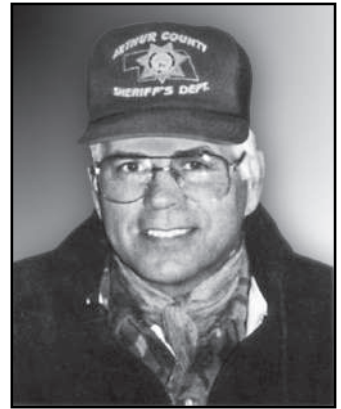
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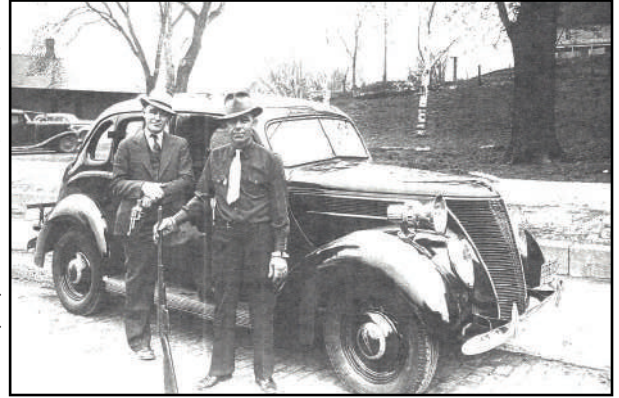
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BANDITS WHO SHOT G-MAN AT TOPEKA CAPTURED BY THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF AND BROTHER

Unidentified Lincoln Car May Have Played Important Part in Surrender of Two Gun-Men Plattsmouth Streets Prove Hopeless Maze to New Yorkers.

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STOP AT UNDERPASS

As the cars came into Plattsmouth the bandit car went up 8th street over the hill down to 7th, over into the north part of Plattsmouth and finally down 4th street to Main, then east. An unidentified Lincoln car with a man and two women was parked at the Burlington station. The bandits realized they were off the highway at the underpass and stopped. The sheriff and deputy jumped out on either side and ; ordered them out of the car. Evidently, believing themselves trapped by two cars, the men surrendered without a shot. Their auto rolled on, down the incline to smash into the side of the underpass. The bandits', armed with .38 hammerless Colt, automatics were marched up Main Street to the street light where they were searched. Eleven thousand dollars in cash was found on their persons later.

CROWD GATHERS

A crowd of 500 gathered on the street and at the court house within a few minutes. 'Upon questioning, the men gave their names as Robert Suhay, 26; and Alfred Power, 45. Both men wore dark grey business suits and hats. They appeared unruffled except for the blood stained bandage on Suhay's arm. The men admitted readily they were wanted for the Topeka shooting. When questioned on the New York bank holdup Suhay asked "What holdup" and then retorted "What they goin' to try to pin on us next." Powers refused to talk. The pair also admitted that they had taken Dr. Hibbard's car after he had dressed Suhay's wounded wrist.

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A grey overcoat with a blood soaked sleeve in the back seat of the Chevrolet, revealed a bill of sale and insurance policy for a 1937 Buick business coupe purchased the first part of April in Cleveland, Ohio by a James Hackett at 1022 Statler Hotel who was supposedly a salesman for the Fleetwood Sales. \$800 was paid in cash and a check given for the balance. The Buick was evidently the one wrecked near Sabetha. Suhay admitted serving in the penitentiary in New York state four years on a 4-12 year sentence. Powers was told that he had been sentenced on two counts, serving five of a ten year sentence and another one year term.

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SHOOTING IN TOPEKA

Hayne W. Baker, 27, federal bureau of investigation agent, was critically wounded by four bullets fired at Topeka yesterday morning by one of the men captured here last night. The shooting occurred after the two fugitives appeared casually at the post office and one of them called for a package which federal agents had marked. There were three agents who had posted themselves in separated positions for three days. Baker stepped forward, covering the suspect. The second fugitive opened fire, shooting the agent in the back.

TWO BANDITS CAPTURED HERE FACE THE CHAIR. W. W. BAKER, G-MAN, SHOT FRIDAY AT TOPEKA, DIES OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY BANDITS.

Alfred Powers and Robert Suhay, whose capture here Friday night by Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester, proved a national sensation, are to face a murder charge.

W. W. Baker, 27, the federal operative that was shot by the men in Topeka, Kansas, died Sunday of his injuries and brought the statement that the federal authorities would at once move for a murder indictment against Powers and Suhay. The two bandits, taken to Omaha from here at 11:30 Friday night, were taken early Saturday to Kansas city where they have since been held.

In addition to the funds found on the men in Omaha, a later search at a Kansas City hotel revealed some \$7,000 in currency which apparently tied the men up with a Katonah, New York bank robbery on which they were being sought when they shot Baker.

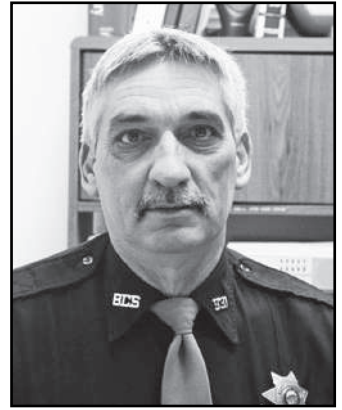
Following the death of Baker, United States Attorney S. S. Alexander of Kansas City announced that prompt steps would be taken to have indictments prepared charging the men with murder and that the death penalty will be asked by the government. The case will be brought in the federal court in Kansas City.

Baker is the tenth federal operative to have been killed since 1925. Congress recently passed a law that provided the death penalty for the shooting of federal operatives.

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Baker whirled and another bullet struck him in the chest. Two more struck him in the legs. O. D. Davis, a bystander, was shot in the foot. Suhay was shot in the wrist in the fray. The men were sought in connection with a New York bank robbery. After fleeing from Topeka the bandits wrecked their car about seven miles north of Sabetha.

CALL DOCTOR

A short time later they stopped Joe Garver, a farmer, and forced him to drive them to his home. There, at the point of a gun, they ordered him to call a doctor. Dr. S. M. Hibbard of Sabetha was summoned. In front of the farm house he was confronted by the refugees. While the injured man guarded the farmer, his companion forced Dr. Hibbard to drive back to Sabetha for antitetanus serum.

In Sabetha, they stopped at the curb in front of a drug store, and while the bandit covered Dr. Hibbard with his gun, the doctor had an unsuspecting drug clerk bring the serum to the car. Then, they returned to the farm house where the wounded man was treated. While at the house, they forced the farmer's wife to fix them a lunch. After, they drove off in Dr. Hibbard's car to be later picked up in this county.

A NICE PIECE OF WORK

The capture and arrest here of Robert Suhay and Alfred Powers, gunmen wanted in the shooting of a G-man at Topeka, Kansas, as well as bank robber suspects in New York, is a piece of work for which Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester deserve the fullest credit. The local officers showed good judgment and fearlessness in the handling of the pursuit and capture and added a very fine contribution to the record of law enforcement in Cass county. The bandits arrests were listed as "real bad men, willing to shoot their way out of a corner." But, they were carefully bottled up and forced to surrender without a shot being fired. Although, in their pockets were found guns, one of which wounded a federal operative a few hours prior. We feel, as will all of the residents of Cass county, that the sheriff and deputy are to be commended on their Friday night capture.

CHIEF OF THE 'G' MEN GIVES HIS COMMENT

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of 'G' Men, in Washington today gave out the following statement in regard to the daring capture of the two bandits here Friday night

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BUFFALO COUNTY IMPLEMENTS NEW APP

In mid-2018, law enforcement and public safety executives as part of the South Central Planning, Execution and Training (SCPET) region met to discuss implementing new technology that would better connect the community to first responders. Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and public safety officials sought to revolutionize the way information could be passed, in real time and considered the ability to do so based on the person's location. Their goal was to find an innovative, emerging platform that could also encourage and empower community members to report suspicious behavior.

A 2017 Center for Disease Control (CDC) report showed a steady decline in telephone services installed in residential areas but a significant increase in the use of mobile devices by all ages. In fact, a more recent study showed that more than 90% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 use smart devices. Of those surveyed and on average, people checked those same devices more than 150 times a day, and 68% checked them within 15 minutes of waking up. These trends were a clear sign to law enforcement across the country that it was time to consider new ways to reach the people they're charged with protecting.

These studies also highlighted somewhat antiquated processes like tip submission boxes in the lobby of government buildings and emphasized the need to reconnect with millennials who rarely call 800-lines and prefer app-based communications. Texting, Social Media, and messaging apps like SnapChat make up the majority of communications sent and received by young adults, teens, and children. That includes spoken conversations in person. Refusing to meet them on their own ground would certainly create future challenges when building community policing type relationships.

A few months after the initial SCPET meeting, Buffalo County Sheriff Neil Miller and former Kearney Police Chief Dan Lynch decided to be the first in the region to pilot an app that allowed them to push information out to mobile devices. Together, the team used the See it, Say it, Send it app to notify residents of missing children,

active crime scenes and suspicious incidents. In return, they received tips about criminal activity, speeding, and school-related issues. Sheriff Miller said in an interview with the Grand Island Independent that despite being "kind of old-fashioned," we believe the app is a "very, very powerful tool for us."

The successes in Buffalo County attracted the attention of former Hall County Sheriff Jerry Watson. Watson, the then chairman of the SCPET, decided to push for the app to be used by the 15-county area that includes 33 law enforcement agencies.

In August, the SCPET met again to consider using earmarked Department of Homeland Security funds to finish the roll out across the region. The initiative was approved and representatives from local school districts, the University of Nebraska Kearny and all 33 law enforcement agencies, meet on a day that is a constant reminder for the need of a continued focus on security, September 11th.

At the meeting, the app founder and creator provided detailed training on how to use the platform to its fullest. Grand Island Public Schools Superintendent Tawana Grover, told the Grand Island Independent that she was "looking forward to moving forward with the app in Grand Island Public Schools" followed by Grand Island Police Chief Robert Falldorf, commenting that law enforcement officers "can't be the eyes and ears of the whole community, they need the support of the entire community including students".



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Since the regional implementation, agencies have used stickers, posters and rack cards, provided for free through their subscription, to educate and promote the downloading of the See it, Say it, Send it app that is available in both the Apple and Android platforms. Those efforts combined with digital billboards, social media advertising, and Spotify commercials, also covered under the subscription, have led to an active user count just over 72,000 for a combined population around 225,000.

Early analytics of the app's success in the SCPET region shows the receipt of more than 300 tips (78% anonymous, 22% self-identified) some of which have led to the prevention of criminal activity, the discovery of narcotics and the intervention of school-related problems. Seventy-one notifications have been sent to mobile devices to warn of severe weather approaching or related incidents, the need for information related to a recent crime or to identify a suspect not yet in custody. Around the country, the app has led to the arrest of a murder suspect in Florida, the identification of a shooting suspect in North Carolina, the recovery of stolen property in Ohio and the securing of several narcotics search warrants in Michigan.

During the summer of 2019, the See it, Say it, Send it app creator, CEO Kevin Angell, plans to return to region and provide updated training on new features as well as visit agencies in the East Central, Northeast, and Panhandle regions that have implemented, inquired about or planning to go live with the app. The SCPET region will also renew their subscription to the app as part of the visit.

Also, during the visit, Angell is bringing with him a new school initiative he devised after several reviews of the Parkland School Shooting Commission report. The idea behind the initiative is to empower students to report security concerns before an incident takes place. Since students are frequently subjected to security measures, asking them to send in tips and pictures of broken fencing, damaged security equipment and faulty lighting instills a sense of ownership and responsibility for their own safety. The plan is to address and mitigate security concerns before the lead to a crime of opportunity. Angell has seen significant successes in a test roll out with school districts in Georgia earlier this year.

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KEITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HISTORY

When Keith County was organized in 1872 it was requested by the citizens of the County that an election be held for the purpose of choosing County officers and organizing said County. Governor Furnas ordered the election held in a residence in Ogallala on Saturday, May 3rd, 1873. A.H. Bradley was the first elected Sheriff. In the first five years of Keith County's existence, six sheriffs wore the star of authority. The only record of the Sheriffs' between Bradley and DePrieste were George Caruthers 1875, D.E. Leech 1875, J.G. Huges, and B.J. Gillian. J.G. Huges filled the vacant post of Sheriff twice.



One of the first murders in Ogallala happened in August 1875. A young Texas cowboy named Webster was bathing while tending his herd. He was shot 5 times in the head, neck and body. This murder shocked the residents of Ogallala. Webster's murderer was a seedy character named Woosley. Webster was buried north of the town at the foot of what would become known as Boot Hill. Webster's murderer was never captured.

The first arrests by earliest County records we have were for "branding cattle not their own", on January 31, 1878. In 1879, Martin DePrieste was elected to the office of Sheriff of Keith County. It did not take long to prove that he was going to be a good sheriff. In 1880, Billy Thompson came to Ogallala as his brother Ben Thompson was a feared gunman staying in town. Billy was the one who always stirred up trouble he couldn't handle. Billy made the mistake of locking horns with Bill Tucker, who ran the Cowboy's Rest on Rail Road Street. It is unknown what the argument was about, but it resulted in Thompson firing at him and clipping off part of his left thumb and the tips of some fingers. As Tucker dropped to the floor, Thompson (thinking the battle had ended) walked out to the street. Tucker then grabbed his ten-gauge shotgun he kept under the bar and sighted in Thompson and shot him in the back. Some friends of Ben Thompson carried his brother Billy to the Ogallala House land and put him in his room.

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Sheriff Martin DePrieste heard the reports of what happened between Tucker and Thompson and could only come to one conclusion. Billy Thompson started the trouble by shooting Bill Tucker. It was attempted murder and DePrieste didn't allow that in his County. Thompson was arrested and lodged in jail. Thompson wasn't seriously wounded, but the threat of lynching was so great that there had to be a guard posted outside the jail to ward off angry men who might try to take him out and hang him.

William B. "Bat" Masterson (close friend to Billy's brother Ben) agreed to go to Ogallala and try to get Billy out of there. While in town, Masterson was recognized and DePrieste guessed that he was there to sneak Thompson out of town. Security was tightened and DePrieste was developing his reputation for iron nerves. There are many reports of just how Masterson was able to get Billy Thompson out of Ogallala. Some say the guard was bribed, others say the guard was drugged. Even on report said that Masterson put Thompson in a dress as his lady friend. Regardless of how it happened, the fact remains that Bat Masterson did get Billy Thompson out of Ogallala and on the train to North Platte. There Masterson took him to Kansas in a buggy. Most reports say that they borrowed the buggy from Buffalo Bill because Bill Cody was a friend of Masterson and Ben Thompson.

Sheriff DePrieste was shot several times during his tenure as Sheriff, and he reserved a place at Boot Hill for more

than one outlaw. Sheriff DePrieste greatly tamed Ogallala and deserved the respect and reputation he had as one of the Old West's Lawmen most feared by the criminals and rowdy Texas Trail cowboys.

Eugene Beall was elected Sheriff and served from 1908 to 1917. F.E. Anderson was elected to office in 1917 with George Heiser as his Deputy.

In 1918, George N. Heiser was elected Sheriff. He was killed in the line of duty on May 1st, 1923, when shot by Frank Allen (AKA Frank Randall "The Sandhills Bootlegger"). Sheriff Heiser had taken a posse north of Keystone to apprehend Allen who was wanted in connection with the murder of a Scottsbluff County Deputy. During the shootout, Sheriff Heiser was killed, but not before he got off 4 rounds. 2 of which "did the job", causing Allen's death. In turn, Sheriff Heiser's Deputies also shot Allen. Allen died after being transported to a North Platte Hospital by train.

Sheriff Heiser's funeral was the largest seen in Ogallala at the time. His obituary quotes a reverend as saying, "Every great moment must pay the price in blood, George Heiser's name will stand with those pioneers whose courage and honesty of purpose will eventually clear the way to peace and right living".

Ogallala has come a long way since the late 1800's when it was quoted as being the "Gomorrhah of the cattle trail". As one Texas cowboy described it, "There's gold flowing across the tables, liquor across the bars and blood across the floors".

Historical facts and documentation were taken from the Nebraska State Historical Society, "Wild Towns of Nebraska", written by Wayne C. Lee, the Keith County News, the North Platte Telegraph, the Keith County Historical Society, and the Keith County Sheriff's Office records

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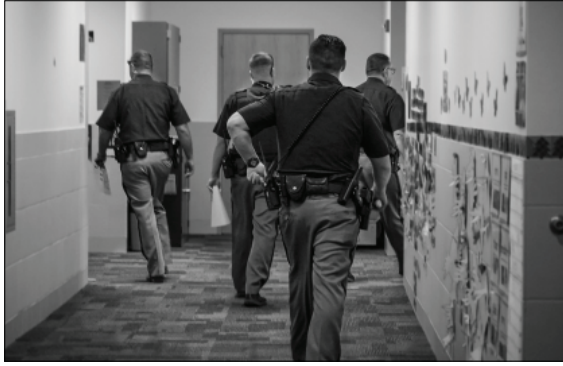
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LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT!



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On Friday, May 3, 2019, Cross County School along with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol conducted a Standard Response Protocol Lockdown drill at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Choosing to be prepared and responding to any situation requires education, a common vocabulary/protocol, and most importantly, practice. This recent drill encompassed all of these and more as Cross County students, faculty, the PC Sheriff's Office and the NSP did their part to demonstrate preparedness, security and the seriousness of potential situations.

The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is a highly-researched and data-driven approach that instills confidence and preparedness in participants without physical or emotional harm. The SRP is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given situation. The SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility.

Since its introduction in 2009, the Standard Response Protocol has been adopted by over 25,000 schools, organizations and agencies across the US and Canada. The conformance to FEMA guidance about plain language and the simplicity of implementation has resulted in thousands of schools and law enforcement agencies implementing the program. As organizations began adoption of the program, an ongoing commitment from The "I Love U Guys" Foundation has been to keep the materials relevant. In 2015, the Foundation released a total refresh on the materials, practices and guidance.

The "I Love U Guys" Foundation was started in 2006 by Ellen and John-Michael Keyes following a school shooting that took the life of their daughter, Emily. "I love you guys" was the last message that Emily Keyes sent through text while she was being held hostage. The Foundation is committed to school and community safety, and family reunification following a crisis.

For Cross County, this drill required planning and coordination with local responders as well as informative training and education to staff and students alike. Throughout Cross County, simple and direct sign-age is visible in hallways, doorways, bathrooms and classrooms. The SRP uses clear and simple directives with required actions to all who hear them.

At 2:00 p.m., Superintendent Brent Hollinger initiated the Lockdown protocol over the school intercom, 'locks, lights, out of sight'. 'Locks, lights, out of sight'. 'Locks, lights, out of sight'.

Within seconds, the hustle and bustle of a busy school day was gone, it was closed and locked behind doors and dark classrooms. The eeriness of the drill turned into a gut-wrenching reality as the footsteps of the deputies and patrolmen echoed through the quiet hallways. Unlocking doors and shining flashlights, every room, including closets and other tight or hidden spaces were methodically cleared. Arriving in the elementary wing, the responders unlocked and cleared classrooms as young students, under the care and keen supervision of teachers and staff, were carefully and quickly guided out towards exterior doors. From the youngest to oldest students, it was clear that expectations and awareness had been pre-taught and practiced prior to the drill. With hands held high, students left the building, converging at a common location while teachers reported 'green' or 'red' to indicate whether they had all their students (green) or whether they had too many or too few students (red). From start to finish, the responders were able to effectively clear the entire building in just over 20 minutes with everyone safely accounted for.

A short assembly brought everyone together as Deputy Prokupek addressed the students and teachers, providing positive feedback and reassurance to everyone's efforts before, during and at the conclusion of the drill. Deputy Prokupek along with Superintendent Hollinger, Dan Cramer, teachers Dan Conway and Autumn Capler attended Standard Response Protocol Training on December 12, 2018, bringing back information and knowledge that was then passed on to other colleagues and students.

The benefits of SRP and the recent drill have already made an impact at Cross County and will continue to do so as subsequent drills and expectations prepare everyone on how to respond to unexpected situations. Students will become more familiar with the required actions and expectations throughout their educational career. Parents can understand and become a supporter to the school district and responders implementing the SRP. The common vocabulary creates a seamless communication to all entities involved creating a clear, direct and rapid response to these situations.

In Polk County, we are fortunate to be served by four great schools and a sheriff's office that is implementing the SRP into their safety plans. Future drills will continue to take place with these schools and our Polk County Sheriff's Office.

With the unfortunate reality of what this young generation is growing up in, it is an imperative step that we continue to approach life pro-actively by focusing on preparing.



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GOMORRAH OF THE CATTLE TRAIL

That's how trail driver Andy Adams described Ogallala in his book, "Log of a Cowboy". Adams, who first came up the trail in 1875, said:

"We finally scaled the last divide and there below in the valley of the South Platte, nestled Ogallala, the Gomorrah of the cattle trail. From amongst its half hundred buildings, no church spire pointed upward, but instead three-fourths of its business houses were dance halls, gambling houses and saloons."

One hundred forty-four years later, it safe say that "Gomorrah" has moved. The herds of cattle that once grazed the hills south of Ogallala, waiting to be sold, and sometimes numbering up to 125,000 head, have long since vanished and the town that Adams described in his book has grown and "churched" itself up quite a bit. I believe if Adams could see the town we have now, and the many church spires reaching upward, he would be proud of how much it has changed and advanced with the times. However, we still have a "Gomorrah." It just moved north into the North Platte River valley and is no known as Lake C.W. McConaughy. It is truly one of the most beautiful sites to see with its massive size and blue waters surrounded by white sand beaches that stretch as far as the eye can see, and where the beaches run out, the bluffs begin, on the south side and as you move to the west end, where it all begins, you have a wide, peaceful, beautiful river valley...in another county. McConaughy's water sports, boating, fishing, camping and wildlife are in my humble opinion, un-matched throughout the rest of the state. Most of the time that is. Then come those "holiday" weekends like Memorial Day, which typically starts the summer season on the lake, then the Fourth of July, and ending with Labor Day which typically ends the season on the lake. This past Fourth of July holiday had reported numbers of visitors in excess of 300,000. With the officers on duty, provided by Game and Parks, Nebraska State Patrol and The Keith County Sheriff's we were outnumbered roughly 15,000-1, not to mention the fact that there are no addresses on the beach and when we get called to one of these "tent cities" it makes it extremely difficult to find the people or situation involved. Alcohol was banned on the lake years ago, but most people seem to think that is just a suggestion not a law, and our close proximity to "Colorful Colorado" only enhances the problems with the influx of marijuana and THC edibles and all of the joy that brings. Adams described it as "Gomorrah", I say now it is a scene of alcohol induced idiocy complicated by drunken debauchery.

It can be a scene you have to see to believe, in its beauty and brilliance and wildlife...and wild life...so come on out and see us. Depending the timing of your visit, we just might be able to show you both sides of the "Wildlife".

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- 12:00-6:00 PM Open Registration
 1:00-2:00 PM Nebraska Crime Commission Update
 2:00-2:20 PM Fight Crime - Joshua Spaulding
 2:20-3:40 PM Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Update - Glen Parks
 3:40-5:00 PM NE Domestic and Sexual Violence Statewide Coordinated Response Team Update - Emily Schoenleber
 5:00-7:00 PM NSA Annual Meeting
 5:00-7:00 PM POAN Board Meeting
 7:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

- 7:00-8:30 AM Open Registration
 8:30-9:00 AM Opening Session Attorney General National Anthem
 9:00-10:00 AM NeVDRS Speaker
 9:00-1:00 PM Spouses Program Corky Creations & Lunch
 10:00-10:30 AM Break In Vendor Area
 10:30-12:00 PM National Missing & Unidentified Persons System - Melissa Gregory
 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Provided in Vendor Area Highway Safety Luncheon *(invite only)*
 1:05 PM Afternoon Drawing in Classroom
 1:15-2:30 PM The Kelsey Smith Case - Greg Smith
 2:30-3:00 PM Break in Vendor Area
 3:00-4:45 PM The Kelsey Smith Case - Greg Smith
 5:30-7:30 PM President's Reception
 7:30-11:00 PM Hospitality Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

- 8:00-10:00 AM The Bullet Proof Mind - Col. Grossman
 10:00-10:30 AM Break in the Vendor Area
 10:30-12:00 AM The Bullet Proof Mind - Col. Grossman
 12:00-12:45 PM Lunch On Your Own POAN Annual Luncheon *(POAN Members Only)*
 1:00-2:30 PM The Bullet Proof Mind - Col. Grossman
 2:30-3:00 PM Break in Vendor Area
 3:00-5:00 PM The Bullet Proof Mind - Col. Grossman
 6:00-9:00 PM NSA & POAN Awards Banquet
 6:00-6:30 PM Cocktails
 6:30-9:00 PM Conference Banquet and Awards Entertainment: Joe Cole
 9:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

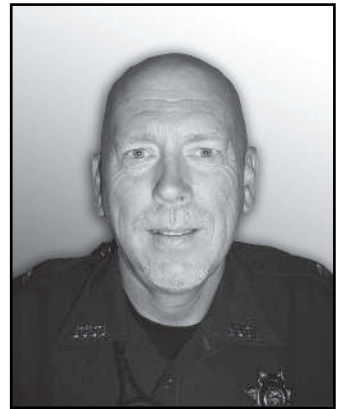
- 8:00-10:00 PM Why Teens Kill - Chalmers
 10:00-10:30 AM Break in Hallway
 10:30-12:00 PM Why Teens Kill - Chalmers
 12:00-12:15 PM Closing Comments
 12:15-1:15 PM POAN Board Meeting

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WHAT IS SCALES?

In August of 2001, area law enforcement joined forces to create SCALES, the South Central Alliance of Law Enforcement Services. The purpose for creating this South Central Nebraska law enforcement task force was to create a multi-jurisdictional investigative unit that could assist agencies with and/or independently handle major crime investigations.

When initially formed, SCALES had six agencies; Grand Island / Hall County, Kearney / Buffalo County and Hastings / Adams County. Through city and county government inter-local agreements, the respective police chiefs, sheriff's and county attorney has formed the core the SCALES agencies. As of today, that number has grown to 14 member agencies and 3 affiliate members.

MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION INCLUDE:

- o Hall County Sheriff's Office
- o Grand Island Police Department
- o Adams County Sheriff's Office
- o Hastings Police Department
- o Kearney Police Department
- o Buffalo County Sheriff's Office
- o Dawson County Sheriff's Office
- o Holdrege Police Department
- o Phelps County Sheriff's Office
- o Aurora Police Department
- o Lexington Police Department
- o Cozad Police Department
- o Merrick County Sheriff's Office
- o Clay County Sheriff's Office

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- o Gosper County Sheriff's Office
- o Harlan County Sheriff's Office
- o Nebraska State Patrol

SCALES vision is to collaboratively offer our constituents effective and efficient law enforcement services by sharing resources. We strive to make our region a safer place to live and enhance our quality of life.

Over time, SCALES member agencies have participated annually in providing manpower resource assistance for investigative cases with availability and access to specialized equipment. We have also participated in joint agency hiring pools as well as providing cost effective specialized training on an ongoing basis to our local law enforcement members.

SCALES agencies have access to utilize a broad range of law enforcement personnel with experience, training and specialized equipment. A system was developed to designate a lead agency and investigator to assist participating agencies through delegated investigative LEO assignments. The process is designed to provide an objectively thorough and professional criminal investigation while minimizing the possibility of potential conflict of interests, either real or apparent. Ongoing oversight and protocol is collectively provided by law enforcement administrators from participating SCALES agencies.

Request may be from a member agency to provide supplemental assistance to a law enforcement investigation by providing general, specific or specialized assistance to that law enforcement agency. Prior examples have included assistance with major case scene investigation, crime scene processing, boots on the ground for extensive neighborhood canvassing, searches and scene security.

To initiate a request for SCALES assistance, a SCALES law enforcement agency may, with the approval of their department head, make a request for assistance from participating SCALES agencies. Requests can be made any time before, during or after an event. SCALES admin group designate a veteran LEO to serve as a liaison representative to be available 24/7 to field initial requests for SCALES assistance.

In cases of requests for manpower, the requesting SCALES agency may specify the number of personnel needed and when, where and to whom to report. In all instances of requests for SCALES personnel, every SCALES agency head and/or their designated representative will be notified, regardless of the circumstances.

SCALES protocol establishes that agencies should avoid the appearance, actual or apparent, of legal and/or ethical conflicts of interest. In effort to nullify such perception and provide objective investigation for officers within their jurisdiction, protocol establishes that an uninvolved SCALES entity may be designated as the primary criminal investigative agency (i.e. in matters surrounding a law enforcement related death). In making such determination, protocol establishes such authority shall rest with the County Attorney (or their designee) within the SCALES jurisdiction of the incident.

Additional protocol considerations for this section shall include: Whenever possible, the SCALES jurisdiction County Attorney is encouraged to confer with their appropriate law enforcement department head (or appointed designee) prior to the determination of such decision.

The SCALES protocol is not intended to prohibit or impede an involved SCALES law enforcement agency from participating in necessary investigative efforts for purposes of conducting any concurrent internal, administrative or risk management investigation as may be applicable.

An example of major case investigation where an agency or agencies need a neutral outside law enforcement investigation of an event involving personnel from the local criminal justice system:

- Officer involved shooting
- In custody death
- Other officer involved investigations

SCALES request for resources and equipment can be made by the agency head or county attorney or the respective jurisdiction.

Issues that are unique to these investigations are:

- The County Attorney is responsible for Grand Jury Investigations and needs some ability to provide direction to the investigative team.
- The member agency making the request for SCALES is often a party to or works closely with the agency(s) subject to the Grand Jury Investigation and need to remove itself from the investigation.
- An officer of the member agency making the request is a party involved in the investigation and the member agency needs to remove itself from the investigation.

The investigation supervisor should report to the SCALES Coordinator and or his/her agency head if the supervisor believes that conditions exist and are not corrected that will compromise the integrity of the investigation. The SCALES Coordinator and supervisor's agency head may intervene to correct the concerns. The supervisor's agency administrator has the right to withdraw his/her support from the investigation if he/she believes the investigation is compromised and cannot be properly completed.

SCALES oversight is maintained through a coordinator. The coordinator is annually nominated and elected by vote from the current agency administrators of SCALES member agencies. SCALES investigators meet several times a year to discuss, brief and share intelligence. A SCALES liaison is appointed by the Scales coordinator. SCALES administrators also meet annually with our State Senators. We have found that the SCALES program provides invaluable resources to member agencies and makes it more effective to investigate major crimes.

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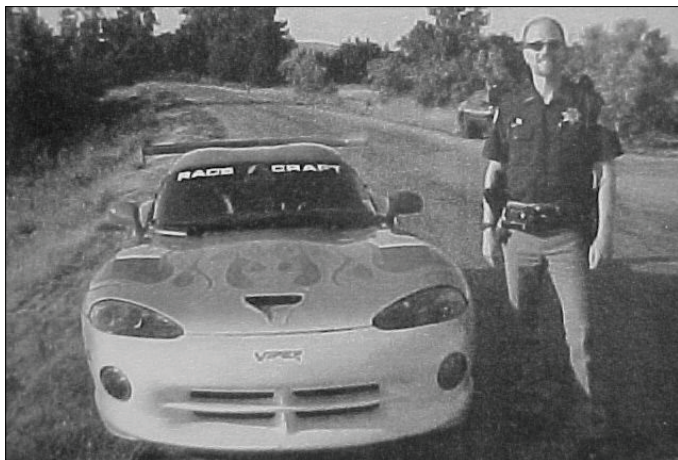
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The Sandhills Open Road Challenge (SORC) came to life in August 2001. It began with a 55-mile open road race held on a county road north of Arnold, Nebraska. This annual event now consists of two different road races, a half mile and 1-mile shootout, a burnout contest and a car show. In 2001 there were 34 entries; today they have to cap the entrants at approximately 140.



I was asked a couple of days ago by a young man what my coolest day at work has been. Without hesitation I told him it was the SORC. I have attended this event almost every year that it has been in existence. I have driven my patrol car in the shootout "trying to catch one of the fastest cars" and have even got to ride as a passenger in one. I love fast cars and all of the different kind of vehicles that participate in the SORC. With that being said, I would have to say what makes it my favorite day is all the people involved. I have developed many great relationships with the driver's and their friends and families. One year when I was not able to attend, my deputies were asked by a number of the driver's where I was. I have often dreamed of entering a car into the race, that is until I mentioned it to my wife.

The event takes place over 4 days from beginning to end. Between vehicle inspectors, the SORC staff, law enforcement officers, fire and rescue personnel and many other entities, it takes over 300 people to pull off this competition. When asked what the secret to the success of the SORC is, SORC president Don Olson was quick to say "the volunteers and the quality of people involved". Countless drivers have commented on how they love coming to this event and that the SORC is the best of its kind. Over 40 states and Canada have been represented by the driver's or their navigators. The race is so popular that it sells out on the first day registration is open.

The SORC is centered around the town of Arnold, NE. Technical inspections, a breakfast, a parade, a car show, a burnout contest, a barbecue, awards, a street dance and the start of the open road race all happen in the small town. Many drivers and navigators stay with friends or families who live in Arnold and the surrounding area.

If you want to come and watch the road race or shoot out, it is free of charge. The goal of the SORC isn't to make money, but due to its success it has been able to donate over 1 million dollars back to the community. The money comes from the driver's entry fees. This money has been donated to fire departments, schools, given away as scholarships and many other community related entities.

I truly enjoy "working" this event and look forward to it every year. If you like fast cars, enjoy the thrill of racing or just want to come and hang out with a great group of people, make your way to Arnold Nebraska in early August and enjoy the fun!

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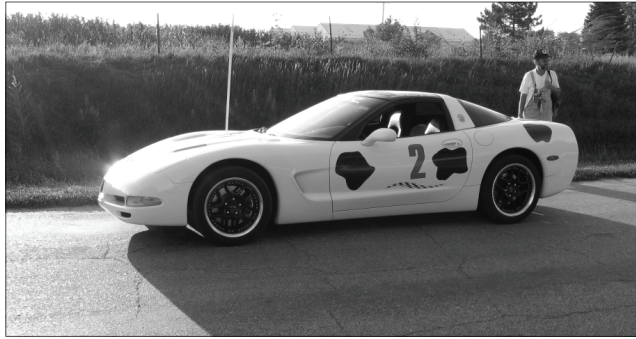
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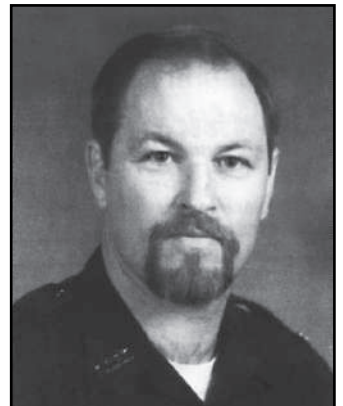


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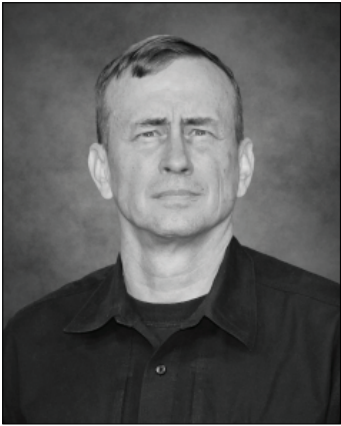


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2019 NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEAKER: DAVE GROSSMAN LT. COLONEL, U.S. ARMY (RET.)



In their description of Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, Slate Magazine said, "Grossman cuts such a heroic, omniscient figure, he could have stepped out of a video game." He has five patents to his name, has published four novels, two children's books, and six non-fiction books to include his "perennial bestseller" *On Killing* (with over half a million copies sold), and a New York Times best-selling book co-authored with Glenn Beck.

He is a US Army Ranger, a paratrooper, and a former West Point Psychology Professor. He has a Black Belt in Hojutsu, the martial art of the firearm, and has been inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Col. Grossman's research was cited by the President of the United States in a national address, and he has testified before the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Congress, and numerous state legislatures. He has served as an expert witness and consultant in state and Federal courts. He helped train mental health professionals after the Jonesboro school massacre, and he was also involved in counseling or court cases in the aftermath of the Paducah, Springfield, Littleton and Nickel Mines Amish school massacres.

Col. Grossman has been called upon to write the entry on "Aggression and Violence" in the Oxford Companion to American Military History, three entries in the Academic Press Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace and Conflict and has presented papers before the national conventions of the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Since his retirement from the US Army in 1998, he has been on the road almost 300 days a year, for over 19 years, as one of our nation's leading trainers for military, law enforcement, mental health providers, and school safety organizations.

Today Col. Grossman is the director of the Killology Research Group (www.killology.com). In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks he has written and spoken extensively on the terrorist threat, with articles published in the Harvard Journal of Law and Civil Policy and many leading law enforcement journals, and he has been inducted as a "Life Diplomat" by the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security, and a "Life Member" of the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute.

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Phil Chalmers is a true crime writer, law enforcement trainer, youth culture specialist and a television personality.

He is the author of several books, including "Inside the Mind of a Teen Killer" and "True Lies." He has been researching homicide and interviewing offenders for 30 years, and his work has been featured on dozens of television shows and networks, including A&E's "Killer Kids" and Fox's "Crime Watch Daily." He has interviewed over 200 killers face to face, including teen killers, school shooters, mass murderers and serial killers. His current projects include three new books- one about teen killers, one about the myths surrounding today's serial killers, and a men's inspirational book.

Phil and his wife Wendi reside on the Gulf Coast of Florida and enjoy fitness, the beach, and Walt Disney World. When Phil and Wendi aren't researching and writing books, they are traveling around the country conducting live seminars to various law enforcement and child advocacy groups, schools and law agencies.

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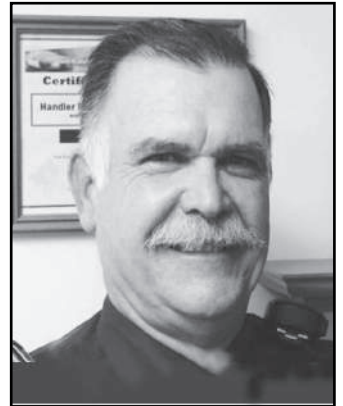
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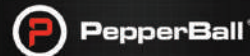
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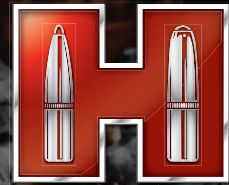
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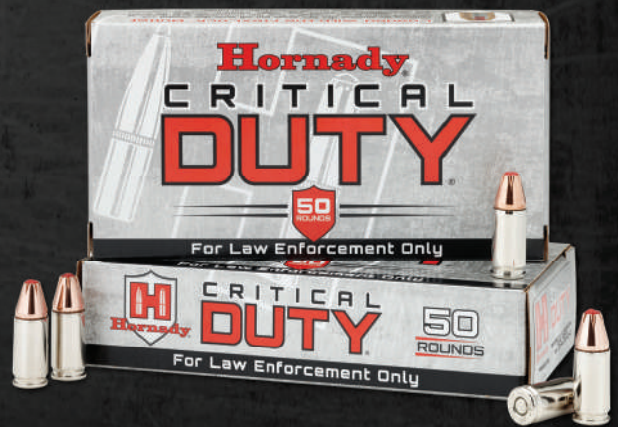


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