

Lake Arthur PD Looks Forward to 2018



A Lake Arthur Reserve Officer and his spotter work from deep inside a structure during LE Urban Sniper Training.

BPOT Class 1017

Congratulations to those Officers who successfully completed their Basic Patrol Officer Training Course (BPOT)!

The Basic Patrol Officer Training Course (BPOT) is a requirement for all Lake Arthur Police Department Officers to achieve active Patrol Officer status with the Department. In OCT Training Division Officers administered the BPOT Course for a highly motivated group of Reserve Officers. Modules of Instruction included Duty Pistol, Use of Force, Investigative Techniques, M.A.C.H. Defensive Tactics, Explosive/IED Threats, Felony Traffic Stops, Handcuffing, and more. The Department also held Biennial Training in Duty Pistol and Patrol Rifle, as well as Firearms Qualifications. Thank you to all Officers and Instructors who participated in this critical training evolution.

RC Explains the LAPROA Legal Defense Fund

As the year rapidly comes to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to talk to you about some important but somewhat confusing and misunderstood subjects: The Legal Defense Fund and Insurance. All members of the Lake Arthur Police Reserve Officers Association (LAPROA) have access to a Legal Defense Fund financed by our LAPROA membership dues.

The LAPROA Legal Defense Fund provides you with legal representation for any on-duty incident which results in the need for legal counsel or representation. Incidents that may require legal defense include, but are not limited to, use of force situations during which you deploy a firearm, less lethal device, or direct physical force. If you are involved in an on-duty use of force incident you will potentially have both criminal and civil legal issues to deal with. Such incidents almost always involve an investigation by local prosecutors and an internal Agency investigation. A Legal Defense Fund means you will have a lawyer represent you for specified criminal and civil liability you may be facing related to your critical incident.

The LAPROA Legal Defense Fund is administered through the Kubiak Law Firm in Albuquerque, New

Mexico. Should you be involved in any type of critical incident, you will receive immediate legal representation and advice with just a phone call or e-mail notification to Simon and his legal staff. The LAPROA does not pay a retainer or fees of any kind for the Legal Defense Fund. The Fund is maintained in its entirety in anticipation of any potential legal needs of our members.

Insurance is totally different from a Legal Defense Fund. Insurance Plans provide a source of funds if you suffer a loss (such as a civil judgment against you). The terms and conditions of every plan vary widely. As most of us carry a firearm off-duty, you should consider additional private "Concealed Carry" and "Self Defense" insurance for off-duty incidents. Many officers assume that homeowners, renters, or umbrella insurance will cover us. That is not the case. Most policies do not cover your police work! There are a number of great insurance plans on the market: CCW Safe, United States Concealed Carry Association, NRA Guard Carry, Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network, and Second Call Defense, to name a few. Although these plans can be expensive, you will want as much protection as possible when you

freedom and everything you own is on the line.

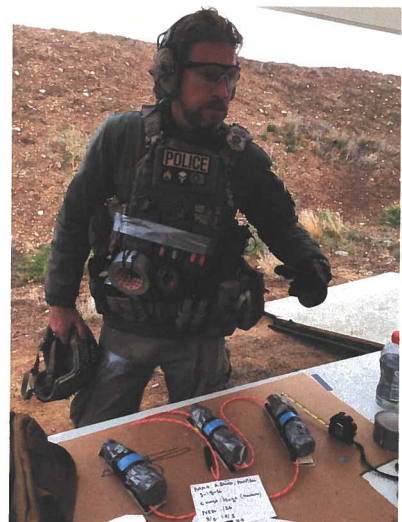
The Legal Defense Fund provided by the LAPROA and any additional CCW/Self Defense Insurance you may purchase will be well worth it if you should find yourself in critical incident! "Self Defense" and "Concealed Carry" Insurance is highly recommended, but not provided by the LAPROA at this time.

Please remember that if you involve yourself in a use of force situation while off-duty and out of your jurisdiction, you do so as a private citizen under the common law doctrine of the "Good Samaritan" (PERS-505.00), and NOT as a law enforcement officer, and you should do so only as a last resort and when the safety of yourself or another citizen is in grave danger (is there another kind?). Such actions are outside the scope of your service as a LEO, and in such cases CCW/Self-Defense insurance will be an invaluable investment.

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Lake Arthur PD Officers under the command of Cpt. O. Brooks get some exposure to the Law Enforcement application of explosive breaching during a four day exercise with Officers from the Taos County Sheriff's Dept. Interacting and training with Officers from other departments is a great experience, and an incredible opportunity for our Officers to learn from and share experiences with fellow LEOs.



LIBERTAS-VERITAS-JUSTITIA

The Lake Arthur PD Motto Guides Officer Conduct

Libertas, Veritas, Justitia! Freedom, Truth, & Justice. These words are not just the motto of the Lake Arthur Police Department, but are a list of the ideals that we hope to embody in our work as Law Enforcement Officers. Through our efforts we ensure that the citizens we serve have the freedom to go about their lives in a safe environment free of criminal activity. We seek the truth in our work at all times, and live the truth through honesty in our words and actions. We treat all of those we interact with fairly, impartially, and with respect, and by doing so ensure that the ideal of justice is expressed through our conduct at all times. Let Libertas, Vertias, Justitia be your guide both on duty and off, and never forget that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and character, both as individuals and as a Department.