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Bad Cops Get Good Cops Killed

The pathetic and deceitful attempts to blame the media, blame the mayor, blame the white house, blame the man in the moon will no longer be tolerated by the majority of Americans. One of the most significant reasons for the death of good police officers is the covering up for bad police officers in their ranks.

Thousands of innocent, poor, unarmed minority men, woman and children have been murdered, abused, harassed, incarcerated, and physical, economically and psychologically traumatized; because good police officers have not confronted the corrupt, incompetent, racist, sadistic and violent police officers in their ranks. For hundreds of years the legal system and its police departments have institutionalized the protection of these destructive dysfunctional individuals and their good old boy networks in nearly every department in our country.

Bad police officers exist in nearly every department. Police that are generational racist, alcoholic, substance abusers, agitated depressed, sociopaths, sadistic, narcissistic, borderline personalities and outright criminals.

Police officers who are known to other police officers as individuals who plant and destroy evidence on cases involving innocent victims, on the payroll of drug dealers, ticking time bombs of untreated Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and agitated depression. These time bombs frequently go off on in the community, or even against their own wives and children (i.e. child abuse and domestic violence).

These police officers are frequently protected by the 'code of silence' and corrupt management that allows them to abuse and murder innocent men, woman and children.

A Jim Crow/Kangaroo Grand Jury system has guaranteed for generations that they never have to be charged or face a jury for their crimes against our community.

The grand jury system must be radically changed or eliminated.

A system of independent prosecutors, community control of the hiring and firing of dysfunctional and corrupt police officers must be implemented.

For generations some police officers have exchanged (literally and behaviorally) their white hooded robes worn at night for a blue uniform worn during the day.

For example the Baltimore City Police officer who was actually the Grand Dragon in the KKK in Maryland.

There must be yearly performance and psychological evaluations of every police officer on the force. There must be mandatory community policing and cultural sensitivity training; increased

hiring of minorities, mandatory body and car cameras, with prosecution and termination for turning a camera off; de-escalation and non-lethal take down techniques and equipment, anonymous reporting of racist, corrupt, abusive and dysfunctional/burnt out police officers, unannounced alcohol and drug screening, with incentives and bonuses for police officers who reside in the community that are assigned to 'Protect and Serve.' Training in how to interact with a mentally ill human being is vital.

Enforced treatment, suspensions and termination of dysfunctional officers must be controlled by independent community controlled boards.

The expenditures for police officer performance development would yield a far greater societal return then wasting our tax money on more police department militarization.

The community pays the police to "Protect and Serve" not occupy, abuse and murder.

My family and life time friends have been law enforcement officers on city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Many have been exposed to physical and employment threats for speaking out against corrupt and/or racist, 'good old boy' groups and their deeds in nearly every department/agency.

Every week black mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers watch the televised modern day lynching (murder) of their family members from California to New York and from Florida to the Canadian border.

Mothers who see their children gunned down by white police officers playing on a play ground, playing in a store or just walking in their own neighborhood.

The black community will not continue to sit by and see the tragic Emmett Till story relived over and over again, with the murderers never having to be held accountable.

I remember the police officer I spoke to in the court house that participated in burning a cross on the steps of my home, and threatening to bomb or burn my home down with my pregnant wife inside, in University Park, Maryland, some years ago.

Ironically, my maternal grandfather, Reverend John Boyd had klan members on horseback threaten to burn his home down with my mother and her siblings inside, in South Carolina.

As a psychiatrist I have treated over a hundred law enforcement officers over the past four decades, from nearly every law enforcement agency in the tri-state area.

The majority of the law enforcement officers that I've treated are outstanding, hard working professionals who risk their lives to 'Protect and Serve' their communities.

However, nearly every one of them have known racist, sexist, corrupt, sadistic, mentally disordered individuals and networks of these pathological officers in the department/agency they served.

I am the author of the 'Chains of Psychological Slavery', which outlines Racist Personality Disorder; which I proposed for inclusion in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-III in 1979).

Unfortunately it is not uncommon to see three and four generations of racist and personality disorders in police officers and their families.

It is no secret that America was founded on four hundred years of psychological, economic and physical slavery of Afro-Americans. It is known that no child is born a racist or a personality disorder.

There is also no doubt that America's obsession with media violence and the glorification of the use of guns has added to the carnage taking place in our society.

It remains critical for every American to support the 'Hands Up', 'I Can't Breathe', 'Black Lives Matter' movements to expand their influence in changing this pathological process in our nation.

The recent remarks by the FBI-Director were positive but must be followed up with police department and grand jury changes and prosecutions.

When unarmed children and young black men are harassed, abused and murdered every week in our nation, it makes it impossible for good law enforcement officers to gain the trust, cooperation and respect necessary to perform their job in the community.

The legal system for decades has refused to give the minority community equal justice in the court system; this guaranties that many will seek street justice.

America cannot afford to continue to alienate millions of socio-economically oppressed and disenfranchised Afro-American youth in the era of ISIS.

The clock is ticking changes must be implemented now, on every level; to ensure that 'Bad Cops Don't Get Good Cops' or innocent citizens killed!

Sincerely,

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