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WELCOME!

First allow me to apologize for the delay in getting our November issue out to you. For those of you keeping track of my return back to the Sheriff's Department I am through my academy training and have hit the road for (prayerfully) only one field phase of road training. It is going very smooth and my FTO has told me that I am the only "Trainee" who has received a "7" on the very first day. So, very soon I should be back out on my own for the first time in seven years.

You know, one of most favorite old time religious songs is one called *"I Stand Amazed In His Presence"*. Well, each month I truly stand amazed at how God is using the Peacekeeper's Small Group Ministry to help individual peace officer's from all across North America lead and introduce their fellow officer's to a life with Christ.

Each month we are adding one or more new cities to our growing list. Presently, we are up to 50 cities, 21 states, and with 3 study locations in Canada. In fact, we will be having a special word from the President of the Canadian chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officer's, RCMP Andrew Cowan, later on in this issue.

But most importantly, the Peacekeeper's study is helping to lead *"Cops to Christ"*. One of our Peacekeeper groups in the Dallas area recently let us know about one of their group officer's who rededicated his life back to the Lord after attending his Peacekeeper's group. So, I am sure that there are many more officers as well. So, if you would like to tell us your testimony please drop me an e-mail and let us know how participating in a Peacekeeper's study has helped you grow in

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the Lord.

If you feel the Lord calling you to lead your fellow officer's to a life with Christ please let me know what I can do to help you fulfill a purpose and plan that God has for you. I am very proud of each and every one of you who have felt this calling and stepped out on this "leap of faith".

May God Bless each of you and be safe!


In His Service,

Mike Dye & Family

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A Note From Andrew Cowan - President, Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers Canada



I managed to get my dog sled team limbered up and thought that I would head out to drop you a note from the land of ice and snow North of the 49th parallel regarding the study books. Ok, I admit that for the

dog sled team it is a balmy 12 degrees Celsius (65 degree's Fahrenheit for ya'll south of me) here in sunny Victoria British Columbia so they had a very hard time making any speed but everyone always thinks we live in igloos so why not play it up a bit!

We have a number of FCPO (Canada) chapters across our great land and several are now using the Peacekeeper's study book within their regular meetings. They are a great resource to use and provide a topic that we all have questions on at some time in our career. In Regina, Saskatchewan (home of the RCMP training academy and 2000 recruits per year) we have been using it in a weekly cadet Bible Study and are now using it in Victoria, British Columbia. An weekly lunchtime HQ fellowship group in Ottawa just got a few when I was there on course last

week and as well, I have just mailed one to northern BC where an RCMP member wants to use it as a catalyst for a fellowship group that he is feeling led to start.

We have had positive reviews from Officers in the field across Canada and have given about 2 dozen out this summer as graduation gifts to Christian Officers that are identified to us, along with the Police Edition Bible.

We sometimes get too hung up on numbers in our job so thanks for the update on how other groups are doing. The important thing is that we are meeting for fellowship and although I love to see lots of people coming to a meeting, sometimes the best ones are where 2 or 3 are gathered: God knows who needs to be there and brings them.

To quote a good friend of mine with the Texas DPS:
"For His Glory"

Andrew Cowan
RMCP, President Canadian FCPO

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The Devotional Corner By Chaplain Steve Voris

"ARSON"

READ Exodus 22:6 & Judges 15:1- 8

Arson is an indirect way of hurting others. To hurt someone directly is to harm them with your own hands so they know who hurt them. Arson is a more devious way to hurt someone or to destroy their property. Arsonists work in secret to hide their actions. The Hebrew people understood that arson was wrong, and the Mosaic Law declared that anyone who set a fire causing injury to others is responsible for the injury and must repay the value in retribution. No distinction was made between accidental fires or fires set by arson. People were held accountable for their use of fire. Carelessness with fire leading to injury was considered just as serious as an arson fire. Full restitution was to be paid in either case. This law was still in effect during the time of the judges.

One of the most creative acts of arson in all of history was carried out by Samson against the Philistine people. The Philistines lived in Palestine mostly along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. They were one of Israel's historic enemies and their relationship with Israel often teetered between an

uneasy truce and all out war. During a time when the Philistines were stronger than the Israelites, Samson married a Philistine woman. The wedding ended in disaster with Samson killing 30 Philistine men to pay off a gambling debt. Then, the father of the bride gave Samson's wife to another man. In revenge, Samson tied a torch between the tails of 150 pairs of foxes and set them loose in the vineyards, orchards, and grain fields of the Philistine people. Even though Samson did this secretly, the Philistines blamed Samson and the event was the catalyst which provoked a war. Because of Samson's great strength, he was able to kill a thousand Philistine soldiers with only the jawbone of an ass. The Israelites won and Samson was declared a hero and made a judge over the people of Israel. The war began over an act of arson.

Arson is still a problem in modern society. People continue to hurt others by setting fires to property. Either in a moment of rage or after careful calculation, arsonists indirectly harm others. Sometimes arson is used to destroy the evidence of a crime. And, arson is used in insurance scams to burn down difficult properties so owners profit from their own loss. Arson investigation is particularly challenging because investigators must be cross trained in both law enforcement and in fire fighting. Arson investigation is also messy, dirty work. As long as people set things on fire to hurt others, arson investigators will do their jobs to ensure those arsonists are brought to justice. Bless them for the work they do.

FOR REFLECTION: What is the worst arson case you've worked on? Where does your department go for arson investigation?

PRAYER: God of All Fire and Fury, you have given fire to humanity so we might cook food and have warmth. We admit that some in our midst have misused this blessing and have used fire to harm others. We pray for those who have been burned out of their homes whether on purpose or accidental. Be with them and bless their efforts at rebuilding their homes and lives. Convict arsonists and pyromaniacs of their sins. Provoke them to mess up so they will get caught and brought to justice for their crimes. Bless the arson investigators working for our department. Help me remember to thank them for their faithful service.
Amen.

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Prayers for Police Officers", will be released by Charles C. Thomas Publishers some time in 2007.

Prayer Concerns



One of the most under utilized tools as a law enforcement officer is the "power of prayer". Faithful prayer is a discipline that we all fall short of from time to time.

I really like what the Bible tells us in Matthew 18:19
"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my father in Heaven". (NIV)

I would like to challenge each of you to become Prayer Partners as we pray not only for the strength of our Peacekeeper's groups but for the safety of all our brother and sister in the police, fire, and emergency services field. We need to cultivate and produce as many Christian public safety personnel as possible. Won't you be a "Prayer Partner" and help?

NOTE - If you have a special prayer concern for a particular officer who may be injured or killed in the line of duty, please let us know and we will as soon as possible put out a "Special Prayer Request" for them. Please don't discount the power of prayer!

Small Group Tips

With Thanksgiving just around the corner I thought that you may enjoy this Small Group Tip. Give it a Try!

1. Thanksgiving Memories

Describe a typical Thanksgiving Day in your home when you were about 14 years old.

2. Looking for Thanksgiving

Leader, ask your group the following question and change it slightly (replace the underlined word with a new word from the list given below) as you go around the circle. For example:
When it comes to your job what is one thing you are thankful for? When it comes to your spouse's (or parents) what is one thing you are thankful for?

spouse

extended family
church
community
neighbors
small group
job
parents
education

3. Falling over Fall

What do you think is the best thing about the fall season?

4. Thankful Thoughts

Give each person a piece of paper and have them write their first names in big letters in the middle of the page. Then, have them pass the paper to their right. Give each person a moment to write a word of thanks to the person whose name is on the paper. For example: "*Jim, thank you for always being here.*" After a bit, have them pass the paper to the next person and continue until each person gets their own paper back. Read them out loud or tuck them away to read privately.

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