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BRING THOSE BASKETS

Years ago, to boost our raffle sales (raffle money goes to the committee's charity of choice) we asked each agency to bring a 'gift basket' that represented their agency and their area. The baskets started out being just that, a standard gift basket (department patches, some cuisine from the area, some tickets to a local event, wine from local winery, beer from local brewery, etc....) Well, over the years, people became competitive and the gift baskets became anything but. We have had toy riding police cars, wagons, milk crates, etc. Last year we had an agency, and their 'basket' was worth nearly \$5,000.

Do not be intimidated, just bring something that represents your area and your agency. It is all in fun and all for charity. If you are asking the community for donations and they want a tax number, I can send you the tax numbers. We are a 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization and donations of items/money are usually tax deductible (please consult your tax person).



“In Valor, There Is Hope”

The Open Line Archives, January 2003

Bruce Wind, Seattle PD (now retired)

I have just returned home from a trip to Washington DC. I was attending the retirement dinner of Gary Noesner of the FBI's Crisis Negotiation Unit. It was a great party for an honorable man, but that is not what my story is about.

Due to my national involvement with crisis negotiations, I have been traveling back to the District of Columbia frequently. Every time I am there, regardless of my schedule, I take the metro or drive my rental car to the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. I have been to the NLEOM many times now, but I feel obligated to go there each time.

This Sunday morning was cold and snowy. Very snowy, almost white-out conditions. I got myself turned around and could not find the memorial. A sign of age, maybe, or maybe residual from the festivities the night before. For those of you who

have navigated downtown DC, you know that to become disoriented is not all that hard. I spied a District of Columbia police officer searching for something on the sidewalk near the MCI Center. I approached, identified myself, and extended my hand in a gesture of fraternity. The incredibly young officer did not extend his hand toward me, so I withdrew mine. After all, he was a young bull, maybe he was still thinking of his academy days when they tell you not to let anybody shake your hand for fear of losing control. I told him I was slightly lost and could he please point me in the general direction of the Police Officers' Memorial. His reply, 'I'm busy, go ask my partner' pointing to a patrol car parked nearby. Quite honestly, I was stunned. Well, maybe he was having a bad day. I walked to the patrol car, tapped on the window, and again introduced myself to the almost comatose officer behind the wheel of the cruiser. Same extended hand, same lack of a response. While this officer did manage to point in the general direction of the memorial, he was not exactly a goodwill ambassador. Maybe they were both having a bad day?

I made my way to the memorial and since it was early Sunday morning, I was the only one there. Well, that and it was about 25 degrees and the snow was blowing. I contemplated just looking from my car, but I was drawn to the memorial once again. The four large bronze lions which guard the memorial beckoned me from the four corners. I located the engravings of officers I knew and as always, I was going to trace the names and return them to loved ones. But the snow was wet, and the tracings were not possible this trip. I said my peace as if the marble walls could hear me. As I walked around the memorial for about the fourth time, I realized that the weather was turning very ugly. I had a trip to Dulles International ahead of me on the Beltway, not an enviable trip.

I walked the two blocks to the NLEOM museum and purchased a tee shirt for my grandson. As I held the t-shirt up to look at its tiny size, I was overcome with emotion. I am sure the lady behind the counter has seen this before. The tiny little tee

shirt made me realize why all those officers died and I remembered the inscription on the east wall.

“In Valor There Is Hope”

As I drove through the blizzard conditions, I gave much thought to my latest visit to the most powerful piece of real estate in our nation's capital. Three small acres of marble and four bronze lions in Judiciary Square. Further, I promise that I will always shake the hand of any fellow officer who approaches me.

Sometimes, that is all we got.

TIME TO GET BACK TO IN- PERSON TRAINING

Boise, Idaho May 2-5, 2021

The Idaho Department of Correction is hosting
in cooperation with Idaho Law Enforcement
Agencies

HNT Competition at the State Capital on May
2nd, 2021

(teams are full, however still filling ad hoc team)

Seminar Registration & Check-In on May 2nd,
2021

In-Class Training Seminar on May 3rd, 4th, 5th,
2021

at Boise Centre
(hotels listed on our web site)

Networking & Social Events - All Evenings





Boise Centre Courtyard



**Idaho State Capitol
(site of HNT competition)**



Beautiful View from Downtown Boise

Our 2021 WSHNA CHARITY
[Advocates Against Family Violence](#)



**WSHNA 36th Annual
Training Seminar**

Spring 2022

WHERE WILL IT BE?

**Your Board of Directors will
have a big announcement in
Boise. It will be exciting.**

Safe or Whitelist

Just a reminder that you should have bawind@comcast.net, brucewind@comcast.net, & @mail.vresp.com on your 'safe list' or 'whitelist'. This will ensure that important WSHNA emails are not sent to your Spam or Trash folders. Government agencies very often have strict filters. Many in our line of work are abandoning social media (I understand) and we are having a difficult time communicating important information on the upcoming Training Seminar, outside training opportunities, & our abundance of virtual training events (many at no cost). Check your spam folders regularly, you may be missing great training opportunities.

**WSHNA WILL BUY YOUR TEAM LUNCH
FOR YOUR NEXT TRAINING DAY.**



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