BODY ARMOR FOR EMS?

NO

ARIZONA WINTER STORM OF 2013

WE WILL REBUILD

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QUESTIONS

1. Has Dr Fowler been punished enough?

2. Is he thirsting for more?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

To What Does EMS Respond?
BODY ARMOR FOR? NO

- 2014 EMS Calls
- Medical 90.07%
- Suppression 9.93%
- Total Number 79,699

- 2014 Suppression
- Total 7918
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2014 Calls by Chief Complaint

Top Ten EMS Calls for FY 2014

- Sick Person: 11,894
- Fall: 7,091
- Breathing Problem: 6,098
- Chest Pain: 5,899
- Unconscious/Fainting: 5,109
- Traffic Accident: 4,898
- Unknown Problem: 3,394
- Hemorrhage/Laceration: 3,007
- Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion: 2,970
- Convulsions/Seizure: 2,783
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To Whom Does EMS Respond?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

Threat Assessment?
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OK-Some Kitties Are Dangerous
Professions have the trust of the population based upon the uniform.

The uniform symbolizes the expectation, formation and service evaluation to the customer; the public (Joseph and Alex, 1972; Rafaeli, 1993).

Some argue that the uniform is the single most important visual medium that communicates the service being provided (Solomon 1985, p 66).
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Perception is Reality
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Perception Changes Reality
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ARE THERE REAL THREATS TO EMS RESPONDERS?

HELL, YEAH!
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• Alcohol & Drugs
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- Active Shooter
- Hostage
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What is the cost?
• Police and Sheriff departments in AZ charge $350.00 - $900.00 to attend SWAT training.

• Not included in the cost is:
  • Tactical gear
  • Backfill pay or salary for the participating agency

• On average it costs $1100.00 for the required gear
• There is a wide range in pricing for the tactical ballistic gear
COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

• The investigation of internal mental processes
• How do people perceive, remember, think, speak, and solve problems
• Ray has never heard of it

MORE ON UNIFORMS
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Color Matters
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Color, Headwear And Style Matter
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

MIRRORED SUNGLASSES SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN
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CRIME IN THE US
WHAT IS THE RISK?
Murder in the US

- In 2013, the estimated number of murders in the nation was 14,196.
- This was a 4.4 percent decrease from the 2012 estimate.
- A 7.8 percent decrease from the 2009 figure and
- A 12.1 percent drop from the number in 2004.
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You knew the job was dangerous when you took it, Fred.
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This?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

Or this?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

This?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

Or this?
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

Or this?
Where Does It Stop?
VALENZUELA VS FOWLER
YET AGAIN
FIN
BODY ARMOR FOR EMS? NO

What to do?