

Hello and Thank you:

I would like to add the following for your review.

I have some idea of how police deal with society as my brother was a police officer for over 30 years here in Ct and my cousin in Vermont for about the same 30 years. I am appalled at the disgraceful and dangerous behavior being forced upon our police officers in this country. The statistics do not back up what protestors and rioters are doing to our major cities, police, and the inhabitants of these towns and cities. Most all if not all the most recent incidents that have led to riots have started with resisting arrest or some other violence directed at police officers responding – and a corrupt mainstream media.

If we as a society destroy the ability of our police to defend the innocent people and uphold the law we will degrade into a lawless brutal society ruled by gangs and thugs – like we saw in the “great” nation of CHAZ and many other places around the world.

I would also like to add this. I spent 31 years working in NYC from 1978 until 2010. It was a very dangerous place in the 70’s and 80’s . The murder rate was astronomical until Rudy Giuliani took became the Mayor and then hired Bratton to clean up the subway system as well. The city became safer not because of less police but because of more police. I was always glad to see Transit Cops on my subway rides during those rough years and of course more so during the 911 attacks. I might add it was a comfort to see the CT State Troopers on our Metro North trains after 911 as well. The police were there to help people live without the fear of becoming a victim. Again, more PD not less PD.

I don’t think society in general has any idea of what the PD does on a daily basis. I spent the summer of 2019 in the Norwalk ER with my ailing mother during at least a dozen visits while she struggled with dementia related falls and ailments. I saw on many occasions what the Norwalk PD had to deal with as they ended up bringing combative individuals high on drugs or just wanting to fight the PD and escape. I would say that that exactly 0% of my close friends and acquaintances have any idea of what cops do. Perhaps the elected officials in this state such as my State Senator Will Haskell or my State Rep. Anne Hughes would learn something if they became educated on what police do rather than get on the political bandwagon.

Police Departments around the country need to tell the public just what goes on, who is doing what criminally and why without law enforcement no lives will matter. They need some sort of ambassador system to get their message out.

I have never had a bad experience with a cop for one reason, I don’t commit crimes.

One minor criticism – blacked out windows on police cars to me sends the wrong message. Maybe there is a reason – I don’t know.

Thanks,

Chris Dahm
Redding, Ct