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# SPOTLIGHT

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## IPTM Loses a Member of the Family

by Everett James, Director Emeritus

Earlier this year, we lost a dear friend and valued member of the IPTM family. In March, Julian “Bucky” Beaver passed away from cancer. In his memory, we dedicate this edition of Spotlight in recognition of his contributions to the Institute and his service to the entire law enforcement community.

Since Bucky Beaver attended his first crash course at IPTM more than a quarter century ago, our paths have been inextricably linked. IPTM was at the very beginning of its crash investigation courses which would lead it to become the largest program of its type in the world while Bucky was laying the groundwork that would lead to his becoming a “larger than life” figure in the field of crash reconstruction and expert testimony.

Over the course of the intervening years, Bucky Beaver played many roles at the Institute. He was first a student (paying his own way on a Georgia State Patrol sergeant’s salary). Later he became an adjunct instructor, then a course director and still later a trusted advisor. In each instance, he performed his role with the commitment and integrity that was to become his trademark and that of the company he founded.

It is impossible to list all of the things Bucky did for others. He did things quietly for IPTM, and I know he did likewise for other people. At IPTM he was generous with his money and his time, whether it was contributing to the Building Fund, sitting on the *Special Problems* planning committee, or fully funding two scholarships for Georgia police officers annually.

In April, we dedicated the 27th session of the *Special Problems in Traffic Crash Reconstruction* conference to his life because of the impact that Bucky had on that unique program. He had an enormous interest in the evolution and development of the craft of crash reconstruction. He strongly believed in making training as realistic as possible. To that end he gave many hours to the Institute in planning, staffing and critiquing each session of *Special Problems*. Bucky was a student in the first *Special Problems* program and he participated in some fashion in most of the others. I know that I have been influenced for having worked with Bucky. And I dare say this is true for all of you who had the same opportunity.

Bucky’s all too brief life stands as a shining example of doing things the right way. His intelligence, his work ethic, his good humor, his business acumen, and above all, his integrity, are attributes worthy of emulation for all of us. We join his wife and partner, Cathy, in mourning the



**Julian R. “Bucky” Beaver**  
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loss of this exemplary person. We thank her for sharing him with us, and we hope that in some small way, this posthumous honor will provide some measure of comfort.

During IPTM’s *Special Problems* conference, donations were collected in the memory of Julian “Bucky” Beaver. IPTM students, staff, and partners contributed \$1,133 which was matched, dollar for dollar, by our friends at Laser Technologies, Inc.



The \$2,266 was donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, one of Bucky’s favorite charities.

# Upcoming Events

## Tactical Response Issues

Designed for the working officer, IPTM's *Tactical Response Issues* will help improve your officer safety, no matter what your assignment.

The keynote address will be presented by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman of Warrior Science Group. He will explain how the body responds to lethal combat . . . what happens to your blood flow, muscles, judgement, memory, vision, and hearing when someone is trying to kill you. You will learn how to develop the warrior mind-set.

Vendors who have been invited to the program will have the opportunity to demonstrate their products during one afternoon session.

### Topics include:

- The Bullet-Proof Mind: Combat and Warrior Mind-Set  
*Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, Warrior Science Group*
- Becoming Your Own Use of Force Expert  
*Dr. Greg DiFranza, Tactical Enforcement Unit Coordinator, IPTM*
- Officer Involved Shootings: What to Expect When You're Behind the Trigger  
*Investigator Jim Parker, 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office*
- Biofeedback: Controlling Your Stress Response for Better Decisions  
*Dr. Gary Jarvis, Brooks Health System*
- Accidental High Risk Entries: Clandestine Labs and Gang Houses  
*Commander Gene Paul Smith, Jacksonville Beach Police Department*
- Legal Entries and Applying the Fourth Amendment  
*State Attorney Angela Corey, 4th Judicial Circuit*
- Product Demonstrations  
*Various Vendors*

This dynamic program will be of value to:

- Law enforcement officers:
  - First responders
  - Patrol officers
  - K9 officers
  - SWAT
- Hostage negotiators
- Fire and rescue personnel
- Emergency Medical Technicians



*"We need sheepdogs to protect our lambs. Warriors, not wimps, guarding our children."* - Lt. Col. Dave Grossman

**October 27 - 29, 2009  
Jacksonville, Florida**

**Complete topic descriptions can be found on  
our website at [iptm.org](http://iptm.org) or by clicking here.**

## Conferences

We will be at the following annual conferences and invite you to stop by the IPTM booth.



**Midwest Security & Police Conference/Expo**

**August 11 - 12, 2009**

Rosemont, Illinois



**Governors Highway  
Safety Association**

**August 30 - September 2, 2009**

Savannah, Georgia



**Illinois Association of  
Technical Accident Investigators**

**September 16 - 18, 2009**

Bloomington, Illinois



**International Association of Chiefs of Police**

**October 3 - 7, 2009**

Denver, Colorado

Booth: 3510

# And The Survey Says...

IPTM always welcomes suggestions on how we can improve our services to you. That was the reason behind the on-line survey conducted in March of this year. You may have seen it posted on our website or received an invitation via e-mail.

The survey was designed to gain input about the publications and other products that we offer for sale through our on-line store at [www.iptm.org/webstore](http://www.iptm.org/webstore). We asked a number of questions about the items that have been purchased and the satisfaction level with various elements of those products. We also measured the satisfaction with IPTM's web store

along with our shipping and handling procedures.

During the 38 days that the survey was open, over 1,400 responses were received. These responses included some very useful information and constructive comments that are being taken to heart by IPTM's management team.

The binding style, overall appearance, and photos used in manuals received the lowest ratings in the survey. Many complained about the

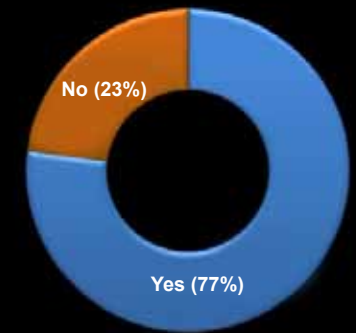
quality of the binding and that the books began falling apart after repeated use. A hard back style of binding was the most common suggestion in this area and we will be considering that in our future publication offerings.

In general, IPTM's on-line store received positive reviews. But there is room for improvement there as well. The lowest rating was given to the sufficiency of information about the items offered for sale. Many suggested that we post excerpts from the books as done on Amazon.com and the websites of other popular retailers. We hope to have this accomplished by the end of the calendar year.

In addition to the suggestions for improvement, literally hundreds of recommendations were received on books and other products that IPTM should publish or offer for sale. We won't be able to implement all of the ideas, but we are certainly going to act upon many of them over the coming months and years.

*Thank you to everyone who responded and provided input through the survey.*

## Willingness to Purchase Electronic Versions of Publications

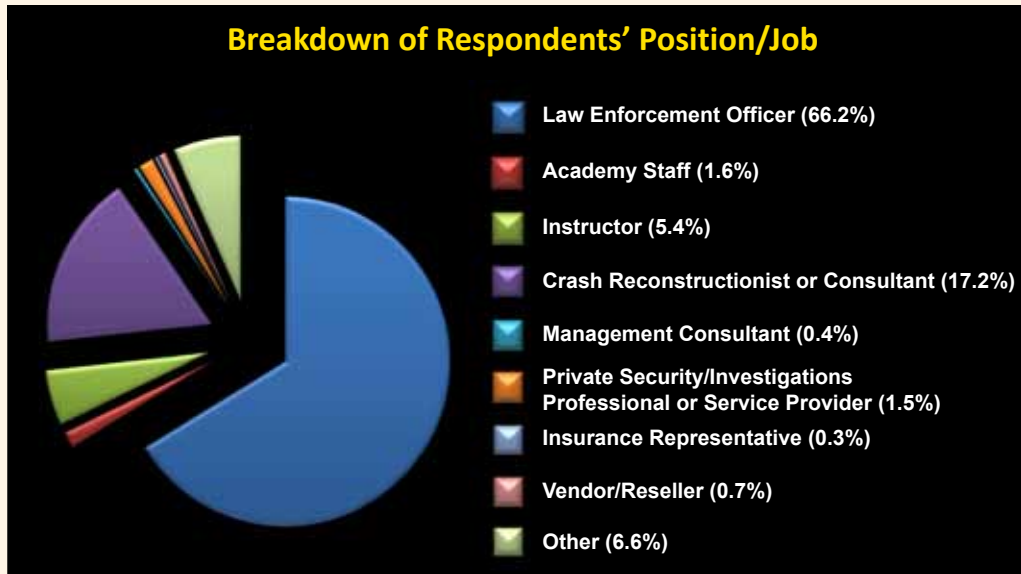


The survey revealed that 77% of the respondents would be willing to purchase electronic versions of our publications if they were available for immediate download.

We are also researching the possibility of offering manuals in electronic format so that they will be available for immediate download at a reduced price.

Thank you to everyone who responded and provided input through the survey. We were excited to receive such valuable information. And over the coming months, you will see many of these positive changes in our publications and materials offerings.

## Breakdown of Respondents' Position/Job



Law enforcement officers represented 66.2% of our survey respondents.

# Additional Resources for Law Enforcement

TIRF

Traffic Injury Research Foundation

## TIRF Launches New Alcohol Interlock Curriculum for Practitioners

Earlier this year, the Traffic Injury Research Foundation released the *Alcohol Interlock Curriculum for Practitioners*, an educational resource for diverse audiences including law enforcement.



The free curriculum is structured in two parts. The first part contains general information about alcohol interlocks and is available to the public. The second part is targeted towards registered users who wish to deliver education and training about alcohol interlocks to

staff, organizations, or the membership of an association. A 19-minute video is also available.

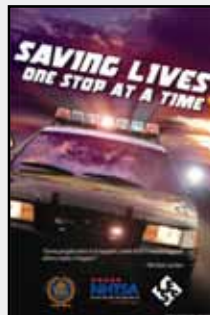
You can find the curriculum by [clicking here](#). On this website, you can also find a wealth of information about alcohol interlock devices including:

- alcohol interlock technology
- implementation guidelines as part of a program to control and monitor impaired driving offenders
- legal concerns about the use of alcohol interlocks
- contracting processes with vendors and service providers



## IACP and NHTSA Produce Three Traffic Safety Videos Now Available on DVD

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has three traffic safety videos that are now available on one DVD. Produced by the IACP's Law Enforcement Stops and Safety Subcommittee in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, these videos address three important issues:



*Saving Lives . . .  
One Stop at a Time*

This 14-minute video showcases proactive traffic enforcement efforts to reduce the needless deaths on our highways while simultaneously detecting criminal activities.



*P.U.R.S.U.E.*

This video will heighten your awareness of those factors involved in pursuit decision making. It is meant to improve your understanding of what pursuits involve so that you can reduce the dangers and tragedies that so often occur.



*Your Vest Won't Stop  
This Bullet*

No matter how good your vest may be, it won't protect you from the speeding bullet of another vehicle. This video addresses the safety concerns of traffic stops and the dangers posed by other traffic on the roadway.

Law enforcement can obtain these videos free of charge by contacting Richard Ashton at [ashtonr@theiacp.org](mailto:ashtonr@theiacp.org).

