

Joint Committee On Transparent Policing and Use of Force Reform

My name is Allison C. Clough III and I have over 30 years experience working with Law Enforcement Officers. My prior occupations include the United States Coast Guard, Federal Fire Department, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management and Job Corps. I have worked with many federal law enforcement agency personnel within the DEA, FBI, CBP, BIA, Tribal Law Enforcement, Sheriff's Departments in both Washington and Oregon. I have attended the Citizens Police Academy sponsored by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Roseburg Police Department. While working for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Spokane Washington, I had the honor of supervising the BLM law enforcement program in the State of Washington and had the opportunity to meet with many of the Deputies, Troopers and Police Officers throughout the State of Washington.

I have had many opportunities to evaluate specific events where the use of force was questioned. While I am in total agreement that the use of force by law enforcement should be investigated, without any hesitation, I can tell you that any intent to limit the officer's ability to use whatever force is necessary to remove a threat to themselves and/or the public would be a critical mistake. More training, state of the art equipment, periodic consoling, better working conditions and most importantly qualified supervision are issues that need to be addressed. I would ask that any governmental body from City, State or Federal government take the time to truly understand the working conditions and dedication these individuals display every day and night. I also would ask that you consider the following statement I made to my staff many years ago on 10 May 2015.



Yesterday, I attended a memorial service for Sargent Greg Moore (K27) of the Couer d'Alene Police Department. Sargent Moore, 43 years old, was killed in action while stopping a suspicious suspect walking on the street. As Officer Moore approached the individual he was shot at point blank range without cause and in a moment's notice. Unfortunately, I did not know Officer Moore, nor did many of the 1,300 Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) also in attendance. LEOs and Firefighters from many northwestern states and Canada were present. Over 3,000 in attendance in all. The Service was Powerful. Honor Guard, Color Guard and Bagpipe Corps and several well developed testimonials to Officer Moore were presented. Emotions were very high as Greg Moore was noted as being a dedicated Police Officer, Passionate Friend, Loving Family-man and true Human being. Over powering emotion for me was the realization that Greg Moore's 12 year old son and 1 year old daughter will only be able to remember their adoring father because someone thought it was OK to kill a police officer. I wept.

Officer Brain Moore's, NYPD Police Officer, funeral was held on Friday. Officer Brain Moore was 25 years old. Hattiesburg Police Department's 34-year-old Benjamin Deen and 25-year-old Liquori Tate were killed yesterday.
God Bless All Of Our People Who Protect and Serve.

In closing, let me remind you that these officers are the backbone of our civilization. They have earned our respect and deserve our support.

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