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By Tony Smith **"Defund the** LAPD by 90%." **"Excessive Force**

Against Protest." These are today's headlines in the Los Angeles Times.

These headlines reflect a serious breach of trust and confidence between a substantial portion of our population

and our law enforcement partners. They are an immediate result of the recent vicious and troublesome police killings of unarmed suspects in Minneapolis and Louisville.

We, in the alarm industry, are generally very supportive and try to avoid saying anything negative about the police. We make every effort to uphold our role as their partner in law enforcement. There is often a mitigating side to some of these stories of police brutality, but, in these two cases, the police actions were clearly outrageous and should be quickly prosecuted. The continuing story has been that these police actions only reflect 1% of law enforcement nationally... the "bad apple" metaphor. Now it has come to the point where that 1%, or whatever it really is, requires correction or the barrel will quickly rot.

Our business is at risk. If PD's around the nation lose significant funding, crime will increase, response times will increase, and the

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value of our police partnership will decline. The rioting and vandalism currently taking place is not a solution to anything.

The LAPD Protective League said it best: "We have an obligation as a profession and as human beings to express our sorrow by taking action." They suggest beginning with:

• A national use of force standard that emphasizes a reverence for life, de-escalation, a duty to intercede, proportional responses to dangerous incidents, and strong accountability provisions mirrored after the Los Angeles Police Department.

• A national database of former police officers fired for gross misconduct that prevents other agencies from hiring them.

• An early warning system to identify officers that may need more training and mentoring modeled after the San Francisco Police Department.

• Ongoing and frequent training of police officers to build and refresh their skills to improve police and community outcomes similar to California's SB230.

• Mandate a transparent publicly accessible use-offorce analysis website similar to the San Jose Police Department.

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TMA's Annual Meeting will be held October 24-28 at **JW Marriott Marco Island**, **FL** and brings together some of the monitoring and security industry's most innovative and forward-thinking executives for

a dynamic, open, and collaborative exchange. This distinct and highly regarded event offers attendees a combination of executive-level educational and social forums in which to interface with one another.

This year TMA will mark its 70th Anniversary and it is open to integrator and monitoring center owners and executives, as well as security manufacturers and service providers. Visit www.tma.us.





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New police standards, more training and greater transparency are the key. Yes, racial diversity education needs continual emphasis, but, the good news is that our PD's are now about 40% minority on a national basis. Our focus now must be on communities where the police minority percentage is much lower, and where community policing has been lacking. A minority community will come to respect and obey an officer who is a minority much more easily than a white one, until they no longer see a color difference.

At that point, all the police officers, without racial regard, can become accepted members of the community.

Our profession has a record need for new employees and we, in California, have developed the apprenticeship and training programs geared to meeting this demand.

We would be remiss if we did not target the minority

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community for employee recruitment. California is now about 40% minority, which certainly implies that it is a significant demographic for our future industry growth.

Freedom of speech remains an important, perhaps the most important, part of our constitution. With the understanding that yelling " FIRE " in a crowded movie theatre can be considered a

crime warranting arrest and incarceration, how do we restrict or manage the message without unduly restricting our basic right to free speech? Finding an answer that works and that will withstand court scrutiny is the task.

The numerous riots in major cities will hopefully motivate our Congress to create such a law before more people are killed.

It is time for our industry to be a bigger part of the solutions to these issues and to support our police brethren when they are trying to do the right thing. In that spirit, perhaps we need to celebrate law enforcement professionals and their departments with awards and recognition that will encourage them to continue the process of finding new ways to serve humanely.

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TNSI Convention Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, September 16

1:00 P.M. – Golf & Sporting Clay Tournaments 6:00 P.M. – Opening Reception

Thursday, September 17

8:00 A.M.- CEUs (2 hours), Exhibit Set up

10:30 A.M. – Annual Meeting/Luncheon

- 11:30 A.M. Exhibits Open
- 4:00 P.M. CEUs (2 hours), Exhibit Tear Down
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner Outing

Friday, September 18

8:00 A.M. – 12NOON – CEUs (4 hours)

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Dealers sign up and receive an interactive gift box in the mail from KYESA- this box would be like opening the most fascinating industry gift they have ever seen! The box would be full of items and activities to engage decision-makers and buyers, and get their company teams excited about learning and participating about new technologies and products. KYESA will include a game that occurs in one day across multiple channels (email, phone, social media Facebook); it would need to be completed to enter KYESA's drawing for a Grand Prize Bose Wireless Speaker.

> The cost for vendors to participate begins at \$100 to include a flyer provided by you. Sponsorships are available and would include your logo on a sticker on the outside of the box.

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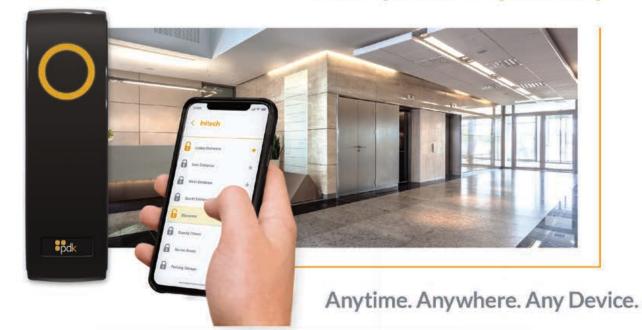
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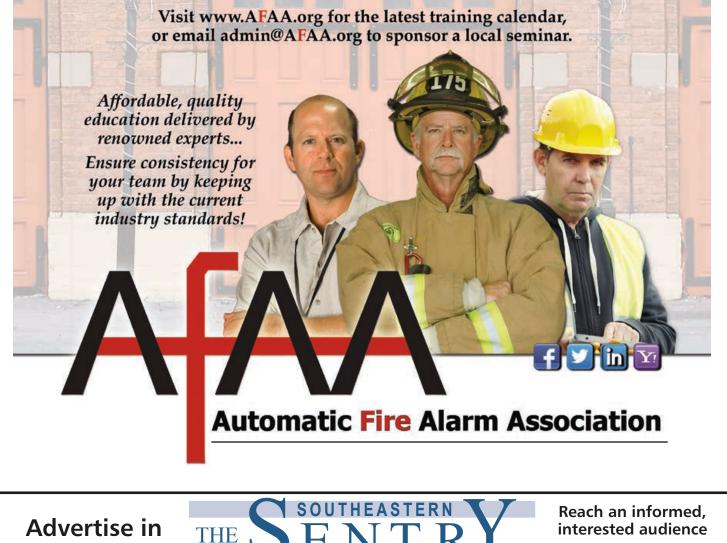
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MAINTAINING A SENSITIVE BALANCE



By Harvey Eisenstadt

Win-Win results to a successful sale are achieved by a sensitive balance where the salesperson maintains customer satisfaction while sustaining profitability for the company. In other words, the salesperson did not have to give away the store to satisfy the customer and secure the sale. If this sensitive balance is not achieved, then consequently there will be a loser. That loser could be the company having to give away too much to close the sale, or the customer, who might have agreed

to the purchase but later realizing that the product or service does not fully address their need. Interestingly, Win-Win can always be the result and begins with the salesperson strengthening the trust and respect from the customer while focusing on a win for that customer. This will result in both the company and the customer profiting from the sale.

This commences with the salesperson concentrating on the customer's need, getting the customer to feel comfortable and assured that their need is understood, and the salesperson is focused on solutions to that need. Every salesperson must recognize that Win-Win success is dependent upon a common satisfaction with the customer appreciating the salesperson's understanding and focus which brings them closer together, strengthening this satisfaction. This relationship is enhanced when the salesperson recognizes that they must stay away from ambiguous statements and promises that they cannot or even may not fulfill. Instead, the salesperson must stay focused on deliver-

ing benefits, and value strengthening the positive impact their product or service will deliver to the customer. The customer now becomes the salesperson's partner, with both moving in the same direction. Salespeople who truly understand the Win-Win mentality will, at the same time, minimize traditional objections and negative questions by focusing the customer's attention on the benefits and value of the solutions they are presenting.

Successful salespeople realize with a Win-Win mentality that they must maintain this partnership with the customer long after the sale is consummated. Their follow-up and liaison with the customer will strengthen this mentality. As a result of this followup support and service to the customer the salesperson will not only realize future business from the customer but also referrals for new business opportunities. With both the customer and the salesperson coming away from the sale feeling good about their win, the door will open for these new business opportunities. Opportunities for more business from the customer and referrals are always what salespeople look for beyond the sale.

The Win-Win approach provides salespeople with the understanding that long term success means keeping your existing customers satisfied with value added benefits while opening the door for opportunities to generate new business as you move forward together.

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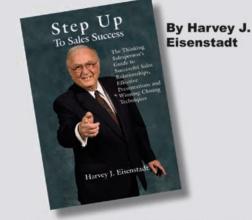
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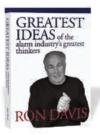


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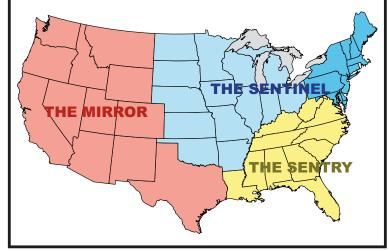
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