Library Links



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Fall Open House

Thanks go out to all those who attended the Fall Open House in the library on Thursday, November 20, 2008. There were lots of new books and other materials on display and, of course, the requisite food and drink that are a PCTC trademark. It was also a chance for people to gather together before the Thanksgiving holiday and enjoy one another's company. A few people even checked out some of the new items that were displayed.

In the Line of Duty

Many of you are no doubt very familiar with the wonderful programs produced by In the Line of Duty. Our library collection boasts a large collection of their programs (both in video and now in DVD format) and we continue to acquire more programs as they are released.

Currently in production is volume 12 in their series, soon to be followed by volume 13. After the release of all the programs in volume 13, however, In the Line of Duty will cease to publish to a DVD format and will, instead, switch to a streaming video format only. When that happens, we will only be able to access new programs via the internet and this different format.

Streaming video has many advantages, not the least of which is the ability to access this information from the web through the use of an enrollment key. Instructors will be able to easily access this material in their classrooms, and they

"To know where you can find anything, that in short is the largest part of learning."

~ Anonymous

can allow their students to likewise access these programs by use of the same enrollment key.

While no decision has to be made just yet, it will be necessary to decide in about one year's time whether we will ride the wave of the future with this technology.

New to our Collection...

One of our new report acquisitions is one entitled **Federal Resources on Missing and Exploited Children: a Directory for Law Enforcement and Other Public and Private Agencies**, fifth edition (2007), prepared by the Federal Agency Task Force for Missing and Exploited Children. This report can be checked out and is located behind the circulation desk. All you have to do is ask.

We have also received some new programs in the <u>In the Line of Duty</u> series. The newest additions to the collection are:

Volume 12, program 5: Textbook/Traffic Stops/Backup: Robber Shoots Himself (**DVD 345 TEX**);

Volume 12, program 6: Drug Recognition Experts/Backup: Cop Nails 'Dummy' in Back Seat (DVD 362.293 DRU); and

Volume 12, program 8: Crime and Death Scene Response (**DVD 363.25 CRI**).

In addition, we have acquired some new books since the recent Open House and those titles are as follows:

<u>Handbook of Frauds, Scams, and</u> <u>Swindles: Failures of Ethics in</u> **<u>Leadership</u>**—edited by Serge Matulich and David M. Currie (**364.16 HAN**);

Homeland Security and Private Sector Business: Corporations' Role in Critical Infrastructure Protection—by Elsa Lee (363.325 LEE);

Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence:

Recovery and Forensic Examination—by
William J. Bodziak (363.25 BOD);

21st Century Security and CPTED:
Designing for Critical Infrastructure
Protection and Crime Prevention—edited by
Randall I. Atlas (364.4 TWE);

Practical Aspects of Rape Investigation: a Multidisciplinary Approach, 4th ed.—edited by Robert R. Hazelwood and Ann Wolbert Burgess (363.25 PRA); and

Introduction to Executive Protection, 2nd ed.—by Dale L. June (658.4 JUN).

New titles are always being added and the latest materials will be highlighted in future issues of the library newsletter.

Library Information

There has been a revision of the library brochure to reflect some changes in how the collection is accessed and in library policy. Pick one up at the circulation desk, in the lobby, or look for one in your mailbox. This time they are on green paper to distinguish them from the previous blue ones.

The brochure explains the scope of our collection, how materials circulate and for how long, as well as about some of the amenities offered (Sorry...no free Starbucks coffee available at this time).

Please ask questions if you need clarification on anything discussed in the brochure.

Training Notes

You should have received an e-mail telling you that the electronic version of the November-December 2008 issue of <u>Training Notes</u> is available for your review.

I am happy to tell you that the print version is now also available and you can pick up a copy at the library circulation desk.

Did you know...

- ~ that the Smithsonian Institution, a center devoted to research and learning, was founded in Washington, DC in 1846?
- ~ that Andrew Carnegie helped to build more than 2500 public libraries in the Englishspeaking world between 1881 and 1919, the year he died? He began, in 1881, to make large donations for libraries that made his name synonymous with public libraries.
- ~ the history of libraries dates back approximately 5500 years, when people began to keep written records of their ideas and their interactions with others?
- ~ the Vatican Library has one of the world's largest and most valuable collections of early manuscripts and books and is the central library of the Roman Catholic Church?



Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy, safe, and peaceful 2009.