

From the Bangor Police: Teach your ducks of justice well

Duck of Justice
From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page



Sgt. Jimmy “Buckaroo” Buckley has become a DL - a duck liaison.

Sgt. Buckley, seen in the photo at right being carefully watched by a dog on a desk, provides training to area businesses to help them be prepared for situations involving workplace violence, active shooter scenarios and a myriad of other things.

Buckley advised me in whispered tones that he has been getting more requests for training but also, more requests that the Bangor Police Department Duck of Justice come along to aid in building class unity and camaraderie.

Last week Buckley traveled to the Bangor Humane Society to give the employees a rundown on several topics. At the culmination of the training a class photograph was taken to memorialize the event. The DOJ took

center stage. We do appreciate that the folks allowed Jim into the photograph.

The dog on the desk (their rendition of elf on a shelf) questioned the duck’s center stage status and was later seen marking Buckley’s company ride with his own personal “displeasure.” This is only a rumor.

Please keep your hands to yourself, be kind to one another and leave other people’s things alone.

Dear Sex Offenders,

Do you know that there is a naughty list for those of you that are on the... naughty list? Being on the first list is bad enough. Being on the second list brings out Detective Brock. It rhymes with clock. Time’s up.

Brock has been making his list, checking it twice. Sadly, he ain’t no “Sex Offender Santa Cop.” This past week, he brought Stephanie that summons that she always wanted for Failure to Register or update her information. It’s a felony because it’s the third time Santa came down her chimney and found that she had moved to new digs.

A man named Ed

picked up his shiny new summons and was allowed to sign the bottom. He was supposed to update his information in August 2015. Well Ed, press hard, there are four copies to sign.

Finally, Gabe was found to have failed to update his information because he has poor memory. Ain’t nobody got time for that. The judge will be pleased to get you into that memory class that they are giving at the jail. It comes with it’s own pair of memory pajamas. Orange in color. You will not forget how they never fit quite right.

This gem comes to us from the front lobby of the Bangor Police Department. A man that has a required bail condition that he check in with the Police every single day, was doing as he was asked. No, we do not want to see him, but the plan was put in place by his bail commissioner. The man also has search conditions because in the past, he might have done some things that were illegal. I know, right?

When Officer Farrar began to discuss that the man could be searched



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Officer Jimmy Bucklet, Bangor Humane Society staff and volunteers, the Duck of Justice and the “Dog on a Desk” engaged in a training exercise last week.

without cause it was discovered that he had come to the party with favors of his own but was not ready to show us the surprise. He then bolted for the door. Farrar made the decision that the man should not leave and put the “habeas grabus” on him. Of course, Lt. Rumsey sauntered into the lobby because she could not see Officer Farrar anymore and discovered the boys were playing on

the floor. Boys will be boys. She actually knew they were there. It was a fracas in progress that grabbed her attention. Handcuffs were applied, and while the marijuana pipe with residue was illegal, we are more concerned about the 21 packets of heroin that the gentleman had brought to the meet and greet.

I say; at least he followed the direction of his probation officer. He did

not have to come back the next day to check in as he was in jail.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here!

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Take guesswork off your family’s plate with advance planning

Senior Beat
Carol Higgins Taylor



If we have lived long enough, we eventually probably experience the death of loved ones. It is always hard, whether expected as in the case of someone who has been ill for a long time, or sudden, such as a massive heart attack or other unexpected occurrence. Planning a funeral or service during this stressful time has completely drained more than one friend.

What could make this situation easier on the family, I wondered. I have

been long time friends with Jim Fernald, Brookings-Smith, so I reached out to have my questions answered.

“When you pre-arrange, you make those first 24 hours easier for your loved ones,” said Fernald. “You can also save the family money. Often, the stress of making last-minute funeral arrangements causes people to make unnecessary purchases, but by taking care of the arrangements yourself, you free them from spending more than they need too.”

Not easy to think about, to be sure. “Hey, Honey, let’s go plan our funerals and then go to lunch to celebrate,” is not a conversation I would look forward to. And yet, I recalled a conversation I had with a friend awhile

back shortly after her husband passed away after a long illness. She explained to me how they had gone to the funeral home together and had pre-planned and pre-paid for everything. She admitted that, even though emotional, it was the best thing they could have done and that for the first time in a week she had gotten a full night’s sleep.

“It wasn’t easy, but I knew that when the time came, all I’d have to do is make a phone call,” she said. “It was a relief to know that financially it was taken care of and that I wouldn’t be planning while in a grief stricken state. More importantly, I know that my husband would get the funeral he wanted. His wishes were met and he had peace of

mind knowing that I wouldn’t have to deal with it at the end of his

And according to Fernald, there are plenty of details to attend to — more than 70 in the first 24 hours after a death. That is a lot to think about in a short amount of time. Pre-planning ensures decisions are made in advance, when you have time to think, added Fernald.

“And pre-planning can be everything from a few of notes on a slip of paper to having every minute detail arranged, right down to the hairstyle of the deceased,” he said. “Pre-arranging tells your loved ones exactly how to celebrate your life and honor your memory. It can be as much or a little as you need it to be.”

Have you given any

thought as to how you want to be remembered? Did you have a military career you want celebrated? Or maybe you love animals and would like to encourage donations in your memory to a shelter. The point is, it is all up to you.

And then there is cost. Funerals can be expensive, no doubt about it. And while it feels cavalier to think about money at a time like this, trust me, you will get sticker-shock if you look at prices.

“Well, like most things, funeral costs tend to rise every year,” said Fernald. “That means a funeral today will probably cost less than the same funeral three or four years from now. Paying for your funeral now can save your loved one’s money. We discuss with people how to

lock in rates.”

The most important thing is how the survivors cope after the fact and having a funeral that truly honors the person, while reducing the stress on the family both emotionally and financially, is the best endorsement for pre-planning.

“Funerals provide closure and help the loved ones move on,” said Fernald. “We quite often get nice thank you notes on the service we provided. We are here to make a hard situation a little easier so knowing we helped someone means the world to us.”

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