

KSP Arming Troopers with Teddy Bears



A Kentucky State Police troop shows off one of the teddy bears used to calm children during traumatic situations.

When KSP troopers encounter young children, it is often due to a traumatic situation such as a car crash, exposure to drugs, or domestic abuse cases that frequently result in the arrest of a parent. KSP hopes their 'Trooper Teddy' bears will serve as a tool to calm innocent children found in these circumstances.

"When KSP is called to a scene, it's usually a tragic and difficult situation," said KSP spokesman Lieutenant Michael Webb. "Unfortunately, there are many incidents where children are involved and witness traumatic things. To minimize the situation and help them cope, we will be able to provide children with a teddy bear to calm them down during times of crisis."

KSP Commissioner Rick

Sanders said the program is designed to develop trust between officers and children.

"As a law enforcement officer, it tugs at your heart strings to arrive at a scene and see a child visibly upset and shaken," said Sanders. "These children are often innocent victims of parents who may have violated the law, or in the middle of a domestic disturbance, or worse. This small gesture provides comfort and builds trust between the officer and the child."

Webb said the 'Trooper Teddy' program has been around since 1989 but ran out of funding in recent years.

"Like many agencies, KSP didn't have the funds in our budget to purchase the bears, but the need has

remained," Webb said.

KSP was able to utilize asset forfeiture funds from seized assets in drug investigations to fund the purchase of the bears.

"Money previously used to destroy lives will now be used to help repair lives. There is nothing better than using seized drug dealer money to buy teddy bears for kids in crisis," added Webb.

The Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative to seize and forfeit proceeds from federal crimes or property that was used to facilitate federal crimes. The funds are restricted and can be used for qualifying expenditures toward enhancing public safety and security.

Each KSP post will receive a supply of bears that will be distributed to road Troopers who arrive first on the scene of critical incidents.

Pearl Harbor -- 75 Years Ago



Times Remembered
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Pearl Harbor - 75 years ago this week, December 7, 1941, was a perfectly ordinary day until about noon-time. Some Americans were at church, others were enjoying a Sunday meal, while in the background the radio carried a program of quiet Sunday music.

Suddenly every radio program in the land was interrupted. Radio announcers spoke excitedly as they said, "We interrupt this program to bring you a special news bulletin." In the early morning, Japanese airplanes made a surprise attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Loss of Americans were heavy; hundreds were killed. The sky over Pearl Harbor was black with smoke of burning ships and aircraft. Total devastation! American planes at Hickman Field were destroyed on the ground before they could take off to repel the invasion.

The American people were stunned. The idea of a sneak attack, at the very moment the Japanese diplomats were in Washington discussing peace, stirred their

anger. The next day President Roosevelt addressed Congress. He described the attack as "dastardly," called December 7, "a date which will live in infamy," and asked that war be declared. "Hostilities exist." He stated, "There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger." Congress unanimously voted for war. Then Japan, Germany and Italy in turn declared war on the United States.

The attack on Pearl Harbor killed 2,300 Americans, wounded 1,200 and destroyed much of the U.S. Pacific fleet anchored there. The USS Arizona lost the majority of their men along with many other ships anchored at Pearl Harbor.

For much of 1942 the Axis Powers seemed invincible, but by the end of the first year of U.S. participation, the allies began to turn the tide with naval victories at Midway, and counter offensives in North Africa. Italy was taken, and their dictator, Mussolini was overthrown. The Italians declared war on Germany in October 1943.

The Soviet Union forces broke the Nazi siege on Leningrad and pushed forces back west. Meanwhile MacArthur launched an island-hopping offensive landed at Normandy round Japanese strongholds. At the battle of Leyte Gulf the Japanese Navy was virtually destroyed. In Europe, Allied forces under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed at Normandy on June 6, 1944. D-Day. Withstanding heavy casualties, the force secured beachheads, enabling the Third Army under General George Patton to spearhead the drive inland.

Paris was liberated, and

the Battle of the Bulge, in December 1944 - January 1945 where Germany made one last attempt to throw back the Allies to no avail. With the end of the war in sight, Roosevelt, Churchill, and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin met at Yalta in February 1945 to consider postwar plans.

President Roosevelt passed unexpectedly in April 1945. Vice-President Harry S. Truman became president. President Truman warned the Japanese to surrender or face the consequences, when he received no answer to his warning he authorized the use of the atomic bomb. In August 1945 an American plane dropped one of these on the city of Hiroshima. And two days later on Nagasaki. The cities were virtually wiped out. The Japanese realizing that it was hopeless to continue, asked for peace. A surrender document was signed on the battleship USS Missouri on September 2, 1945.

The war was over and Americans celebrated. Lives were lost and it was a horrible war but so many were happy it was finally over and their loved could return home. Countries were torn apart and America was in debt.

One positive thing I heard last week was; the remains of some of the crew on the USS Arizona are being found and they are in the process of identifying those since we have DNA testing. Hopefully, many will be recovered and returned to their families through DNA testing and receive a proper burial.

Future wars with the atomic bomb would be horrible and even more devastating today. Let's hope and pray that it never happens.

Have These Grapes Been Sprayed with Poison?



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It seems a woman had approached the clerk in a fruit market and asked for a pound of grapes.

"My husband is fond of these," she said. "Tell me, do you know whether they have been sprayed with any kind of poison?"

"No, ma'am," the clerk replied. "You'll have to get that at the drug store."

If that one made you smile, you can thank Harold Wainscott of Long Ridge, Ky. I opened my email the other day to find that ridiculously funny old joke waiting for me. I couldn't help but chuckle.

I'd like to think the wife in that old joke wanted only the best grapes for her husband when she asked if they'd been sprayed with poison. A good wife, of course, is thoughtful like that.

I have been reminded of the thoughtfulness of a good wife over and over again for the past few weeks while a close friend of mine has been hospitalized, most of the time in intensive care.

The only time his wife leaves his bedside is when her two daughters come to relieve her. It has been heartwarming to see this family's devotion. What I've been seeing in this family is love

in action.

Most church-going folks know the Bible has much to say about love, particularly in the "Love Chapter," 1 Corinthians 13, which provides a good description of what love looks like.

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

I've witnessed the patience and kindness this good wife has shown to her husband in the hospital. It's been remarkable, really. I have been touched to see her tenderly hold his hand and silently pray for him with tears streaming down her cheeks.

My friend and his wife are rather private, so I won't mentioned them by name. So, instead, I'm going to insert the words "a good wife" in place of "love" in those "Love Chapter" verses and see how they fit.

"A good wife is patient and kind; a good wife does not envy or boast; she is not arrogant or rude; she does not insist on her own way; she is not irritable or resentful, she does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices in truth. A good wife bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

I do believe a good wife fits this biblical description of love. And I do believe my friend has one of those wives - the kind who would make sure the grapes are wholesome before buying them for her husband.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Malachi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra
3. Who was the first

woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam

4. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah

5. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna

6. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas

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Wilson Casey's mainstream UFO book, "Swamp Gas & High Hopes 101," is now available from TouchPointPress.com



Hope is one of the most important words in the vocabulary of many people. It is a word that we hear daily - from many sources for many different reasons. It is used to guard minds and guide lives. Sometimes it gives courage and confidence to people who are on the verge of giving up on life. There are those who have little of this world's goods that have a hope larger than life that one day things will change for them and they will receive all of the "good" things they have wanted from the day they were born. Many people use it to "wish" that something good would happen to them - something out of the ordinary to change the direction of their lives.

But "hope" in Scripture is different from that concept of hope. In God's Word hope is always directed to "something or Someone we can believe in that will eventually come true." It is something - God's Word. If God declared it, His Word revealed it and we can believe it because His-story records it accurately. Whatever He said came to pass.

Then there is Someone - God's Son. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." We can believe in and have confidence in Him because what He said about Himself came true. "I will rise again in three days." And again, His-story records it factually and accurately.

A famous heart surgeon once said, "Christians who have hope will find that their hope in God is far more reliable and will do more for them than any medication I can prescribe or any procedure I can perform."

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Tell It Over and Over Again

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As a small child I could never count the times that our parents corrected us with the admonition, "Don't do that or never do it again." Many times we had to be reminded that they meant what they said! Strange, how a three foot switch or a strong belt could get one's attention. Solomon, the wise man said in **Proverbs 4:34**, "For I was my father's son. Tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me. Let thine heart refrain my words. Keep my commandment and live."

Many times we would be taught correctly, but being hard headed or stubborn, we did not always follow our parents' advice. So then the teachings of Solomon in **Proverbs 22:15** would be administered. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Again he said in **chapters 13:24**, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loved him chasteneth him betimes, or early." Today those who study from the book of child psychology say, "Do not spank your child, because this will discourage him later on in life." But I will let the wisdom of Solomon once again be my guide. **Chapter 29:15-17**, "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." And he says, "To correct thy son, and he shall give you rest, yea he shall give thee delight unto thy soul."

Again in **chapter 23:13**, "Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell." Parents need to understand that every child needs good guidance, good encouragement and yes, they need correction as well, children look to their parents as being in authority, but when they are allowed to reject this authority without impurity, their troubles out of the child will soon follow.

Closing, I did not intend to write such an article today, but we now have gone through life with our own children, grandchildren, and now have four great grandchildren, so we can see our past mistake and if we had life to live over we would certainly make some changes, but we only have one opportunity to get it right the first time. So let us now make the mistake of not giving guidance and correction when it is needed. Consider the admonitions of Solomon while they are still your young children, and while there is hope. You will not be able to correct them after they go out on their own.

So today I will say this over and over again, trust and obey the Lord, give Him first place in your lives, and teach your children to do the same. This is the only hope for heaven and for our nation.

P.S. We still invite all to attend with us at Cornerstone, 70 Bond Street for worship this Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

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