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## Tracy Police...

Posted by I like to ask questions - 2007/09/25 13:33

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Tracy Press, lets get some real reporting of the news. Were feed up with having our windows shot out and the cops do nothing about it. We want a response from the Tracy Police department. I don't want to hear the same BS they told me on the phone when I called to try and report my window being shot out. Al I got was "Sir, we are very busy today, there has been a lot of vandalism in the past two days and we are back logged on responding to take reports. We will try to get to you as soon as we can but there is no guarantee when we will be able to get out there."  
Thats bull!!!! PROTECT US!!!!!!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Mom of 3 - 2007/09/25 16:45

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How do you want them to protect your windows? I would think they are doing everything they can with what little(I'm assuming) information they have. I am sure they would like to find them just as much as you would like them to find them.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Kathy - 2007/09/26 00:24

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This time it is windows. What will they do when there is someone sitting in front of the window? This sort of thing may seem low priority but what if it is a sign of worse to come? I'm certain that must be how those whose windows were shot feel. This sort of response is what causes people to begin taling matters into their own hands. A barb rather than a boquet to the Tracy PD on this one.

Post edited by: Kathy, at: 2007/09/25 22:25

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by richard7285 - 2007/09/26 04:48

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what does taking an officer off of a call more important than vandalism do for the community? you should think before you judge. with all of the other things going on in tracy there are many other priorities for police officers. they cannot be everywhere at the same time. the majority of these attacks occur at night time and around the same neighborhoods so why not perform some sort of civil service and initiate a neighborhood watch program? instead of whining and complaining and using the over tasked police force as your scape goat.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by JimF - 2007/09/26 05:36

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Thank you Richard. Interested community members should be aware that Tracy Crime Stoppers has a reward offered for information leading to the arrest of the BB gun vandal('s).

Tracy Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1000 for information on crimes in Tracy and Mountain House, including the immediate surrounding County areas. You can remain anonymous. Call 831-6TIP (831-6847) with your information.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Nicki - 2007/09/26 07:48

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Even with the neighborhood watch who is going to be up at 3am waiting for the vandals (not me, I like seeing my eyelids from the inside of my head at that time of the morning). I live in a very friendly neighborhood so we all watch out for each other. I think the police are doing all they can and who knows, they might even know more than they are willing to share

at this point in hopes of making an arrest soon.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by richard7285 - 2007/09/27 06:08

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i hope you're right.

as silly as it sounds an organized neighborhood watch program might help. these guys aren't too bright and from what i've seen reported they target the same areas

and most likely use the same vehicles. this probably started off as some kids that were being stupid and sparked several copycats so now this is the new cool thing to do. (i speculate on this and i really hope i'm wrong)

try going to a city council meeting and get organized. find people who may be able to pull shifts and get everyone in your community involved. this is a big issue that affects a lot of people so i'm sure everyone wants to catch these guys.

another possibility is someone at a window repair company has got to be raking in the dough from all of these incidents... something to look into.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by brian.barringer - 2007/09/28 05:39

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thinking about when I was a teenager, that is very logical. I think when I was in highschool it was eggs.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by rushf1 - 2007/09/28 11:45

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You also have to factor in that vandalism is a difficult crime to fight, which is why it's so prevalent everywhere. With auto burglaries, you can remove items from your vehicle that are in plain view and are attractive to thieves. You keep your vehicle locked and hopefully nothing will happen (keep your fingers crossed).

With vandalism, such as the BB gun variety, I would suggest that if you have a garage, park your vehicle in there. Otherwise there really isn't much that the police can do, and they're stretched too far thin to sit around and wait for something to happen.

I know it sounds like an excuse, but we also have to be realistic.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Lynn63 - 2007/09/30 10:17

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As frustrating as it is, windows are the least of my concern. I know full well that the chances of the police finding the culprits is nil. Could you find them yourself without witnesses? Neither can the police. Now, I'm no fan of the Tracy Police Dept or their sometimes questionable behavior BUT when it comes to shot out windows.... yeah, I expect to file a report to satisfy the insurance company and never hear anything more about it from the police dept.

Honestly.... I'd MUCH rather these reports be taken over the phone and leave the beat cops free to rounding up a few more crackheads. In case you hadn't noticed, this town is riddled with them. :angry:

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by A person - 2007/10/04 03:32

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tracy cops dont go for big trouble. the go for the little tiny trouble. my friend is getting putted over for loud music and some guy is getting a beat down for his mp3 across the street on the train tracks. wheres the justice? NONE. also whats up with all these stereotyping when some kid that has a big long tee(shirt) minding his walk home and when some group of kids come in and give him a beat down for his things. and what did the "adult" do? she gets in the car and leave the helpless kid? WHAT THE HECK RIGHT?! OH YEAH. also a group of cops just parked across the street and when i roll by i get call in for thinging i am a vandal?! but doesnt realize theres someone getting another BEAT DOWN across the street in the alley under a light?! i told the cop but he goes "you have the right to quiet" or some bull. and the other cop goes shut up. abused?! YEA. stereotyping?! YES. most tracy cops cant be trusted. in my point of view.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Chey - 2007/10/04 03:53

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DO WHAT? Your rant or whatever you would like to call it made absolutely no sense whatsoever. You start off talking about someones music, then you go to someone with a long tshirt getting beat down and then the adult leaves...WHAT ADULT????

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by JimF - 2007/10/04 04:16

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Hmm, lemme guess. Most days, your wardrobe selection includes one of the following:

baggy jeans which ride low enough to expose your underwear  
A ball cap worn with the brim to the side  
A tshirt with a trendy logo, or tupac, che, etc  
hitop sneakers that cost over \$100 for the pair

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Poppy Landerson - 2007/10/11 16:56

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gotta bring che into this ... by the way, i think last week was the anniversary of his death?

it seems silly that people would wear che's face while arbitrarily vandalizing. clearly cool things get ruined with the generations ...

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Dave Hardesty - 2007/11/30 07:35

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Lynn63 wrote:

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Lynn63. You obviously have a computer and that's good because you can file police reports for such things online.

Go to the city web page and look for it under the police department. There you can submit your report, print it out and give the information to your insurance company without having to tie up an officer to make the report.

The more of these reports that come in the more information it gives to the police. Eventually, with enough information, they can track down the people causing the problems take them off the streets.

It takes time and in our "fast food" "got to have it now" society we often get frustrated when things don't occur as quickly as we might like.

But if you don't participate with the tools at your disposal it takes them even longer to gather the information necessary for them to take appropriate action. We should at the very least meet them half way and end the nonsense statement, "That's what I pay my taxes for."

The answer to that is,"OK, then lets increase the taxes so we can afford to put more officers on the street and have Tracy start looking like a police state under seige.

I honestly believe we don't want something like that to happen so perhaps a better method is to help them with the tools we already have at our disposal.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by Justin281gt - 2007/11/30 13:38

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Dave,

We just had 12 cop cars show up for a knife report. I think it's fairly obvious there is more than enough cops in this town. The problem we face is not quantity but quality...

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by missyE - 2007/11/30 14:12

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There are not 12 cops on patrol at one time except during the over lap and shift change from swings to graves. It is like that for CHP, sheriffs depts, and city police all over. They are understaffed, over worked and under appreciated! Since you don't understand, don't criticize!!!

Tracy is way too small a city to have 12 cops on patrol on 1 shift. My uncle works for a city police dept bigger than Tracy and they don't have 12 either. That is the standard.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by Justin281gt - 2007/11/30 15:33

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Missy,

I more than understand. Have you paid attention to the cops in Tracy? They are hardly noteworthy. Don't act like the rest of us are blind simply because your uncle is a cop and you are bias. Anyone without a criminal record can become a cop, the requirements are not that difficult...

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by rushf1 - 2007/11/30 15:52

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Departments areunderstaffed. If anyone doubts it, sign up for a ride-along with any agency and you'll be able to see how many times a single call can tie up a shift, and how often paperwork, processing a prisoner, and doing all the things that

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the public doesn't generally see can impact things on a given day.

I disagree that Missy's biased. I think she's just trying to illustrate the realities of what goes on out there.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by Justin281gt - 2007/11/30 16:43

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I think if 12 officers have time to show up for a simple knife call (see The Shamrock) Maybe somebody should deligate these officers time a little better. It might make it easier for them to do their reports, processing, etc...

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by rushf1 - 2007/12/01 18:03

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Depends on what the knife call was. If there were 12 officers responding, it sounds like it wasn't that simple. He/she was probably brandishing and/or threatening other people. Something like that can escalate into something worse, so strength in numbers definitely applies.

It's much better than responding one officer and having him/her facing a potential deadly force situation alone.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by dumBcommenT - 2007/12/01 20:43

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The police were more protective due to what happened at the bowl. Don't complain, it's what you want, more police.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by bella12384 - 2007/12/02 04:09

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First of all- the parents who bought BB guns for their kids should be held accountable.....

I am glad that someone points to neighborhood watch programs as PART of the solution. We all have to watch out for each other and for ourselves and not wait for the government to do it for us. I am lucky to live in an area that is known for having multiple policemen and former policemen living here. We don't see a lot of action as a result.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by drc - 2007/12/02 14:17

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I hate to tell you this Justin but you are partially wrong. We have quality Police. They are WAY understaffed. In the academy they learn the ideal ratio of police to citizens is 1 to every 2000. Well we won't get the ideal amount and we don't have enough police at any one shift any time. Yes I did my homework and I now know. It isn't looking good, we need more police and if we want more we have to pay for it.

Dave H. is right. 1 or 3 bucks a year from each citizen could hire 2 more police at best.

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**Re:Tracy Police...**

Posted by missyE - 2007/12/04 10:18

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Justin you don't understand police procedure. That is obvious. I'm not an expert, but I and many others obviously know more about it than you do after talking with people who ARE experts. You spout off wrong information and criticize over things that you don't even try to comprehend. If a call goes out that a weapon is involved, then all available officers respond. Period. That would include officers doing routine traffic stops, writing reports, dealing with non life threatening calls. They drop what they are doing and go. They respond because situations can escalate quickly and so it's better to have all available people there rather than needing them and they are across town. This call happened to occur while there were more than usual officers in their cars and able to come. This wouldn't happen most times. Others have explained this and yet you go on with your criticism. You don't understand and don't seem to want to listen so I wonder why I'm wasting my time. Actually, you are wasting our time.

I have a suggestion for you. Either educate yourself on what is really going on in a police officers day or stop criticizing!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by atracymom - 2007/12/04 14:29

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Exactly! We have police officers and need more, and if you think you could do a better job, get yourself over to Delta, enroll in the P.O.S.T. program, apply and step up, otherwise....shut up!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Justin281gt - 2007/12/04 17:18

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Missy,

As an EXPERT on police procedure I am sure you know the correct answer to this staffing question, but I am going to have to take a guess. I am assuming that at the time of The Shamrock incident 12 officers was pretty much all that were on duty. Having said that imagine you had a family member or friend who was raped, stabbed, shot, etc. "across town" and your police force was not strategically positioned like they should be because they were all busy overreacting to a knife call that could have been easily resolved by the 2 or 3 officers closest to that location. Would you be aggravated that the response time was significantly longer? I'm betting you probably would be. The TPD's response to The Shamrock situation was completely unnecessary and jeopardized every other area of our town. If you can't see that then obviously you are bias or just plain blind.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by dumBcommenT - 2007/12/05 00:01

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Justin, this comment makes more sense then what you said in the previous other comments and is closer to the truth. The other comments you made were condescending to the police. They are understaffed and the article stated that there were some that needed to learn to keep put instead.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

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Posted by VenomousCobra - 2007/12/08 03:23

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Maybe they could manage their time better, as my brother rides a bicycle. He has gotten stopped more times in the last month on a bicycle, than he has his entire life in a car. And it's for stupid stuff, yes, it's against the law, but, is not putting BOTH feet down on a bicycle at a signal really work taking the 10-15 minutes of time that could be better spent patrolling the parks? Tracy PD needs to pick their battles in my opinion.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by amerijudge - 2007/12/09 04:23

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There is no question that TRACY PD has a nack to prosecute and charge any minority in our city. This is wrong. Check the stats. They seem to suggest that minorities have a tendency of causing the majority of crimes in Tracy.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by l2kill2 - 2007/12/10 07:03

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For those of you who feel contacting the police is a waste of time.... Why do you do it? Why don't you gather a vigilantly group together, profile anyone carrying a BB gun, driving a foreign car that looks like it could do donuts in the middle of an intersection. Or better yet why didnâ€™t you do anything when your friend got stabbed?

If the police are so worthless why arenâ€™t you doing anything about it?

Let me see if I drive a car that I have modified to look like a street racer could I be mistaken for one? Hmmm.

If I dress like a â€œgangsterâ€• could I be mistaken for one? Hmmm.

OH if Iâ€™m questioned because I look like I could know something about a crime or because I might be hanging around people that are involved and would brag about it (see â€œgangsterâ€• poser comment above) and I give the police nothing but attitude when stopped I should be surprised that I receive the same amount of respect I give.

WOW is that your concept of profiling?

You all sound like a bunch of nuclear scientists and brain surgeons Answer me this.

IF your job placed you into a real life or death situation and you donâ€™t know who the bad guys are, wouldnâ€™t you be very cautious until you knew which side they are on. Would someone giving you nothing but attitude make you question why you are willing to take a bullet for them? Or did you forget thatâ€™s what the blue uniforms do. Take a bullet for YOU. I would give these guys more respect than what I see here. You got a beef go to court and use the system if youâ€™re innocent you have nothing to worry about but donâ€™t stand there and blame someone else for your choices or actions.

I model my behavior after model citizens. I believe in giving everyone the same respect they give me. Ever wonder why the police are polite maybe they would appreciate that same action in response.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by my2sense - 2007/12/10 07:08

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well not to judge anyone, as a minority myself, but sometimes it is hard for police not to screen people. I'm not an officer and know nothing about how to run the system. But I do know this, I know my own people. They think that there the Sh\*tz, I say what? Your no different than me partner, get work like everyone else and get off that high horse. Or ship out back to the old country and see what living condition you prefer. When you have the opportunity to live in this rich nation you best bet be ready to be part of our community, donâ€™t be a problem be solution.

Post edited by: my2sense, at: 2007/12/10 07:09

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by my2sense - 2007/12/10 07:11

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l2kill2 - I agree with you. To much talk in this forums, but when it's time to get the ball rolling...well I hear crickets.....

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by richard7285 - 2007/12/12 05:15

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i agree with l2kill there's flaws in every organization but the police do a damn good job in my opinion and deserve the respect from the citizens.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by miked - 2008/01/16 12:06

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protect yourself, don't expect cops to do anything but fine you for your taillight being out. Exercise your 2nd amendment right, or what's left of it.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by atracymom - 2008/01/18 15:20

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miked protect yourself, don't expect cops to do anything but fine you for your taillight being out. Exercise your 2nd amendment right, or what's left of it. see it's comments like these that drive me friggin crazy!! BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO "THINK" THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE STUPID, IRRESPONSIBLE, AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO GIVE THEM A DARN BREAK!! NO YOU DON'T DESERVE IT!

This country, the land that either we love or hate, was built on the principle that we didn't have to do what Mother England wanted...we built it (or our forefathers did) on the thought that we could create our Constitution and we did it well. Now, we have people who talk about how unjust our Constitution is...excuse me? If LAWS were not in place, this country would be a 3rd world country and I dare you to try and say its not a true statement. If we didn't follow RULES, lawlessness would abound. You are dang lucky MIKED that you are allowed the privilege of a license. Yeah, it may suck that you get pulled over (cry me a river), but think of it like this...while you are more than likely a teen, when you become a parent, you will be crying and whining that not enough is done to curb the youth of YOUR children or their peers' age. When that day comes, look in the mirror, smile and wave at yourself...its all up to you. Nowadays, you get a bunch of blowhards who think that they deserve every thing, that no one can tell them that what they did was wrong; just simply a bunch of narcissistic whiney pants that are NOT ACCOUNTABLE for their own actions. If you have an issue, a problem, a concern and you think you can do it better, step up or shut up. Be a useful citizen, enroll in POST, take responsibility for who you are and stop trying to blame every one else for your shortcomings, getting pulled over, getting a ticket, or whatever the next whine filled post will be.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by 4OurTracy - 2008/01/20 02:53

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Are you for real???

I hate to be the one to break it to you, but if you dress and act the part... well... you are the part. Have you not heard the old adage, if it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck... its a duck.

If you are intelligent enough to recognize the stereotype, yet choose to dress or act in a way in which you could be perceived as part of that stereotypic group, then you deserve any of the results of your actions.

Let me break it down one last time... if you don't want to be treated like a hood, then don't dress or act like one... simple!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/20 13:45

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Are you for real???

So because someone chooses to dress a certain way they should be harassed. You know some of the worst serial killers in history seemed pretty normal (see Dennis Rader) Maybe the Tracy police should harass you for wearing a polo shirt....what an idiot!!!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by 4OurTracy - 2008/01/21 06:06

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Yes... I am.

I would first like to point out that your argument is flawed. I am not saying that there are bad people out there that don't "look the part" of hood, or criminal, or whatever role you would like to stereotype. What I am inferring is that there are good people that DO "look the part" and if you are intelligent enough to know that, then do something about it.

I think your most intelligent criminals get this concept (as you may have well validated). They recognize there is a stereotype and likely do what they can to avoid being cast in that stereotype. In fact, I'd argue that a large number of people recognize and accept that there are certain social norms regarding how we act or dress within many circumstances in life. Why else would someone (any one) looking to land a new job, dress up (although this is subjective), and act a certain way (again... subjective) even if it is not their norm? Maybe in order to maximize their chances of getting the job??? Elicit a certain response??? Your average teen going for a fast food job, may not look at this in the same manner as even an adult going for the same job. However, I think both make an attempt to put their best foot forward in an effort to increase their odds of getting the job they desire. In essence they recognize that they may need to meet certain social norms in order to manage perceptions. At any rate, this topic is very complex and it is not the basis for my argument.

What I am challenging is if you KNOW the way you are dressing or acting can impact the way people perceive you... and those perceptions are incorrect then why not change the way you dress or act in public to elicit responses you would like. As opposed to going out of your way to dress like a hood I mean why represent a hood unless you are a hood? Am I over simplifying?

Personally, if you dress like a hood, I think you should continue. I am a believer of the Darwin's theory and one more person being targeted by police or gangs makes for one less target for the rest of the population.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/21 06:44

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Darwin's theory, huh? How does the fact that life evolves in slow increments based on the genes that provide the best likelihood of future survival relate to the way some kid is dressing??? Your entire argument in which you attempt to look educated boils down to the fact that you are an idiot who likes to stereotype people, and in the Darwinian world you live in the predator (aka, kid with baggie pants LOL!!!) that is going to attack you probably already evolved into a guy with a business suit and a 9MM for better concealment...!!!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by 4OurTracy - 2008/01/21 08:40

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Wow... you really are a live one aren't you?

Now pay attention... I am only going to explain this once.

Between 1842 and 1844, Charles Darwin outlined his theory of evolution by natural selection as an explanation for adaptation and speciation. He defined natural selection as the "principle by which each slight variation, if useful, is

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preserved". The concept was simple but powerful: individuals best adapted to their environments are more likely to survive and reproduce.

Now... if that is too difficult for you to understand, here is another angle... maybe you have heard of the Darwin Awards? The Darwin Awards are tongue-in-cheek honors named after evolutionary theorist Charles Darwin. "Awards" have been given for people who "do a service to Humanity by removing themselves from the Gene pool", i.e., lose the ability to reproduce. It is for people who kill, or in rare cases, sterilize themselves accidentally by attempting to do stupid feats. You can review some examples of these awards at: <http://www.darwinawards.com/>

What was essentially saying was... if you want to dress like a thug, you increase your chances of early loss of reproduction (i.e. "sterilize themselves accidentally by attempting to do stupid feats" (or putting themselves needlessly in harms way)).

Your feeble attempts to discredit and put me down only reflect your own deficiencies. Like I said in my previous response, I do not disagree with you. I am making a different point that you are trying to manipulate because you obviously like to argue. So have fun arguing with yourself! I have made my point and am done with you.

Source: Origin of Species, Chapter 3, pages 61-62

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/21 09:08

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The point you have made is nothing more than you like to stereotype people for their appearance. I think that is fairly obvious don't you? The type of clothing that someone wears DOES NOT indicate the actions (whether good or bad) or intelligence of that person. THERE IS THAT SIMPLE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND? You can do your best to try and hide that fact with all the data that you have managed to cut and paste from other websites and Darwin's "The Origin of Species" but it's pretty easy to see right through you. I mean come on you just wrote:

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Read this nonsense and tell me you don't think you sound like a candidate for a Darwin award yourself. Please next time you are at the vending machine and you don't get your soda. Make sure you shake the machine violently....

P.S. If you are as smart as you think you are you'll stop here since, again, the only point you have managed to make clear is that you like to judge people based on their appearance. End of story!!!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by lwest - 2008/01/21 18:14

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Mr. Johnson

I am sorry but I have to disagree with you. I agree with 4ourTracy.....if it walks like a duck and talks like a duck then it is a duck. If you are not a thug why in the world would you choose to dress like one? And, if you are truly a nice person who just happens to like that style of dress, then be prepared to be judged. It is going to happen and you are going to be 10 times more likely to be harassed by the police than someone who is not wearing baggy pants and showing their a\$\$ crack.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/22 04:26

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lwest,

What you are saying is that you think it is OK to stereotype people based on how they dress. Do you honestly think that is the right thing to do? Do you teach your children, assuming that you have any, to judge people based on their

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appearance, as if that has any bearing on who they are as a person? If so you are just one more negative member of an already sad, sad world....

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by lwest - 2008/01/22 08:03

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Bill

I am not saying that it is ok to stereotype people by the way they dress. The problem is if you don't know someone personally then you naturally go on what they look like. Be honest with yourself. Have you not looked at a homeless person, who is begging for money at walmart, and thought, I bet he is to lazy to get a job. Or, he probably makes more money doing this than he would working an honest days work? I don't like to judge people and I try not to but sometimes, without even thinking about it, I find myself judging someone by how they look. You only have one chance to make a first impression. My previous post was just stating that if you want to dress like a thug you might as well be considered one because that is how you are going to be preceived by people who don't know you. Do you have children? Do you allow them to dress with baggy clothes, wife beater T-shirts, their butt crack hanging out for all the world to see? I mean, come on its the style, Right? I have kids and over my dead body will they ever leave the house looking like that. I don't want my kids to be stereotyped and I know that if they dress the part then they will be stereotyped and that is just the way it is. Why would someone want to dress like a low life when there are so many other styles that are just as comfortable to chose from? I am just wondering if you are so dense that you are unable to see what the rest of society sees? I am pretty sure that most parents, at least the ones who wish sucess for their children, do not let them go around dressing like wanna be gang members. At some point a we as parents need to put our foot down and say enough is enough.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/22 08:29

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lwest,

To be completely honest with, Yes, I would let my kid dress in a wife beater shirt or whatever else, with some minor exceptions, he wanted to wear. I like to think of that as free thinking/ freedom of choice for him as opposed to being oppressed and forced to wear clothes he dislikes because a small number of idiots in the world have given that particular style a bad name and people who like to stereotype others have perpetuated it. If you are concerned about people stereotyping your own children then a good step in the right direction would probably be to quit doing it yourself don't you think? Perhaps you are right maybe I am "dense" but ask yourself, Why? Is it because I am encouraging my child to think for himself? If so then I suppose "dense" is a compliment. In closing the most laughable part of your rebuttal is your equation of the future success of your child, or mine, and the possibility that the clothes they wear could be a factor. That is just not the case and I have seen plenty of examples that prove it.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by lwest - 2008/01/22 09:43

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Bill

There is no problem with freedom and free thinking. You just need to be prepared for what is out there and how you may be preceived by the public. I believe in it too. I have a daughter who decided to get a bunch of piercings (lip, eyebrow, tragus)she found out real quick that though it didn't change who she was it did change how others looked at her. I am just saying that if you want to dress like hoodlums then be prepared for what society is going to thing. Right, wrong or indfferent.

We teach our kids by example and I have always told them not to judge a book by its cover. If I didnt do that I would have missed out on many great friendships. People who dress for success find success and people who dress in what society stereotypes as thug wear will be judged accordingly. It is just the way it is and we have to learn to deal with it. I have never been a conformist but I also don't purposly put myself out there to stand out in a negative way. I guess since you aren't getting my point we will just have to agree to disagree. Have a good one.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/22 10:52

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lwest,

I get your point quite clearly, and although you are clearly wrong I will agree to disagree. Take care!!!

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/01/23 01:59

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lwest,

I don't know how old your children are but when they leave your home all dressed up nicely, it will be peer pressure that will lead them to start sneaking around and doing exactly what,(a controlling parent, possibly like yourself), you don't want them to do.

I understand about seeing a homeless person and what you think about them when you see them standing at walmart begging. You must have missed the article in Our Town about one of our local homeless beggars who had a background about what led him there and that there is still hope for him.

Be a role model for your kids and teach them not to be prejudice of people for the way they look and for all the other things that give children an impression of people in general, such as weight, skin color, if they have an impairment or if they are an old crippled person.

Kids see all and tell more than you know. They look up to their parents every move then all of a sudden they have their own ideas and they are off and running. They will be OK if they wear baggy pants.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by lwest - 2008/01/23 03:19

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I absolutely did see the article in the newspaper and I think it is fabulous that someone took this gentleman in. All he needed in life was a chance and he finally got one.

I also thank you for pointing out how I should be raising my children without prejudice. I think I have done a very good job in that area. I have never in my life been prejudice and I will not tolerate it in my children.

Unfortunately my kids don't go out all dressed up. They wear clothes that they choose to wear with some exceptions ie, no baggy pants. As for being a controlling parent? I guess you could say that I am to a certain extent. Especially if you consider setting rules and boundaries control.

Luckily I have a wonderful relationship with my kids. My adult daughter has shared with me that she never felt the need to sneak out and do things behind my back because I was always willing to talk to her and consider her requests. Sure she wanted to do things that I had to say no to but for the most part she was a great kid who never gave me any problems therefore she had appropriate freedoms as she grew up.

My son who is still in school does struggle with wanting to dress like the other kids. That's ok with us as I mentioned. His father and I will not allow him to wear baggy pants that hang below his belt line. If he wants to wear them he has to wear a belt to hold them up.

Maybe I did not articulate my stand to well. I don't believe in judging someone based on appearance. Like I said, if I had done this during my life some of my greatest friendships would never have happened.

I do believe in having respect for yourself and for others around you. I personally am offended to have to be looking at someone's butt crack or the 12 inches of underwear that are hanging out of their pants. Do I judge these people? If I were to be totally honest with you then yes, I do. I judge them on their ability to portray themselves in public.

If I read this thread correctly the comments made were about the police stereotyping people because of how they

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dressed. This does happen and can be avoided by making different choices with your clothing options. I really don't have much respect for parents who allow their children to call all the shots without any boundaries being set. I also cannot imagine why parents would allow their children to dress like a gang member when they are not one. Or are they? I am sure that there are parents out there that turn a blind eye to what their children are doing. I try to be in the know at all times but realize it isn't always possible.

I think we have beat this thread like a dead horse. Looking forward to more lively discussions on another topic.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Gary - 2008/01/23 05:25

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For Bill Johnson and maybenotdumBcommentT, by your rational, would you be opposed to dressing in some Los Angeles Dodgers garb and hanging out at McDonald Park? Maybe get a pick up handball game with some of the boys who hang out in the park? Or, grab your skateboard and hang out at El Pescadero Park dressed in blue?

Can your kids wear a Dodgers cap to school? NO, and why is that? It is because thug gangsters associate themselves with particular colors and sports teams to express to others their gang affiliations. It is not stereotyping, that is the way (unfortunately) it is. If your caught wearing the 'wrong' colors stand by for the harassment and fights that are going to come from the gangsters.

It is hard to believe the police will stop someone just on how they are dressed, there has to be some other characteristics with the person. If that was the case, a whole lot of heavy people would be stopped for wearing spandex.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/23 07:01

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Gary,

I think Iwest got it right when he (or she) said this thread is beating a dead horse. Some people are OK with stereotyping others and being afraid to wear a certain color just because some idiot wannabe ganster has claimed it as theirs. I am not one of them, nor will I ever be, and my child is not going to lose out on his personal expression because of a few retards.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommentT - 2008/01/26 04:14

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I had the same issue with my son as you did with yours at that age and he turned out fine,thank goodness.My friends son gets stopped periodically but he doesn't wear the baggy pants and always looks presentable to me.He is a great kid as well.He got in trouble for not wearing a helmet and it put him in the spot light for awhile by one particular cop."Stereotype"?Most likely. I think boys get targeted more then girls,in my opinion.I don't think all police are like that.

From what my friends son says,if they wear any three articles of clothing,(including shoelaces)to school they have to change their clothes.

Gary,I have stood at McDonald park collecting trash and helping clean up the neighborhood along with a handful of volunteers.I bring my dog to the 'dog park' all the time but I don't carry a weapon,just a phone for emergency's.

I don't know what you mean by my rational.What I was saying is that kids can sneak out with things their parents are totally unaware of and put it on on their way to school.Some parents are not even at home when their kids leave for school.If there is trouble at school and a teacher sees them they have to tell them the school has rules to keep the peace.That is if they don't get spotted by the police and look like a gangster wannabe before they get to school or in a fight for dressing the wrong way.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/01/26 04:16

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Sorry, don't know how that happened. If Tracy Press could delete one that would be OK with me.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/01/26 08:09

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The problem we have in this community is that Ives is so focused on buying the votes of the Tracy Police Department that all he cares about is giving the existing cops more money rather than actually putting more cops on the streets.

If you are the victim of crimes in Tracy, remember it is in part because of the greed of the Tracy PD that we don't have more cops in Tracy.

Ives just pissed away \$4 million on some sports complex cover in a pollution cloud, with that same money we probably could have hired at least four more cops for a few years.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by seehowitis - 2008/01/26 10:33

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I guess I did not correctly understand the last posting. What does a four million dollar sports complex have to do with paying the officers in this town more money?

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I don't know much about Ives and his politics but, I do know very few of the PD actually live here so what do their votes matter for him?

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Gary - 2008/01/27 01:46

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Well, maybenotdumBcommenT, I'm sorry your were insulted, but the talk was on the police reportedly 'harrassing' people just because of the way they are dressed. You said you were insulted so I can only assume you are insulting everyone who chooses to wear gang type clothing and baggy pants.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/01/27 02:06

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Gary, Your remark about heavy people wearing spandex has nothing to do with what gang type clothing kids are wearing these days. I'm not even sure I would recognize someone that was either a gang member or an actual person that was in a gang. Police don't arrest people wearing spandex.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/27 04:27

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Gary,

I wear baggy pants. I'm not in a gang. I'm insulted. So you're right! Maybenotdumbcomment you are an idiot!!!

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/01/27 16:52

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Bill Johnson, I did not say I was an idiot. As usual you just read things wrong. Please refrain from calling people names, it is immature.

When I see a kid wearing baggy pants, I don't stereotype him as a gang member.

Great job Gary of twisting my words around which makes no sense. The police don't harass heavy people wearing spandex. The kids that did this horrible crime happen to be wearing baggy clothing but they look clean. My guess is they are wannabe gang members or want to look like them. They look sloppy tho. My own kid wore baggy pants in high school and he doesn't anymore and turned out to be a fine young productive person of society.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Bill Johnson - 2008/01/28 01:41

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dumbcomment, (I dropped the maybe because this is more fitting)

Of course YOU didn't say you were an idiot. I did, and if the shoe fits (kind of like, if the baggy pants fit, according to you) then I guess you've got to wear them. Please give up. It is obvious you like to stereotype people and I'm not the only one who sees that. So don't get mad at Gary because he pointed out how ridiculous your comments have been....

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/01/28 03:19

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So Bill, you wear baggy pants, I said I don't stereotype kids wearing baggy pants, my kid did it too. He's a man now and it didn't turn him into a gang member or a bad guy. He was clean, just wore what his friends wore.

Yes, I did read it wrong. You called me an idiot, the eyes must be going.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/09 06:03

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At about 10:00PM, first I noticed about 8 cars blocking the north bound lane of Lammers that turns onto 11th.

Then about 1 minute later they all came racing pass me down 11th street, speeding, failing to use turn signals, and my favorite, at least two of the vehicles had at least one headlight out.

Next, they turned into the Safeway parking lot from Corral Hollow, where they were speeding all over the parking lot, and to my shock, one of the vehicles, an early 1990s white Ford Sable sedan opened all four of their doors all the way while the vehicle was moving, and the passengers all hung out the doors while flipping off everyone as they passed the Safeway gas station, Jack in the box, and Baja Fresh. Welcome to Tracy. That must have made so many people feel proud to be from Tracy.

I've lived all over America and been to many of the "worse cities" in America, and I'm continuously shocked at the new lows I see in the free for all known as Tracy.

The Tracy PD has completely failed this city.

Brent Ives and Suzanne Tucker have completely failed the residents of this city and America.

We have garbage like these punks all over Tracy. This city is infested with them as if they were roaches. Where do they come from? Oakland and the bay area are not like this.

Is this "normal" for the California central valley?

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/10 03:05

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/10 03:11

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommenT - 2008/02/09 09:32

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M and Ms,

If you think the cops are doing such a bad job you can meet them in person to have your questions answered. The next Coffee with a Cop is on March 8th at Starbucks Coffee, 1857 W. 11th st. There was one today but I guess you missed it. Make it to the other one and have your questions ready.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by hotwheeljay1 - 2008/02/09 20:08

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You know, I work at West Valley Mall and I have to say that Tracy P.D. does try their hardest to keep the city safe. People say that its not safe at the mall anymore and that is just not true. The mall is the only thing in Tracy that the kids have where they can meet their friends, hang out, and have a good time. Unfortunately the parents just let their kids go to the mall and hang out all night long there. Most parents don't even know that their teens are at the mall hanging out. I have seen most of the crimes commited are from teens aging mostly between 12-17 years old. The parents need to make sure that their teens are back home at a decent hour. I have seen teens hanging out at the Movie Theatre till 11-12 o'clock at night. I'm sorry, but there is no reason for our teenagers to be out that late.

Post edited by: hotwheeljay1, at: 2008/02/09 20:15

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by seehowitis - 2008/02/10 00:19

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Maybe you should go back to one of the "worst cities" in the world. Why don't you try to be in two places at once. I guess five officers are suppose to be everywhere at one time. Maybe it's not the quality of the officers in this town but the quanity.

Let's not stop at the police. If firefighters were driving around town all the time they could probably prevent all fires or at least already be there by the time the fire starts. They do on average make more than an officer in this town.

It's about time Tracy residence realize we need more police officers to be effective at fighting crime and being proactive.

Have you ever looked at the police blotter? Thing like, lost cell phones, six year olds refusing to go to school, a neighbor called me a bad name. These are all things that tie up officers and cause back logs for the real crimes.

The residents of this town need to start voicing what is really important. Did we need this gaudy looking new city hall? Do you have any idea how many emergency personel could have been hired for that price? How many vehicles could have been purchased so cars and trucks with over 125,000 miles could be replaced?

How much is the city going to spend on a new sports park? The last one went over really well. Only team sports can get a permit. That defeats the purpose of the idea.

By the way, what kind of call were the officers responding to? If someone were holding a gun to your head, would you like one officer to show up at his/her leisure or would you rather several show up as fast as they can. Why don't you send the PD a letter telling them that if you ever need help, they can just take their time, use their turn signal, and by all means, if they have a headlight out, please make sure it is fixed before coming to help. See how it is?

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Dutch - 2008/02/10 02:38

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So you "ENJOYED watching the complete failure of the Tracy PD last night".....Judging by that statement I guess you would be overwhelmed with joy if the PD ceased to exist and the A-holes were in charge. Sounds like anarchy to me. Get a clue, dumbshit.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/10 03:03

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Don't make up stupid excuses for Brent Ives and Suzanne Tucker. This town is completely out of control due to

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leadership problems, and that really is due to the 5000 or so village fools who vote for these two F students.

We have millions to squander on every fringe project that the infamous insiders want to do.

We have millions to waste on giving city employees significant increases in their pensions that were already extremely generous.

We have millions to waste on overpaying DES contractors who make over \$100 an hour to do work that virtually anyone in Tracy could do with a weekend of training.

We pissed \$4 million down the drain on that insanely stupid sports complex idea on Shulte Road, that appeared to only have one reason, that being to extend city infrastructure down Shulte to help the Pombos and the other infamous Tracy insiders get more wealthy, but we don't have the money to fund critical city services.

At the end of the day, the punk infestation we have in Tracy is due to the residents who vote for Tucker and Ives.

The Tracy Police Department has played a major role in this punk infestation with their continuous endorsement of Brent Ives for Mayor and anyone else for mayor who will increase their pensions and salaries at the expense of having more cops on the streets. Do we as residents want more cops on the streets? Or, do we want to give even more millions to the existing cops so that they will continue to endorse Brent Ives at the expense of public safety?

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/10 04:02

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Gary - 2008/02/10 07:27

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Wow, if I would have known sooner that Mayor Ives and Councilwoman Tucker were directly responsible for all of the crime, traffic accidents, and all of the nonsense that occurs in Tracy, I would have never voted for them. Thanks M, your a genius, you should be Mayor, no wait Govenor. Your really smart.

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by JimF - 2008/02/11 04:30

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M and Ms one question for you, what did you do in reaction to this display? Call the police maybe with a description or license number, etc?

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/17 04:19

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JimF, your choice of words suggests you work for the Tracy Police Department.

Rather than harassing residents online, why don't you actually focus on your job.

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/17 05:17

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### Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/17 04:25

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Gary, if you disagree with something that anyone states on these forums, a more positive approach would be to challenge the facts by offering your own facts.

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/17 05:15

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommentT - 2008/02/17 07:03

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You do nothing but moan and groan about TPD. Why Don't you leave town. And another thing, do you try to help the police, like calling them, giving license plate numbers, description of cars and people. You seem to have a real vendetta against the police in town here and I think there is more to your complaining then meets the eye. Did you have an experience that they couldn't solve? Something is up, You seem to think a cop should be on every corner in town. Give it up. Leave Tracy.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/17 10:56

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maybenotdumBcommentT, as I suggested to Gary, if you disagree with something that anyone states on these forums, a more positive approach would be to challenge the facts by offering your own facts in a positive and constructive manner.

maybenotdumBcommentT, I have only been posting on these forums for about a month, and I've only responded to existing postings and maybe have made six postings, and so your comments suggesting that I leave Tracy are disturbing, as are your other comments. "vendetta"? That is desperate, you, Ives, and the Tracy Police Department are desperate to say anything to try and deflect this discussion. This incredible to read.

Did you also vote for Brent Ives?

Almost every time I visit the Safeway / Starbucks parking lot after about 9:30PM on the weekends, I see the types of things I saw last week: just not as bad, but similar behavior that is shocking and that you don't see anywhere else.

Are you going to tell me that the Tracy Police Department doesn't know that the Starbucks/Safeway parking lot turns into a major hangout place for punks and their cars on Friday and Saturday nights? It is an out of control experience almost every Friday and Saturday night.

For this particular incident, I was behind the car that opened all four of its doors all the way, while still moving, and the occupants hung out and started flipping everyone off while I had another 7 or so cars racing all over the parking around me as if it were a crazy scene out of gang movie. At that point, my only goal was to safely get out of that area without getting my vehicle hit or personally assaulted. It was terrifying. I didn't think about getting a license plate number until I was out of that area, and that point I really didn't have any desire to go back into that dangerous area.

Next time around I'll try and get at least one license plate number, but my personal safety comes first.

It is interesting that through all of these replies that not single poster has made any comments that undermine the facts I stated in my original postings.

Post edited by: M and Ms, at: 2008/02/17 12:07

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommentT - 2008/02/17 13:23

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Well M and Ms you do have a -8 and did you CALL THE POLICE because you should have so they can log it and get the several incidences they need to prove it needs more patrolling. Yes I am going to tell you the police may not know about it because of people like you that think someone else must have CALLED THE POLICE on this. This is a constructive manner, CALL THE POLICE when you see a wrong doing. BTW, how do you know things like this doesn't happen anywhere else. You can't be everywhere. Someone side swiped my friends car last night and it was a hit and run. I CALLED THE POLICE. When you got away from the parking lot did you CALL THE POLICE? I'm guessing no. And if this happens there evry Fri. and Sat. my constructive criticism is to go somewhere else then. I'm not undermining what you said. I suggest you CALL THE POLICE when you see illegal behavior even when you get to a safe point. And what does the comment about voting for Ives have to do with this anyway? Just asking

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by M and Ms - 2008/02/17 16:29

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maybenotdumBcommentT, good points, thanks. In January I got a new mobile phone, and I had not yet programmed in the Tracy Police Department's non-emergency phone number into my phone. I guess I could have called 911 or called when I got home. I now have it programmed into my new phone, and so when I see it, I'll report it. I guess there is always the chance that everyone assumes that the Tracy PD is getting the calls, when in fact they may not be getting any calls, and so I'll start calling them anytime I see something illegal happen that is a significant issue.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by maybenotdumBcommentT - 2008/02/17 22:10

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Also program in their non emergency number, 831-4550. I usually call the non emergency and they will patch you into the emergency especially if someone is hurt. As you see the police log and the police blotter there are some dumb calls like the peanut stealing theif(\$1.70 worth). Wanna bet they called 911? Calling the police whenever someone sees something wrong will show the dept. top people that we need more cops. It makes it official because it gets logged in and whether big or small they will be able to be granted more money for more police. I don't work for the police dept. BTW but have seen how things work around her in Tracy.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by JimF - 2008/02/18 04:47

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I do not work for the Tracy PD. As anyone can read in my previous posts, I volunteer my time for Tracy Crime Stoppers, and as a Tracy resident for 17 years, I have a keen interest in keeping Tracy safe and a nice place to live. Tracy Police need the community's support in order for this to happen. Please support Tracy Crime Stoppers.

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## Re:Tracy Police...

Posted by Gary - 2008/02/18 05:15

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M and Ms, your saying it is O.K for YOU to post inflammatory remarks about city government without ANY facts, but someone to challenge you and you take offense? Practice what you preach. I'll vote the way I see the issues and I'll say what I want on this forum, even if (and especially if) you disagree. Get over it.

Your not the solution, but the cause.

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