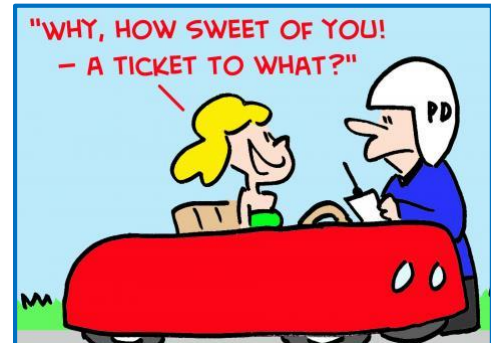


THE LAW AND HUMOR

They are present in every community of any size in or country – men and women who have chosen a career in law enforcement. They deserve our respect and appreciation because they put their lives on the line every day for our safety and well-being.

While enforcing the law is serious business, there are lighter times that come along in the course of a police officer doing his or her job.

Recently, I read a column on this subject written by Jim Davidson, a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist who lives in Conway, Arkansas. He said a friend sent him some quotes illustrating that law enforcement officers do, indeed, have a sense of humor. Here are some of them:



- “In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC.”
- “Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they are new. They will stretch out after you wear them for a while.”
- “If you run, you will only go to jail tired.”
- “Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven.”
- “Just how big were those two beers?”
- “No sir, we don’t have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas, but now we are allowed to write as many tickets as we want.”
- “I’m glad to hear the chief of police is a good personal friend of yours. At least you know someone who can post your bail.”
- “You didn’t think we give pretty women tickets? You’re right, we don’t. Sign here.”
- “So you don’t know how fast you were going. I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?”
- “Yes sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don’t think that will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?”
- “The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?”

Certainly, these quotes might strike your funny bone, but they’re not so funny to the people apprehended by an officer for breaking the law.

But as Socrates, the Greek philosopher, said, “I have never taught anyone anything. All I can ever hope to achieve is to make men think.”

The men and women who wear the uniform of our nation’s law enforcement agencies are public servants, sworn to protect us and ensure our safety. The next time you meet a law enforcement officer, why not take a moment to let him or her know how much you appreciate the work they do?

And perhaps we have started your day in a lighthearted way.