



# Got Your 6

"I got your six, you got mine—We're stronger together"

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## WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF GOT YOUR 6, OUR NATIONAL STAND FOR SECURITY NEWSLETTER.

As of today, more than 60,000 security officers have joined the team, formed a union and are winning better pay, benefits, respect, training and then some.

We are many security officers—white, Black and brown—across our nation. And we work for countless security companies. But, no matter who we are or where we come from, we are one team fighting to make this industry better.

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### WE ARE WINNING!



#### Thousands of Silicon Valley Security Officers WIN First Union Contract – Pay Raises, Improved HealthCare & More!

More than 3,000 security officers—including those who protect tech giants like Google and Facebook—WON their hard-fought first union contract!

Silicon Valley has BOOMING local economy right now, but many area officers are struggling to get by on what they were paid. **With this new contract, officers will see immediate wage increases, with total increases up to \$1.20 per hour by January.**

Officers also won **improved healthcare that will be 75%-85% paid by the employer** by the end of the 4-year contract for the majority of folks. **In addition, many officers will receive new vacation days, holidays and an increase in paid sick days.**

*"We began this organizing effort because officers in Silicon Valley are really struggling—some of us are homeless and many of us are living on the edge," said Annabelle, a Silicon Valley officer and a member on the officers' bargaining committee. "We have made great strides, but there is still a lot of work to do. Silicon Valley is one of the wealthiest places in the world, and the most expensive. We need to keep fighting so that we can live life with some safety and dignity."*

**Go Team SILICON VALLEY!**

## ILLINOIS STATE SECURITY OFFICERS WIN NEW CONTRACT INCLUDING \$2 PER-HOUR WAGE INCREASES!



This summer, SEIU Local 1 Illinois State Security Officers **WON A STRONG NEW CONTRACT** that includes \$2 per-hour pay raises! This victory adds up to roughly \$12,480 in wage increases over the 3-year contract. **AWESOME.**

And they are just getting started. This November, officers plan on turning out strong at the polls to vote in JB Prizker—who stands **WITH UNIONS** and with security officers fighting for better pay and respect on the job.

## MILWAUKEE OFFICERS STICK TOGETHER & WIN THEIR UNION!



This April, 300 Milwaukee security officers **WON THEIR UNION!** The officers work for some of the area's leading contractors—Allied Universal, Securitas, G4S—and protect important sites like City Hall, the county transit system, the Milwaukee Art Museum and more.

Let's keep them in our thoughts as they are in the middle of bargaining their first historic contract for better pay, job security and respect.

**Go Team Milwaukee!**

## Join the Stand for Security Team Today!



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You got funny memes? Something to say? Want to help us run our Facebook page? Message us on Facebook @SFSCampaign and join the private group of officers who help run the Facebook page!

## IS THIS YOU? CAUSE ITS US RIGHT NOW . . .



If you think you got memes and fun ideas for our Facebook page, if you believe officers deserve respect and better pay, if you believe in strong organizations and unions, join our Facebook group @SFSCampaign

## Meet Some of the Security Officers Behind the STAND FOR SECURITY Facebook Page!

The 'Officers Watching Your 6 Committee' is a group of Security Officers dedicated to building our nation-wide community of officers who believe in better pay, affordable healthcare, solid training, respect at work and the ability to join together in a union to make these improvements.

The news articles, how-would-you-handle-it scenarios, memes and other information important to our industry is largely provided by this group.

To join, visit our Stand For Security Facebook page at @SFSCampaign.

## EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT HANDCUFFS!



My name is Preston. I've been a security professional for approximately 14 years in all types of security and all type of companies.

Let's talk handcuffs--one of the most basic ideas ever developed for public safety in my opinion. Sure, it's been streamlined and slightly modified, but all in all it hasn't changed much from its original design.

The modern handcuff is usually comprised of the box—with the locking teeth, lock, key hole and where the two cuffs are connected either by chain or a hinge. You have the double strand, that connects the box to the single strand allowing the "cuff" action to happen. And the single strand which is the fun part we all play with by spinning it and hearing that ever so satisfying "zzzt" sound.

Ok so quick history lesson, there will be a quiz at the end..... just kidding. The patent was first submitted by George Caveney on June 1st, 1910. In all reality, not that long ago.

Now I'm not going to get into a debate on which handcuff is best

(Peerless for me) but it really is a personal choice. I used to carry other brands but was not a fan of the sliding lock system. The handcuffs I use now have a push button lock that make it easy for me.

When carrying a pair, I personally mirror them as I put them together in my holster. By mirror I mean putting the actual key hole against the key hole with single strands facing the same way.

I practiced day in and day out pulling my cuffs out and swinging them--not like in a large arc but some of you longtime PSOs know what I mean. This is so I could handcuff with one swoop and look right doing it.

My suggestion is to practice with your handcuffs any chance you can. Talk with your supervisor about having quarterly meetings focused just on handcuffing and proper technique if subject is standing or on the ground. In our practice drills we had 8 seconds to use them on a subject, properly and safely.

A lot can happen out there in a short amount of time.

So TRAINING TRAINING TRAINING with the tools you use is important.

If your company doesn't provide you with enough training time we need to fix that or find a new company. Our companies NEED to care about our personal safety!

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