

Eulogy for Robert J. Cooney
February 22, 2008
By Michael Cooney

We all know how humble my brother Bob was. So please allow me to take a few moments to brag about my brother.

During his formative years, Bob was an avid cowboy, he went to bull riding school and he was the Vice President of the Missouri High School Rodeo Association. After high school, he joined the Air Force and promptly became a Security Policeman. He was stationed in Sicily, Woodbe Air Force Base and later, Whiteman Air Force Base.

In 1988 he joined the St Louis Police Department where he served as a policeman until he was promoted to Detective in 1993. In 1996, he served in the Intelligence Division. In 1998 he was promoted to Sergeant and became the 9th District Supervisor and from the time he was a Detective in 1993 he was a member of the Hostage Rescue Team where he served as a Supervisor beginning in 1998. In 2007, Bob was promoted to Lieutenant and became the 9th District Watch Commander for the Hostage Rescue Team, Canine and Mobile Reserve.

His passion for his career is evident. When you hear about some of the things he was involved in.

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Lieutenant Robert J. Cooney

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St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department - 08-28-88 to Present

4th District	1988 – 1993
Area II Detective Bureau	1993 – 1995
Intelligence Division	1996 – 1998
Promoted to Sergeant - 1998	
9th District Supervisor	1998 – 1999
Mobile Reserve/HRT	1999 – 2007
Promoted to Lieutenant - 2007	
9th District Watch Commander	2007 - Present
Member – Hostage Rescue Team	1993 – 1998
Supervisor – Hostage Rescue Team	1998 - 2007

- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ National Institute of Justice Subject Matter Expert on Personal Protective Equipment for Law Enforcement**
- **Primary Instructor – Civil Disobedience Team**
- **Author of Civil Disobedience Team Tactical Response Plan**
- **Civil Disobedience Team Supervisor/Trainer**
- **Weapons of Mass Destruction Disaster Response Team**
- **Jefferson County Law Enforcement Academy / Regional SWAT Instructor**
- **DHS Grant Writer**

- **Numerous Officer of the Month Awards – 4th District**
- **Quarterly Performance Award – 4th District 1989**
- **1989 – 4th District Officer of the Year**
- **3 – Chief’s Letter of Commendation**
- **Meritorious Service Citation**

Instructor Certifications

H & K MP-5 Submachine-gun/Colt AR-15 Instructor
Combined Tactical Systems – Less-Lethal Master Instructor
FBI Chemical Munitions Instructor
Jaycor Systems Pepperball® Instructor
NRA Certified – Law Enforcement Pistol and Shotgun Instructor
Simunition® Certified Instructor/Supervisor
3M Respirator Training Instructor/Fit Tester
Drager Rebreather Instructor
St. Louis Police Department – Civil Disobedience and Crowd Control Instructor
St. Louis Police Department – Deviant Religions, Cults and Militias Instructor
St. Louis Police Department – SWAT Tactics Instructor
Live Fire Shoot House Instructor
DHS Instructor Certification – Law Enforcement Response to WMD/Terrorism

Training Courses

IACP Basic and Advanced SWAT Course – 1995 and 1999
Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Certified
FBI Hostage Negotiator’s School

Advanced Crisis Negotiators School
Distraction Device User/Instructor
Covert/Dynamic Room Entry
Defensive Tactics/Weapon Retention
COBRA Training (Live Agent) – US Department of Justice – Anniston, AL
WMD Incident Command Course – US Department of Justice – Anniston, AL
Civil Disobedience/Crowd Control Tactics – Department of Homeland Security
Lenco B.E.A.R. Operations Training – Lenco Armored Vehicles – Pittsfield, MA
Counter Terrorism Training – Louisiana State University
FEMA Emergency Management Institute – Professional Development Series
FEMA Emergency Management Institute – Independent Study Program

Professional Organizations

National Tactical Officers Association – Member

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Associate Member

International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association – Member

International Association of Chiefs of Police – Associate Member

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As you can see, my brother Bob is an amazing man and had an amazing work ethic. Very few people in this world get to live their dream and reach their ultimate career goals, and for Bob, he achieved the ultimate personal goal in having the rank of Lieutenant Commander of the Hostage Rescue Team, Canine and Mobile Reserve and all of this while having one of his best friends by his side, Sergeant Jerome Klipfel.

Bob was more than a brother to the members of the family, he was a great friend. I could always count on him for advice and our conversations were always filled with deep and meaningful substance. I always walked away smarter while filled with envy and respect. The integrity Bob has makes him one of the most righteous men I have ever known.

Bob is an amazing man and has earned many titles... Bull Rider, Cowboy, Coach, police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Supervisor, Lieutenant, Trainer, Instructor, and Commander. And my little brother gave me an extra sheet here... Computer Tech, Professional Karaoke Singer, Cook, Mentor, Party Planner, Comedian... He actually did a short stint in an Open Mic Comedy Tour.

He is a beloved son, brother, father and husband and most importantly a Christian. I take great peace knowing that Bob is in the highest of high places, for as our early death, life is changed, not ended. That he has passed on a new life and eternal union with God.

For as it says in the Bible, 2 Corinthians 4:14;

“He which is raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up, also by Jesus.”

In Ecclesiastes 12:7;

“Then shall the dust return to the earth, as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”

Bob has helped me become a better man, brother, son and father. Even now in departure, a better Christian.

I thank you Bob... and I love you... Thank You.