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Adapt and overcome

These must be the key words as our security professionals take on the challenges of what our world (literally) has become in the first quarter of 2020

The professional Security Officer of today must be prepared for challenges that were never even on our radar just 6 months ago

Today, our officer must not only be the eyes and ears of prevention and deterrence. Our officers must now fully understand the threats and hazards all first responders and detectors must fully embrace for their own safety

We have often taught about

Awareness

Environment

Laws

Procedures

Dress

Reports

Customer Service

I learned all of those things back in the 1970's when I first entered the security field in an industrial site, and then on to a university campus.

Before I swore my oath as a law enforcement officer, I had clocked hundreds of hours carrying a DETEX clock, flashlight and done hundreds of tours after only being shown the "ropes" once by the "supervisor"

This days I thought were over, but, sadly , today, many officers are greeted with a frantic phone call, hurry up and met at site X, as " Charlie or Jane called off sick for their 12 hour shift You've got to learn the rounds as I have to go visit other accounts.

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That happened then, and it happens today

This must change as now, we ALL have an unseen enemy that is lurking for each and every one of us, the COVID-19 virus

Remember, a bacterium is as big as a Buick(figuratively) while the virus is the size of the cell phone in the glove box of the Buick, a strand of DNA

We must protect ourselves by using appropriate PPE at all times

That is not usually taught in any security officer training class (except when I worked as a nuclear site officer)

Today, we must practice proper donning and doffing of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

Gloves

Gowns

Masks

Sanitizer

And we MUST NOT take these unseen enemies' home

We must decontaminate before we enter our own car to drive home to our families

We must Not enter the house, office or apartment with "Contaminated" uniforms, shoes etc. from the field.

It is invisible, but they danger is there

Please follow all CDCgov/covid19 requirements for PPE

The life you safe WILL be your own and that of your family, and the people we all serve

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Wash YOUR hands, Decontaminate, USE PPE, safe a life. YOURS!

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