

WELCOME

It is my pleasure to provide you with all the resources contained on this CD-Rom, *Planning for the Unthinkable: Managing the Police Funeral*. It's my hope that this information will provide you valuable assistance in the event that you find yourself planning a law enforcement-related funeral.

The lack of any type of established protocol is perhaps one of the biggest problems facing departments planning a funeral for a fellow officer. Only a handful of departments across the country have a protocol in place, and of those, even fewer have codified that protocol into a manual for use in planning a funeral.

To that end I have included three excellent examples of funeral protocol manuals: the California Peace Officer's Association's *Line of Duty Death Management System Handbook*, the Tacoma/Pierce County Chaplaincy's *Line of Duty Death Manual*, and the Simi Police Department's *Funeral Protocol*. These three examples will provide you with a wealth of information, whether you find yourself having to plan an officer's funeral, or you simply wish to establish a protocol within your department to prepare for the future.

Finally, I'd like to thank the folks at the American Association of Police Officers and the Police Protective Fund, not only for their help in producing this CD-Rom, but also making it possible, through their generous sponsorship, for me to present my *Planning for the Unthinkable: Managing the Police Funeral* seminars across the country. For more information on AAPO and PPF, and to learn more about their other great programs, I urge you to visit their website at PoliceUSA.com!

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