

A Vision for Public Safety

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It starts with vision. With eyesight.

“Gan” if studying Okinawan Karate—the first principle of self-defense being in your eyes and their ability to spot danger or its brewing.

Guns are not self-defense weapons, they are killing weapons and abhorred by true students and practitioners of self-defense.

*Good weapons are instruments of fear; all creatures hate them.
Therefore followers of the Tao never used them...¹*

Your eyes are the start, balance in your life and your athletic stance, your fitness—all fed by proper diet, avoidance of intoxicants, prayer and/or meditation.

***Use of Helicopters to Invade the Privacy of the Public is Unconstitutional², Loud, Disrespectful and Bad Policing.

Lazy policing loudly from above—polluting our air and wasting city budget on gas, maintenance and the cost of operating such wasteful metal over our homes.

We currently at LAPD have a lazy police concept heavy on machinery and equipment, low on real defense and security.

¹ from the **Tao Te Ching - Lao Tzu - chapter 31**

² 4th Amendment: *The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated...*

Instead of being out with their eyes and ears, walking our blocks to help and be a part of communities, police have descended into the caves of their fancy cars, offices, precincts, and polluting, invasive helicopters.

Not preventing crimes, but pouncing on them when occurring, or after complaint.

This is not functional nor conducive to a peaceful, loving, good society.

RECOMMEND:

1. Friendly, Non-Lethal Foot Patrols/Law Education

—by security officers, who specialize in Prevention, Observing and Reporting.

Warriors are warriors, and we can always call on our precincts for machinery and the end to attacks on our peace.

But until necessary, we need to Fan Out on Foot!!! Get out and help our communities practice safety and lawful behavior.

Teach at schools, recreation centers, parks, be examples and may we all encourage the study of Law at our schools!

2. Phase out Police Helicopters!!

There will be no need for war measures against the populace, if we commit to active measures of Crime Prevention, Law Education, patrolling our sidewalks on foot with smiles and legal knowledge.

Eyes scanning, frowning on infractions, shining our lights on it, standing up together for Law and Right.

If too big an attack, radios call in a ready force of men and women.

All—from pedestrian security guards to reinforcements should continue to be trained in De-escalation, sensitivity, as well as self-defense mastery.

Breathe. Know yourself, your limits, your strengths. Align yourself with God and nature, take actions or wise inactions in accordance with Great Spirit passed down over the generations.

Be wise in our steps. Or move not.

*Weapons are instruments of fear;
they are not a wise man's tools.
He uses them only when he has no choice.
Peace and quiet are dear to his heart.*

