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Re: UFOs And Law Enforcement Survey

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>From: Fred R. Saluga <FSaluga@aol.com>
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>Subject: UFOs And Law Enforcement Survey
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>I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My
>name is Fred R. Saluga. I am an ex-law enforcement officer and
>chief of police. I am presently employed with the State of
>Florida and I am a MUFON State Section Director and a Licensed
>Private Investigator in the State of Florida.

>I am presently conducting extensive research on UFOs and the Law
>Enforcement Response to the Phenomena and have developed a
>survey that I would like to be answered by persons involved in
>the UFO Community to get their views on this subject and law
>enforcement investigating UFOs in general. I would also
>appreciate if you could answer the questions with your opinions
>and not just a yes or no answer.

>The Survey is as follows:

>A. A common complaint among UFO witnesses and others who have
>had some type of UFO encounter or experience is that their local
>police tend to be unresponsive to their claims and show an
>unwillingness to get involved in cases involving UFOs and
>related phenomena. Do you agree or disagree, please explain?

Commonly they do not get involved. Although they often assist
serious investigations if you approach them rationally.

>B. In your opinion, should law enforcement take a more active
>role in the investigation of UFOs and UFO related incidents?
>Please explain.

Probably not, unless physical traces are involved or other
situations that might be a threat to the public. Most sightings
are trivial and solvable. Police would gain advantage from
strong local ties with a serious UFO investigator to channel
witnesses through to them.

>C. Have you ever consulted or been consulted by a law
>enforcement officer or law enforcement agency on a UFO related
>incident? Please explain and also how were you treated?

Rarely, I have been asked for advice. I am on the contact list
of the local police. If you talk reasonably to police they
respond accordingly.

>D. Do you have knowledge of a law enforcement officer or law
>enforcement agency that has investigated an UFO incident and
>filed an official law enforcement report on the incident?

Yes, on numerous occasions.

>E. In your opinion, what types of investigations do you feel
>that law enforcement should investiate in regards to UFOs and
>UFO incidents? Also, what types of evidence do you fill that law
>enforcement should collect in regards to the investigation of
>UFO incidents?

As noted physical evidence, landing cases but not mundane sightings.

>F. In your opinion, should law enforcement set up a national
>data base to identify, collect, and document information
>pertaining to UFOs such as: size, shape, color, frequency of
>sightings, abductions, and all other incidents relating to UFOs
>and UFO incidents?

I doubt they would consider this profitable use of resources.

>G. In your opinion, do you feel that UFO related incidents could
>pose a threat to the law enforcement community. If so, please
>explain?

No more so than other people out at night where UFOs are most prominent. Advice on what to do if a close encounter occurs would be a sensible precaution.

>H. In your opinion, do you feel that law enforcement should
>establish a national crime lab to work with other investigators
>to advocate the use of crime scene techniques and the collection
>of forensic evidence in the investigation of UFO incidents?

It would be excellent if they would, but given the wild differences in opinion, quality and credibility and the total lack of self policing in ufology it would be hard to do this on a professional basis.

>I. In your opinion, why are law enforcement officers reluctant
>to express their views on UFOs and UFO related incidents?

Yes, like all who have a career status to lose. But this is mostly due to misconceptions and public stigma based upon them.

>J. In your opinion, do you feel that local law enforcement would
>participate in a cover-up, if so ordered to do so by the federal
>government?

At a high level, probably. But you could not maintain this through the ranks. As such I doubt it happens very often - except where national security could be compromised.

Jenny Randles

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