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### Re: UFOs And Law Enforcement Survey

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>Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 04:41:45 EDT  
>Subject: UFOs And Law Enforcement Survey  
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>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?

I have had two cases with police involvement. In one case, the police were called by the witness mother, and started to laugh off the case, but the witness' mother, who had seen how upset her son was, emphasized the importance of this. The police then sent someone to the site, contacted the local hospital for flights of their helicopter, and reported the case to NUFORC who reported it to us.

In the second case, the police spoke to the witness, took his information, drove through the area on subsequent nights, and otherwise seemed to take him seriously.

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

The only areas where I believe this is critical is in

a) Initial interviews - police getting the initial report can obtain many details which will be lost to memory by the time the first investigative team arrives. Specifically, documenting times, durations, directions and locations of witnesses would be a great help.

b) Physical trace cases - professional forensic involvement could be invaluable.

>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?

No, only indirectly by law enforcement report to NUFORC.

>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?

AFAIK all calls to which an officer is dispatched get at least a token report. But probably little else is done.

>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?

See B.

>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?

No. This is the role of UFO organizations. Officers should be  
trained to recognize common IFOs, however.

>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.

>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?

No, but I would like to see more involvement by forensic  
scientists in the collection, documentation and analysis of  
physical evidence. However, such cases are so infrequent that  
it hardly justifies any sort of "national crime lab".

If police would provide on-occasion forensic assistance to  
investigators working on physical trace cases, that would  
be very useful.

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

No.

>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?

No.

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