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Welcome to the 2016 Spring edition of the 10-4 Magazine. Due to some changes from the last CPA election, President Howard Burns asked me to take the magazine as the editor. As you can expect, I've never done something like this before. I always liked the magazine when Les Kaminski had it. There always seemed to be the right balance of articles and controversy. That's what I'm hoping to re-establish with the magazine. I want it to be fresh and current with what's happening with our membership. I want the CPA Board to write articles that matter. I want their opinions on issues that affect you. You voted for these members to represent you and a big part of that is taking a position and communicating that to the membership through the magazine. And that's what this magazine is – a venue to communicate with the membership.

Do you have any content for the magazine? If so, please contact me directly () and I'll work with you to bring your ideas, articles or concepts to the magazine. I should mention that I am not a big fan of anonymous articles. I've always thought that if something is worth saying, one should put their name behind it. That said, if you do have a message that's worth saying, and you can reasonably explain your rationale for keeping your name out of the article, I'll work with you to bring the article forward.

On the flip side, if you do have some content for the magazine, consider what you are saying. To be blunt, we have enough butt-holes in the media, the community, and on the defense-side of the bar taking shots at us. We don't need our own members taking shots at each other in our

own magazine. Bringing forward issues, problems, or organizational shortcomings is more than appropriate - but I won't use the magazine as a venue to 'throw stones' at each other with impunity.

In the spirit of that, I do want to take a minute to compliment the Service on an issue that has been festering for quite some time. This past February, the Service sent out a strongly worded APM that referred to the various media leaks that have occurred over the last several months, if not years. The amount and type of information that our own members (sworn and civilian) have spilled to the media is nothing short of a big 'screw you' to the Service and our members. It's incredibly damaging to the Service and to individual members that have had their names released by individuals who take it upon themselves to talk out of turn with the media about issues they have no business speaking to.

Recently, we had a media leak regarding one of our members who was involved in two rather significant officer involved shootings. One of these occurred last year and the other early this year. The 'media leaker' in this instance felt inclined to be a 'source' for the media, in fact dropping information that was nowhere near his or her business to do so. Don't you think that the member you blabbed about, who responded to two extremely high risk calls and had to make split second decisions in the interests of their own personal safety and the safety of the community, has a right to feel safe within their own organization? This member has a family and kids that

need to live and play in this community. Did you stop and consider that your leak would cause unnecessary stress and grief to a member who is already coping with not one but two major events? It disgusts me that one of our own members (sworn or civilian) would choose to make such a self-ish decision.

What I don't get is - what do the leakers receive from the media for dropping this information in their laps. The media sure doesn't pay for this information. They don't have anything to exchange for it. If you, as a member, feel like you need some sort of reinforcement from someone - get a dog. If you are some sort of unhappy employee, then I suggest you leave the organization or join the fire department. Don't just sit there and play it like you are a contributing part of the organization when you are really a wolf dressed up like a sheep.

I am not anti-media. The Service and the Association share a great relationship, established over the last several years, with the media. I would suggest that we have people who are better placed to speak to issues and present them to the media.

I hope you enjoy the spring 2016 edition of the magazine. If you have any feedback, questions or comments, I am available at

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