

observing sane, sensible rules of the road; even by accepting parking tickets graciously knowing that in effect that they have violated a privilege the law has allowed them.

The law is simply a code of conduct adopted by free men to guarantee "the maximum of freedom and independence within an ordered society". To be effective it must apply to each individual to the same degree. There cannot be one law for John Doe and another for Tom Jones; there should be no clamor for more protection one day and complaints about police "persecution" the next.

No one, least of all peace officers themselves, would claim that police departments are faultless. They are made up of human beings and wherever the human element is involved there is risk of error. There is room therefore, for criticism, but let it be more of the constructive type, offered in a spirit of co-operation and in an effort to assist police departments do a better job.

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Season's Greetings

We take this opportunity to extend to all our subscribers, advertisers and contributors our sincere good wishes for happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

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