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Over the years, I've known many folks in Law enforcement, including police chiefs, sheriffs, including Gene Cox, Dave Renner, Merle Harpham, Andrew Mills, lots of patrol officers and deputies and many firemen, and I support them as much as I can. I have had occasions to talk with officers at most levels, having to call in for break-ins, smashed windows, security alarm checks, and so on. As I said in my last comment, I was a little, or a lot, annoyed when they had to close down the Myrtle Avenue fire station, after saying the tax increase would avoid that move. I was taking care of some friends' place last week while they were out of town, watering as needed and making it look like someone was home, when I lost my balance and fell-right into a rose bush. I can tell you-that bed of roses ain't what it's cracked up to be. Then someone told me "it's the petals, not the bushes, you dummy!" Well, I knew my wife wouldn't be able to get me up, so we called the fire department, and they, along with an ambulance, were there in five minutes. I was mostly o.k., but peeled some hide back on my arms, so the ambulance crew took me to the ER. They were all very efficient and caring and did everything to make sure I was o.k. The personnel at the ER were just as efficient and caring. They cleaned the bark and old leaves out of the wound and wrapped it up-didn't need any anesthetic. That same morning, there was a big dope fire in King Salmon or Fields Landing, yet they were right there to take care of me. So- to the Firemen, EMT's and the St. Joe's people-THANKS A BUNCH!!!*//I wonder why the trial for that bank robber went for so long. Sounded to me that he was guilty-don't know why it should take so long. I had a

customer who was a defense attorney, public defender, that is. I asked her why she did it and she said "It was to make sure they got a fair trial"//I see where the City dropped the idea of a homeless encampment that was more tightly controlled by law enforcement and fire services. Not in my back yard- or "NIMBY" was the main reason given, and I can certainly understand that one.*//I have to say goodbye to another good friend. Bob Peters-or "Pete" as he was called was a good guy. I first met him when he worked for Herb Neeley as a mechanic, and we water skied together. He was one of the ones laughing at me when I was trying to get the boat I had just bought off the trailer at Freshwater Lagoon one February, and he gave me a spray job at Trinity Lake as I worked on a loose part on the boat in the middle of the lake. His real passion was wrecking yards, and he was very good at everything he tried to do. So long Pete, it was good to know ya- and condolences to Pat and Connie and Allen, who I worked with at Safeway for several years. Allen is retired now, but he was one of the best I've seen at what he did-keeping prices current and correct in the system.

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