

ACTIVELY RETIRED

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RETIRED DETECTIVE CAPTAIN FRANK A. BOLZ, JR.

Interdisciplinary Crisis Management Consultant.

After retiring from the NYPD in 1982, that's the name Frank A. Bolz Jr. chose for the 28 years of experience he was about to assimilate into his own company; Frank A. Bolz Associates Inc. With the founding of that company, Frank went on to lecture nationally and internationally, as well as train officials from over 4,200 Law Enforcement Agencies in the United States, Canada, Venezuela, Italy, England, France and Switzerland. He has had a hand in writing or contributing to four novels, as well as numerous articles, training programs and training films. He has been regularly called upon to provide expert commentary on television, radio and in the courtroom, and lent technical advice to journalists, novelists, electronic media and the motion picture industry. His credits include appearances on *Nightline*, *Good Morning America*, CNN and more network and local news broadcasts than he can remember. As a *subject*, he has been on *60 Minutes* and *20/20*.

By nearly any standard he is *the* Frank A. Bolz, whose identity was practically copied by a popular novelist and used as a leading character. Understandable perhaps once you realize he is the man who wrote the book on crisis management, or what you might hear more commonly referred to as Hostage Recovery, Kidnapping and Terrorism.

"I guess you can say I was always one to try new things when it was offered to me, and maybe something of a ham when it came to television," Frank interrupts himself with a chuckle.



Seeing a need to identify police officers in civilian clothes, Frank Bolz created the first NYPD raid jackets utilizing a windbreaker, a stencil and some white paint.

"But no doubt about it, I was very fortunate in my career, in the right place at the right time in a few instances and then made the most of those chances."

Frank's career got off to a running start. He graduated second in his class in 1955 and just three years later earned a field promotion to detective for the arrest of three perpetrators involved in a double homicide. By the early 70s, he had made Lieutenant, work-



Frank Bolz still remains active with the Department, lecturing each new contingent of hostage negotiators at the Police Academy for current C.O. Lt. Jack Cambria; and with the NYPD's Stueben Association—he was a founding member in 1963 and proudly carries card #2.

ed as a wiretapper, supervised the founding of the Stakeout Unit and commanded the Central Investigations Bureau Undercover Unit—a unit so deep undercover officers never saw each other, remained nameless and had their checks deposited by Frank.

"In 1972 tragedy struck at the Olympic Games in Munich, resulting in the death of several Israeli athletes. In response, then—Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy and his Chief of Patrol, Simon Eisdorfer put together a committee to establish guidelines for hostage recovery and barricaded felons. I, along with several others, was lucky enough to be chosen to sit on that panel."

On that panel he worked with Police Officer and Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Harvey Schlossberg, and with Frank as the practitioner and Dr. Schlossberg as the architect, together they came up with guidelines for the Negotiating Principle. Once those guidelines were set in place, the pair selected and trained the Department's first Hostage Negotiating Team with Frank going on to become its Chief Negotiator and Commanding Officer for the next 10 years. It was a decade in which Frank Bolz would negotiate in over 285 incidents, bringing about the safe release of some 850 hostages without the loss of a single life.

During that time Frank was also the City-Wide Kidnap Task Force Coordinator, training and supervising detectives in how to handle such investigations and participating in 25 incidents himself—each of which resulted in the recovery of the victim. In addition to all that, Frank somehow found a way to make Captain and oversee the Special Investigation Division, supervising Major Case Squad investigations (Bank Robberies, Arson Explosion and Counter Terrorism) and additional units such as Safe Loft and Truck, Pickpocket and Confidence, Art Squad and Missing Persons Unit.

The experience that comes with a career like that makes you a natural resource, someone worthy of the title "Interdisciplinary Crisis Management Consultant."

"I loved my time with the Department and I would have loved to stay on the job forever, but you just can't you know, and so I moved on to seize some opportunities in the private sector. I'm a little older now so I don't travel as much, but I still consult, and I'm proud to say that in addition to the countries I've been to, I have trained police officers from all 50 states and been to 47 of them."

Those consulting jobs are still "heavies" from within the Government and Corporate sector regarding hostage, kidnap

and counter-terrorism, as well as presenting expert testimony in various law cases when called upon. In between, Frank maintains his relationship with the NYPD Hostage Team, lecturing at new negotiators courses. This spring, Frank also looks forward to the third edition printing of the "Counter Terrorism Handbook" which he co-authored with Ret. Bomb Squad Detective Kenneth Dudonis and Dave Schulz. **T.S.**

For more on the Hostage Negotiating Team and the career of Frank Bolz, there is Hostage Cop, a collaboration with Edward Hershey that has already seen five printings since 1979.

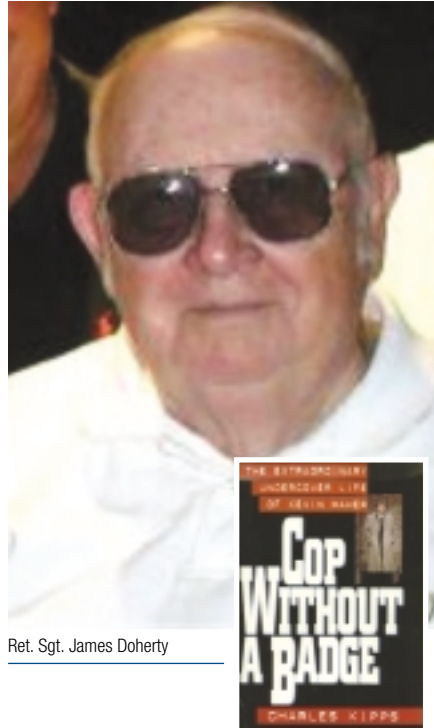
RETIRED SERGEANT JAMES J. DOHERTY

Retired Sergeant James J. Doherty clearly remembers the day in 1955, when he and his friends gathered outside of a candy store and soda fountain shop pondering a future with the New York City Police Department.

"Someone suggested that we take the test to become police officers, which was scheduled a month away. It seemed like a good idea. I didn't come from a law enforcement family, but like all my friends I held the police in high-regard," recalled retired Sgt. Doherty, who at the time was employed at Merrill Lynch and earning a good salary. That position came on the heels of Doherty's discharge from the United States Marine Corps where he served during the Korean War, from 1951 to 1953. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing K-6, a unit responsible for performing close air support missions in *F4U Corsairs*, an aircraft then-considered to be the workhorse of naval aviation.

Doherty was appointed to the Department on February 20, 1956, and after graduating from the Police Academy, was assigned to the 25 Precinct. One year later, he transferred to the Special Traffic Enforcement Squad, more commonly known at the time as the "Unmarked Cars." It was during this time that he made a couple of significant arrests for robbery and grand larceny, and as a result, was subsequently assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Squad's Central Investigation Bureau (CIB) under the auspices of the Detective Bureau.

"I came to CIB shortly after the Appalachian Conference," said Doherty, referring to the infamous November 14, 1957 raid at the remote upstate New York residence of a key organized crime figure. Suspicions arose when local law enforcement authorities noticed a car-



Ret. Sgt. James Doherty

van of vehicles pass through their small town. At the residence they discovered a conclave of suspected gangland leaders from across the United States and abroad. The numerous arrests, the recovery of illegal guns and the resulting publicity, cast a huge spotlight on the extensive operations of organized crime families that spread in countless directions. Consequently, it forced law enforcement to take a closer look at the intricacies of organized crime. In doing so, Doherty and other CIB investigators were selected to assist with the screening of Pistol License applicants, as well as new members of the force, for organized crime connections.

In 1966, Doherty was promoted to the rank of a detective. His meteoric career rise continued with a second grade designation one year later, followed by a promotion to sergeant, in 1972. During

his 14-year career at CIB, Doherty would investigate and conduct numerous wiretaps and surveillance into labor racketeering, hijacking, gambling, narcotics and homicides involving members from the five New York Mafia crime families. It was his extensive knowledge of the latter that prompted Doherty to be occasionally "lent" to other units throughout the Department.

"One of the last jobs I worked on prior to becoming a sergeant was a huge investigation of a policy operation (number's racket) run by people who answered to Meyer Lansky. Agencies from three counties participated in the case," Doherty said. Yes, this was the *Meyer Lansky*, the mobster and reputed brains behind a criminal organization consisting of equally infamous mobsters, Lucky Luciano and Bugsy Siegel. When the dust settled, 10 search warrants were executed and 50 arrests were made for illegal gambling.

In 1973, after completing a brief stint at the 105 Precinct, Sgt. Doherty was reassigned to the Property Clerk's Task Force during a tarnished period of the NYPD's history. He was amongst the select few assigned to investigate the theft of a large quantity of narcotics recovered in relation to the "*French Connection*" case, and taken from NYPD headquarters.

"That was a very rough two years. There were a lot of indictments and just as many shattered lives," said Doherty, who then went to work at the New York County District Attorneys Office Squad (NYDAOS). It was there that Doherty would meet and eventually develop an unusual relationship with a confidential informant. Their collaboration got off to a fast start when their first case resulted in the arrest of a perpetrator for the theft of a Persian rug worth thousands of dollars, which was subsequently recovered. It was a harbinger of things

to come, and throughout the years Doherty and the CI would work together investigating several major thefts and homicides.

Doherty left the NYDAOS in 1977, to work at the office of the Chief of Detectives. He then transferred to the Queens District Attorneys Office Squad. In 1980, Doherty retired from the NYPD.

Not one to sit still, Doherty went to work at the Department of Defense as a special agent soon thereafter, performing background investigations for secret and top secret clearances. However, for a seasoned detective used to pounding the pavement and asking the hard questions, the job was frustrating. In addition to the background work he did do some of the criminal investigations, but although he initiated them, it was

another area that handled the real “meat and potatoes” of the case.

“I worked there for ten years. Then, in 1990, you could say I experienced a kind of epiphany,” said Doherty. Upon hearing of an opening for a detective investigator at the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, Doherty was once again bitten by the investigatory bug. So, he seized the opportunity and returned to full-fledged investigatory work. It was also around this time that Doherty renewed his relationship with Kevin Maher, his former confidential informant.

“We got together and decided that our stories would make an interesting book. Eventually, *Cop Without a Badge, The Extraordinary Undercover Life of Kevin Maher*, which is written by Charles Kipps, was published.”

“So far, it’s done very well,” said Doherty. “The book was optioned by both Universal and Paramount Studios who were considering turning it into a major motion picture. It’s currently under an 18-month option with Rick Licht Associates.”

In 1997, Doherty left the Suffolk County DA’s Office. These days, he’s still doing what he loves to do, investigating. He is in private practice and sometimes performs background investigations for the Federal Bureau of Investigations Background Investigations Contract Service, as well as the United States Customs Service. It keeps him busy, but not so much that he can’t find the time to spend with his wife of 46 years, Elizabeth, their six children: Pat, Pam, Gerry, Betsy, Jim and John, and 12 grandchildren: Theresa, Chris, Brittany, Andrew, Samantha, Johnny, Fallon, Nikki, Kylie, Michael, Jimmy and Caitlin. **C.A.S.**

RETIRED POLICE OFFICER ARTHUR JAMES RAPISARDI

Retired Police Officer Arthur James Rapisardi is equally proud of his service to the New York City Police Department and his military duty to the United States Army. He credits both for having played major roles in shaping his life.

“After completing my basic training in 1943, I was sent to the Tennessee Maneuver Area to participate in the Army-sanctioned war games,” said retired PO Rapisardi. The young private was then dispatched overseas to fight with the 94th Infantry Division, a part of General George S. Patton’s Third U.S. Army. He vividly recalled the day him and three others were assigned to a reconnaissance mission to seek out German machine gun positions behind enemy lines, when their position came under fire.

“Although we returned fire, three of us were hit,” he said. In great danger, a wounded Rapisardi and an uninjured soldier aided the other two men and formulated a successful plan for their escape. For his heroic actions, Rapisardi was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Rapisardi was appointed to the NYPD in 1951. He was assigned to the 23 Precinct where he worked for one year before transferring to the 43 Precinct. In 1975, he enrolled in a Federal program offered to law enforcement officers at Fordham University. He was awarded extra lifetime experience credits toward his graduation with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Rapisardi retired from the Department in 1978. He is presently married to his lovely wife, Mercedes, a school teacher. **C.A.S.**



Private Rapisardi in May 1944, at Camp McCain, Mississippi.



Retired Police Officer Arthur James Rapisardi, circa 1964.