



BRAVERY OF POLICE SCOTLAND OFFICERS CELEBRATED IN NEW BOOK

Two dramatic stories involving officers from Police Scotland feature in a new book which has had its official launch at the House of Lords.

Beyond the Call of Duty is a thrilling collection of eyewitness accounts of the incredible, though seldom-reported, bravery shown by police officers in their day-to-day work. Written by BBC crime reporter Ben Ando and retired Chief Superintendent Nick Kinsella, the book celebrates the bravery and presence of mind routinely displayed by so many police officers.

The flailing Scotsman tells how PCs Craig McCall, Brian Manchester and Andy Kendall were called to reports of a noise disturbance at an Edinburgh tenement block. The man responsible attacked them with a samurai sword, slashing and flailing with almost superhuman energy. The officers managed to overcome him after a desperate struggle; Craig McCall suffered a serious sword injury to his hand and later required more than 50 stitches.

Leap of faith is the story of Senior Helm Brian Suddon and Crewman Roger Moran who were at an open day at a Marina near Edinburgh when a yacht in the treacherous waters of the Firth of Forth radioed in a mayday. When they reached the yacht they discovered the skipper unconscious, a panicked passenger and the boat dangerously close to capsizing. Roger leapt from the police boat onto the yacht and regained control, before it was towed to safety.

Beyond the Call of Duty, which features a foreword from Sir Hugh Orde, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) was launched last week at a reception organised by ACPO and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Policing. A donation from sales of the book will be made to the Police Dependants' Trust, to support its work with injured officers and the families of officers who have been killed on duty.

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Co-author, Nick Kinsella said:

“Interviewing the officers whose stories feature in the book was a humbling experience. To recognise their efforts is to recognise the work of brave officers across the country who face danger on a daily basis. We were pleased so many senior officers and public figures joined us to celebrate their officers.”

Chief Executive of the Police Dependants’ Trust, Gill Scott-Moore, said:

“For many readers, this book will prove to be a real eye opener but as a charity working with injured officers and those left behind by those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we’re only too familiar with the bravery of police officers. Donations from the sales of this book will make a big difference to one of the many police families in the UK going through the toughest time imaginable.”

Beyond the Call of Duty is available to order from all good bookshops or you can buy in paperback or e-book format from online retailers including

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