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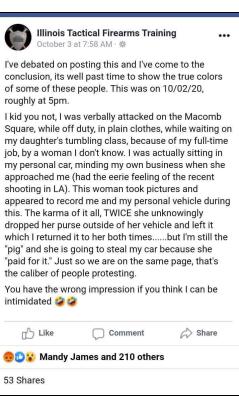
On October 3, 2020, Detective JP McLaughlin made a post on his Facebook business page, Illinois Tactical Firearms Training, and delved into his thoughts and ideologies about protestors - putting our members in fear and concern for their safety. Several trauma survivors, that happen to be members of our org, were retraumatized by the hateful comments by JP McLaughlin, as well as many others who have indicated themselves to be safety risks.

The individuals commenting hateful, racist dialogue, attacking our members online, show a propensity for the love of guns, a dislike/fear/or hate for Black Lives Matter (BLM) protestors, and little to no regard for the safety of women.

Detective JP McLaughlin gave these risky individuals a platform on which to spew their hate and vitriol about our members and our organization.

Statements From Our Members Regarding This Incident:

"I was very upset and disappointed in Detective McLaughlin's comments. I actually thought highly of him and his family and have even had people from out of town drive out here to get their concealed carry license from him. I actually convinced people to drive out here and go to his class instead of somewhere closer to them when they live in areas with high crime rates and



needed something to feel safer when alone. I am upset with myself for recommending him and will never do so again.

I read his original post about how he said he was "attacked" and read every single comment from everyone else, even ones after they were edited, to try to understand where he was coming from. The post seemed to leave out a lot of details. For example, saying you were in your car but returned someone's personal items twice. What was left out there? Why was the full side of the story not shared?

Also, even when off duty, why is this allowed to be posted at all when you have a career in law enforcement? It is on a public business Facebook page. Working in healthcare would have been viewed in poor taste since a member of the community you serve is being called out, so why is it acceptable to discuss on duty or off duty altercations on social media as a law enforcement officer? I have no way of knowing whether this occurred and am certainly not condoning said behavior, but when you are seen highly in a community then this should not be handled on social media. The post caused even more hate in this community to spew and people were quick to post that they would take care of said problem. The majority of these people are known keyboard warriors, but since you chose to post this, you now hold the responsibility to tell those people that it is NOT ok to "handle this" and that violence will lead to consequences.

Another big concern for me was ending the post with a statement saying that he can't be intimidated. That statement has a completely different tone when being posted on your firearms business page than if posted on your personal page. I am not saying this should have been posted anywhere, but the choice to post from a business page dealing with firearms left me feeling sick.

Another concern is the comment later made that was meant to be an attempt at showing he meant no harm seemed forced. He didn't actually apologize, but instead said that he was sorry people took it the wrong way. He also said the reason he was vague is because he doesn't "promote, condone or support violence." If you didn't want to promote violence, why choose to post from a firearms training business page? If I posted anything of that sort, even on a personal social media page, I would be fired and I don't even have a career that focuses on protecting the community.

This type of behavior is why I didn't continue through with law enforcement as a career. This is also why so many members of our community are afraid to even go to Walmart without being targeted by other community members for no reason. This is unacceptable."

- Nicole Slagle

"Detective JP McLaughlin conducted himself in a very inappropriate manner with his comments on his Facebook business page about protesters. He was wrong about the facts and was deliberately provocative in posting veiled threats of violence and encouraging others to do the same. This sort of conduct promotes public mistrust of law enforcement as only interested in protecting the "right" kinds of people - and who are the right people?

The Racial Justice Coalition is doing extraordinarily important work in Macomb, and they are to be commended for it, not threatened."

- Angel Smith

"I think that Detective JP McLaughlin's comments were immoral and reprehensible. McLaughlin's comments make me feel like my safety at protests in Macomb is at jeopardy. If just one officer has this mentality, how many others fall along with his ideals? This man puts us all at risk. Please take the time to fully investigate this incident."

- Samuel Richardson, President of the Social Justice Coalition



I've debated on posting this and I've come to the conclusion, its well past time to show the true colors of some of these people. This was on 10/02/20, roughly at 5pm.

I kid you not, I was verbally attacked on the Macomb Square, while off duty, in plain clothes, while waiting on my daughter's tumbling class, because of my full-time job, by a woman I don't know. I was actually sitting in my personal car, minding my own business when she approached me (had the eerie feeling of the recent shooting in LA). This woman took pictures and appeared to record me and my personal vehicle during this. The karma of it all, TWICE she unknowingly dropped her purse outside of her vehicle and left it which I returned it to her both times.....but I'm still the "pig" and she is going to steal my car because she "paid for it." Just so we are on the same page, that's the caliber of people protesting.

You have the wrong impression if you think I can be intimidated

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Regina Matthews

I would like to point out that the "one bad apple doesn't" should pertain to everything if you use it. You debated on whether to post, but didn't even wait a day. The woman in question does not represent our organization that puts on these protests and we condemn this behavior. But now our protestors are more scared of the threat of violence this seems to have provoked. If you would like an honest opinion of our peaceful protests, please ask Jeff Hamer.

Just now Like Reply

Regina Matthews, a member of the RJC Leadership Team attempted to reach out to JP McLaughlin and inform him that the woman in question is not a member of the RJC and was not a participant



Regina Matthews

Illinois Tactical Firearms Training

Just because someone comes to a protest does not make them a member. And, with this post, you have put the protestors in danger.

Just now Like Reply



Robin Johnson

I can say, without a doubt, that the group that gathers peacefully on the square on Friday nights would not condone this type of behavior. If, in fact, it was one of our people, please send me a description of the person and I will take care of it.

6h Like Reply





Regina Matthews

Robin Johnson We already know who it is and she is not a member. But now our members are scared.

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Author

Illinois Tactical Firearms Training Robin Johnson I can tell you she was participating in the protest and was bragging about it while protesting. I won't be sharing her name on social media.

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Filomeno Fackrell

I didnt mean for my post to be in a negative but behavior like this can not be tolerated no matter what you political views are. There was no reason this lady to have been harassing Illinois Tactical firearms training person for no reason it just seems thats what our country is running on as of late.

3 wks Like Reply More

Robin Johnson, 2nd Secretary of the RJC, also attempted to reach out to JP McLaughlin and clarify for him that the woman in question is not a member of the RJC, and that we do not condone such behavior from our members.

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Cindy Foxall Thomas

It's time the city puts a stop to the bs and grow a set!!! People are so stupid these days and they wonder why we want CCL'S stay safe and we back the

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William T Stone

Wish I was there. After the first time she dropped her purse I would have thrown it in the garbage.

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Kyle Hugh Johnson

Yep common sense and respect for each other's gone out the window. If your view/opinions different from someone like that's your the bad guy. Bet if someone's breaking into her house she'd call your work number. Then again you probably wouldn't get there fast enough in a car she paid for. She should of bought you a helicopter!

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Mike Foulk

WTF! Unfortunately no where you can go without running into people that





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Shawn Stoneking The biggest problem is that we have tolerated this bullshit for too long hoping it would just go away. It's time good hard working Americans stand up to the scumbags that have become so entitled and let them know we are not putting up with this shit anymore

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Lucas Renfroe

Clearly she is morally superior, hence why she feels it's her place to make those comments.

Sorry brother. My favorite response to I pay you your salary or anything of the like is, well I pay my salary too so your opinion is nullified.

9h Like Reply





Randy Sattler

Wow some people are just so stupid sorry good people have to put up with this. As for me keep up the good work let life sort them out some people still appreciate what you do for us

10h Like Reply





Christopher Roley

Regina Matthews Yea... I stand with common sense... Not a bunch of lunatics. Well, a very few bunch of lunatics... You have very few people show up to your events. And no... I've seen your leader on live streams joke about the size of someone's dick because he didn't agree with you, calling people fucking nuts, crazy, stupid, etc... Someone drives by and has anything to say you clowns immediately start yelling "get their license plate!" as if disagreeing with you is the crime of the century and you're going to do something about it. You have no idea "where I stand" because as soon as someone doesn't 100% agree with you... They're racist, evil, stupid, apparently have a small dick, etc etc.... You don't want ideas... You either agree with you all the way or damn you! One of your stupid videos some man walks by who is clearly about 60 years old and says something to you and then someone says "is that Chris Roley? Yea... Yea I think it is cuz he's targeting you!" 🍪 🤡 I'm 35 and

was not even in the state! You guys are a bunch of Sherlock Holmes. Why the hell would I come to one of your events? Like I want a false OP put on me because you don't like my perceived point of view. You clowns tuck tail and run whenever anyone tries to offer an actual argument. I've offered to publicly debate Heather at a venue of her choosing at my expense... Lol she ran away and refused. Yea, you guys are clearly a force to be reckoned with... All 10 of you

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are fucking nuts. Period... End of story. Filing OP against people because you don't like them showing up to your events. You clowns don't own the park. You scream "Defund the police" then threaten to call the police on anyone who shows up whom doesn't agree with you. Someone needs to file suit against you clowns for filing false statements.

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Regina Matthews

Christopher Roley A drunk guy in the park riding his bike through protestors and threatening to "f us up?" Damn right. And if you had ever been to one of our protests (but please don't, we know absolutely where you stand), we don't yell. We just hold signs and respond to people honking in support.

Just now Like Reply



Write a reply...



Laure Simpson

We're very sad to hear this. The lady

the square on Friday nights would not condone this type of behavior. If, in fact, it was one of our people, please send me a description of the person and I will take care of it.

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Write a reply...



Melissa Sturlic

The idiots seem to be pro-creating at a faster rate than normal, sane, and rational people.

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Ben Schweizer

She probably got a speeding ticket recently and decided the reason is clearly "ACAB" and not "I should drive responsibility" Lol

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Brian Boggs

The mindset of the far left has become more like a substitute for religion. It's as if they are morally required to become more absurd every year. The good news is that things that aren't sustainable don't last forever.

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In Solidarity,

Verna Parkins 1st VP Roberta Moore 1st Secretary Robin Johnson 2nd Secretary Regina Matthews, RJC Leadership Team Samuel Richardson, RJC Leadership Team Member

Heather McMeekan, President Democratic Women of McDonough County