

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Editor:**  
We know we are as guilty as anyone for not giving our County Fire Department the credits they deserve. After the loss of our home on Saturday morning we saw first hand how good they really are.

We live 7 miles out of town and it took them only 10 minutes to arrive. When they got there each man had a job to do and it was done very well. We just want to say "Thank you" to all of them. The sign they have up really says it best. "We're Your protectors. But We're Professionals." Thank you again.

Also we would like to say that words cannot express how much it means to have good neighbors and good friends at a time like this. Also special thanks to the National Guards. We know we can never thank all of you enough.

**Ricky and Mona Wiloughby**  
**Editor:**  
I am writing this letter in regards to police training and the elected official response to law and order.

It appears some of the police here are trained in proper public relations, proper handling of the person arrested, proper use of side arms, clubs, etc.

The police training school at Richmond is available for proper training. When a police officer is sent to school the city should pay his wage, mileage, and food bill.

According to recent budget published, the city is spending two hundred thousand dollars for public protection and we're not getting any.

There are constant break-ins and robberies of homes, businesses, etc. The paper does not print these events in the police reports for the public. The end result is insurance rates will increase to each customer, because the crime rate increase in our area.

There has been more discharging of weapons by police officers of the City of Carlisle in the last 3 1/2 years than I can recall in the last 20 years. This is due to improper

trained police and the procedures, under which hand weapons are to be drawn and used.

In the last several months, there is a rampage in Nicholas County and especially Carlisle.

By talking to several of the younger people - street gang - it appears certain ones are harassed all the time, while others are over looked.

Certain ones are arrested, others not. Some claim they are drunk or hit and have to go to the hospital for treatment.

It appears that while the concerted effort of the police is on a few individuals who may commit a crime, the real crime goes on one block away - the other end of town, etc.

There are cases of as high as three policemen in one car. This should not be, two on foot and one in car, this is where proper training and deployment of officers is needed.

The events that occurred on July 2, 1989 on East Main St. between Garrett's building and the pool room. When approximately 4 to 6 individuals where jumping into the street swinging boards at cars, drinking beer, kicking at cars, throwing bottles into the street, jacking speed sign out of ground and throwing into the street, using profanity and abusive behavior, and no police in sight.

I called the dispatcher and asked for the Mayor phone number.

It seems we can't talk to our elected mayor.

When we voters and taxpayers have to go through the clerk to talk to the mayor. Even then he won't respond. I then asked for police chief. He wasn't available. I then asked why police couldn't break up the disrupt

tion on Main Street, and was told you have to see who they are, or catch them in the act, before an arrest can be made.

Since approximately 20 people of different groups, such as member of a band, church, commerce, business people, American Legion, and private citizens observed the disruption.

The Mayor, City Council, police chief and his crew could do one like wise if they had responded to the needs and demands of the public during a street mule.

I have on two occasions requested, the mayor, through the clerk, a meeting with the mayor, the city's lawyer, the city council, on a matter concerning the conduct of the police chief.

But the mayor has chosen not to respond.

As always anyone writing to the editor about our police and city will have a response from some one other than an elected official.

I would hope that the city mayor would respond or the newspaper editor would respond with an editorial.

But do not care for the city to respond by a hire individual from the sewer plant or water plant or any other employee of the city. I think a reply from an elected official on these matters are very important to the voting public than a secretary.

**Mayville man and woman injured following accident; driver is charged by KSP**  
A 14 mile high speed pursuit ended after George E. Shumate Jr., 21, Mayville, wrecked a 1976 Kawasaki Motorcycle.

The pursuit began in Robertson County and ended 13 miles west in Mason County on Kentucky 506, July 8 at 6:20 p.m.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Kenneth Jones has charged Shumate with speeding, attempting to elude, improper registration, no motorcycle license, no proof of insurance and warden endorsement second degree.

Trooper Scott Davessport investigated the single vehicle injury accident.

Shumate was treated and released with minor injuries while a passenger Paula Shumate, 15, was also taken to Meadowview Regional Hospital with multiple abrasions, cuts, and a back injury.

George Shumate was lodged in the Mason County Jail.

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