

Prime Law Enforcement Recruit

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366th SPS, Da Nang AB, K-9

Before the Police Academy
Before college criminology
Before he wore the badge
Before his first-day at Roll Call
Before he mistakenly sat in a dinosaur's squad room chair
Before he ever walked a beat
Before his Training Officer let-him-drive
Before he arrested anyone
Before his first pursuit
Before his first shots-fired call
Before his first *Officer-Needs-Help* call
Before his first traffic child-fatality
Before his first *Officer-Down* call
Before his first police funeral
Before bonding with brothers' in blue...

He had years of LE experience
Had made apprehensions and arrests
Wrote citations
Calmed the angry drunk
Controlled *Resisting-Arrest* bad guys
Confronted armed suspects, and disarmed them
Been on the receiving end of shots fired and heavy weapons incoming
Stopped an enemy determined to step over him
Mourned fallen Air Force security police
Cried alone
Visited their graves
Reported for duty once more
Stood his Ground
and forged a warrior's bond for justice.

He was an Air Force Security Police combat veteran
... and a *Prime Law Enforcement Recruit!*

Photo: David Poss (my son).