

## Rocko\* has a similar online degree in criminal justice as Cheyenne Police Chief Bob Fecht



From a current story out of Fostoria, OH:

John I. Rocko, aka Rocko the police dog of the Fostoria, Ohio police department, received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice last year. It is from the same online institution that newly hired Fostoria police chief John McGuire said he received his degree in 2002.

An attorney has asked to have "his client's pat-down search by Chief McGuire thrown out on the grounds that the chief was not legally employed as police chief."

It's funny how so many places other than Cheyenne recognize these bogus mail order degrees for what they are - worthless. And they surely won't pay for them - whether for a human or for a dog.

The attorney has filed a motion to have the dog subpoenaed into court "as an exhibit for having received the same degree as Chief McGuire and 'for giving one pause, if not paws, for concern of what it actually takes to achieve and be awarded the concordant degrees of the dog and John McGuire, both cum laude alumni of Concordia College and University'."

While the Chief "earned" his degree before being hired by the City of Fostoria and presumably paid the \$499.00 himself, Rocko earned his degree while a member of the force but no one will say who paid the \$499.00 for his degree. It wasn't the City. At least not the City of Fostoria.

Courseloads for the two students were "nearly identical," according to court documents. Rocko received an A+ in "Structure and Process of the American Court System." The Chief struggled a bit with that class and received a B-, his transcript shows. Neither did a lick of work.

There are other challenges to the hiring of this police chief but, naturally, those making the decision are sticking to it, in spite of an Ohio Court of Appeals ruling

that "the process used ... to hire Chief McGuire was flawed." The Fostoria patrol officers aren't crazy about having a chief in charge of them who holds a purchased degree - from an unaccredited outfit from the Virgin Islands.

The arrest being challenged (a major drug bust) came two weeks after the Chief himself was indicted by a grand jury on "two counts of falsification and two counts of tampering with records for allegedly misrepresenting his credentials when he applied for the chief's job."

They can't be referring to his degree, are they? Nah.

Another candidate for the same position has been sued by this creep for "making defamatory comments about him with intent to harm." Even police chiefs holding these mail order degrees consider it defamatory for anyone to mention it. Not terribly proud of their degrees it seems.

Side bar: The Cheyenne Herald has also been told about a scene in the new John Travolta movie Wild Hogs. Aside from getting their firearms training from the video game Doom, the Sheriff, when asked why he didn't deal with a problem with other bikers, confessed: "I got my degree off the internet."

Both the reality and joke are everywhere.

\* The Fostoria story is true. John I. Rocko is the name of the real dog, breed unstated. The picture above is of our real-life guard and attack dog, Cujo. Cujo is a pedigree Miniature Pinscher and has his custom tailored police officer outfit which he wears in parades and to schools with his real-life police officer partner and trainer from another Wyoming city. Knowing he was being used for a photo prop in a story in the Herald and not for an excursion to be petted by hundreds of excited school children, he balked. So he's not quite in full uniform for the photo.

## Rita Meyer seeks Wyoming Republican State Chair

After a very turbulent Fall for the Wyoming Republican Party, in which its nominee for Governor absorbed a drubbing and its U.S. House incumbent eked out a win over a Democratic newcomer, there may be brighter times ahead.

In a highly publicized blunder, Party Chair Drake Hill, a Casper attorney, dropped a public records request on the office of Dave Freudenthal that went far afield from investigating a specific wrongdoing to a scatter-gun attempt at finding something, anything, to embarrass the Governor and/or members of his family. Silly accusations were made that had no merit and no weight even if they had been true. From that point on, everything went downhill for the qualified Republican candidate for Governor, Ray Hunkins.

The Cheyenne Herald called for Drake Hill to be ousted but that was not done.

While 2007 is an off-election year, it provides time for the Party to regroup. It will be up to the Republican Central Committee, made up of party insiders from every county in the state, to choose another Chair. Now, Drake Hill must go.

Rita Meyer, recently elected State Auditor, has tossed her hat into the ring.

In an introductory letter to Central Committee members which the Cheyenne Herald acquired a copy of, she has pointed out that "while our party did well in most state and local elections, we were reminded that it is not enough to count on voter registration numbers to get our candidates elected." Even party insiders have to be disappointed in the management of the Party office and performance in the only election the Party tried to influence - the Governor's race. Observers had to ask themselves whether the Party was for Ray Hunkins or against him.

Ms. Meyer: "... the strength of the Wyoming Republican Party will come with unity, not discord, and from inclusion, not division." She offers to provide leadership, and a return to promoting "traditional Republican values of smaller government, increased personal responsibility, and lower taxes." In what could be taken as a swipe of the lack of leadership from Drake Hill, Rita Meyer also says she will represent "our Party and our agenda in a positive, constructive way, and enhances the quality of public debate on issues."

Her track record of success and her positive campaign for State Auditor make her a uniquely qualified candidate for State Chair. Drake Hill should gracefully vacate the position or be shown the door. He hurt the Party greatly in 2006.

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