

put your testimony together so that you can present it to the judge or jury as a chain of events in the order that they occurred. Don't memorize your notes, refer to them if necessary. I don't think any officer will fear cross-examination if he will do this.

It is a must when a defendant is represented by an attorney, that you discuss the case with an attorney for the Commonwealth before going in court.

In court, when giving your testimony, tell nothing but the facts in the case. If a question is asked and you are required by the judge to answer, then it is your duty to present the truth even if it helps the defendant. Don't ever volunteer information on the witness stand.

Being calm helps to create self-confidence as well as confidence on the part of the judge or jury in you and your testimony.

The time a seasoned game warden spends with a trainee may well be one of the greatest single contributions a man can make to his organization. Some of the patterns, habits and attitudes that he molds into the trainee will follow the man to his retirement.

This can also be a most satisfying assignment, for what is more gratifying than to know that you have contributed to the making of an outstanding game warden?

TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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To say that a modern fish and wildlife enforcement program does not need a modern communications system would be much like saying that an astronaut does not need the booster rocket by which he gets into space.

In fact, I'm actually amazed when I think about what law enforcement officers were once able to do with the limited communication facilities they once had.

But things have changed a lot, and the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission now has in operation one of the finest communications systems in the United States. It is our "Booster Rocket," so to speak. It is what "gets us there!"

And this is so because at the present time we have:

- 12 Base Stations . . .
- 30 Relay Stations . . .
- 311 Mobile Units . . .
- 10 Handy-Talkys . . .
- 2 Airplanes . . . and
- 6 Boats. These enable us to maintain radio contact across

the entire State of Tennessee so that we may protect the fish and wildlife resources of which Tennesseans have always been proud.

It's easy to see how important this system is when one considers the approximates 1,100 miles from one end of the State to the other — from Bristol to Memphis.

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For instance, here are a few sample cases which illustrate the effectiveness of our communications set-up:

Not many years ago there was a serious outbreak of deer "Jack-lighting" on the Cumberland Plateau. At the time, our Officers weren't able to cope with the offenses. What was needed, of course, was a well coordinated "crackdown" which only good radio contact among our Officers could make possible.

With the installation of radios in our mobile units —and once our people were all fully acquainted with the handy-talky — for the first

time we could look forward to apprehending those violators who had been giving us so much trouble.

We secluded Officers on stake-out points on all roads leading into areas where we knew "Jacklighting" to be most frequent. For 27 nights we continued this stake-out, and the first arrests to be made in connection with the known offenses were those of two men some three hours after they had managed to escape the scene of the crime.

That the men had managed to escape the scene — but were later apprehended — is a good illustration of the effectiveness of a good communications system.

Using their handy-talky radios, Officers gave a description of the car used by the violators to other Officers in the stake-out, and an immediate search was begun. The violators had disposed of the illegal deer, but blood samples were taken from the trunk of their car. One of the defendants even had on a pair of blood-stained trousers. The samples taken from the car, together with the trousers, were sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory in Washington. Tests proved that the blood was from a member of the deer family, and with this proof, the car was confiscated.

Here is a case where the handy-talky radio, especially proved its worth.

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Let me cite just one more case . . . and perhaps a better one to make my point.

On one occasion I was patrolling with two other Officers in Middle Tennessee when one of our radio-equipped airplanes notified us that there was an illegal seining party in a creek in our area.

We went at once to this area, but were not immediately able to find the seiners. It was evident that the airplane had aroused their suspicion, and they had left! They soon found they had reason to be suspicious. Our Pilot kept them in sight even though we were not able to do so.

We stopped their car after three or four miles of pursuit and an inspection of the automobile revealed nothing. Neither fish nor seine. No illegal fishing device whatever.

In short, at this point they were "clean" . . .

I don't think I need to say that there are few things, if any, more frustrating in law enforcement work than that so-called "wild goose chase"; and these happen often enough as it is.

But a "wild goose chase" is just what we felt we had been on — at least until our Pilot instructed us by radio to turn around and go back the way we had come. So, after requesting the men we had stopped to follow us, we started back.

Not long afterward, our Pilot again radioed us — this time instructing us to stop, to inspect "The bushes to your left, just off the side of the road."

What we then found was a seine and a sack of fish which had been thrown from the car during the chase. When confronted with the evidence the violators confessed. We would have had no evidence against these men had we not had the Pilot to assist us. We would not have even been on their trail for that matter.

The Pilot had *GOTTEN US THERE*.

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I have given you only two cases where our present system of communications proved itself invaluable. There are many, many more.

Our radio network serves a multitude of purposes. For example;

From the field, our Officers are able to furnish our Public Relations personnel, each week, with up-to-date reports on fishing success, water conditions at various reservoirs, etc. In turn, this information is conveyed to sportsmen by way of newspaper, radio and television. We are able to convey similar information during the hunting season. We are also able to notify the Commission's technical staff of pollution problems and fish kills.

In conclusion, we think the funds spent by the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission for this modern two-way communications network is probably one of the best investments ever made to protect our fish and wildlife resources.

You might even call it our own Cape Kennedy.