

Fairbury Police Dept.

New Officer

Dale Fritz

Dave comes from El Paso, Illinois He was a volunteer fireman there and helped coach JFL football league. He applied and began for the City of Fairbury as a police officer in August of last year. He was required to go to training in Champaign for 3 months and pass all exams and physicals. They had 3 blocks per day with classroom instruction and then they had to go out and were put in situations to handle or solve. They had to go through murder cases, theft, harassment, CPR etc. They would put you in several situations that you would have to deal with. Domestic is probably the most common and hardest to deal with. Dave then opened the floor for a ton of questions and comments. I think we got a good feeling in talking to Dave and he has a lot of common sense. He also enjoyed talking to us.



BITS & PIECES

KNOW THE ODDS

Sam was an excellent golfer whose obnoxious ego and lack of sportsmanship made him unbearable. Because his game was good, many players still wanted to compete against him. But he'd only agree to play lesser opponents for cash - \$50 a hole. Needless to say, this practice earned him a nice purse and the disdain of other golfers.

One afternoon, an elderly gentleman, wearing dark glasses and sporting a white cane, approached Sam in the clubhouse.

"My goodness! Is that the great Sam Nelson I hear?" asked the old man.

"Who wants to know?" snapped Sam.

"Just an old man who would give anything to play 18 holes with you."

"You've got to be joking," replied Sam. "You're blind."

"True, I am blind," said the old man. "But I played the pro circuit before I lost my sight. I'm pretty sure I can beat you. And I'd be willing to put down \$100 a hole." Sam chuckled.

"Now let me make sure I heard this right. You're blind and you want to challenge me to \$100 a hole?"

"Yep," replied the blind man.

"You've got yourself a deal, old man. Just pick the time and place - and promise not to whine when I take your money."

"Agreed," said the man and they shook hands.

"So, when do you want to tee off?" asked Sam.

"Any night," said the blind man. "Any night at all."

We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be. We can have only what we think we can have. What we do, what we are, what we have, all depend upon what we think. Robert Collier