



*My View*

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## A PROUD MOMENT

Occasionally my wife asks me “aren’t you proud of TIP?” My response usually is: “I really don’t think too much about it. I’m too busy.”

However, recently, I was struck with a feeling of pride about TIP that hit me like a bolt of lightning and really took me by surprise. It happened at a TIP Graduation when a police official addressing TIP graduates said at the end of her talk *“let me sum up what we feel about TIP this way: when the public needs help they call us. When we need help we call TIP.”*

I had never quite looked at TIP in that way before. Maybe it was the simple and genuine way this police official said it, but the fact we are considered the rescuers of the rescuers filled me with pride. The fact that the public safety professionals who are considered heroes by the general public consider us the ones to call when they are in trouble is very humbling. Of course I’ve always known that TIP is considered a valuable tool by emergency responders, but at the TIP graduation I realized that in a much deeper way.

To be considered by first responders as their “back up” means that we have accomplished at least two things over the years.

1. We have earned their trust, no easy task.
2. The TIP Program works for them. It’s easy to use and it’s reliable.

Just as it’s easy for members of the general public to call 911 to obtain emergency services so it’s easy for responders to call TIP.

I’m sure many if not all of you have had your own moments when you have been very proud of TIP and proud of being a member of TIP. I would be interested in hearing what experiences and thoughts have triggered your “moments of pride.” Email me your comments at [Tipncceo@aol.com](mailto:Tipncceo@aol.com).

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