

Gator's Rant

What starts with an "F" and ends with a "U-C-K"? Fire Truck!

Okay, so what have we learned this month? That a firefighter can arrest you for cussing. This dawns on us after a LaMarque Firefighter handcuffed, detained, and charged some chick this month for saying the F-word.

Here's a thought for you, mister firefighter: Why don't you go put out a fire somewhere and cease to impose your religious beliefs and police state mentality on the free citizens of Texas?

I am sure there are plenty of misguided fools who have slapped you on the back and offered their congratulations, but I beg to differ with them.



Perhaps you can explain the subtle differences between your actions toward the young lady and what the Taliban does to women who don't wear the right Burkha? You sir, are an American Taliban, and you ought to be deeply ashamed. Even if you're the most committed of Christians, you might notice that even Jesus never arrested anyone for profanity. It's not included in the Ten Commandments. There is no verse in the Bible that prohibits what we refer to as profanity. We do have laws to protect us from violence and obscenity, but that's not what happened here. What happened here is the case of a First Responder with a God complex taking out his frustrations on someone who didn't fall down and worship his tin badge. In other words, an asshole. If you insist on playing "mister policeman" please familiarize yourself with the law of the land, a seldom-seen document we refer to as the Constitution. At the top of the list in the number one slot you will find that the First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech. The citizens have that right. They have it at home, and at the Wal Mart, and even in the presence of an overinflated balloon like you, sir. The reason the founding fathers authored this amendment is because of Thomas Jefferson, who blurted out one day to Hamilton and Franklin "Hey guys, what if, someday in the distant future, petty civil servants should begin to harass the citizens and charge them with offenses based on mere words rather than deeds? What shall happen to our noble democracy if tyrants arise who threaten criminal prosecutions for every stray utterance a man might make?" They had a few beers and kicked the idea around some, and came up with Free Speech.

I assume there is some kind of oath one takes to become a firefighter. I bet it speaks of the public and the citizens. You are a good man when you are fighting the fires that destroy lives and property. But you are not charged with defending moral values – this is not part of your oath. And when you stretch the boundaries of your petty authority to intrude with criminal charges upon patterns of colloquial speech, you go too far.

The firefighter who committed this act in defiance of American liberty is LaMarque Assistant Fire Marshall Alfred Decker the 4th. The way it happened is that the victim went into Wally World to buy batteries as tropical storm Edouard headed our way. They were out of batteries, so she commented (to her mom), "They're out of fucking batteries!" (There, I did it. Come arrest *me* Mister Fire Cop, I just said a wordy durd).

At this point, Decker #4 sticks his head around the corner and says, "You need to watch your mouth!" She ignores him, maybe tells him to fuck off and mind his own business, and he breaks out the cuffs on this dangerous criminal. The Chief of the LaMarque FD, Todd Zacherl, has to be as big a dickhead as Decker #4, since he is publicly defending these actions.

Wake up, guys! Wal Mart has security if there's an issue that must be dealt with. The public does not want firefighters warning people to watch their language and handcuffing them.

That's what the commies do, and the Nazis, and all the people we have stood against for over 200 years. In Nazi Germany, the USSR and in Afghanistan under the Taliban, any minor official (like Decker #4) could charge a criminal offense against any citizen who declined to kiss their asses. And he could count on having his boss back him up 100%. But this is America.

You dudes ought to fight fires and keep your oversized egos the fuck off of people's free speech. I am expecting any day now to hear of a postman arresting someone for insufficient postage, and getting a pat on the back for it!

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