

Sometimes I Get Tired Of Being The Sheriff

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The gym can be so much fun. The gym can also be difficult to drive up to. There are days when owners drive into the gym parking lot knowing they are going to be faced with:

*4 phone messages from parents who weren't called back by the staff.

*Water bottles left on mats out in the gym from the gym employees the night before.

*Mats strewn all over the gym that were not put back where they belong.

*A secretary who says "hi" and then "Julie called and can't teach tonight."

*A note that says 2 class teachers were late for classes the night before that the owner now has to deal with.

*Three parents who the owner has to call because they didn't get the information about an event this weekend.

Yes, these are regular "management" issues of a business, but you can sometimes get tired of dealing with this stuff. It especially can drive an owner crazy when they realize that most of these issues didn't need to happen. If the staff did what they were supposed to do, ownership would be much more fun.

It isn't "fun" to call in an employee and tell them they fell down. Not many people like those kinds of confrontations. Sure, we know the employee doesn't like being called in, BUT the Sheriff doesn't like it most of the time either. It would be wonderful to come to the gym most of the time, like you, to teach some classes, have fun and enjoy every minute. Wow, that would be great. Help make our job easier! Let me come bouncing into the gym with only fun things to look forward to.

I don't like to be the enforcer all of the time. I don't like being the warden. I want to give responsibilities to the adults I have hired and have them do an adult job. Get the work done. Clean up after yourself. Don't make work for others.

By the way, the six things I listed above? That would be a "good day" for for the owners. Usually, there are 2, 3, 4 times that much "Sheriff" work facing an owner every time we open the door to our dream gym.

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