PARANORMAL UNITY:
HAS ITS TIME COME?

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Exactly what is Paranormal Unity? There are probably as many definitions of this elusive concept as there are active teams. Over the years, I have heard this term used often, and it basically infers that those of us actively trying to make sense of paranormal phenomena are islands unto ourselves. We go out on investigations, collect massive amounts of data, make analytical assessments of what we have collected, and then share it with no one. Sure, we share tidbits of our findings with clients, friends, or in magazines like this one, but the core data stays with the investigative team, never to be seen again.

This lack of sharing may be unintentional, but it limits the knowledge gained and not shared.

Most teams actively involved in paranormal investigations have their own way of collecting data; be it recording for EVPs, video recording, or just logging feelings or personal interactions. Most of this data is saved in some form for further use, either to validate client's experiences, expand into additional site investigations, or simply increase experiential knowledge.

For our team, Spectral Tech, we create a digital file for each initial and any follow up investigations that contains all original recordings, a log of any EVPs captured, video records, personal interactions, client after-action reports, or anything else pertinent to the investigation.

If another team wanted to investigate the same site, we would be able to provide them with a large amount of information that could help them decide their own plan of action. It also has the potential to validate their own findings. If they also share their experiences with us, it helps us validate what we captured.

An example of this sharing has been with a team out of Memphis, Tennessee, called Memphis Ghost Investigations and Spirit Rescue (see Paranormal Underground's April 2020 Issue for a spotlight on this team). Led by Ste-

phen Williams, this team is mainly psychically oriented, using talented psychic team members to interact with entities that may be present. This is completely different from Spectral Tech's equipment-oriented investigations, but we have the same goal of finding the cause of the activity and helping the client, or sometimes the entity, find peace.

Covington, Tennessee, where Spectral Tech is located, is about 40 miles northeast of Memphis. After reading about Stephen and his team, I contacted Stephen about some cases we had that we could never close to our satisfaction. Stephen's team was close enough to these sites to possibly investigate using their techniques.

All teams, at some point, encounter a brick wall where further investigations are useless. All they are doing is revalidating what they already know. When we have hit this wall, we will recommend that the client may want to contact another team for possibly a new look at what is happening. There is always the possibility that an entity simply doesn't like you or how you are going about investigating and will not cooperate with any form of communication. Finding another team in your area that is

also seeking truth may provide the client, and the entity, a better fit to get results.

We had two cases that involved entities that apparently decided not to move on. Although the entities in these cases were not negative, they still caused concern for the clients. Stephen had graciously agreed to investigate both clients. He did not want too much information about the cases up front, but when he completed his investigation, we found his results validated what we had captured and even provided some additional clarification on some data we had questioned. In turn, our data validated their own findings.

By sharing investigative data with another team and working together with the shared goal of getting to the source of the activity, we were able to help these clients. And, Stephen's team was able to help two spirits move on. Another benefit of our collaboration: We both were able to enrich our knowledge of the paranormal.

Stephen and his team are planning to work together with us in the near future at the Henning Community Center. Our team has used our tech gear to record several pleas of "help us," and Stephen's team plans to help those lost spirits find their way home.

Perhaps someday there will be a centralized data collection library where likeminded researchers can upload detailed data files of individual cases that would allow others to download and research these cases for similarities or patterns. The International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has similar files and formats. Why not develop one for the paranormal field relating to hauntings, spirit activity, attachments, any other unseen occurrences? There may be the beginnings of these databases already in existence, but until we are aware of where they are and can easily upload data to them, we are on our own to share with those who may want to explore our findings.

For a client or entity's point of view, there can be no downside in reaching out and sharing information with other teams. Would this be considered paranormal unity? If it's not, it's certainty a step in the right direction. ◆