

**TO: CHICAGO LODGE #7 /BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
/UNIT REPRESENTATIVES  
/WATCH REPRESENTATIVES  
/MEMBERS**

**FROM: SIDNEY M. DAVIS  
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE GENERAL  
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2005  
AT F.O.P. HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:04 hours.

**Deceased Members Who Were Remembered During The Opening Prayer Were:**  
Richard D. Wall, Dennis L. Tooles, Patrick T. Culhane, Edward M. Clements, John M. Tribe, Ronald J. Schultz

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Treasurer John Capparelli:            Presentation of the Monthly Awards**

## **AWARDS**

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

*The following officers were awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Fraternal Order of Police,  
Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

Police Officer Vadim Danilov, Star #4864, Police Officer John Gregoire, Star #8600, Police Officer Patricia Keys, Star #12870, Police Officer Pedro Solis, Jr., Star #7154, Police Officer Brian Rovano, Star #19239, Police Officer Gabriella Wurm, Star #15399, Police Officer Daniel Pacelli, Star #8802, Police Officer Steve Marino, Star #4718, Police Officer Jason Landrum, Star #17355, Police Officer Rick Caballero, Star #11141 and Police Officer Thomas Davey, Star #3361

### **LIFE SAVING AWARD:**

*The following officers were awarded the Life Saving Award by the Fraternal Order of Police,  
Chicago Lodge No. 7:*

Police Officer Brian Brosnan, Star #16799, Police Officer Carlos Mayas, Star #13323, Police Officer Michael DeMarco, Star #14208, Police Officer Anthony Varchetto, Star #9031, Police Officer Brian Sherman, Star #5742, Police Officer Jason Santiago; Star #15403

**President Donahue:**     Presented ADS John “Barney” Flanagan with an Honorable Service Award for 35 years of service to the City.

## **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on November 15, 2005 were provided to those in attendance.

**Motion by**            **James Moriarty**  
**2nd by**                **Gloria Majerczyk**  
**Motion:**             **To waive the reading of the Minutes and to accept the minutes as printed**  
**Motion passes**

## **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **President's Report** **Mark Donahue**

**Primary Election Season:**     All requests for endorsements must be in writing and submitted to the Political Action Committee prior to January 13, 2006. The PAC will conduct interviews with all potential candidates on January 27, 2006. Lodge members are further encouraged to use the F.O.P. website (Editorial Page) to make comments on the upcoming elections and give their views on candidates who are running for office.

**Voter Registration Drive:**     The Lodge is considering having a voters registration drive for members.

**H.R. 218:**             The Illinois Police Training Standards Board, who holds the legislative authority and responsibility to

qualify retired Chicago Police Officers, voted to begin processing forms that have been submitted. Additional information regarding the carry and conceal process will be posted on the F.O.P. website when received from the IPTB.

**Parking Tickets:** Complaints have been received at the Lodge regarding civilians writing parking tickets on the north side of the City. The Lodge made an inquiry into the ticket writing practice and discovered that in 1998, a company called Circle was contracted by the City to write parking tickets. The ticket writers are identified by the blue jumpsuits they wear, making them highly visible. Currently, they are writing at sporting events (Sox, Cubs games and business districts).

**State Conference:** The Special Events Committee is moving ahead with plans in coordinating the State Conference scheduled for Chicago on July 6, 7 and 8, 2006. The contracts for the hotels have been signed and entertainment is being worked on. Volunteers are needed for the event; please contact the Lodge if interested.

**Don Peterson, Unit 603:** Spoke on the issue of retired members (weapons qualification)

**Vic Rini, Retired:** Spoke on the issue of the Carry and Conceal Bill, thanking F.O.P. for its efforts in bringing the bill to its members after the many long fought years of legislation.

**Motion by Rich Aguilar**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bailey Jr.**  
**Motion: To accept the President's Report.**  
**Motion passes**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report** **By Bill Dougherty**

**Medical Grievances:** Since the November Board meeting, ten (10) medical grievances were filed, of which five (5) were for denial of I.O.D. and five (5) officers were placed on psychological evaluations.

**Vocational Training:** A letter was sent to all disabled officers (on duty and occupational disability) regarding vocational training. This program was initiated by in 2002 for the benefit of disabled officers. In sending the letters, the Lodge would like to know how many disabled officers are interested in the program. Responses are needed back by January 15, 2006.

**Wellness / Vision:** On December 13, 2005, the Lodge's case regarding the wellness program was heard by Arbitrator Benn where four (4) witnesses testified. A second date is being worked on for the City's witnesses to testify.

**H.R. 218:** A recent article in American Police Week credited the NY Police Department with starting a program (Retiree Mobilization Plan) that will utilize retired members in the event of an emergency. They had 600 members immediately sign up for the program. This program shows the vast difference in how two cities (Chicago and New York) treat their retired members.

**Narcotics Court Lab Results:** Officers are reminded that when no lab report has been received, to call the Illinois State Police Lab (312-433-8000 ext 2031). Officers who show up in court with negative results will not be paid. If you call the ISPL and receive a negative reading, call the court sergeant with the results and request an excusal from appearing. If there are other charges on the case then you must appear.

**Health Fairs:** Members will benefit from three (3) health fairs scheduled for February of next year. The

health fairs will be conducted in districts including one at the F.O.P. Hall. More information on the health fairs will be posted on the F.O.P. website. Each health fair will accommodate about 125 members which will be on a first come first serve basis. February 9, (022), February 14, (F.O.P. Hall) and February 28, (016) are just a few of the scheduled dates. The number to call for an appointment is 1-800-811-0174, ask for Sherly Brindale (first come, first serve).

**Health Provider Category Changes:** A letter was received at the Lodge regarding HPCC. There are three (3) new categories to be considered. Durable Medical Equipment, Home Infusion Therapy and Advanced Practice Nurses. You can locate participating providers by using the Provider Finder at [www.bcbsil.com](http://www.bcbsil.com) or by calling (800) 772-6895.

**Benefits, John Hurley:** Members from John Hurley's unit appeared at the Pension Board to show support and through efforts by F.O.P. with a new Pension Board in place persuaded the Board to approve benefits for Mrs. Hurley. Officer Hurley was killed this summer in a motorcycle accident leaving behind a wife and child.

*Discussion on the Hurley case*

*Discussion on the wellness/vision plans*

**Motion by**            **Ron Shogren**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by**                **Joe Butney**  
**Motion:**            **To accept the Vice President's Report.**  
**Motion passes**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report will be given later in the minutes**

## **3rd Vice President's Report By Greg Bella**

**Legal Defense:** There was one shooting last month (November 2005) in which one officer was involved.

Tim Fallon (Financial Secretary), Greg Bella (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President) and the Lodge's attorney met with I.A.D., O.P.S., and the City's attorney Dave Johnson. Discussion centered on discipline process, C.R. by affidavits, and how each program works.

**Area 3 Complaints:** Members from Area 3 called the Lodge complaining no affidavits were attached to complaints and the Department is looking to identify the officer(s) involved in certain incidents where no affidavits are obtained. This practice will stop; I.A.D. is putting out a bulletin to supervisor's informing them that if no affidavit is signed, that's the end of the case. It will also be placed in the Department Advocate, and change their website with the updated information. The City is hoping to have an automatic C.R. system in place by spring 2006.

**Pilot Program:** The Department will soon start a in car camera pilot plan in 016, 005 and the traffic units. The City has obtained 15 companies that will donate two (2) cameras each to be used in department vehicles, each company vying for the main contract. All the cars in the traffic unit will get cameras and the remainder split up between 005 and 016. The program is ready to roll, cameras have been installed in squads in 005 and 016, however the program can not be implemented until the City meets with F.O.P.. A letter was sent to the City by President Donahue on the issue and we received a letter from Dave Johnson, City's attorney, responded by saying the cameras in the cars are not subject to negotiations but the use of them are ie, used as a disciplinary measure.

**Non Disciplinary Intervention Program Verbal Abuse:** Members are encouraged that when accused of something that you did not do, write a TO/FROM to Commander Brad Woods of Personnel stating the reason why you were not the person accused of a certain incident ie, I was off that day, I did not respond to that job, etc, then send a copy to F.O.P. which allows us to try to get the case administratively closed. When administratively closed it does not appear on your non-disciplinary intervention program history report. No matter what happens with this program, the results do not go on your discipline history.

**Legal Defense Seminar:** On Tuesday January 24, 2006 the Lodge will host a Legal Defense Seminar in our hall. The seminar will be for all Lodge members to attend. There are three starting times: 9 in the morning, 1 in the afternoon and 7 at night, which allows members on all shifts to participate.

*Discussion and comments on camera's in department vehicles*

**Motion by Don Richardson**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Vic Rini**  
**Motion: To accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's report**  
**Motion passes**

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

### **By Sidney M. Davis**

**Military Reservist:** As of today's date twenty-nine (29) police officers have been activated of which fifteen (15) are currently on foreign soil. Officers are asked to contact Sol at Personnel when notified of a pending deployment and to contact Sid Davis at the Lodge. Officers should also contact Sol and the Lodge upon returning back from deployment. Members are reminded that some officers have been away for a year or more; please keep these officers in your prayers.

**B.I.S./P.C.P.:** Currently there are seventy-three (73) officers enrolled in Behavior Intervention System and fourteen (14) officers enrolled in the Personal Concerns Program. Placement into either program is intended to be non-punitive and is done for the specific purpose of correcting job performance. It is not a disciplinary process, nor is the system designed to interfere with promotion, transfer, bidding, or other employment benefits. Members who are currently enrolled in either program are encouraged to contact the Lodge to be possibly removed from the rolls of BIS or PCP.

**2006 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament:** The date for the F.O.P. Fishing Tournament has been set for Thursday, June 1, 2006. All members who anticipate fishing should mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing all anglers back for another year of fishing and fun.

**2006 F.O.P. Picnic:** The date for the 2006 F.O.P. Picnic has been set for Wednesday, July 19, 2006. Mark your calendars to enjoy laughter, fun, games, prizes, music, soft drinks, ice cream and more. This year's event will be at Santa's Village in East Dundee, Illinois. Admission is free, but restricted to Lodge members and their immediate family. You must have your 2006 F.O.P. membership card for admission.

**Watch bidding:** Will occur again during the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> police periods in 2006. Section 31.5 covers the procedure for watch bidding.

**2006 Holiday Event Calendar:** The December 2005 issue of the F.O.P. Newsletter contained the 2006 Holiday/Event Calendar. Father's Day was listed as Jun 25<sup>th</sup>, it should read Jun 18<sup>th</sup>. Members are asked to check

their individual copies received (blue and pink) and make the correction.

**Motion by** Tom Skelly  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Bill Dougherty  
**Motion:** To accept the Recording Secretary's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Treasurer's Report** **By John Capparelli**

Membership Count: Patrol Officers/11,487; Sgts. & Above/201; Disabled/410; Retired/5,057; Outside Units/5; Total Membership: 17,160

### **Account Deposits and Disbursements:**

Membership Account Deposits for November 2005: \$640,048.40  
Membership Account Disbursements for November 2005: \$411,222.59  
Membership Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$1,046,713.57

General Account Deposits for November 2005: \$11,439.42  
General Account Disbursements for November 2005: \$2,950.00  
General Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$42,545.95

Store Account Deposits for November 2005: \$43,440.57  
Store Account Disbursements for November 2005: \$37,011.84  
Store Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$33,955.49

PAC Deposits for November 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Disbursements for November 2005: \$0.00  
PAC Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$1,111.31  
Legal Defense Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$4,054,213.76

WCMA Loan Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: CLOSED

Investment Account Balance as of December 1, 2005: \$529,057.81

Total Assets on Hand as of December 1, 2005: \$5,707,597.89

*President Donahue: Spoke on the issue of Finance Department being made aware that there are increases due for the membership on paychecks due on the 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Motion by** Bill Dougherty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by** Jerry Reid  
**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report  
**Motion passes**

## **Financial Secretary's Report**

### **By Timothy Fallon**

**Public Housing:** The Lodge finally received documents requested A & A sheets for all the public housing officers that used to work there. A grievance has been filed for those officers. The City has agreed to open up working special employment public housing to all officers at time and a half. Lodge members will also be able to work (TARA) Terrorist Awareness Response Academy. All department members will undergo a 1 week in-service training and as a result of the training DOG will change during the training phase. This means that officers will be allowed to work on beat cars at time and a half (a federal grant), the program will run about two (2) years. More information on the program will be in the January F.O.P. Newsletter.

**Violence Reduction Program:** The program has ended, this was not a grant but merely money found in the budget which allowed the City to put officers in cars covering two or three beats. Deputy Superintendent Charles Williams was pleased with the results of the program and hopes to start it up again this summer.

**Juvenile Intervention Program:** A meeting on the new Juvenile Intervention Program has been scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>, Greg Bella and Tim Fallon will meet with City officials to discuss logistics regarding the program. The Lodge believes it should be a bid unit; the City does not.

**Midnight Gang Teams:** A meeting has also been scheduled for the new midnight gang teams. The Lodge will be asking the City to abide by the current contract on this issue.

**Drug Testing:** The City has announced its intentions to include Ecstasy to the list of drugs that officers can be tested for. The Lodge informed the City that they must bargain with us to have it included with other drugs for testing.

**Don Peterson, Unit 603:** Spoke on the issue of Special Employment and the process for applying.

**Motion by Ron Shogren**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Regalado**  
**Motion: To accept the Financial Secretary's Report**  
**Motion passes**

## **Website Committee**

### **By Rich Aguilar**

In the January 2006 newsletter, you will read about a new feature added to the F.O.P. website. Members will be able to go online and submit ideas for the next round of contract negotiations (July 2007). Members will also be able to receive current updates via email, to do so one must go to the F.O.P. website, click on surveys, then click on current updates and complete the form. It's that simple to stay inform on Lodge business.

## **Legislative Committee**

### **By Mark Donahue**

A legislative committee meeting was held recently to set the priorities for the second half of the 94<sup>th</sup> General

Assembly. Pension enhancements will be a top priority, also being discussed will be pension portability, while the State Lodge will tackle the hot topic of residency.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Rich Aguilar:** Spoke on the issue of school crossings

**Melvin Hargrett:** Spoke on the issue of cameras in vehicles. He also thanked President Donahue for his assistance regarding his aunt, which resulted in additional benefits being paid to the family of the late Police Officer Roberta Jackson who was killed in the line of duty.

*Discussion on the cameras being placed into department vehicles*

**Vic Rini:** Spoke on the issue of F.O.P. books and stickers

**Don Peterson:** Spoke on the issue of GPS in vehicles and cameras

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report** **Frank DiMaria**

Lodge members are reminded to send in their election of benefits form regarding the class action lawsuit on vests; they must be in by December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Motion by James Moriarty**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Shogren**

**Motion: To accept the 2nd Vice President's report**

**Motion passes**

**John Capparelli:** All members who received an F.O.P. book in the mail also received a membership card. This card which has a number on it, allows you as a member to access the Grand Lodge website

**Steve Robbins:** We have an all time high of 8,211 retired members from the Chicago Police Department.

*After determining that no other business was pending....*

**Motion by Sid Davis**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dougherty**  
**Motion: To adjourn the meeting**  
**Motion passes**

*Meeting adjourned at 13:18 hours*

Fraternally,

Sidney M. Davis  
Recording Secretary