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SCHEDULED DATE FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT

October 19 & 20, 2006

NEW LOCATION:

Chicago Lake Shore Hospital
4840 North Marine Drive, 5th
Floor Conference Room

****The course will be two days,
8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

**YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH
DAYS!**

For application please contact
Patty at the F.O.P. at 312-733-
7776 or e-mail at
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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

"HELPS" For Retirees

The National FOP Legislative Office has another feather in its cap. We, working in conjunction with other public sector employee groups, have been successful in passing H.R. 4, the "Pension Protection Act of 2006." The Act contained the "Helps Provision" which provides a tax benefit to help retired public safety officers better afford health insurance by allowing the use, on a pre-tax basis, of up to \$3,000.00 annually from their pension funds to pay for premiums on both health care and long term care insurance. This tax break will translate into hundreds of dollars in annual savings for our retirees now and in the future. The FOP position was that the figure should be \$5,000, but this foot in the door gives us an issue to add to our agenda in the future.

National Lodge's New Address

Also at the National level, after years of discussions and the several moves of our National Lodge Office, the new permanent home of the National Lodge has been opened at 701 Marriott Drive in Nashville, TN. Many of you will recall that the office moves to the home town of whoever the National Secretary was. This caused expected strain on staff and operations every time a new Secretary was elected. The new office is up and running as of last month with a ten-

ured staff to respond to all of the memberships needs. This new location has also been paid for through the diligence of the National Board. Also new at the National level is their web site. FOP.net has been up and running since September 9th and the improvements are quite dramatic. Start your perusal of the site by noticing the Chicago Police Honor Guard as the lead picture in the upper right hand corner.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions

By now all that participate in deferred compensation have been notified by Nationwide Retirement Solutions of the theft of a computer that contained personal information on our members. A letter was tendered by the Lodge to Nationwide demanding an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the theft and the passage of 17 months between the theft and our notification. Although we did not expect nor did we receive an acceptable response for the time lapse, Nationwide did explain the measures they have taken and improved upon to ensure the security of our personal information. They have also offered a free credit check service to our members so that each individual can check and/or update their credit portfolio. We advise all to take advantage of this free offer. The letters sent and responses received can be viewed on the Lodge 7 website.

Legislation

The Veto session in Springfield starts one week after the elections so there is little preparation going on for it. We are awaiting a meeting with City representatives and the other unions to discuss pension issues as we have been told will occur. The one issue that as of now no one has objected to from a financial position is the Pension Portability Bill. This bill has virtually no impact on the City or the Fund as all of the financial impact is being borne by the officer who wishes to buy time into our fund. We will continue to push for this issue in the veto session and thereafter as necessary. Our other legislation, if not addressed in the veto session, will be re-filed after consideration of the Legislative Committee with any other issues they bring forth. Any member wishing to have an issue addressed can contact the Committee here at the Lodge by either regular mail or e-mail your ideas to me for the Committee to consider.

Constitution & By-laws Update

By the directives in our Constitution and By-laws which require that any proposed amendments to them need to be posted in this newsletter, those postings were made in both the August and September Newsletters. Those proposed amendments, one of which called for retirees not to pay dues to the Lodge and the other which would require the

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resignation of any elected member of the Board of Directors when promoted out of the collective bargaining unit, failed to receive the required votes to pass. The position of the Board on those proposals was also included with their recommendation to "not pass". The members present voted to retain the practices of this administration and in so doing offset any potential to at least one of the proposals of being appealed to both the State and National Lodges and the divide and conquer mentality that has

been imposed on this Lodge by the City since 1981 has been beaten back.

Political Endorsements

Endorsements in the upcoming elections were considered by the Political Action Committee on September 21st and will be tendered as recommendations to the Board on October 3rd. We will post all endorsements including those that have been made by the State Lodge in next month's Newsletter, which will be at your homes prior to the elections on the 7th. All of these

endorsements will comply with the policies and procedures that have been established in the past.

Gold Star Families Memorial Park

For those that were present at the dedication and opening of the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, you were witness to the opening of the finest memorial to fallen police officers in the Country. The end result of this project justifies the length of time in both planning and construction. The

members of the Memorial Foundation and all of its contributors should be proud of their efforts and commended for memorializing those whose lives have been taken in the performance of their duties. The sacrifices of the officers recognized and their families, are now able to be more fully appreciated by the public we serve in this profession we have chosen and we should all be proud of it.

First Vice President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*

Flu Shots

Flu season is just around the corner so, on October 25th 2006, we will be having our Annual Flu Shots Fair here at the F.O.P. Hall between the hours of 0700-1500 hrs. Flu shots are FREE to all F.O.P. members. If you would like to bring your spouse to get a flu shot there will be a fee of only \$25.00.

Doctors Notes And Returning To Work

When you are on IOD or the medical roll and you are required to bring a note from your doctor to the Medical Section make sure that your doctor addresses whether or not you can come back in a full duty or limited/convalescent duty capacity. If your doctor doesn't want an officer returning to work in any capacity then your doctor should address that in the note to the Medical Section. This should save officers from running/calling around trying to adjust their doctor's notes to satisfy the Medical Section.

Injury On-Duty Referrals

When you are injured on-duty or have a recurrence of a

prior injury on-duty, you must request a referral to a doctor from the Medical Services Section. You should be shown the list of doctors by your nurse and allowed to pick your doctor. If your doctor decides that he needs to schedule another appointment or needs additional tests done, you must contact the Medical Services Section and get a referral for these services. You need a referral for each and every time that you go to the doctor. If you don't have a referral from the Medical Services Section the Committee on Finance won't pay your bill.

Injuries On-Duty and Duty Disability

Every officer who is injured on-duty starts out with a trip to the emergency room for treatment with a follow up referrals through the Medical Services Section. The officer is given referrals for follow up treatment, therapy and surgery (if necessary). Contractually, an officer is entitled to 365 days of paid time off to recover for each injury on-duty. These 365 days are limited to that 1 year of recovery time in

an officer's career. Should an officer use all 365 days, he/she goes into a no pay status pending the hearing at the pension board. The officer at this time goes to the pension board and receives an affidavit (that the officer fills out) describing the circumstances of his/her injury on-duty. The lodge attorney will assist the officer with this affidavit. The officer then turns the affidavit into the pension board.

While an officer is waiting for the final determination of benefits by the pension board they are required to contribute the same amount as active officers for health care benefits.

The pension board then starts the process where the officer is sent to the pension board doctor along with a copy of his/her medical records. The doctor then makes a decision based upon a physical exam and the medical records from the Medical Services Section, whether or not he believes the officer is disabled or able to return to work..

The pension board, which

normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, then takes testimony from their doctor. If he believes that the officer is incapable of returning to work, the officer is granted 50% of his/her salary pending a full hearing before the board to determine if the officer is granted the 75% Duty Disability. If the doctor believes that the officer is capable of returning to work, then nothing is awarded until the officer's full hearing before the board.

There are occasions where the board's doctor has to send the officer to a specialist to determine capability of duty. Once the officer is granted Duty Disability his benefits include 75% of his salary, tax free, which is determined by the salary rate on the date of the award. The city agrees to pay all hospital, medical and prescription costs of an officer who is on a leave of absence for Duty Disability or occupational disability purposes, all at no cost to the employee. The employer also shall make

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pension contributions on behalf of the employee as if he had remained in active service. Further, while on disability, if the officer needs any treatment for his/her IOD, he gets a referral from the Medical Services Section and continues his care for as long as necessary.

The officer is represented at the pension board by FOP

counsel free of charge for the duty disability hearing.

Subrogation

Whenever medical treatment resulting from an accident is submitted to Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for payment from a medical provider, it prompts a letter to the officer from the law firm of Coughlin, Kukankos and Cook. This letter serves as

notification from the City that they are invoking subrogation rights. This means that the City can recover any monies that they paid for medical treatment. In addition to the letter, a questionnaire requesting certain information regarding the accident such as:

- Whether or not you have retained an attorney to sue.

- If an insurance company of another party is responsible for payment.

- Whether there is any other means of recovery.

This questionnaire must be filled out and returned or payment of benefits may be withheld.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Korshak Litigation

On August 31, Judge Donnersberger ruled that Paul Geiger and the retirees he represents, John Dineen, Dominic Capparelli, James Fallon, and William O'Brien have no standing in the Korshak case. This ruling is a strict interpretation of the Korshak settlement agreement by Judge Donnersberger. While we do not agree with Judge Donnersberger's ruling in this matter, the Judge is technically correct in his ruling.

However we still believe this is a seriously flawed settlement agreement, in that all the parties involved are obviously conflicted. The three parties involved are the City, the retirees, and the

pension boards. All three parties have to contribute to retiree healthcare. The City and the retirees pay a percentage, while the pension boards pay a flat amount. The City is represented by their attorneys. Officers retired on or before 1989 are represented by Clinton Krislov, appointed class counsel by the court. Anyone retired after 1989, or that will retire in the future is represented by the pension board. That is the problem with this settlement agreement; you are not allowed to pick your own attorney.

How can the pension board represent retirees in this matter, since both the pension fund, and the retirees have to contribute to retiree healthcare? This is an obvious con-

flict of interest. If the pension board wants to represent retirees, why have none of the elected officials from the pension board appeared in court on behalf of the retirees? We have been to numerous court appearances on Korshak, and the only one from the pension board to appear has been their attorney. Obviously your elected pension board officials have no real interest in ensuring you are fairly represented.

The next scheduled court date for Korshak is October 3rd. At that time we expect the City, the pension funds, and Clinton Krislov to file a joint motion. This motion will probably explain how the City intends to pay back retirees for overcharges on healthcare. The motion should also con-

tain an explanation of how healthcare premiums will be calculated in the future, and the procedure for any necessary adjustments. Most importantly, we hope this motion will contain an explanation of how this settlement agreement will be monitored. Someone other than the City, the pension funds, and Clinton Krislov must have oversight on this settlement agreement. The last time there was no independent oversight on this settlement agreement, City retirees were overcharged twenty million dollars in healthcare premiums. That should not happen again, and as long as we are around it won't.

Second Annual Area One Task Force/Gangs/SOG

REUNION

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

1900 hours - ?????

115 Bourbon Street

115th & Homan, Merrionette Park, Illinois

Please mention this event to others you run into, as we do not have all of the contact information.

Questions call Al Graf at 312-603-0184

Retirement Celebration For

Police Officer Ernie Cain, #17129

36 Years of Dedicated Service in 002, 021, 006,
Traffic and Narcotics

Friday, October 27, 2006

1830 hours - 2330 hours

F.O.P. Hall

1412 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois

For Tickets Please Call PO Pat Cain, 745-6128, PO Tom Horton at 773-447-7419 or PO Brian Luce, 735-7218



RICHARD LIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

This is the application form for the annual scholarship drawing of Chicago Lodge #7. The scholarship awards are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and are given in honor of our late State Lodge President, Richard Lis. There will be twenty names drawn at the October General Meeting, and we will also draw five additional names, in case some of the winners are not in college or elect not to continue their education. All applications are to be filled out and mailed to: FOP, Chicago Lodge #7, by police mail or U.S. Post to 1412 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607-1821, Attention: Scholarship Committee.

The following rules apply to applicants requesting scholarships:

1. Scholarship grants are available to the sons and daughters (including stepchildren) of members of FOP Lodge #7, who will be attending a college or trade school for the first semester of the school year.
2. There will be 20 scholarship grants given for \$1,000.00 each on a one-time basis. Payment will be made at our general meeting in January after proof of attendance is received by the Scholarship Committee.
3. Scholarships will be available to high school graduates and any student who is presently attending a college or recognized trade school.
4. The college attended must be recognized by the North Central Accrediting Association or the trade school must be recognized by the Illinois Department of Registration.
5. **Only one** application per eligible child will be accepted.
6. The scholarship grants will be awarded on the basis of a **drawing** of the submitted applications at the **October General Meeting**.
7. **Applications may be submitted up to the time of the drawing at the October Meeting.**

RICHARD LIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

Scholarship Applicant: _____ Member's Name: _____ Star #: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ College or Trade School: _____

Mail to: **Richard Lis Scholarship Fund**, FOP Lodge 7, 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago IL 60607

2nd Vice President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*

Safety Complaints

Officers who experience unsafe or health issues in the field are entitled to complete a Safety Complaint in their Unit/District. Examples of some Safety Complaints that have been filed in the past are equipment, toxic materials, vehicles, health, unit environment and officer safety regarding prisoner processing. The Officer or Unit Representative filing the Safety Complaint should present a copy of the written complaint to the Commanding Officer in the effected unit and attempt to resolve

the Safety Complaint. If the Safety Complaint is resolved, please write in bold letters, **"RESOLVED"**, on the Safety Complaint and include a written report describing how the matter was resolved and forward these reports to the FOP. If the issue remains unresolved, prepare a short report describing the attempts to resolve the Safety Complaint and forward the original to FOP along with the Safety Complaint. In all cases please give a copy of the Safety Complaint to the Unit Commander and the Complainant. Unit and Watch Reps should proc-

ess all Safety Complaints.

Uniform Resale

The Fall Uniform Resale will be held at the FOP Hall on 18 October 06 from 1300 hrs until 1800 hrs. Officers from across the City will be selling uniform items at a discounted rate. Anyone wishing to sell their uniform items should be at the Hall by 1200 hrs and tables will be available for displaying their wares. Take advantage of this opportunity to clean out your closet and make a little cash, pick up a slightly used item at a discounted rate with Fall Inspection around the corner.

**The Next General
Meeting Is Scheduled
For Tuesday, 17 October
2006 at Noon**

**Please Remember Not To
Park In The Lung
Association Lot.
Violators Will Be Towed**

Thank you

From Soup To Nuts, By Father Tom Nangle

The sergeant from the old CC Room at 11th and State (the forerunner of OEMC) told me to come down some night and listen in on city-wide phone calls requesting police service. The CC Room had its own atmosphere: the consoles that were the beat car's link to the rest of the CPD, the cigarette smoke, the raised and hollow flooring that had miles of cable underneath, the people who were so good at their jobs, the headsets and swivel chairs and grimy console tops with notes and lists and reminders. What could not be seen was the heart and juice and human drama that was in the air here. Nor could you actually see or measure the competence of the back and forth conversation between the street and the Room. You had to have some real whiskers and considerable acumen to be able to read between the lines, to understand the conversation between the two parties (street and Room) that a casual outsider would never even know existed. "Better to say too little than too much...it's all taped." I did listen in at the console they called the Super Sergeant position, where you could toggle to listen to any phone calls coming in to any Zone. Forty-five minutes later, I left with my head feeling like a 5-pound bag with 15-pounds in it. The crazy stuff, the usual stuff, and the life and death stuff were all mixed together, and I wondered how the men and women from this Room went home and slept after work. It was the place where a big city's cries for help were first heard and responded to.

I wish I'd written down some of the voices I heard that night: everything from sheer wackiness to the fire and ice moments of being The Police. The following calls were gleaned from the internet and sent to me by a fireman friend of mine. They made me smile, but what they don't have is the serious stuff: woman with a knife, man shot, robbery in progress, home invasion in progress, child screaming for help, etc. It's the mix of human life in a big city that you handle every day and night, and your dispatchers hear it first:

Dispatcher: 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: I heard gunshots coming from a house down the street!

Dispatcher: Do you have an address?

Caller: No. I'm wearing a blouse and slacks. Why?

Dispatcher: 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: I'm trying to reach nine-eleven but my phone doesn't have an eleven button.

Dispatcher: This is nine eleven.

Caller: I thought you just said it was nine- one- one.

Dispatcher: Yes, ma'am, nine eleven and nine-one-one are the same thing.

Caller: Honey, I may be old but I'm not stupid.

Dispatcher: 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.

Dispatcher: Is this her first child?

Caller: No, you idiot! This is her husband!

Dispatcher: 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: I'm all out of breath...can't breathe...think I'm gonna pass out.

Dispatcher: Sir, where are you calling from?

Caller: Pay phone...North and Loomis. Damn...

Dispatcher: Sir, an ambulance is on the way. Are you an asthmatic?

Caller: No...damn.

Dispatcher: What were you doing before you started having trouble breathing?

Caller: Running from the police...damn...

Respectfully,
Fr. Thomas Nangle, Chaplain
CPD, 312-738-7588

INFO FOR THE POLICE

-Your Police Chaplains Ministry, working with the St. Michael Council of the Knights of Columbus (all CPD officers) will be sending packages to our CPD personnel deployed in the Mid-east. We did this for our CPD people who went to Desert Storm about 15 years ago. We have an excellent advisor, a CPD

detective who just returned from over there, and he gave us a list of what our own people could use. We'll buy it, wrap it, and ship it to our own Chicago police officers who are in military service now, and it will be sent to them in your name: "From all your brothers and sisters of the CPD. " If you'd like to help this happen, you can send your tax deductible donation to the Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60607.

-If you haven't yet seen your memorial park on the lakefront, just east of Soldier Field, by all means get down there, and take your favorite people with you. The Gold Star Families Memorial Park is a grand success, a beautiful monument to the Chicago Police officers, living and deceased. Don't miss it.

-Your Police Chaplains Ministry continues to have Mass cards available for sending to families of deceased. Call us at 312-738-2831. No donations are expected nor accepted for this service.

F.O.P. Blood Drive

All F.O.P. Members and Their Families are Encouraged To Attend our F.O.P. Blood Drive and Make A Donation.

Thursday, November 2nd
1000 hours - 1700 hours

Please contact Sabina Schleiss, the Special Events Chairman, at 847-642-8394 for more information or to schedule an appointment

Walk-Ins Are Welcome



Review Of The Pre-Retirement Seminar, Part 2, *By Bill Burns, Sergeant-At-Arms*

Doctor Rob Sobo, the clinical psychologist who works with retired and active police officers at Unit 128 spoke about the many services offered at the Professional Counseling Services, also called EAP – Employee Assistance Program.

The Unit employs four licensed clinicians, four alcohol and substance abuse counselors. Beverly Jackson is the director. Joe Panico, a police officer for 39 years, is the program manager for Peer Support. Police Officer Frank Calderon, is the supervisor for Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Confidentiality is the main crux of the program. The Peer Support program

has 261 active members with a class of 24 graduating recently. The next class will be in March of 2007. If you would like to volunteer, the phone number is 312-747-5499. You can request an application. The program is an intense week of training. Serious commitment is a must. The EAP has moved to 1759 W. Adams, the large four-story building that formerly housed St. Michael's House.

A sad statistic is that two times more police officers, sworn and retired, take their own lives with handguns than any other death. The Peer Support program is run by police officers, their job is to make sure police officers and

family members get help. Officers in Peer Support are on call 24 hours a day and again, the service is protected by legal privilege, confidential and free.

Dr. Sobo stated retirement is a time of enormous change. Retirement is the second most important change in life. The doctor stated there is a large correlation between stress, depression, and well-being. If you don't take care of your emotions, they will be expressed physically. The job of Professional Counseling Services is to save lives and careers. Gambling, substance abuse, and alcohol abuse in all police departments nationwide are four to seven times the addiction rate higher than the civilian rate.

The advice Dr. Sobo gave was if you do not deal with your emotions, they are deadly. Do not be a victim of your retirement. The successful officers in retirement have a well-rounded life. They have hobbies, interests, and people connected to outside of the department. Some officers may lose their identity when they retire. Your associations and your family at work have changed.

The identity lost as a Chicago Police officer in retirement does not affect those who have cultivated this great outside milieu. Officers get physical, intellectual, spiritual and most importantly, social in retirement.

TAKE TIME FOR TAYLOR BENEFIT

On May 1, 2006, the Gestes Family experienced a tragedy that changed their lives forever. Their Daughter, Taylor, a 9-year-old girl who attends Meadow Ridge Grammar School in Orland Park, fell and sustained a severe head injury. Her injuries became life threatening, which required her to be air lifted to the University of Chicago Hospital for immediate emergency brain surgery. After twenty-five days in a coma, she was transferred to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. She is now undergoing intense therapy to learn how to walk, eat, write and speak again. At this time, it is expected she will remain there until the end of July or early August. Upon her return home, she will continue extensive therapy five days a week at a satellite facility in Homewood for an undefined period.

Her parents are on unpaid leave from their jobs to be with Taylor around the clock. Jennifer is a deputy for the Cook County Sheriff's Department and Gary works for UPS. Aside from being with Taylor, they are also caring for their 8-year-old son, Cody and a 6-month-old daughter, Dani.

Taylor and her family will be facing many difficulties in the future. As you can imagine, this devastating unexpected change in their lives have been physically, emotionally and financially challenging for the entire family.

A benefit to help defray the cost of Taylor's current and future medical expenses is being held on...

Sunday, November 5, 2006, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

115 Bourbon Street, 3359 West 115th Street, Merrionette Park, Illinois

Please send donations to: The Taylor Gestes Fund, C/O Harris Bank, 18084 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park, Illinois 60467, or contribute directly online at www.taketimefortaylor.org. For tickets or more information, please contact Kaye Gorman at 708-479-7371 or E-mail at GormannanaK@AOL.com

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Recognized Vacancies

Once a month, recognized vacancies in districts and units are announced. Once a month, one or two officers will call the F.O.P. to complain that they had the seniority to be transferred but were not on the transfer list. What happened? They FAILED to read all the prescribed information contained in the facsimile message for recognized vacancies submissions.

To verify receipt of the PAR Form, members may call MLAS at 312-745-5806.

By failing to do the above, you risk the chance of not being transferred. Items get lost in the mail, or arrive a few days later than expected. When a PAR FORM arrives late, it is not considered in fairness to officers who have complied. Transferring is a major change to a

career; take it seriously by:

1. Hand carrying your PAR Form to Management and Labor...
2. Call Management and Labor Affairs Section to verify receipt...
3. Reading all the instructions contained in the Facsimile Message...

Ambulance Service

Section 25.3 of the Agreement between Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 7, and the City of Chicago states that Active Officers and their dependants will be exempt from fees for emergency medical services performed by the Chicago Fire Department. Members who used this service and received a bill from the City of Chicago for services rendered should contact the Personnel Division at 312-745-5390 and request an "Ambulance Waiver Form". Complete said form and re-

turn it to Police Headquarters at 3510 S. Michigan, Unit 123.

Uniform Inspection

General Order 98-10, add 1, (1V) b: Unit Commanding Officers will conduct an annual formal inspection of the winter dress uniform, including items listed in 1V-A-1 of G.O 98-10. This winter dress inspection will take place between 01 and 10 Nov 2006. Members are reminded to be prepared for the winter dress inspection by starting now and locating all items needed, to include proper cleaning and maintenance of said items. Be prepared.

Watch Bids

Annual Selection

Annual selections of watch bids will take place this November followed by furlough selections. The November F.O.P. Newsletter will contain the risk of "NO BID", and instructions for completing a

watch bid selection form. Section 31.4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement covers watch bids.

10th Period Bidding

The following units had recognized vacancies for the 10th period effective September 14th. Number of years it took for the successful bidders, (month/year):

001/Aug 86, 002/Jul 90, 005/Oct 94, 006/Dec 00, 007/Nov 04, 013/Feb 00, 016/Feb 00, 019/Dec 87, 020/Jul 02 and 023/Mar 99

Retirement

For some officers it may be as close as a few months, for most it's years away. STAY FOCUSED, keeping your eyes on the prize, retirement. Nothing more needs to be said.



Disability Report & Veterans Corner, *By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino*

Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the FOP office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP website, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

August Pension Update – Advocates present: Retired Lt. Jim Bock and myself. **Ordinary** – 3 claims granted. **Duty Disability** – 1 claim granted, 1 claim deferred, 1 continued. **Police Officers on Light Duty** – 408 on limited duty, 229 on convalescent duty.

Vocational Training Reimbursement Program – As of this writing one police

officer has applied. \$120,000 was set aside and there is no carry over of these funds for next year. This is a great opportunity and hopefully more officers will sign up for this program next year.

Medicare – We are receiving calls from officers that don't have enough credits to qualify for Medicare. Part A (hospital insurance) helps cover your inpatient care in hospitals. Part B (medical insurance) helps cover your doctors' services and outpatient care. Most people 65 or older are eligible and those who are disabled and have the required 40 credits. If you don't have enough credits you can borrow from your spouse's (or divorced spouse's if marriage lasted at

least 10 years) work record and that spouse is at least 62. (Your spouse does not have to apply for benefits in order for you to be eligible based on your spouse's work.)

Veterans' Corner

Operation Enduring Freedom

- Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving our country in the military.

Agent Orange Update – The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims has announced a landmark decision in the Blue Water Disability Claim. This ruling would directly affect thousands of disabled Vietnam-era Navy veterans.

The court's ruling states that the VA requirement for "boots

on the ground" as the definition of "service in the Republic of Vietnam" is unreasonable and does not align with Congress' intent.

Officers, active and retired, if you have any of the 11 conditions related to Agent Orange, Type 2 Diabetes, Prostate Cancer, Multiple Myeloma, etc., contact a Veterans Service Officer or me at the hall to file a claim for disability benefits based on this ruling. Spouses and family of Vietnam Navy veterans who have passed away from Agent Orange may also be eligible for benefits.

This decision is huge and a long time coming. Don't wait – make a claim now.

Airborne Sal

“The Jack Story”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

An officer walks into the chaplains' office one day, for some friendly advice. "I'm in real trouble," he said. "My neighbors across the road are going on vacation for a month. Instead of boarding their dogs, they are going to keep them locked up and a woman is coming to feed them, if she does not forget. Meanwhile, the dogs will be lonely, bark all day, and howl all night, and I won't be able to sleep. Either I will have to call the ASPCA to haul them away or I'll go berserk, go over there, and set them loose and then when my neighbors return, they'll go berserk and come over and sue me.

The Chaplain leaned forward and said, "Let me tell you a story, and don't stop me if you've heard it because it will do you good to hear it again."

A fellow was speeding down a country road late at night and BANG he had a tire blowout. He got out to change the tire and found he had no jack. He said to himself, 'Well, I'll just walk to the nearest farmhouse and borrow a jack.' He saw a light in the distance and said, 'Well, I'm in luck; the farmer's up. I'll just knock on the door and say I'm in trouble; would you please lend me a jack? And he'll say, why sure, neighbor, help yourself, but bring it back.'

"He walked on a little farther and the light went out so he said to himself, 'Now he's gone to bed, and he'll be annoyed because I'm bothering him so he'll probably want \$20.00 to loan his jack. And I'll say, 'all right, it isn't very neighborly but I'll give you \$20.00'.

And he'll say, 'do you think you can get me out of bed in the middle of the night and then offer me \$20.00? Give me \$40 or get yourself a jack somewhere else.'

By the time he got to the farmhouse the fellow had worked himself into a lather. He turned into the gate and muttered to himself. "\$60 bucks! All right, I'll give you \$60 bucks, you creep. A fellow man has an accident, all he needs is a jack to change a tire, and you probably won't lend me one no matter what I give you. That's the kind of guy you are.'

"Walking up to the door he knocked angrily, loudly. The farmer stuck his head out the window above the door and hollered down, 'Who's there? What do you want?' The fellow stopped pounding on the door and yelled up, 'You and your stupid jack! Keep it... I ain't giving you a nickel to borrow your jack, stick it!'

When the officer stopped laughing, he started thinking, and said, "Is that what I've been doing?" "Right," said the Chaplain, "and you'd be surprised how many people come to clergy for advice, and instead of calmly stating the facts, start building up a big IMAGINARY fight; what he'll say to his partner, what she'll say to her husband, or how they'll tell the Old Man off about his will. So I tell them the "jack story" and it rather helps put things in perspective. The next time I hear from them," said the Chaplain, "things weren't that grim after all. One tells me that the partner was glad to meet him halfway. The woman says she can't understand it, her husband was so

reasonable she thought she must have gotten somebody else on the phone. The relatives found out the Old Man had already been asking a lawyer how he could give everything to them before he died, to save them inheritance tax. End of story..."

Lets think for a moment how true! How many of us go through life bumping into obstacles we could easily bypass; getting aggravated or worried silly about things that never happen, but in our mind paralyze us with imaginary foes. And we don't even realize what we are doing until someone startles us one day with a vivid word like a lightning flash on a dark night.

Well, the other night I was driving home from the city. I was going to be late for dinner and I had not phoned my wife. As I crawled along in a line of cars, I became more and more frustrated and angry. I'm thinking, I'll tell her I was caught in the heavy traffic and she'll say, "Why didn't you phone me before you left the office?" Then I'll say, "what difference does it make anyway, I'm here!" And she'll say, "Yes, and I'm here, too, and but I've been here worrying all day waiting to hear

from you!" And I'll say, "I suppose I haven't anything else to do but call you up every hour and make small talk!" And she'll say, "you had time to eat lunch, but no time to call your wife!"

By this time, I am pulling up in front of our house and I am plenty steamed up. As I jumped out and slammed the car door, my wife flung open the window upstairs. "All right!" I shouted up to her, "Say it!" "I will," she cooed softly. "Wanna borrow a jack?"

So next time you find yourself in a state of mind filled with worry and imaginary anticipation, remember "The Jack Story", and let your heart smile.

P.S. To all brothers and sisters of the Jewish faith; May you be blessed with a happy and healthy New Year.

May G-d keep you safe, today and always. Amen

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf
773-463-4780 or
moshewolf@hotmail.com

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Sunday, November 5, 2006

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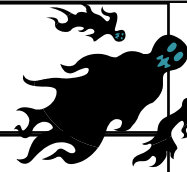
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ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME...

Its Autumn And Time For Our Annual Halloween Raffle And Sale.
Did We Mention That The Holidays Are Approaching...Quickly...?



Close Out Sales:

Ladies Black Fleece Sweat Shirt With Hot Pink CPD Design On Sale Now For Only
\$15.95...WOW!

Youth Gray Tank Tops With CPD Star In Sizes 6/8, 10/12 & 14/16 On Sale Now For Only
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Men's Combo Sets: Navy/Gray or Mustard/Navy With Caps On Sale Now For Only **\$14.95...**
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Ladies Tank Tops, Regular or Spaghetti Strap. Final Markdown, Was \$10.95...Now Only
\$7.95...WOW!

Youth Tank Top, Sizes 6/8, 10/12, 14/16. Final Markdown, Was \$7.95...Now Only **5.96...WOW!**

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Police Talking Cookie Jar...Only **\$19.95**

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Shop Early For Some Great Bargains!

Check For Our In Store Specials And Don't

Forget To Rummage

Through The Bargain

Bin!



New:

CPD silvertone color watch with jewelry case and brass plate. Engrave up to 4 lines included in price of only **\$59.95**. What a great retirement, promotion, birthday or Christmas gift. This is a special purchase, only 50 available, so order early. Takes 5 days for engraving.

Pink/Gray Reversible Fleece Sweatshirt With Hood, Small - 2XL - Only **\$29.95** - This Is A Great Gift Idea, Real Sharp!

Ladies Light Purple/Gray 2-Tone Polar Fleece Full Zip Jacket - XL - 2XL - Only **\$19.95**

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Get Ready For Fall Inspection! All Weapon Cleaning Supplies, Leather Belts and Uniform
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Sale Dates Are Limited To October 16th Through October 31st Only



Address Change Form

Name: _____ Star Number: _____ Effective Date: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Return Form To The FOP - Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen

August 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Carli, Reno J.	Officer	045	26
Czernia, Paul L.	Officer	019	30
Davis, Dennis L.	Officer	002	34
Deskovich, Peter A.	Officer	008	35
Distel, Dale L.	ET	603	29
Dix, III, Lawrence	FTO	003	30
Ferriter, John T.	Detective	640	34
Hafford, John E.	ET	477	24
Halperin, Patrick J.	Detective	640	15
Hamel, Jr., William A.	Officer	142	37
Haynes, Mary A.	Officer	189	17
Hudson, Daryl A.	Officer	021	20
Lampa, Thomas J.	ET	377	29
Mancari, Jr., James F.	Detective	630	29
Marcial, Thomas J.	ET	377	29
Martinez, Gilbert	Officer	016	15
McMahon, Donna J.	Officer	050	20
Nelson, Julius D.	Officer	025	25
Pierzchalski, Henry A.	Officer	001	33
Ray, Samuel E.	Officer/Canine	153	25
Reynolds, Michael	Officer	050	33
Riggio, Francesco F.	Sergeant	630	36
Schumerth, Robert A.	Officer	021	41
Siwak, Mary C.	Officer	014	25
Siwek, Emily J.	Officer	055	20
Slakis, Alan G.	Officer	153	30
Strouse, Dianne E.	Officer	024	26
Watt, Kenneth	FTO	008	40
Winstead, Edward	Detective	610	35

UPCOMING EVENTS

For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776, log onto the FOP Website at www.chicagofop.org, or call the Hotline number at 312-733-2101.

03 Oct 06	F.O.P. Board Meeting
03 Oct 06	Chicago Police Marines Monthly Meeting
07 Oct 06	Easter Seals/2.5 Family Fun Walk
09 Oct 06	Holiday/Columbus Day/F.O.P. Office Closed
10 Oct 06	Polish National Alliance Monthly Meeting
12 Oct 06	11 th Period Begins
16 Oct 06	National Boss Day
17 Oct 06	F.O.P. General Meeting/1200 hours
18 Oct 06	Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
18 Oct 06	Fall Uniform Resale/F.O.P. Hall/Noon
20 Oct 06	Recognized Vacancies
25 Oct 06	Free Flu Shots for Active, Disabled and Retired Members
28 Oct 06	2 nd Annual Combat Challenge Match/Toys for Tots/708-207-2594/teamspartan.com
29 Oct 06	Daylight Saving Time Ends. set clocks back one hour
31 Oct 06	Halloween
02 Nov 06	Life Source Blood Drive/F.O.P. Hall
05 Nov 06	2 nd Annual True Blue Awards/Michael P. Gordon/708-574-4609
06 Nov 06	Turkey Raffle/Irish American Police Assoc.

Friends First

Friends First is a one-on-one, community based mentoring program matching men with boys and women with girls in their neighborhood. We provide training to adult volunteers who wish to mentor a child as well as ongoing support, supervision and encouragement to mentoring matches. Our professional staff supports the formation of significant and life-changing friendships.

Friends First is working to ensure that our volunteer population more closely reflects the makeup of our youth. It is important that we provide these youth with positive role models who can make the most meaningful impact possible.

Yet challenges remain. Among them are the following statistics:

- Of our currently matched volunteers, only 18% are African-American and less than 5% are Latino.
- There are 102 kids on our waiting list—78% of these are African American and 16% are Latino. That means that 94% of the youth on our waiting list are minorities.
 - Of the African-American youth on the waiting list 42% are male.
 - Of our current volunteers of color, the majority are female.

We welcome volunteers from all of Chicago's diverse communities. Help to change the life of a child.
A little time makes a huge difference.

Please call Enid Johnson at 312.738.7566 or email at enidjohn@mercyhome.org today to learn more about how you can help to make this important difference!

Fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Children and Families and licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services



Toys For Tots 2nd Annual Combat Challenge Match

Hosted at the Harvey Police Department
153rd & Campbell

Saturday, 28 October 2006
0900 - 1700 hours

Open to all Active Law Enforcement and
Military
Personnel

For more information please visit the web-
site at www.teamspartan.com

All proceeds and toys are donated to the
Marine Corps Reserves Toy
Drive.

This is a not-for-profit event



Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

2007 Union Dues Deadline

Retirees, under the age of 75, Sergeants and Above, and Outside Unit members must pay their Union Dues by 31 October 2006 to cover the year 2007. The Lodge must be in possession of your annual dues by November 1 and anyone not paid by November 1st will be dropped from the rolls of the F.O.P.

Keep in mind that the payment coupon is located, again and for the final time, on the back cover of this Newsletter. You will not receive any other correspondence from the Lodge regarding dues. If you have already paid you dues, you are finished for the year 2007. If you turn 75 years old before December 31st 2006, you do not pay for 2007.

Watch your deadline and pay your dues now. Remember that the Lodge must have your dues by November 1st.

Cook County Outreach

Commissioner Maureen Murphy and Commissioner Joseph Berrios of the Cook County Board of Review will be sponsoring a Cook County Outreach to appeal your new Property Tax assessment. This year, the City of Chicago will be reassessed, which usually means an increase in your property's assessed valuation. The Board of Review will conduct this Outreach for all townships.

You must file a complaint form in those townships on or before October 18, 2006. You can receive a complaint form by calling the Board of Review at 312-603-5542 or by visiting the downtown

location in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Room 601, Chicago, Illinois. Or you may file at any of the outlying facilities located in the Suburban Court houses. Representatives from the Board of Review will be at the F.O.P. Hall to assist you with filing after the General Meeting scheduled for 17 October 2006 at Noon.

New And Improved Life Insurance

Every member of the F.O.P., Chicago Lodge 7 has life insurance. The life insurance is based on age only. For example, all members under the age of 63 have \$3,000 in life insurance. All members age 63 to 74 have \$1,000 of life insurance and all members age 75 and older have \$500 life insurance.

Every member also has Accidental Death life insurance, provided by the State F.O.P., and that part of the program has just been improved, again.

The usual benefits still apply; meaning if a member dies accidentally, his beneficiary gets \$3,000 life and \$3,000 accidental death benefit. The \$3,000 accidental death benefit applies to all ages. If a 79 year old dies in an auto accident, his beneficiary will receive \$500 life and \$3,000 accidental death benefits.

The State F.O.P. handles the accidental part of insurance claims and they have improved the benefits. They have added a few more benefits:

- **Felonious Assault** benefit is paid when a member's loss of life results from use of force equivalent to a felony under the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred.

- **Occupant Protection Device** benefit pays if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is paid only if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.

- **Heart and Circulatory Malfunction** benefit pays if a member suffers a covered loss of life due to a heart or circulatory malfunction within 48 hours after participation in an emergency activity. Also up to \$250 of medical expenses will be reimbursed for initial treatment of the symptoms for a suspected heart or circulatory malfunction.

Also, in the case of an accident and not a death, the new insurance will pay \$1,500 for loss of hearing (both ears) and \$750 for Uniplegia. Uniplegia means total paralysis of one limb.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

James J. Shannon, Age 85
Garrett L. Dubin, Age 54
Robert L. Hofbauer, Age 63
Harry F. Hogan, Age 84
James J. Kmiecik, Age 62
Timothy M. Harts, Age 29
Donald E. Donohue, Age 64
Thomas F. McNerney, Jr., Age 70
Joseph J. Gerardi, Jr., Age 77
Raymond M. Patrick, Age 61
Ronald M. Migasi, Age 66
Saul Contreras, Jr., Age 33
Terence P. Fogarty, Age 68
Patrick J. Hackett, Age 58
James J. McDonald, Age 84
Jerome S. Malkowski, Age 63
Arthur J. Mikolajczyk, Age 83
Michael J. Cusack, Age 55
James W. Dowd, Age 67

Fall Uniform Sale

Time again for the Semi-Annual F.O.P. Uniform Sale

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, 1300 – 1800

F.O.P. Hall
1412 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Officers from all over the City, all Ranks, Active & Retired, will be selling uniform shirts, blouses, reefers, pants & leather goods.

Tables will be available in the Hall. Sellers should be in the Hall by Noon to set up their wares.

Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off at the F.O.P. Office anytime before the date of the sale.

Any questions?
Contact Frank DiMaria, F.O.P.
at 312-733-7776





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IS IN PRODUCTION ! ! !

The Lodge is preparing for its annual mailing to members. Please look at the address label above, this is the address we will use to mail your 2007 Handbook, Membership Card and Stickers. Please contact the Lodge and make any necessary Name or Address changes now.

FINAL NOTICE: Annual Payers (Retirees, Sgts, etc.)

2007 Dues Payments Must Be Received BEFORE November 1, 2006

Attention Retirees and Annual Dues Payers! You can mail your 2007 dues now. The Lodge is now accepting credit card payments over the phone.

If you have already paid, this notice is not for you! If you turn 75 in 2006, you're done paying!!

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