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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Manning the Districts

On Thursday, March 15, the Mayor of Chicago announced that, at a cost of \$2.2 million, 280 beat cars would be equipped with cameras. The local media has portrayed this news as a safety measure for police officers, shielding them from unwarranted citizen complaints, in addition to serving to "prompt officers to be more polite and to avoid profanity."

We think that \$2.2 million would best be spent by addressing the manpower shortage in District Law Enforcement. More officers patrolling and deterring crime, stopping and ticketing red light runners, discouraging graffiti, perhaps prompting gang bangers to "be more polite and avoid profanity." We are confident that our tax dollars could be better utilized putting "Boots on the Ground" rather than camera feeds in the districts all before the results of the pilot program have been announced. This is not going to happen over night. The City hasn't determined who the vendor will be and hasn't identified where the money will come from. So in "City Speak" [a measure of their ability to get things done in a timely manner], this could take quite a while.

Last year, the Illinois Legislature passed rules for how cameras paid for with Illinois tax monies would operate.

These rules include: cameras must roll continuously throughout a shift; access to the camera must be restricted to supervisors; a copy of any video must be made available to anyone depicted on the tape; the identities of persons on the tapes must be safeguarded; the tapes must be stored for a minimum of two years; and a specifically-detailed annual report on the installation, use, and product of the tapes (arrests, investigations, sentences and plea bargains) must be delivered to State of Illinois on May 1 of each year.

So, even if Chicago's cameras were not purchased with state funds, how long can we expect the lawyers who feather their nests by suing the City of Chicago to allow our cameras to roll under less restrictive rules? How much will it cost to run 2.2 million dollars worth of cameras? How many sergeants will be needed to review, edit, copy, catalogue and store video tape of every kid playing under every open fire hydrant this summer?

Social Security Fairness Act of 2007 HR 82 and S207

Both of our Illinois Senators have signed on as sponsors of the Senate version of this act, (S207) as of mid-March, there are a total of 21 Senate sponsors. The House Resolution (which mirrors the Senate bill) has a total of 250 sponsors, 40 of which were

added during and immediately after the FOP "Day on The Hill. Of the nineteen Illinois Representatives, fifteen are so-sponsors. The four Illinois representatives who have not yet signed on as co-sponsors of this legislation are: Rahm Emanuel (773-267-5926), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (773-241-6500), Bobby Rush (773-224-6500), and Dennis Hastert (630-406-1114). If you call, please ask the Congressman to sign on as co-sponsor of the Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, HR 82. The next efforts will include having this bill called up in the Social Security subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee this summer.

Springfield Legislation

There are almost 6000 bills that have been introduced in Springfield this session and many of them deal with pension reform. I sat in on a meeting in which SB1166 was being addressed. SB1166 would affect funds in the Downstate system by allowing the State to take control of the fund should funding drop below a pre-determined level or the fund fail to file the proper documents with the State. This issue is particularly disturbing due to the State's record of managing their own pensions and also due to the potential spread of such an idea to other funds [i.e., ours]. I am unaware of any funds in the Downstate program that are less funded

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than ours so we must monitor this bill's progress. As for progress on any of our pension bills, the report is not good. There are still several issues that are sure to see some action, but that may be in the form of an omnibus bill later in the session.

Contract Proposals

More than 400 communications were received by the Lodge in response to our request for your contract suggestions. These came in via police mail and through our website. Not counting "More Money", there were almost 1200 suggestions received for contract language changes. After reviewing them all, the proposals came down to 202 different

changes that were sought in our contract. The Lodge Negotiating Team has spent some time considering them and is now in the process of establishing a priorities list. I want to thank everyone who took the time to think about what changes they would like to see made and especially those who took the time to get their suggestions in to us.

Aldermanic Runoffs

In the 12 Chicago Wards in which Aldermanic runoff elections are to be held on April 17th, the Board of Directors of Lodge 7 has endorsed candidates in 8 races. In the 15th Ward we are endorsing Toni Foulkes; in the 18th Ward, Ald. Lona Lane; in the 21st

Ward, Leroy Jones; in the 32nd Ward, Ald. Ted Matlak; in the 35th Ward, Ald. Rey Colon; in the 42nd Ward, Michele Smith; in the 49th Ward, Ald. Joe Moore and in the 50th Ward, Naisy Dolar.

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President's Race

Lodge 7, as well as the State Lodge, are being asked to provide input to the camp

of Senator Barack Obama in his bid for U.S. President. Senator Obama, while in Springfield, was a big supporter of Law Enforcement and in particular the FOP and is continuing this practice in the U.S. Senate. Only the National Lodge can make presidential endorsements, much the same as the policy here in Illinois concerning Governor and other Statewide candidates. There will shortly be a movement afoot that will seek law enforcement volunteers to work on his campaign. If there are members out there who would like to do so you can contact his campaign at www.BarackObama.com.

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

St. Jude March

As most of the Department has heard, the St. Jude March has been relocated to Gold Star Memorial Park on May 06th, 2007. We will be assembling on Solidarity Drive just west of the Adler Planetarium at 7:30 am. Step off will be at 7:45 am and we will march down Museum Campus Drive to Waldron Drive. At the conclusion of the march, there will be an interfaith service at the Great Gathering Space (water wall) and a reading of the names of officers that have passed in the last year. Free parking will be available in the South Lot and Waldron Deck Lot with shuttle service. Additional information will be available soon through a Department Order. Please come out and show your respect for our fallen officers and their families.

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.

IOD Reports

Before you sign your IOD report, make sure that the report is filled out properly.

You must show, in your IOD report, what police function you were performing at the time of your injury (traffic stop, responding to a call, placing an offender in custody, etc.). List all the body parts that were injured on your IOD report. If your IOD report is filled out wrong and you don't discover it until the next day, write a To-From report to your District Commander informing him/her of the discrepancies in the IOD report. Always make a packet for yourselves when you are injured on-duty. You may need copies of your reports at a later date. If there are people (police or citizen) that witnessed your injury, get their information in case you are denied.

FOP Stars vs. Chicago Fire

The 14th Annual Police/Fire Hockey Game was played on Saturday March 24th, 2007 at the United Cen-

ter. The game started out with the Fire scoring first blood with a goal less than three minutes into the game. The FOP Stars came right back with four unanswered goals, two by Chris Maksud, one by Gary Lorden and another by John Czarnik in the first period. The Fire came back in the second period with two goals as the Stars had five penalties in the second period. Rookie Carl Kruger ended the scoring in the second period giving the Stars a 5-3 lead going into the third period. The Fire scored two goals in the third period forcing the Stars into an overtime shootout. Tony Baumann and Carl Kruger scored the goals in the shootout while Stars goalie Chris Schmidt stopped both Fire players giving the FOP Stars the victory for the sixth year in a row. Congratulations to all the players for another fine season.

Second Vice President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*

Submission of DNA Evidence by Police Officers

The submission of DNA Evidence (buccal swabbing) of Police Officers for duty related matters (weapons discharge incident, aggravated battery of a police officer) has been the subject of some recent incidents which have occurred. The subject is not governed by any General Order or Department Directive and there is nothing mentioned of the submission of DNA evidence under the current collective bargaining agreement or the Police Officers Bill of Rights. If you are involved in an incident where during the course of the investigation it is determined that your DNA evidence would be needed for the case you would be presented with a Consent to Collect Biological Samples form. The form

would read that the person to submit to this procedure has a constitutional right to refuse consent without a judicial order being first obtained. The form advises the person that he will now give his consent for this procedure and the samples that are taken will be forwarded to the Illinois State Police Laboratories or other appropriate lab for further analysis. The form then states that this analysis can and will be used in criminal investigations and will be turned over to the states attorney's office or other prosecutorial agencies. If the person is charged, the analysis may be used as evidence against this person. If you agree with the terms as stated on the form you would sign and then comply with the buccal swab. The submitted DNA evidence would then go into the Codis System along with registered sex offenders, felons and recent parolee's.

Come Join Us To Celebrate The Retirement Of P.O. Michael Rodriguez "Also Known As DJ Mike"

Almost 34 Years Of Service, Most Of Which Was In The 013th District

F.O.P. Hall

1412 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Friday, April 27, 2007, 6:00 pm — 11:00 pm

Any questions, call Sgt. Gary Hardt at 746-8350
Or Sgt. Christ Maniates, 746-8365



Officers. if you are made aware that you will be asked to submit to collecting your biological samples notify the Lodge immediately so we may assist you during the investigation.

The submission of DNA Evidence is strictly done with your approval and permission and is voluntary. I am sure the

intention is well meant in strengthening a criminal investigation but **until the Lodge has something in writing on the collection and storing of a Police Officer's DNA Evidence we will advise our membership not to volunteer to give away one of their rights.**

Retirees Breakfast/Luncheon

North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am
Lone Tree Manor
7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles
Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:00 am
Dappers Restaurant
3131 N. Thatcher Ave, Chicago, IL
John Sweeney @ 630-690-0409

South:

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am
Jedi's Garden Restaurant
9266 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL
Don Januszyk @ 708-364-9903

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am
Pancake House
700 East 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois
Ulysses Campbell @ 773-471-0911

8th District – 8 Balls

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon
Al Bilecki @ 773-767-1885

Survivors Lunch

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am
Beverly Woods Restaurant
11532 S. Western, Chicago

Active/Retired Mobile Unit & ET's

1st Tuesday of Month 12:00 noon
Maplewood Restaurant
115th & Pulaski Road, Alsip, Illinois
Al Klaeser @ 773-646-3808

Arizona Retirees

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am
Hometown Buffet
1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ
Ed Plawinski @ 480-502-1630

Arkansas Retirees

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon
Elks Lodge
Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR
Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

Las Vegas Retirees

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am
The Willows Restaurant
2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV
Joe LePore @ 702-407-5230

Florida Retirees

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm
Cop Shop
4403 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL
Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7876

Recording Secretary's Report, By Sidney Davis

Constitution and By-Law Changes or Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws provide that only active members, in good standing of this Lodge, may propose an amendment to the By-Laws. Such proposals shall be attested by the signatures of eleven (11) active members in good standing. Proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary within a two (2) month period commencing April 1, and ending May 31, of each year.

2007 FOP Picnic

The 2007 FOP Picnic has been scheduled for July 11, 2007 at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois. Admission requirements for F.O.P. members are the same as when held at Santa's Village. All attendees must be accompanied by a FOP member in good standing and that member must show a current F.O.P. ID card. We look forward to seeing you.

Receipts

Members are reminded that upon retiring and turning in your star and I.D. Card to secure a receipt for each item. Find a location at home to store the document in the event it is needed at a later date.

Retail Liquor Establishments

Department members are reminded that Rule 18 prohibits engaging directly or indirectly in the ownership, maintenance or operation of a tavern or retail liquor establishment. In addition, Rule 23 requires that members obey Department Orders concerning other employment, occupation or profession. General Order 89-08 specifies that secondary employment is prohibited in an establishment where the primary business is the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Uniform Inspection

General Order 98-10, Add 1, (IV / A1) Unit Commanding

Officers will conduct an annual formal inspection of the spring dress uniform, including items listed in 1V-A-1 of G.O 98-10. This spring dress inspection will take place between 01 and 10 May 2006. Members are reminded to be prepared for the spring dress inspection by starting now and locating all items, needed including proper cleaning and maintenance of said items. There is a uniform resale on April 18, 2007 at the FOP Hall; members are reminded that any uniform items that are purchased may need to be updated to conform to standards. Be prepared, start today, the inspection is a few weeks away.

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

Weapons Inspection and Cleaning

Every Wednesday, in each District, weapons inspection takes place. Have you cleaned your weapon lately. Gun Safety Day is scheduled for May 16th and 17th, a very good time to have your weapon inspected free of charge.

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 F.O.P. office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. website, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

February Pension Board Update

Advocates present were Chair PO Cedric Brumley, Det Steve Schorsch, VP Bill Dougherty and myself. *Disability Claims: Ordinary: 5 granted, 2 deferred - 1 Duty taken under advisement.*

Beneficiary - Check to see if the proper person's name is listed as your beneficiary. Prudential Life Insurance 1-800-

778-3827 (active officers only), Bankers Life Extended Insurance Provision 1-800-521-5542 (disabled officers), Pension Board 1-800-656-6606, F.O.P. 312-733-7776, Credit Union 312-726-8814.

Peer Support - If you know any officer or yourself in need of any type of counseling call 312-743-0378 - Joseph Panico, Program Manager, Peer Support Professional Counseling Services/EAP 24/7.

Veterans' Corner

Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom - Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving

our country in the military.

There is a portable hard drive missing from the Birmingham VA Medical Center. One of the files on the drive may have contained your name, social security number, date of birth and health information. You can request a free credit report from one or more of three national credit bureaus at 1-877-322-8228 if you are currently enrolled in the VA system. Other protections thru the Federal Trade Commission "Fraud Alert" on your credit account at 1-877-438-4338. If you have questions call 1-877-894-2600 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm or email at Call.Center2@va.gov.

Lottery tickets are again available at participating locations starting 23 March 07. All monies go to benefit Illinois veterans.

Veterans applying for school at Northeastern Illinois University call retired LT Tom Earth at 773-442-4028. He is the Veteran Certifying Official, Office of Enrollment Services. E-mail him at t-earth@neiu.edu.

"In war, truth is the first casualty." ~ Aeschylus

Airborne Sal

Do The Crime, Do The Time, *By Father Tom Nangle*

We were sitting in my car on a winter's evening, and the policeman was very down and terribly worried. He'd been accused of a nickel and dime act that could have turned into a million dollar mess. He saw his career, family, job and pension disappearing. Maybe the worst part, though, was the embarrassment and humiliation of having his name in the paper and the spillover onto his wife at work and their kids at school. He saw his good name and reputation evaporating over something he didn't do. The accusations and innuendoes were in the front of the paper. Months later, the exoneration story was near the death notices.

Five months later, we're sitting in my car. This time the talker was not a police officer, but a friend who had been through Annapolis, then to the Navy SEALs, then on to being a Navy pilot and flying Tomcats and Hornets in the Gulf War. The topic was the astronaut who had made all the media outlets with a story of a relationship mess that even involved diapers. My friend had gone through the Naval Academy with her,

and he felt sad that this meltdown of hers might become the defining moment in her honorable life. As he talked, he described a woman of honor and accomplishment. They attended the Naval Academy in the same years but ran in different crowds. She had been the valedictorian of her high school class and at Annapolis as well. She was bright, funny, squeaky clean, and excelled. He had only a nodding acquaintance with her, and never saw her again after graduation. She went on to Flight School in Pensacola, Florida where she was #1 in her class, and became a naval aviator. She continued the pattern of her life and was a star, and was chosen for the space program. She was married with three kids. She went to space and came home again. Then came some sort of personal crisis that wouldn't have been a story at all if she weren't an astronaut. It involved relationship mess and emotions and a diaper. Her life-long pattern of excellence and accomplishment didn't evaporate; the pattern was simply ignored.

Her Naval Academy classmates, concerned about her legal expenses, raised about \$10,000 with just a few phone calls within their network. When the class president called to tell her of the money (and more to come), she told him thanks but no thanks. She politely refused. My problem, my responsibility. She left a voice-mail for my friend that he promised I could hear some day, thanking him for his support and saying she was happy to take our good thoughts and prayers if we were so inclined, but she had brought this on herself, no one had done this to her, so thanks but no thanks, please put the ten grand in our class fund.

Contrast this woman's attitude with the guy who gets a flat on the expressway and waits 30 minutes for the state to come and change the tire. The thought of getting off the highway and changing his own tire on his own car with his own effort never enters his mind.

Contrast this with the defenses you hear in court: bad parenting, bad genes, bad luck, bad teachers, bad road conditions, bad neighborhood, bad police work --- everything but bad choice.

Who among us, when it comes to relationships, hasn't been de-railed? Who among us hasn't had a meltdown of some sort? Who among us hasn't been shocked by a bad choice we made? Who wants to have his or her entire life defined by one mistake? Life is messy and often unfair. But the SEAL/pilot friend of mine summed up loyalty and generosity when he said we've got to care for each other: You're down right now; I'm not. So hop on --- I'll carry you for a while.

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

Michael P. Gordon Memorial Foundation

3rd Annual "Roof Raiser"

**Saturday, April 14, 2007
Noon—Game End**

Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds

\$105 per person includes admission and all food and beverages.

**For more info or to make reservations
E-mail mpgfund@comcast.net or call
Heather at 708-574-4609**

Turn Out For Tony

Please join us as we raise funds to assist the Delcorse Family with financial burdens brought on by medical expenses.

Tony Delcorse was diagnosed with leukemia at the early age of 16. With many medical procedures and treatment, Tony has now developed a chronic case of Graft vs. Host disease, which is even more life threatening.

We appreciate your support!! The Delcorse Family are good friends of the staffers of the F.O.P. and really need your help. Please join us.....

Saturday, 14 April 2007
1300 – 1800 hours

115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th Street, Merrionette Park, Illinois

\$20 Ticket/Admission

For more information, visit www.turnoutfortony.com
or call Kathy Moore at the Lodge 312-733-7776

Health & Insurance Report, *By Ed King*

For the last couple of months, I have written about the upcoming availability of vision and dental insurance for our retired officers, widows and widowers. I am happy to announce that enrollment for these plans will be accepted as of April 15th, with an effective date of June 1st. A mailing will be going out to all annuitants as well as widows and widowers around the first week of April explaining these plans as well as the enrollment process. Since these plans require FOP membership in order to qualify for enrollment, the mailing will also contain a cover letter from the FOP explaining the procedures for joining Chicago FOP Lodge #7. Provisions have also been made to allow widows and widowers of retired members to become Associate members in order to qualify for the plans. Since the mailings will be in depth, I will give you a brief synopsis of the plans.

- United Health Care administers the dental plan. The vision plan is administered by Spectera United Health Group, a subsidiary of United Health Care.
- There are no pre existing

condition exclusions.

- Eligible participants have the flexibility of choosing vision only, dental only or both vision and dental coverage.
- All plans are in network PPO, which eliminates the need for referrals. There is also an out-of-network provision as well.
- Premiums are based on a three-tier level. Choose either single, single + 1 or single + family, whichever suits your particular needs.
- Premiums are based on a monthly basis utilizing payroll deduction through the Police Pension Fund. This allows the participant to take advantage of recently passed HELPS legislation allowing qualified healthcare premiums to be deducted on the participants 2007 calendar year income tax returns.
- Enrollment is for a one-year period with an annual open enrollment provision, which allows for plan changes.
- A time-certain enrollment period will be available to accommodate new retirees. If the plans are not contracted within this time frame, then the annuitant must wait until the next open enrollment pe-

riod to take advantage of the plans.

- Children of qualified participants are covered until 19 years of age, 25 if a full time student.
 - Enrollment can be done via the Internet using a link from the FOP website. Paper forms can also be submitted in the event that the participant does not have access to a computer.
 - Toll free numbers will be available with operators trained specifically to FOP plan designs. They can also provide provider information. In network providers can also be located utilizing the website simply by entering the zip code that you are in.
 - Vision rates will be guaranteed for 39 months, dental rates for 15 months.
- As I stated earlier, the mailer will have very detailed information. Please take the time to examine the materials and direct any questions con-

cerning the plans to the providers using their toll free numbers or via their websites. Do this ahead of time so that when you can begin enrolling you will already have had your questions answered. For FOP membership questions, please contact the Lodge at (312) 733-7776.

The Health and Insurance Committee worked many months interviewing numerous carriers and critiquing many plans so as to be able to provide these benefits to our membership. In doing this we centered our efforts on obtaining the best coverage available for an affordable price. We hope that these plans will assist our retired members, widows and widowers in obtaining a benefit, which is not provided by the City upon retirement (outside of the 18 month Cobra plan without vision).

December 2006 Retirees

*The following member was left off the December Retiree list.
Sorry about that!*

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Hall, Deana J.	Officer	024	24

January 2007 Retirees

*The following member was left off the January Retiree list.
Sorry about that!*

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Aviles, David	Officer	020	29
Bloore, John D.	Detective	606	34
Guerrero, Phillip	ET	477	29
Hardison, George E.	Officer	050	29
Makowski, Karen A.	Officer	701	28

No Report From The City Regarding February or March yet.

Police Benefit for Metra Police Officer

Thomas A. Cook, #976

Killed In The Line Of Duty On 27 September 06.

\$20 Admission

Includes Food, Draft Beer, Wine & Soda.
(Adults Only Please)

Friday, 20 April 2007, 1500—2300 hours

Music By the Ray C. Basement Band & DJ

115 Bourbon Street

3359 West 115th Street, Merrionette Park, Illinois

Donations can also be sent to the Thomas Cook Benefit Fund c/o MB Financial Bank, 475 West 162nd Street, South Holland, IL 60473

Financial Secretary's Report, By Tim Fallon

Assignment Grievance

On March 23rd the Department issued an order canceling the detail of approximately 65 officers detailed to various units at Headquarters, returning the officers to their assigned units. This order also detailed approximately 20 officers assigned to various units at Headquarters to district patrol. The Department has not informed the Lodge of the duration or the reason for the detail, and there is nothing on the order that explains the detail to the affected officers. While the Department has the right to cancel a detail at any time, we do not believe the Department has the right to detail officers from their assigned units to an open ended, unexplained detail. The Lodge has filed a grievance on behalf of all affected officers. In this grievance we seek to have all improperly detailed officers returned to their assigned units, and to be compensated at time and one half for all time served at the detail.

We assume the detail is to bolster district patrol for the summer months, but again we have received no formal notification from the Department. If this is in fact the reason for the detail, it does not make much sense to then have 18 officers leaving district patrol on the

regular transfer order. The Department is also seeking volunteers to staff a new Targeted Response Unit. This will create another drain on district patrol. Do you remember hearing from the Department that the Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department? Apparently the Department feels the Patrol Division is a little lower than the spine. For the Department to make a comment like, 'the days of driving around doing nothing are over', shows nothing but disdain for the district patrol officer.

If the Department is truly concerned about the manpower problem in the districts, then they should stop stripping the districts of personnel. It's simple arithmetic; if you have less people to do the work, less of the work is going to get done. That is why R.A.P.s, (radio assignments pending) is a management manufactured problem. If there were more people in the districts to answer calls, more calls would get answered.

Sworn Affidavit

There appears to be some confusion about the sworn affidavit and CR investigations. If a citizen makes an allegation against an officer, but refuses to sign a sworn affidavit, the Department can

still investigate the allegation. The Department would obtain a log number or tracking number to record the investigation, not a CR number. The Department could not however compel the officer to give a statement regarding the allegation, without the signed sworn affidavit. The difference is that a log number or tracking number does not appear in your disciplinary history or record, but a CR number does.

Another reason for the log number is that the Department must be able to show that they responded to the allegation with some investigation. Let's say the person who makes the allegation

initially refuses to sign a sworn affidavit, and then wants to sign the sworn affidavit several weeks or months later. That person could also allege that he reported police misconduct earlier and there was no action taken by the Department. In the past, an allegation would or could be taken via telephone, a CR number would be obtained, and the officer would be required to give a statement. Unless the allegation against an officer is one of criminal misconduct or residency the officer does not have to give a statement without a sworn affidavit.

Book Signing

On April 16, 2007, James A. Jack, author of Three Missing Boys, will host a book signing at the F.O.P. Gift Shop. The book is a riveting story of three boys kidnapped, assaulted and murdered by a



pedophile. This true story brought national attention to the issue of the predatory and exposed them to the justified wrath of the public.

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**

“Buttprints In The Sand”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

We are all faced with trials and tribulations. At times we are passive or just stand by. But there are those times where we must all put our best foot forward and take a stance or else, instead of leaving a 'foot print', you leave a "buttprint". Enjoy the following little story. "Butt prints in the Sand".

One night I had a wondrous dream; I was walking along with the L-rd, one set of footprints were seen.

The footprints were of my precious Lord, but mine were not to be seen along the shore.

Then some stranger prints appeared, and I asked the L-rd, "What have we here?"

Those prints are large and round and neat, "But L-rd, they are too big for feet."

"My child", the L-rd said in a somber tone, "For miles I carried you alone.

I challenged you to walk in faith, but you refused and made me wait.

You disobeyed, you would not grow, the walk of faith, you would not know.

So I got tired, I got fed up, and there I dropped you on your butt." End of story.

Moral of the story: In life, there comes a time, when one must face the challenge, and one must climb, when one must rise and take a stand, or leave their "buttprints in the sand". So we pause to say a prayer, that we all be blessed with the strength to keep going even in the most difficult moments. Amen.

And on a lighter note here's a short story that will remind us not to take our loved ones for granted.

A man came home from work and found his three children outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house and there was no sign of the dog. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter; the fridge door was open wide, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lays under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for

his wife. He was worried she might be ill, or that something serious had happened. He was met with a small trickle of water as it made its way out the bathroom door. As he peered inside he found wet towels, scummy soap and more toys strewn over the floor. Miles of toilet paper lay in a heap and toothpaste had been smeared over the mirror and walls.

As he rushed to the bedroom, he found his wife, still curled up in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went.

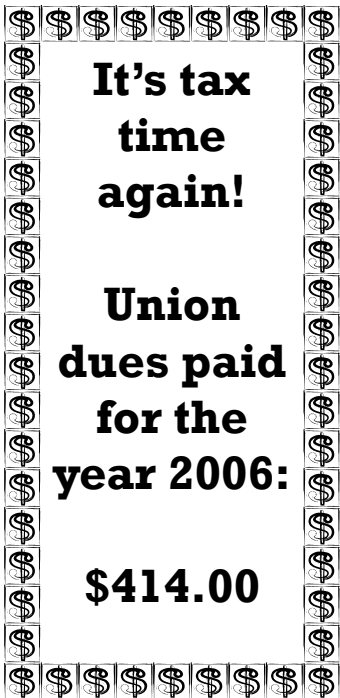
He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?" She again smiled and answered, "You know every day

when you come home from work, and you ask me what in the world I do all day?" "Yes," was his incredulous reply. She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

No explanation necessary, but don't forget to give your loved one an extra hug.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you keep you safe and always keep you in your loving care. Amen.

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


It's tax time again!
Union dues paid for the year 2006:
\$414.00

The Members Of The Fraternal Order Of Police, Chicago Lodge 7 Invite You To Join Us At Twelve O'Clock On Tuesday, May 1st At The F.O.P., 1412 West Washington Boulevard As We Recognize Our Brothers And Sisters Who Have Died In Service To The People Of Chicago
This year, We Will Acknowledge The Sacrifice Made By Police Officer Eric Solorio Of The Targeted Response Unit.

The Chicago Police Running Club's
3rd Annual 5K Run & Walk

Run To Remember Benefiting The Families Of Fallen Chicago Police Officers

More than 500 Chicago Police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives in the line of duty.

Saturday, May 5, 2007 at 8:00 am

Gold Star Memorial Park
(Just East of Soldier Field)

For more information or to register for the walk visit the website at www.cpdmemorial.org/run

Proceeds of the run will benefit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to the families of our fallen heroes.

No Cop Out's 9th Annual A.A. Men's Serenity Weekend

St. Mary's Retreat House
Lemont, Illinois

April 20, 21 & 22, 2007

Come relax in the beautiful surroundings of St. Mary's. Take time to enjoy the positive solitude or just listen to or join the group discussions. This weekend is yours! Meditate, take peaceful walks, explore where you're at with yourself and your program. Catch up on reading, conversations or just kick back and sit on the front porch and enjoy the view. No pressures, no bosses, no demands, absolutely nothing is mandatory—whatever you care to do—its your weekend. Sometimes you need something like this to make you feel good about yourself.

Retreat begins Friday at 1900 hours and ends on Sunday at 1200 hours. Cost includes lodging, five meals, snacks and plenty of coffee and pop.

Cost \$90.00

For more information please contact Tony Hernandez or Frank Calderon at 312-743-0378.



Attention CPD Bowlers The CPD Bowling league is now forming!

We are looking for teams/individuals for the upcoming fall league that begins in October 2007 and runs through May 2008. This league will be a 4 person/team mixed (men & women) and open to all active or retired CPD members.

This league will be limited to the first 20 teams (80 bowlers) who sign up and we need to know ASAP if you are interested in order to reserve lane space.

We will be sanctioned by the USBC and have many cast awards and prizes. Also, a portion of the proceeds collected will go towards a donation to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation at the conclusion of the season.

We will schedule a ONE-TIME meeting for anyone interested where the rules/fees/prizes breakdown will be discussed. After we get your name or team roster, we will re-contact you and let you know when the meeting will be held.

Get a team together and come out and join us!

More info? Call David Matual at 312-747-8385



Spring Uniform Sale

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

Wednesday, 18 April 2007,
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**

Stress Management, Part 1, *By Bill Burns*

I had the unique opportunity to attend the Stress Management Seminar on March 22nd & 23rd of 2007 at Lake Shore Hospital. The seminar is conducted on the fifth floor of the hospital. No guns are allowed and lockers are provided from 0830—1630 hours.

The first days curriculum is conducted by Pam Mazzini, a nurse with over 30 years experience; 25 years as an in-patient psychiatric nurse at this hospital.

I will emphasize the main highlights. Stress is physical 100% of the time. Hans Seyle was the first scientist, 40 years ago, to define and label stress. Most stressors are not avoidable. Stress eats you up; you have no control over anything. Dangers of prolonged

stress include fatigue, loss of energy, withdrawal, changes in sleep patterns, including nightmares, irritability, over reaction to situations, outbursts of anger, substance abuse and exacerbation of medical problems.

Nurse Mazzini then enlisted the class in numerous exercises and creative imagery. Many excellent handouts were given. One that is especially helpful is 101 Ways To Cope With Stress.

A few quick facts regarding stress:

- 60% of people who complain about stress don't get enough sleep. You have to structure your sleep.
- Praying decreases blood pressure because prayer works as a meditation.

The hormone Cortisol gets released with yoga.

- Coffee is one of the worst offenders. Green Tea, Chai Tea and Chamomile Tea are better to reduce stress.
- Intimacy is just as important as sex in reducing stress.
- We use the top 1/3 of our lungs to breath. To de-breath, put both hands on your ribs, take a deep breath and breath through your nose.

A great stress buster is the new workout facility at the Police Academy. Where the old Medical Section stood now is a

beautiful gym with all new Precor weight equipment, five treadmills, heavy bag, speed bag, 2 human dummy bags, all new exercise bikes and new bathrooms. It is a pleasure to workout there.

To register for the next Stress Management Seminar, contact Pat at the F.O.P. Classes are limited to 20 people each. You can attend 2 seminars per year. The class is fun and informative.

Part 2 of this article will be published next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from April 11 thru May 15, 2007. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776 or log onto the FOP Website at www.chicagofop.org

11 Apr 07	Last Day to submit for Unit Duty Assignments
14 Apr 07	Guardians Police Org. 37 th Dinner Dance
15 Apr 07	Income Tax Day
16 Apr 07	Benefit / Officer Saul Contreras (deceased)
17 Apr 07	F.O.P. General Meeting / 12 pm – noon
18 Apr 07	Uniform Resale / F.O.P. Hall / 1pm – 5pm
26 Apr 07	5 th Period Begins
29 Apr 07	13 th Annual Law Enforcement Reunion Las Vegas, Nevada
29 Apr 07	Holiday / CAPS Day
01 May 07	F.O.P. / Board of Directors Meeting / 9am
01 May 07	F.O.P. Memorial Service / 12 noon
01 May 07	Spring Uniform Inspection Through May 10 / Units and Districts
02 May 07	Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
03 May 07	Illinois State F.O.P. Memorial Service Springfield, Illinois / 217-726-8880
04 May 07	Recognized Vacancies
05 May 07	5K Run/Walk / Gold Star Families
09 May 07	46 th Annual Police Recognition Ceremony
15 May 07	National Memorial Service Washington, D.C./ 800-451-2711

A Toast To Saul

A benefit to honor PO Saul Contreras, Jr., who died of Acute Pancreatitis

Monday, April 16, 2007, 6:00 pm—11:00 pm

F.O.P. Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

Benefit proceeds to be donated to the Gold Star Family Members in Honor of the PO Saul Contreras, Jr., Family.

For tickets or more information please contact PO Combs, 003 District, 312-747-8201 or cell at 312-282-0039

The Chicago Police Association of Nevada Host



THE 13TH ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT REUNION

Reception, Hospitality Room, Show,
Dinner Dance and More...

Sunday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada

For more information feel free to visit the website at www.CPAON.org or call Arlene Vana at 702-243-9577





Store Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00
 Friday 9:00 – 4:00
 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00
 Direct Line: 312-733-2344
Closed: 30 April 2007

Time To Honor Those That Gave All With The Police Memorials:

May 1st, F.O.P. #7 Memorial At The Hall
May 3rd State Memorial In Springfield
May 6th St. Jude Police Parade
May 15th National Memorial in Washington DC



10% OFF ⇨⇨⇨

All Police Leather Goods
All Weapon Cleaning Supplies

Gold Sale Starts April 23, 2007 In Time For Mother's Day—All Star Pendants & Rings—

“T-Shirt Of The Month”

Black Or Navy T-Shirt With Embroidered CPD Star In White With Color Seal. Medium—3XL

Now 30% OFF (Brings Prices Down To \$8.37—\$9.45) Such A GREAT Deal!



Sale! - CPD / BDU Patch Coffee Cup
 2 For \$5.95

Sale! - Full Zippered Pad Folios With Either PO Or Detective Star Imprinted
 Was \$22.95—Now Only \$18.95

New—Let Them Play The Good Guys

Kids Junior Police Uniform Set With Cap, Belt, Radio, Cuffs & Baton - \$35.95

Sale! - Frosted Pint Glasses With CPD Star Logo On One Side & F.O.P. Star On The Other Side
 2 For \$7.95

New Spring Jacket

Unlined In Royal/Black or Tan/Black With Either Embroidered CPD Star Or F.O.P. #7 Logo. These Are Great Jackets
 Small—XL = \$28.95 2XL = \$30.95

New Comical T-Shirt Designs

“If Stupidity Was A Crime, You Would Be Chicago’s Most Wanted”
 Or
 “If Stupidity Was A Crime, You Would Be America’s Most Wanted”
 Small—XL = \$11.95 2XL = \$12.95 3XL = \$13.50

New Dress Belt

Reversible Black & Brown 1” Dress Belt With Custom CPD Star Buckle In Silver & Gold Colors. Adjustable Belt Up To 56”
 \$24.95 Each

New Sweatshirt

Full Front Zippered Sweatshirt With Hood In Russet, Maroon & Lake Blue With Chicago P.D. On Front. Your Really Going To Like This.
 Small—XL = \$19.95 2XL = \$21.95

Close-Out Sale - Ladies Long Sleeve Hooded Light Blue T-Shirt With Chicago PD Stars Design

Originally Priced From \$12.95—\$13.95
 Close-Out Sale Priced At Only \$9.95 Each
 All Sizes!
 Great Deal—Great Shirt—Great Gift

Close-Out Sale - Ladies Navy With Lt. Blue Trim, Scoop Neck T-Shirt

Was \$12.95—\$13.95 Each
 Now On Sale For \$9.95 All Sizes

Small Picture Frame “My Mom’s (or Dad’s) A Police Officer”

\$4.95 Each

Departed Brothers And Sisters

Nardo Guerrero, Age 84

Robert B. Peterson, Jr., Age 66

Frank A. Patzke, Age 58

The Next General Meeting Will Be Held On

Tuesday, 17 April 2007 at Noon.

Please Do Not Park In The Lung Association’s Parking Lot.

All Members Are Invited To Attend



**IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?
IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE LODGE.**



THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 13th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 23, 2007. All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES:

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam. Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE.

We'd like everyone to have a fun time. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____

If youth, age _____

Make checks payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7, Attn: Frank DiMaria
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

**Include Fees of:
\$35.00 Per Man
or \$70.00 Per Boat**