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708-687-9323

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Negotiation Update

On June 6th the Lodge and City met for the first time in our hall to discuss the ground rules and introduce the Negotiating Teams to each other. At that meeting, the Lodge tendered to the City about 40 proposals that were the culmination of over a year's worth of recommendations obtained from the membership and several meetings with our Negotiating Team who were responsible for paring down the volume of recommendations while at the same time prioritizing those recommendations that they felt had the most impact to our members. These were then approved by the Board of Directors. After presenting them to the City, the Lodge posted them the same day on our web site.

Although the City had no proposals to tender to us, an agreement was reached that we again would not negotiate in the press.

Since posting our proposals on our web site, members have contacted the Lodge offering opinions and suggestions about the proposals. We welcome all comments and suggestions as we go through the process. Please keep in mind that we do send all 50 Aldermen a copy of our newsletter and we know that the news media reads our web site. If you feel the Lodge isn't posting enough information here relative to the progress, or lack thereof, of the negotiations, it's be-

cause of the agreement. We are able to speak more freely at General Membership and Board of Director's Meetings on these issues and all members are entitled to be heard.

City Council Meeting

The press did a pretty good job of covering what happened at the City Council hearing on the OPS proposal. Four Aldermen used a Council procedure, which allows any two of them to postpone a vote on a recommendation until the next Council Meeting. The feeling by these Aldermen is that the proposal to revamp OPS by the Mayor isn't going far enough in addressing the "perception" that has been enhanced by recent events. Special interest law groups and certain members of academia who settle law suits and publish articles over issues they take with OPS agree with these Aldermen. It is anticipated that the Mayor's proposal will pass at the next council meeting. Then it will be up to the City to deal with the issues that are contained in it that conflict with our contract.

At the Police and Fire Committee that preceded the Council Meeting, several of those testifying should have been embarrassed by their presentation. One presenter blamed the problems with OPS on certain provisions of our contract, but argued with the Committee Chair when he was told that the Sworn Affidavit issue was legislated in Springfield. Another's testi-

mony was based on several statistics that anyone could have successfully refuted without having a degree. This will be an issue of discussion at the negotiating table and the City probably shouldn't be discussing it in the press.

Legislation Updates

Last month I wrote about three pension bills that had passed out of the House Committee in Springfield on May 24th. After passing out they went to the House for further consideration. This is where the statement "anything can happen in Springfield" takes over. Keep in mind that the Legislative Session was already extended and that as of June 1st, passage of any bills would need a 3/5th majority.

In the House on May 29th, SB1380, which had passed out of the Senate to the House and addressed a pension issue, was amended to include the language of all three of our issues. This newly revised bill had to go back to Committee for approval and was voted out of the House on May 30th. When it arrived in the Senate for a concurrence vote on May 31st, it went to committees and was voted to pass by 33 Senate members. Had this been voted on after that day it would have needed 36 votes to pass. It's now on the way to the Governor's desk and upon his signature: widows will be able to remarry without losing their pensions; widows will be able

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to appeal to the Pension Board if they haven't been married for a year when their spouse dies; and physically or mentally handicapped dependents can now keep their pensions regardless of their age.

On the issue of Pension Portability, our last contact with the City has set the stage for a meeting between the Lodge and the City Budget Office. In that meeting we will once again attempt to show them that, as their own actuarial report explains, there is no cost to the City or the Fund based on the passage of this bill.

In Washington there are now 309 co-sponsors to the Social Security Fairness Act in the House and 31 in the Senate. Our National Office will be working this Bill and our other Labor Bills until Congress recesses this month.

Carrasquillo Parole Hearing

On June 20th, there was a parole hearing for the killer of Police Officer Terry Loftus who was murdered in 1976. This case gained some notoriety in 2002 when it was brought out that several politicians had endorsed the release of Ronnie "Mad Dog" Carrasquillo. At his last parole hearing, this killer obtained 6 votes in favor of paroling him. Recently, the States Attorney's office has let us know that there seems to be a sway towards parole by the Board for many long sentence convicts. Many of these convicts have killed Police Officers. The Lodge has made the decision to get more involved than writing a letter of protest in these cases and so we are going to pass petitions, contact individuals who may be interested in appearing and testify on behalf of our membership for the denial of parole. Frank DiMaria presented the Hearing

Officer with about 2,300 signatures requesting denial of parole, and I and several of Terry's partner's, a State's Attorney who worked on the case and the Superintendent's representative gave oral testimony. After we left the building and were making small talk, one of his partners asked if what we did really will mean anything or are we just spinning our wheels. It was a good question. We believe that what we do on a daily basis makes a difference and so it is with this situation as well. Although it would be difficult to factually state whether or not our actions make a difference, how would we ever know if we didn't try and how much would we blame ourselves if they let the killer go free when we did nothing?

Please, if you see a petition to keep a cop killer in prison, sign it. If you can,

come to the hearings, a show of support is always helpful. As one who testified said, all that is between the dead Policeman and justice are the prison walls where the killers should complete their sentences. It is their only justice and the Parole Board and the Police need to share in partnership in helping to keep society safe and giving the Police justice by keeping the killers where they belong.

FOP Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic will convene this year at a new location. On July 11th we will be at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest. There will be carnival rides, drinks [both adult and family friendly], candy, ice cream and plenty of open space for picnicking. Please join us for a day of fun in the [hopefully] sun.

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

Limited Duty News

The City was going to implement a policy starting June 1st, 2007 that would eliminate any members being able to go into a limited duty status. Members that were already on limited duty could remain on limited duty until they retire or come back full duty, but no new members would be able to go on non-IOD limited duty. The City explained to the Lodge at these meetings that the non-IOD limited duty has more than doubled in the last six years and that there is not enough limited duty spots. The Lodge continues to meet with the City regarding non-IOD limited duty status and will keep our membership informed of any changes.

Retiree Dental And Vision Plans

The new Dental and Vision Plans for retirees went into effect on June 1st, 2007. There were some minor problems, as with any new plan, the first couple of weeks. Everyone should have gotten his/her dental cards in the mail by now. You will not be receiving cards for the vision plan. The pension board will be deducting the premiums from annuitants' checks that come in July for the months of June, July and August. We have almost 1400 members who have signed up for the dental plan and almost 1100 members who have signed up for the vision. Members can continue to sign up until Septem-

ber 1st, 2007.

Injury On-Duty Bills

We receive many calls regarding the bills that are incurred as a result of an Injury on Duty. Whenever medical treatment is received, the medical providers will start sending bills to the officer for services rendered. **The payment for all I.O.D. related bills becomes the responsibility of the City of Chicago. In order to get the bills paid, the officer will need to send a copy of the bill to the I.O.D. Unit at the Medical Services Section, located at 3510 S. Michigan.**

After the I.O.D. Unit receives the bills, they are compiled and audited in order to substantiate payment. Once this part of the process is

completed, the bills are forwarded to the City of Chicago-Committee on Finance. In turn, the Committee on Finance submits the bills to the City Council for their approval to pay. Finally a check is rendered to the provider.

Each time an officer receives another notice of the bill; he/she should again forward it to the I.O.D. Unit at 3510 S. Michigan. In the event that the officer receives a collection notice for non-payment of the bill, the officer should contact the Committee on Finance as soon as possible to determine the status of the claim. Ask for Susan Conley at 744-7464.

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

Parole Hearings For A Cop Killer

Police Officer Terrance Loftus, Star #5701, was on his way home after completing his tour of duty on 10 October 76 when he observed a group of gang members beating a person on the street at Fullerton and Central Park. Officer Loftus, instead of driving past and calling 911 from a safe distance, chose to take immediate police action and stopped his auto. While he was attempting to disperse these gang members, an on duty Squadrol observed the disturbance and recognized Officer Loftus all ready on the scene. They immediately put in a call for more help, 10-1, and these uniformed officers stopped.

A gang party was being held across the street from the beating and gang members, after learning the police were interfering with gang business, rushed outside. One of the party goers who went outside was Ronnie Carrasquillo. A self-admitted gang member himself, who was already armed with a handgun, asked for and was given a more powerful and accurate handgun. Carrasquillo held the weapon with both hands, steadied himself against a parked auto and took aim into the street at the police officers. Carrasquillo was warned by his fellow gang members not to shoot, that these were police officers in the street, but he did not take their advice and fired his handgun four (4) times. Officer Loftus was struck in the face by one of the bullets and he fell onto the street.

Officer Loftus was taken to a nearby hospital where he died of his wounds on 12 October 76. Carrasquillo fled the scene and went into hiding, bragging to his friends that he had killed a "pig". An intensive search was conducted and Carrasquillo was arrested a few days later. Carrasquillo was charged, a bench trial was held in court and he was found guilty of the murder of Chicago Police Officer Terrance Loftus. Judge Frank Wilson sentenced Carrasquillo to 200-600 years in IDOC on 17 January 78.

The Lodge was notified that Carrasquillo's case was going to be scheduled for a hearing to consider early release on 20 June 07 at 26th & California before a member of the Illinois Prison Review Board. The Lodge, upon learning that this hearing was to be held in 10 days, began a petition drive to obtain signatures objecting to this convicted cop killer's early release. The Lodge received, in one (1) week time, returned petitions with signatures from 2,353 Citizens and Police Officers requesting that Carrasquillo's request for early release be denied by the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

On 20 June 07, the hearing was held at 26th & California, 13th Floor and was attended by the President of the Lodge, the ASA, a representative for Superintendent Cline and myself. Also in attendance were five (5) friends and previous co-workers of Officer Loftus, four of whom are now retired. Letters of objection and state-

ments which were made by those present along with copies of the signed petitions and letters were entered into the record demanding that the Illinois Prisoner Review Board not grant early release to this convicted murderer. The hearing was video taped for future review by the full board and was presided over by one (1) Illinois Prisoner Review Board member. There was no decision made at this hearing regarding early release.

Another hearing is scheduled for 19 July 07 at Lawrence Prison where the case will be presented to one (1) member of the board for early release of Carrasquillo and his group of supporters will be present. This group of supporters claims that he is a model prisoner and deserves a second chance. These supporters say he should be released from prison and the board should have mercy for this convicted murderer and 30 years is enough punishment for killing a Police Officer.

PO Terrance Loftus, #5701, was never given a second chance when he was shot by Carrasquillo on 10 October 76. There was no mercy shown PO Loftus as this cowardly murderer fired his handgun to commit gang violence. There was no mercy shown to the other two officers who were in the street who were in full uniform attempting to do their duty of Serving and Protecting the Citizens of the City of Chicago. Judge Wilson sen-

tenced Carrasquillo and justice has been administered and handed down. This self admitted gang member wants to be released from prison, but he will not admit his own guilt to the crime he has committed nor has he shown any remorse for taking the life of PO Terrance Loftus at the age of 36. This selfish murderer can only say he was young and wants to come out of prison at the age of 48 so he may enjoy the remainder of his life.

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board will convene at an open meeting to make their decision regarding this matter in the beginning of August. PO Terrance Loftus, #5701, was a Son, Husband and Dear Friend to many and was taken from us as he made the supreme sacrifice on 12 October 76. We can only hope that the Illinois Prisoner Review Board will, with good conscience, fully review this case on its true merits, not by the influence of outside support groups of a murderer. We can only hope that the Illinois Prisoner Review Board will deny parole for a convicted cop killer and Ronnie Carrasquillo will continue to serve the remainder of his term in prison.

We will never forget!



Third Vice-President's Report, By Greg Bella

The following statistics are provided by Michael Lazzaro, Recording Secretary and Pension Fund Representative of the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund, City of Chicago.

25-30, Active Pass Away
 250-260, Retirees Pass Away
 140—160, Widows Pass Away

Average Monthly Annuities For 2007:

Officers, \$4,235
 Sergeants, \$5,378
 Lieutenants, \$5,958
 Exempt, \$8,183

Pension Fund Statistics

Yearly Averages:

450, Retire
 65-75, Resign

Active Participants as of 31 Dec 2006:
 Number, 13,749
 Average Age, 41.5 years
 Avg. Years of Service, 12.8
 Average Salary, \$73,671

Survivors:
 Number, 3,157
 Average Age, 73.9 years
 Avg. monthly benefit, \$1,391

Retirees:

Number, 8,083
 Average Age, 66.9 years
 Avg. Monthly Benefit,

Area Four Detective Division's 3rd Annual Ride To Remember

Sunday, 29 July 2007—1000 hours
 Registration/Line up 0800—0930 hours

Area Four Detective Headquarters
 3151 W. Harrison (Harrison & Kedzie)
 Chicago, Illinois



Ride leaves Area 4 and travels south on the Boulevards to the Police Memorial Site near Soldier Field where there will be a short program.

For more information, registration forms or to register for the ride please visit www.area4ridetoremember.com

1st Annual Terry McCue Chicago Law Enforcement Basketball Tournament

Friday & Saturday, July 13 & 14, 2007

Moody Bible Fitness Center
 903 N. Wells
 Chicago, Illinois



Participation Fee is \$400 Per Team

Tournament is open for Police Officer, Firefighters, Correctional Officers, Sheriffs Deputies, Probation Officers...etc...

For more information, contact Officer Keith Anderson, 773-671-4105 or Ron Coleman, 773-330-2699

ILLINOIS STATE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



REQUIREMENTS:

- Parent must be an Illinois F.O.P. member in good standing.
- Applicant must be a full time, student (12 or more credit hours per semester)
- Applicant must provide proof of registration for the Fall 2007 semester when sending in this scholarship application. *Proof can include note from registrar, class schedule, tuition payment receipt or letter of acceptance. Letters of acceptance must be followed by proof of registration before scholarship is awarded.*
- **Award:** \$500 (17 individual district scholarships awarded by random drawing at the State Lodge summer meeting and 1 \$500 drawn from all non-selected district applications sponsored by ISPFUCU)
- **Application Deadline:** Must be received by 1630 hours on 13 July 2007.
- **Please Note:** Incomplete applications will NOT be processed. **Please use only one submission method**
- **Mail/Fax to:** F.O.P. Illinois State Lodge, 4341 Acer Grove, Suite B, Springfield, Illinois 62711
 Phone: (217) 726-8880 FAX: (217) 726-8881 Online: www.ilfop.org

Student's Full Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Lodge #: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

College/University: _____

Office Use Only - District/Trustee: _____

Health & Insurance Committee Report, *By Ed King, Chairman*

Vision & Dental Insurance Plan Update

I wanted to take a few minutes to update everyone on the progress of the Vision and Dental Insurance Programs that were recently negotiated by the Lodge, through United Health Care and Spectera United Health Group, for the benefit of our retired officers, their families, widows and widowers. I also wanted to make those who have already enrolled or are thinking of enrolling aware of a few adjustments that have been made, as well as answer a few questions that have come up.

To date, over twenty five percent of our retired members have already enrolled in the vision plan, the dental plan or both. Although it was the intent of the Committee and the Lodge to make enroll-

ment as easy as possible, there have been a few glitches, but none that have interrupted coverage. Thanks to our excellent office staff, many of these problems were recognized and corrected before becoming catastrophic and I am confident that just about all of them have been resolved. I also wish to thank all of the participants for your patience and understanding during this transition period.

For those qualified who have not yet enrolled applications will be accepted through mid August for the 2007-2008 calendar years. After that, the next chance to enroll will be for the 2008-2009 calendar years. This open enrollment period will begin in July of 2008 with an effective date of 01 September 2008.

Those of you who have already enrolled will notice a

triple deduction from your July 2007 pension contribution. The reason for this was due to an electronic deduction problem between the insurance companies and the Northern Trust Bank. This has since been corrected, so future deductions will be on a monthly basis as planned. This three-month premium will be for the months of June, July and August. Both Spectera and United Healthcare will be sending a written notice to all participants explaining this one time triple deduction in greater detail.

For Dental coverage, identification cards were sent out in the mail on June 15th. If you have not received your card, please contact the dental provider, United Health Care at 800-996-7507 and a representative will assist you in getting an ID card.

Those that have the Vision coverage will not receive an ID

card for it is not needed. Simply tell the provider rendering services that you are with Spectera United Health Group and with Chicago FOP. Then give them your ID number (SS number). The provider will contact Spectera, 800-980-2958 in order to obtain the necessary eligibility information needed for treatment and billing.

As always, the Committee remains dedicated to addressing the needs of our members both active and retired. Just as we deal with changes in our profession, the cooperation and patience of everyone involved has made this much needed benefit a reality. We welcome any constructive comments.

Please stay safe!

Disability Report & Veterans' Corner, *By Carlos 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 web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

April Pension Board Update

– Advocate present was Det Steve Schorsch. Disability Claims: *Ordinary* - 1 granted, 1 deferred. *Duty* - 1 granted, 1 deferred, 1 denied.

May Pension Board Update

Advocates present: Det Steve Schorsch, 1st VP Bill Dougherty and myself. Disability Claims: *Ordinary* - 2 granted, 4 deferred. *Duty* - 2 granted, 1 status review deferred. Permanent & Total - 1 granted, 1 taken under advisement.

Prudential Basic Term Life

All officers are covered for \$25,000 including those on Duty and Heart Disability. Ordinary Disability approved by Pension Fund is covered not to exceed 5 years. For those who have the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage, there is a time limit that you have to pay on your own which is 6 months. After that you still can be covered but you must contact Prudential for continuation. Please do not lose this Optional Coverage. Call 800-778-3827.

Medical Pre-certification

If you have Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO and you or dependants are receiving treatment of mental health conditions, alcoholism or drug abuse you must be pre-

certified first or you will not be covered. Contact Encompass at 800-373-3727.

Veterans' Corner

Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom - Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving our country in the military.

Thank you from the Veteran community to the 1st District Tact Team 'G' for arresting an offender who stole the memorial plaques from the Vietnam Memorial at State and Wacker. Arresting officers - PO M. Mirabelli, PO J. Schiro, PO T. Saldana, PO K. Gardner, and Sgt J. Lavoy. Also, a continued thank you to the 1st District officers who patrol the memorial site 24/7.

Chicago Veterans Resource

Center - Garfield Center Department of Human Services located at 10 S. Kedzie Avenue, 312-743-0702. Staffed by veterans that will assist you with education, employment, medical care, VA services and more.

Illinois Lottery Ticket for veterans is back and 100% of the proceeds will benefit Illinois veterans. Last year over \$4,000,000 was raised – so buy a ticket, help the vets, and maybe you'll get lucky too!

"A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Airborne Sal

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Movie Detail

The Department has opened up the Movie Detail to all sworn, FULL DUTY members below the rank of Lieutenant. The Commander of Special Events will act as the liaison to film production companies that hire our members. Since we have no contract with the film production companies, participants in this program will be considered "at will" employees of the production companies. However it is the position of the Lodge that since our members are working in a Department sanctioned, secondary employment position, all of the job protection provisions of our contract, as they relate to

the City and the Department, will apply, such as injury on duty and duty disability. Salary and hours are determined by the film production company.

The rate of pay for this secondary employment is \$30.00 per hour, and \$45.00 per hour for overtime. Officers will be paid directly from the film production company, not the Department. You must fill out the proper tax forms in order to get paid; this means you have to give your social security number to the film production company. Again, we have no contract with the film production company and that means the film production company has the right to offer or deny employment opportu-

nities.

Beginning 1 July 2007, sworn FULL-DUTY Department members who want to be considered for this secondary employment program must be registered and have attended an informational orientation session. To register, go to the CPD internet home page, click on CLEAR APPLICATIONS and log into the CLEAR system using your PC# and password. Under the Bureaus heading, click on Office of the First Deputy Superintendent Administration. Under Spe-

cial Events Registration/Movies heading, click onto Register for Event notification and fill in your information. Choose the subscribe button to receive notifications of employment offers. Your D.O.G. and furlough choice is automatically tied to this system so you will not need to enter this information. Presently any valid e-mail address will suffice, however in the near future a department issued e-mail will be a requirement.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

Herman J. Kottke, Age 79	Kenneth Pisano, Age 76
James I. Meyer, Age 57	Richard A. Rochowicz, 62
John E. O'Malley, Age 63	Jill A. Elliott, Age 55
David M. Murphy, Age 81	John M. Cullnan, Age 82
Frank S. Tracz, Age 84	Richard Parker, Age 80
John F. Hadle, Jr., Age 84	Frank M. Iovino, Age 81
George A. Pletzke, Age 87	Maurice R. Williams, 80

April 2007 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Amelio, Anthony P.	Officer	020	27
Bella, Peter V.	Officer	151	29
Berris, Kenneth A.	Detective	650	38
Byrd, Anthony	Officer	132	28
Connors, Raymond J.	Detective	610	36
DeGregorio, Dennis P.	Officer	009	29
Dones, Wilman	E.T.	477	29
Ferguson-Morris, Carole	Officer	171	20
Fowler, Anna B.	Officer	013	13
Geers, James T.	Officer	001	29
Hubbard, Milton	E.T.	477	30
Kooyumjian, Gregory E.	FTO	124	25
Langone, Anthony J.	Officer	018	25
Lanuti, Edward H.	Commander	140	34
Lombardi, Joseph V.	Officer	025	30
Lorenz, Sharon L.	Detective	650	30
Marshall, Tonita L.	Officer	007	22
Martinez-Buegel, Rachel	Officer	123	19
Murkowski, Stanley A.	Officer	020	31
Padalino, Norman A.	Officer	701	37
Patton, John W.	Officer	025	31
Rivera, Jesus A.	Officer	023	21
Roland, Melvin	Officer	002	30
Terusaki, Stuart G.	Officer	020	15
Vitaioli, Kathleen F.	Detective	650	20
Waltemath, MaryAnn F.	Officer	008	20
Wasowski, Richard	Officer	016	30
Wharry, Gwen M.	Officer	019	31
White, Derrell C.	Officer	005	29
Zator, Kenneth	Officer	019	31



The Chicago Police Department Regimental Concert Chorale is seeking members. If you

enjoy singing and would like to join us, come to our next rehearsal, 21 Jul 07, 0930 at the Education and Training Division.

"The CPD Regimental Concert Chorale is joining voices with singers from the CFD in singing the National Anthem during Police / Fire Night at Cellular Field, 09 August 2007.

All are invited to join us and that includes Retirees." Our intent is to sing a various CPD functions including funerals, graduations and special events.

For more information please call (773) 294-3427.

The Proper Perspective, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

As we go through our daily routines, sometimes we get into a rut, where the little things get us edgy and upset. Then from where we expect it the least, something happens that kind of puts it all back into 'The Proper Perspective'.....let me explain with a short story.

Leaving for work one morning, Jim noticed that his newspaper hadn't been delivered yet. Since Jim always brought the newspaper to work, it upset him that he would have to stop at the store and pick one up. Jim was already running late, but figured he could make it if he hurried. This would really throw a monkey wrench into his morning though and it was putting him in a bad mood.

As Jim pulled into the parking lot of the store, he noticed a young man in a wheel chair at the far end of the lot who seemed to be struggling. "I'm sure he's all right", Jim thought, "or if he's not, someone else will stop and help him."

Judging by the customers and cars that were passing him by, Jim guessed they were thinking the same thing as he. So Jim got out, and walked over to see what the trouble was. "Is there any-

thing I can do?" Jim asked. It was then that Jim noticed he wasn't able to speak, and the young man was struggling with the wheelchair. "Is there someone I can call for you?" Jim asked. The young man still couldn't give Jim any indication.

Jim looked down at the wheelchair and noticed that the clamps holding the electronic keyboard and chair controls had apparently loosened causing the equipment to slip down, out of the young man's reach. "Is this the problem?" Jim asked, as he pulled it back into place, hoping he wasn't doing more damage than good. Jim then re-tightened the clamps. The young man's hand jerked over to the keyboard and he hit a single key. An electronic voice told Jim, "Thank-you." The young man then found the toggle control that steered the wheelchair, turned and left.

Jim got back in his car and headed off to work, completely forgetting his newspaper. As Jim drove, he felt a sense of gratitude come over him like he had never felt before! He was truly blessed to be able to walk, talk and to have the physical abilities that allowed him to live a normal life. Jim thought, here was this young man who relied on a mechanical chair to get him

around and a voice simulator to communicate. He probably could only dream about doing all the things that we take for granted every day. Jim vowed from now on, not to take those things for granted anymore. He would be grateful to G-d for all his blessings that could be gone tomorrow.

It's funny, fifteen minutes before that happened, Jim was whining because his morning paper hadn't arrived on time and his morning routine was out of whack. Jim was glad he was able to help the young man, but more importantly, he was able to help himself. To put it all back in 'the proper perspective' and put his priorities back in order. Let us remember: 'Happiness is not created by what happens to us, but by our attitudes toward each happening'...

And now a little something from the humor department to keep you smiling.....

A woman went to the doctor's office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older

doctor marched down the hallway to the back where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. "What's the matter with you?" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Reid is 62 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren and you told her she was pregnant?" The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

On behalf of the Chaplains Unit (312-746-8458), May G-d bless you keep, keep you safe, and always keep you smiling. Amen.

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

Stress Management Classes Filled!

There are no openings left for any of the Stress Management Seminars.

Help is still available to officers who need it.

Please contact Peer Support at 747-5499.

Address Change Form

Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(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

THE RICHARD LIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____ Star#: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ College or Trade School: _____

Mail To:

Richard Lis Scholarship Fund.
 FOP Lodge 7, (Unit 541 via Police Mail)
 1412 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607

Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 Annual Golf Outing

**St. Andrew's Golf Club
 Rte 59 at North Avenue
 West Chicago, Illinois**

**Monday, August 27, 2007
 Tee off starting at 0800**

**Reservations are being taken now by calling
 Kathy Moore or Doreen Plachta at the office,
 312-733-7776.**

**\$360.00 per foursome, Cart & Dinner included
 (Cash Bar)**

Money due when making reservations.



Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

The following numbers have been taken from the audited Legal Defense Fund financial reports dated December 31, 2006 and 2005 by the CPA firm, Frank L. Sasseti & Co. The actual audited report includes footnotes and disclosures not presented here. These footnotes and disclosures could influence the reader's view of the financial position of the Lodge. To view the Financial Statement in its entirety, any active member may contact my office, 312-733-7776 and schedule an appointment for a viewing.

Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7—Legal Defense Fund Financial Statements Years Ended December 31, 2006 & 2005

We have audited the financial statements of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7—LEGAL DEFENSE FUND for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, and have issued this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE NO. 7—LEGAL DEFENSE FUND as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Frank L. Sasseti

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHICAGO LODGE 7 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:

	2006 Temporarily Restricted	2005 Temporarily Restricted
Active membership dues	\$277,874	\$283,834
Interest income	\$171,408	\$146,272
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	\$10,152	(\$94,487)
Total revenues and other support	\$459,434	\$335,619

EXPENSES:

	2006 Temporarily Restricted	2005 Temporarily Restricted
Total Expenses	\$—	\$—
Change in net assets	\$459,434	\$335,619

NET ASSETS, TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED:

	2006 Temporarily Restricted	2005 Temporarily Restricted
Beginning of year	\$4,143,073	\$3,807,454
End of year	\$4,602,507	\$4,143,073

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Award Of Excellence In Law Enforcement

The Chicago Project Safe Neighborhood Gun Team, which was set up to concentrate on removing illegal guns in the City of Chicago, was honored Wednesday evening June 13, 2007 at the Illinois Crime Commission's 11th Annual Awards Dinner. The event, which took place at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, honored the following Chicago Police Officers. Deputy Chief Everett Johnson, Commander Leo Schmitz, Sergeant John Lucid, Officer Richard Alvarez, Officer Tony Henry, Officer

Derrick Denton, Officer Nenad Markovich, Officer Aaron Cunningham, Officer Patrick Jaycox, Officer Chad Bauman, Officer Brian Kane and Officer Joshua Purkiss. The team conducted 418 search warrants recovering over 400 guns. In that time span the PSN Team also made 1,010 arrests, of which 756 were felonies. The team also confiscated over \$24,000,000.00 in illegal narcotics. Congratulations on a job well done.

July And August F.O.P. General Meeting

Lodge 7 will take its annual vacation from General

Meetings for the summer during July and August. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 18, 2007 at 1900 hours. Constitution and By Laws will be on the agenda for this meeting. The Lodge will continue to hold its monthly Board Meetings the first Tuesday of each month.

Senior Citizens

The hot and muggy summer months are upon us once again. Please take the opportunity to check on senior citizens that may reside on your block. Ring their doorbell; greet them as neighbors checking on their well being; one day it will be you that someone is checking

on. Enjoy the summer months and vacation if one is planned.

"...The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 18, 2007 at 1900 hours."...

MONTHLY AWARDS



Distinguished Service Award
From Left: President Mark Donahue and Detective Miguel Soto



Distinguished Service Award
From Left: President Mark Donahue, Officer Eddie Torres, Officer David Cintron, Officer William Seski and Officer Kevin Leahy
Not pictured, Police Officer Christopher Fraterrigo



Distinguished Service Award
From Left: President Mark Donahue, Police Officer Ronald Paige, Police Officer Ross Valenti, Police Officer Josue Ortiz and Police Officer Jorge Chavolla.
Not Pictured, Police Officer Alex Gomez and Police Officer Kevin Cunningham



Store Hours:

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

Happy 4th of July To Everyone!

The FOP Picnic is On Again!! The FOP Gift Shop will be open 1000—1700 hours at the picnic as usual. The Bargain Bin will start at 1300 hours. All items in bin \$6.00 each.
 There will be lots of new stuff with great LOW prices.
 Also, receive a FREE gift with the purchase of \$25.00 or more.
 We have something for the whole family....See you there!



Police Officer or Detective Star Zippered Pad-Folio
 Perfect For Court
 Was \$22.95...**Now On Sale For Only \$18.95**



Super Special CPD/FOP Frosted Pint Glasses
 Regularly priced at 2 For \$7.95
Now On Sale, 4 For \$13.90

Pin Sale...CPD Star and Novelty Pins Are Now On Sale...Regular Price, \$3.00 each...**Now On Sale, 5 For \$10.00**
 (YOU MUST BUY 5 TO GET THIS PRICE)
 Patch Sale...CPD Color Shoulder Patch...Regular Price \$2.00 each...**Now On Sale, 2 For \$3.00**
 BDU Patch...Regular Price, \$2.50 each...**Now On Sale, 2 For \$4.00**

Gun Cleaning Patches
200 For Only \$1.99
 We have the best price around!!



All Shot Glasses On Sale This Month
 Lots of styles to choose from
Every Style 25% OFF

Key Chains—Police Officer, Detective or Sergeant Star On One Side & FOP Star on the other side...
 Regular Price, \$7.00...**Now On Sale For Only \$4.95**

Stainless Steel, 7oz Flask With Pewter CPD Star
Regular Price, \$18.95...Now On Sale For Only \$15.95
 Outstanding Gift Idea



Stainless Steel Tankard With Pewter CPD Star
 Regular Price, \$26.95...**Now On Sale For Only \$23.95**
 Another Outstanding Gift Idea

New Item!! Baseball Jersey

The unofficial wear over your uniform shirt when going to court.
 This jersey has your favorite CPD team logo on the front.
 You have to come in and see these! Two styles to choose from:
 A 50/50 blend jersey, sizes small to XL sells for \$24.95...2XL sells for \$25.95
 The professional jersey, sizes small to XL sells for \$37.95....2XL sells for \$39.95

*Coming Soon....
Ina's Inklings*

*...Ina's picks for
 the hottest new
 items...*



Family Days at Six Flags Great America

August 10 - 13, 2007

Tickets are available through the
 F.O.P. Gift Shop for just

\$28.00 each.

Unlimited tickets for your friends and family on sale at
 our Gift Shop now...

Remember, no weapons in park, ever...





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F.O.P. Picnic

For Members & Their Families Only!

Wednesday, July 11, 2007
10 am—6 pm

NEW LOCATION—Gaelic Park—NEW LOCATION

6119 West 147th Street -- Oak Forest, Illinois -- 708-687-9323

Free:

- ♥ Ice Cream & Drinks
- ♥ Entrance Into The Park
- ♥ All Rides
- ♥ Exclusive Use Of Picnic Area

Members Must Show Their Current F.O.P. ID Card To Enter Park.