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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Informational Picketing

On April 2nd, the Lodge called for informational picketing to be conducted around City Hall to ensure that the Mayor and the Superintendent got the message about the seriousness of the vote of no confidence in the Superintendent, about the members being unhappy with the Mayor and City Council, negotiating in the Press, and about the members being frustrated about the City pulling the Economic Package from negotiations that have been ongoing for almost two years. The approximately 4000 members and supporters lawfully demonstrated for about two hours. Those supporters included at least two Aldermen, numerous Sgts, Lt's and Captains, Firemen, Teachers and SEIU members. National FOP President Chuck Canterbury and Illinois State Lodge President Ted Street also showed their support by marching with us. This was a proud day for the members of the Lodge in that you asserted yourselves when called upon to stand up for our initiatives and to voice your collective opinion about the issues that demanded to be addressed. The parties that the picketing targeted heard our unified voice. It is now up to them to respond in a responsible manner. Failing to do so will cause the lack of morale and the frustration to continue. The real shame of this, that they have

so far failed to see, is that Police Officers choose this career because they want to make a difference. The lack of support from our elected officials and from the politically appointed hierarchy in this Department rapidly turns this career into a job, and we all, Police and citizens alike, will suffer for it.

Negotiations

Since the last Newsletter, we have had three additional meetings with the City over the following issues: Negotiating in the Press; City finances; the LMCC (Health Care); Random Drug and Alcohol Testing; Retiree Health Care at age 55; Informational Picketing; a new Economic Proposal and Special Employment. As of this writing we have two more meetings scheduled on April 22nd and May 8th. There has been progress made. The question is still -- will this progress be enough that we feel it will lead to a negotiated agreement or will some issues need to be given up to arbitration.

Our thinking at this time is to call in your Unit Reps and the full Negotiating Team if progress slows to a level where we may need to declare impasse on any of the major issues, and include their input on that decision. As always, if I had a crystal ball to see "when" this is going to happen, I would pass that information along with the winning lottery ticket numbers.

Merit Promotions

It appears that the Department's attempt to make their merit process more transparent is falling well short of their goal once again. In the AMFN message that was put out 20 March 2009, listed were all of the nomination positions that the various Commanders are entitled to make for their personnel. In that listing there were three Districts that were only being allowed one nominee while all the rest were given two. Our inquiry, based upon calls from our membership, was to the Director of the Human Resources Department for an explanation of the lower number of nominations in those Districts. That request for explanation was sent on March 24, 2009 and we are still awaiting an explanation. The Lodge position on merit promotions has not changed but if it is going to happen, we expect that the Membership is entitled to an explanation from the Department as to why and how they feel their members are worthy or not.

State Legislation

To date, there have been 6,883 pieces of Legislation that have been introduced both in the House and the Senate in Springfield. Although we have our Bills that have been submitted that we must work on, there are literally hundreds of others that we must expend energy work-

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ing against. Two of those bills that were introduced in the House dealt with issues regarding incarcerated individuals in this State. The first was a bill entitled "Condoms for Cons", HB 419. This would have allowed for inmates to receive condoms, paid for by you know who, upon request. The FOP teamed with our Brothers and Sisters in Corrections in speaking out against this based upon the inmates using the condoms for other than their intended purpose [as if that wasn't bad enough]. This bill was defeated on April 3rd.

HB 45 would have allowed for inmates who have completed at least 25 years of their sentence and who have reached the age of 50, to petition the Parole Board for an elderly sentence adjustment which could have allowed for an early release. When considering the fact that many of these indi-

viduals who could have qualified were recipients of "C Sentences" when there was no Death Penalty in Illinois, and further that many of them may have been Police killers, our natural position as well as many other special interest groups in the State became vocal on this bill and witnessed its defeat in the House.

After a two week recess, both Houses are back at work again and several of our issues will be addressed in Committee hearings. Our follow up Pension Portability Bill, SB1858 and our Manning Bill, SB 2072 should be scheduled for hearings in the near future. As far as our many bills that deal with Pension issues, the reception for them has been less than welcome. At a time when all Pension Systems are in dire straights, pension issues that

have been addressed so far are ones that have no funding liability for either the Municipality or the Fund as was the case with our Pension Portability Bill from last year. You can follow these initiatives on line at WWW.ILGA.GOV and insert the bill numbers in the left hand column. A complete listing of our bills can be found at our website.

Memorial Month

May is a busy month as we honor those who have been taken from us while serving the people of this City. The Run to remember starts May off at Gold Star Families Park on the 2nd followed by the annual St. Jude March on the 3rd. On May 5th, the Fraternal Order of Police will be honoring the memories of Richard Francis, Nathaniel Taylor and Joe Airhart at a cere-

mony in our hall at Noon. These three names will be unveiled on our Memorial wall at that time to be followed by a reception. Please stop by your Memorial and pay tribute to these fine men.

On May 7th the Springfield Memorial takes place followed by the Cook County Peace Officer Memorial ceremony in Cermak Woods on May 9th.

The National Police Memorial Candlelight Ceremony is again on May 13th followed on the 15th by the Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Service on the west side of the Capital in Washington. As you can see you can travel near and/or far to pay tribute to those who have gone before us but it is important that you go. The members of these officer's families deserve no less than to see your recognition of their loss.

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

Wake Up City Hall & Superintendent Weis

April 2nd was a proud day to be a member of the Chicago Police Department. We stood side-by-side, brothers and sisters in blue, and told the Mayor, Superintendent Weis and the city that we put our lives on the line daily and work way too hard to be ignored. We have waited 22 months without a contract while most city unions have had their contracts for almost two years. First Responders walked around city hall hoping to send a message to the Mayor that we have families that have needs and that our families can't go 2 years waiting for the Mayor to bargain in good faith with us. Almost every police officer sends their children to private

schools because the school system in this city is not safe. We would like the Mayor to start a new concept with First Responders. Give us a contract on time for a change. Don't make us go to an arbitrator to give us a fair wage increase. Don't make us go to an arbitrator to receive a fair contract. At least 4000 officers picketed City Hall (department figures) because we have no confidence in our Mayor or Superintendent Weis. Our Superintendent believes that only a small portion of the department has no confidence in him (only 166 officers he said). If he still thinks that after April 2nd, then he needs to go down for a "random" drug test. It has been seven weeks

since our members took a unanimous vote of no confidence in Superintendent Weis. He has not reached out to the Lodge to see how he can make it better. Instead he goes on a media campaign to continue to mislead the press and our membership.

What we want is fairly simple. We do not want to be lied to and we want a fair contract at the end of the prior contract not two years later. The men and women on this job deserve no less than that. Hopefully the Mayor and the Superintendent will do what they would want done for their families.

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 is 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

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Committee on Finance submits the bills to the City Council for their approval to pay. Finally a check is rendered to the pro-

vider.

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 at (312) 744-7464 as soon as possible to determine the status of the claim.

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

Parole Hearings

I attended the parole hearings on 22 April 2009 at 26th & California before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board regarding the murderer of PO Edward Barron #14571, 004th District EOW 28 September 1973.

The hearing was also attended by a representative of the department, the Memorial Foundation and several police officers who were there to show their support in our effort to deny parole to this convicted cop killer. A representative of the Prisoner Review Board presided over the hearing which was video taped. We each addressed this member of the board and explained why this murderer should not be given any consideration for parole and read our objections into the record. I also presented petitions with the signatures of 5064 citizens and law enforcement officer who strongly object to the possibility of release of this cop killer. An embanc hearing will convene in Springfield at a later date, where they will vote on this matter. We can only hope that they truly review this matter seeing the severity of this crime and how it impacts so many and vote to deny parole.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Uniform Resale

The Spring Semi-Annual FOP Uniform Resale was held at the Hall on 22 April 2009 and was a huge success. Members began arriving at the Hall around 1000 hrs to set up over twenty tables to sell their

slightly used uniform items. The bargain hunters started arriving as the vendors were still setting up prior to the start of the sale. As the day progressed the Hall was gone thru by over 200 of our members who took advantage of this event. The next resale will be held in October 2009.

Firearms Safety Day

The Lodge will again be hosting the annual Firearms Safety Days at the FOP Hall on 27 & 28 May 2009 from 0900 hrs until 1700 hrs for both days. There will be representatives of the various gun manufacturers who will conduct on site safety inspections and adjustments of officers duty weapons at no cost. Also attending the event will be representatives from various leather goods companies and firearm related companies. Take full advantage of this benefit which your Lodge has provided. An ounce of preventative maintenance can be invaluable at a crucial moment. I look forward to seeing you there.

018th District Memorial Dedication

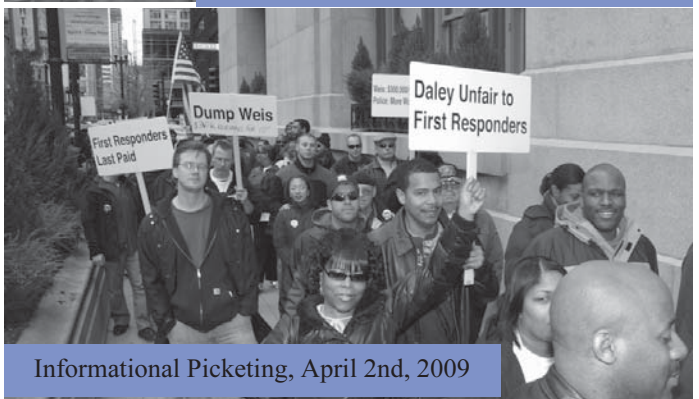
On 17 July 1970 Sgt James Severin & Officer Anthony Rizzato were cut down by sniper fire while assigned to the Walk and Talk Program in the Cabrini Green Housing Complex. On Saturday 18 July 2009, the 018th District will be hosting a memorial tribute commemorating the anniversary of the line of duty deaths of these two

officers which will be attended by both families of the slain officers. Included in the remembrance to these slain officers will be an unveiling of a permanent Honorary Street Sign in front of the 018th District. A light

luncheon will be provided by the 018th District following the ceremony so please call (312) 742-5778 if you are planning to attend.



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Third Vice-President's Report, *By Greg Bella*

Morale

It is painfully clear that Jody Weis doesn't know what morale is, or how to gauge it. He keeps repeating the same lines over and over. On Friday nights he sees officers doing their job and backing each other up and equates that as good morale. He keeps repeating that if there is a morale problem it is not because of him, rather it is the result of officers not having a contract. He is quick to point out that he has nothing to do with the contract process. He demonstrates his ignorance of the history of contract negotiations between the City and the FOP. All Chicagoans know that every contract negotiated between the city and the union has taken years to resolve. Our last contract, 2003, went to arbitration and was completed in eighteen months; the quickest a contract was ever resolved. The prior contract took three years to resolve. A majority of our members were on the job for the last two contracts and know how long the process takes. Nobody is happy with the pace of contract negotiations, but to say that it is the root cause of

the morale problem shows his lack of knowledge.

Jody Weis stated that another possible cause for a morale problem was the lack of new vehicles. Now that the Tahoes are arriving at the district level we are finding out that two out of every three Tahoes are breaking down because the rear axles lock up. It seems no one gave Weis a copy of the Chicago Police Department "TRAFFIC ALERT" from July 2006, Volume 12, Number 7. It states in paragraph one, "[t]he department's newest innovation, the Chevy Tahoe weighs 6500 pounds. Bear in mind that this makes a significant difference to maneuvering, handling, and susceptibility to rollover."

The officers I have talked to said that the Tahoe is a wonderful vehicle to take your family on a cross country vacation but as far as police work they would rather drive a Ford or Chevy. What impact will these vehicles have on morale? None. Once again he demonstrates an amazing lack of knowledge about the job.

The media seems to understand the situation better than our superintendent. On Thursday, 16 April 2009, Jody Weis was interviewed on WGN-TV and news anchor Larry Potash asked him, "Do you (Chicago Police Department) have random alcohol testing?" Weis responded, "We do, you have to go provide a sample to be tested for drug and alcohol abuse."

Potash followed with the following question, "Do you see the allegations of abuse and misconduct making officers gun shy?" Jody did not understand the question. Potash was obviously asking if the fear of complaints was affecting morale. Jody replied, "Since I have been here I haven't seen that, I try to go out on Friday nights and I see officers working hard, responding quickly to calls. There is strong camaraderie. I think the majority, a huge majority, are dedicated hard working people, dedicated to working for the city." He also stated that "Crime is down and that would not be happening if

they were not dedicated to working for the citizens of Chicago." A total lack of knowledge. Morale is most certainly down. However, even when there is no confidence in the superintendent we are still professional and we do our job.

I don't have to remind everyone that in an interview in January, Weis said that his anti-crime programs were taking hold and the weather had nothing to do with the recent drop in the homicide rate. In one weekend, the 17-19 of April, Chicago boasted 6 killed and 22 shot and that was with cold and rainy weather all day on Sunday. Next weekend it is supposed to be in the eighties all weekend, let's see if weather is a factor. Weis has no knowledge of the streets.

At a recent press conference, Jody Weis said, "If I thought that I was the cause of the morale problem I would step down." Don't believe it. He will not walk away from his \$310,000 salary, and the Mayor just doesn't care.



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Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Volunteers of America

On Thursday, March 26th, 2009, Erica Foreman, other staff from Volunteers of America, members from Lodge 7, Darrin Bourret (Illinois State District One Trustee) from the 1st District, and I met for an organized mission. The order of the day was to find homeless veterans (Downtown area) and to give them a water bottle that contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, granola bar and informational pamphlet which helps the homeless veteran find shelter, food, social services and many more agencies that will benefit the vet. Pilot districts for the water bottle give away are 001, 016, 018 and Area 1. Members interested in volunteering for this program should contact the Lodge.

Constitution and By-Law Changes/Amendments

You have a few weeks remaining to submit Constitution and By-Law changes / amendments. Article XII, Amendments to the By-Laws, informs Lodge members that only active members, in good standing of this Lodge, may propose amendments to these 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, 2009 and ending May 31, 2009.

Informational Picketing

You had to be there to appreciate the true essence of officers uniting for a common cause. Approximately 4000 officers marched (peacefully) at City Hall on Thursday, April 2, 2009. FOP National President Chuck Canterbury, FOP State of Illinois President Ted

Street, and Chicago Lodge 7 President Mark Donahue marched side by side in a show of support for the troops in blue. Officers and their families participated in the march that started just around 1000 hours, one hour prior to the actual posted time. Buses from districts and areas transported officers to City Hall for the Informational Picketing.

Military Update

When orders are cut for a reservist and he/she departs for military training (Stateside) or deployment (overseas), the reservist is now on a leave of absence until returning home and reinstating with the department. Any step increases, pay raises that would have been earned if not on orders will be paid to the officer/reservist upon returning home and reinstating with the department. Reservists, when you return home from overseas deployment or stateside duty, it is very important that you contact the Lodge and acknowledge that you have returned. Policies regarding military training including annual training, special training, basic training, advance individual training, additional duty for training, etc, etc, are subject to change or modification. You need to be aware of any changes that may affect you and your pay to include upgrades of benefits. When you end a period of training or deployment (while on orders), you must reinstate with the department prior to being placed on orders again. This applies only if there is a break in time between orders. Lately reservist being deployed are being issued somewhere between 1 and 5

sets of orders that run concurrently with each other. Orders for AT (Annual Training) are paid at full police salary (5 ILCS 325/1), orders for ADT (Additional Duty for Training), ADSW (Additional Duty Special Work) or Special Training will allow reservist to be paid the difference between police and military pay up to sixty days. Orders for Operation Enduring Freedom (Stateside duty) members will be paid the difference between police and military pay for the entire period spent Stateside. Upon leaving for Iraq, Afghanistan or a combat zone (Section 30.2, FOP Contract) the member/reservist will be paid full police pay. Reservists are again reminded to contact the Lodge when orders are received, as changes are pending for better benefits.

It's Happened Again

I'm talking about the bidding process for recognized vacancies, when a member fails to read the entire Facsimile Message it always leads to disaster, its happened again. This time the member would have been a successful bidder for a unit that rarely opens (701). However, when you deviate from the instructions failure usually happens.

2009 Ed Reines Fishing Tournament

The tournament is approximately 2 weeks away (May 20th), applications for the tournament can be found on the back page of the April and May FOP Newsletter. The application fee has increased to \$80.00 per boat. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making ap-

plication for the tournament. 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. 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. Lodge members who have fished before are encouraged to bring a new angler (never fished the tournament before) and receive an additional prize.

2009 FOP Picnic

The 2009 FOP Picnic has been scheduled for July 08, 2009 (DOG 6-7-1, 66-61 and 96-97-98) at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois. Admission requirements for F.O.P. members are the same as when held at Santa's Village. This will be our third year at Gaelic Park. For the past two years we have received overwhelming praise for the new site. We hope to see all who attended last year as well as members who have been away for awhile. Members, don't forget your FOP ID card to enter the park. Suggestions to make this year's event bigger and better should be forwarded to Frank DiMaria and Sid Davis, Unit 541. Updates on the picnic will appear in my column through July.

General Meeting Notice

The Next General Meeting Will Be Held On Tuesday, May 19th at 1900 hours.

All Members Are Encouraged To Attend.

May: A Most Unusual Month, *By Father Tom Nangle*

May: The month when police try to give themselves the honor and appreciation they deserve, because no one else will. Unless there's a big surprise between when I'm typing this (19 April) and when you read it, there won't be any groundswell of politicians, clergy, media or business people to say "Thanks, Officer." So we do it ourselves, because the officers of this great department deserve honor and appreciation. Please bear with some personal observations of mine:

1. You probably marched with St. Jude on May's first Sunday. Did you attend the prayer service at the end of March? It was non-denominational, brief, and meant to remember and respect those officers who have died. The turn-out is important...so is the prayer ceremony.

2. I used to love this city. Not so much any more. It's become oppressive and grinding. Civilians roam with stars and badges around their necks and ticket books in their hands, ready to write. A neighborhood mechanic with a small shop put it well, "Every time one of these inspectors walk in here it costs me \$350-\$400. Last time he wrote me for a door from the shop that didn't close fast enough—I walk thru that door with alternators and starter motors under each arm, you know? But it didn't close fast enough, I got a ticket. In the old days you woulda bought him breakfast for \$20 and he'd go away happy. They get their hands in your pocket all day long." And the cameras. It's turned in to an oppressive town.

3. The great FOP march

around City Hall showed me two things: The awesome power of the internet, and the heart and soul of this great department isn't dead. Delighted on both counts and may it continue and grow. You deserve far better than you're getting.

4. I used to read about depolicing on the blog. I wonder what it feels like in the center of the police soul to lay down on the job. The times I've depastored (from anger, laziness, lack of appreciation, worn out, unfair criticism, etc.) I didn't feel good about it at all. I felt cheap.

5. But I understand the depolicing attitude. How much disrespect and treachery can a group of police officers endure? How long must you endure the promotion system and the politics? The anger and frustration deserve to be seen and heard, because the issues creating them are so dehumanizing and insulting to our police.

6. I was driving down LSD one morning. In the right lane was a marked squad doing the speed limit. So I slowed down; wouldn't dare pass him. But about a dozen cars did. I couldn't believe it. And I don't think those dozen speeders knew how to decipher a beat tag (district car? ET? Traffic enforcement?). Is this the result of citizens' awareness of depolicing, and how hard will it be to re-gain a healthy respect/fear of the police? By the way, you're supposed to fear the police if you're breaking the law.

7. March 3rd was the 30th Anniversary of the murder of a friend of mine, P.O. Bill Bosak, who was shot fatally, along with his partner P.O. Roger Van Schaik. Bill and I

used to hang out. I wanted to call his wife and tell her we were thinking of her, and the kids, and Bill at Mass that morning. We don't forget. All the numbers I had for her were bad, so I googled her and Zaba-searched her to Watervliet, Michigan, but that was a bad number, too. By now it was 4:30 p.m., so I tried my last shot: I called the WPD and asked if they knew her or could give me any advice. The male voice that I spoke with said he'd go out to her house, check it out and call me back. He did just that, and 20 minutes later gave me a good phone number to call Mrs. Bosak. I asked for his name so I could send him a thank you and a St. Michael medal. Turns out he was the chief of the Watervliet (MI) Police Department, Donald Divis. I told him of my gratitude (and pleasant surprise) and he simply said, "This is how it should be. Take good care of each other." Thank you, sir. Class act. That's the way it should be.

8. I have never seen such strange days in the CPD. Or the city. Or the nation. Or my church. Seems like everything is out of place, and it's like looking at life in a wavy mirror. People were actually talking about the need for a revolution, they're so fed up. I know folks who are arming up and stocking up on ammo and predicting rioting and social upheaval. I'm hearing less of that talk in the last month. But I'd sure like to see a moral renewal and recovery that would start this country in a better, more wholesome direction. We seem to be reaping the fruits of what we've sown for the last 50 years: a liberalism that has eroded our sense

of security and safety and made our legal system serve the criminals and evil-doers among us while ignoring, mocking, and insulting those who work for justice and those who want to live in peace.

9. Speaking of the legal system, people align themselves as pro-defendant or pro-victim: mercy or justice. But justice without mercy is cruel, and mercy without justice is chaos. Only God seems to be able to balance those two values. We have stopped trying.

10. If you want to see a toxic recipe for corruption and destruction, mix organized religion's clergy with super-sized ego, add politics and insincerity with a hunger for publicity and power, and you will have a corrupt engine that can de-stabilize and destroy institutions and cultures. The noted psychiatrist M. Scott Peck, M.D. ("People of the Lie," "The Road Less Traveled") writes about the reality of people who are evil. He says we're all sinners occasionally, but what defines some people as beyond sinful and makes them truly evil is the remarkable consistency of their destructiveness. Their lives are a consistent trail of suffering that they've caused, wreckage, degradation of others. There are evil people. And who deals with them most often? The police officer.

11. I believe God cherishes fairness and justice. I believe God values goodness and condemns evil. I know justice is what you work for, that's the mission of this CPD. And you police offi-

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 cers could achieve a much higher level of justice if society let you be the police (not a police state, just be free to do police work). Maybe we just haven't had enough of this chaos and violence yet, but how much more can we endure before we desperately scream for a well-paid, re-

spected, unchained Chicago Police Department?
 Respectfully, Fr. Tom Nangle
 Chaplain C.P.D.
 (312) 738-7588

INFORMATION FOR THE POLICE

Your Police Chaplains Ministry continues to offer Mass cards (simply a promise of prayer for the life of a de-

ceased person, and for the grieving family). They're real "policey" cards; navy blue with the CPD star in gold. No donations are accepted for this simple service. If you'd like, visit chicagopcm@gmail.com and put Mass Card in the subject line, then give us 1) name of deceased, 2) name and complete address of to whom the

card should be sent, and 3) name of requestor; we'll gladly do the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th and we will have a Police Mass that Sunday at Mercy Home, 1140 Jackson Blvd., at 1100 hours to honor our Moms, living and deceased. You are all very welcome to attend.

Financial Secretary's Report, By Rich Aguilar

The United States Supreme Court issued an opinion on Tuesday, April 22, 2009 regarding the methods that police officers use to search a vehicle that is controlled by an arrestee. In *Arizona v. Gant* police officers observed Gant operating his vehicle while he had an outstanding warrant for a suspended drivers license. Gant was arrested, handcuffed, and placed into the back of a squad car. A search of his auto revealed a handgun and cocaine.

Warrantless searches incident to an arrest were first governed by *Chimel v. California* where the Court ruled that the immediate area within an arrestee's reach could be searched. This concept was expanded in *New York v. Belton* where the Court expanded this to the immediate area within reach of an arrestee in an automobile. Many courts broadly interpreted *Belton* to allow officers to conduct a search of the auto and containers within regardless of where the auto was located at the scene of an arrest even after an arrestee was secured.

In *Arizona v. Gant* the Court rejected these broad rulings. Based upon this recent ruling, police may not search a vehicle and its closed

containers, incident to an arrest unless (1) it is reasonable to believe that an arrestee might access the vehicle at the time of his arrest **or** (2) that a search of the vehicle will reveal evidence of the offense for which the arrest was made.

The Court based its decisions on two important facts. First, the arrestee was secured in the back of a squad car; therefore he did not pose any threat to the officer. Second, the arrestee was arrested for a warrant for driving on a suspended license; the car could not have contained any evidence for the offense for which the arrest was made.

Officers should be aware that this ruling does not prohibit searches that meet the Court's criteria for searches incident to an arrest. It does not prohibit custodial searches of a vehicle to protect a prisoner's property when a vehicle is impounded. The ruling does not apply to investigatory stops of vehicles.

The entire opinion can be found on the United States Supreme Court website at www.supremecourtus.gov.



Informational Picketing, April 2nd, 2009

The following member was omitted from the November 2008 Retiree List but is in fact enjoying the life of retirement.

November 2008 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Huertas, Victor M.	Officer	019	16

February 2009 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Benvenuti, Jamie A.	Officer	192	26
Braxton, Edward L.	FTO	006	26
Carr, Jr., Arthur C.	Officer	002	23
Castaneda, John S.	Officer	132	32
De Vance, Ronnie	Officer	018	29
Diedrich, Dolores E.	Officer	020	22
Foley, Sharon M.	Officer	022	23
Gordon, Rose L.	Detective	189	29
Johnson, Lester H.	Officer	014	32
Kuber, Michael L.	Sergeant	009	23
Martin, James E.	Officer	002	23
Posilovich, Claude S.	Officer	018	38
Ptak, Theodore B.	Officer	608	39
Ryan, John W.	Officer	181	36
Sepanik, Dorothy	ET	377	29
Smith, Deborah K.	Officer	167	28
Sullivan, William	Forensic Inv.	177	36
Taylor, Frankie A.	Officer	171	32
Thomas, Kenneth G.	Officer	004	34
Tomasik, Sr., Ronald B.	Officer	011	19
Trevino, Daniel G.	Detective	630	29
Vitulski, Dean S.	Officer	018	29
Williams, John	Officer	006	34

XvXry Onx Is Important, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

I was asked recently the following question. "We live in trying times; can one person really make a difference?" It brought to mind the following parable of my old typewriter.

Xvxy Onx Is Important

You arx a kxy pxrson, just like my typxwritr. You sxx, vxxn though my typxwritr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll xxxcpt for onx kxy. You would think that with all thx othxr kxys functioning propxrlly, onx kxy not working would hardly bx noticxd; but just onx kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin thx wholx xffort.

You may say to yoursxlx, "Wxll I'm only onx pxrson. No onx will noticx if I don't do my bxst." But it doxs

makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx, to bx xffxctivx as a pxrson, an organization or as a family, activx participation is nxxdx by xach and vxxy onx to thx bxst to his or hxr ability.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not important, or that you don't count, rxmxxbxx my old typxwritr. You arx a kxy pxrson, your family nxxds you, work needs you and lifx is not thx samx without you.

As G-d's children we are all special in our own way. EACH KEY COUNTS, you are a vital part of someone's life and you are the world to them. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF.

May has a special day in it

called Mother's Day. I dedicate the following story to these special women.....

Flowers for Mom.....

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, Please! You can take me to my mother." She directed him to a

cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house. End of story.

So if you're blessed with a Mom in your life, take a moment and let her know how special she is and how much she means to you.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Amen.

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

From The Desk of Rhonda Bullock, Trustee

On April 2, 2009 your lodge asked you to show the city that we are united and you spoke volumes. Depending on which media source you followed the estimates on attendance ranged from 2000 to 3500 Officers. There were well over 4000 Police Officers surrounding City Hall that day to show our displeasure with the progress, or lack of, with our contract. Although Firefighters Local 2 and the Sergeant's Association Board of Directors voted not to support our protest there were many Sergeant's and Firefighters out walking with us. It was wonderful to see Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, Retiree's and Exempts walking together in force to send the city a message. It was also great to see the support we received from the Teacher's, SEIU and

other city unions. Now we have to stay the course. We can't let the news media determine our destiny.

By now everyone has heard that the Midway Airport lease deal fell through. We all know that our Mayor is an expert at manipulation. The city gets to keep 126 million dollars in earnest money to balance its 2009 and 2010 budgets. Let's see if some of that money is used to pay officers a decent wage. That should be more than enough to approve a cost of living raise for rank and file police officers. Hopefully, our show of force at the protest and this new found cash influx will prompt the city to do the right thing. We deserve a new contract with some benefit enhancements and a pay raise. If the Mayor can't see that then maybe we

should hold another protest march. Officers, you did your Lodge proud...it felt good to be a part of an organization that is supported by its rank and file; a rank and file that shows up

when the going gets tough! Next time maybe the media will get the count of those in attendance right.



Informational Picketing, April 2nd, 2009

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 web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information. Feel free to email me at csaladino@chicagofop.org.

March Pension Meeting – Advocates present: FOP 1st VP Bill Dougherty, Det Mark Howe, Det Steve Schorsch, 2 retired PO's, Sun Times and Tribune reporters and myself. One appointed Trustee absent. Disability Claims: *Duty* – 1 granted at 75%, 1 granted at 50%, 2 granted Ordinary. *Occupational (Heart)* – 1 granted. *Ordinary* – 1 granted.

Applying for Duty Disability Medical Records – This is a very important step for the officer. You have the right to review your medical file at the Medical Section and make copies of any information that is pertinent to your injury when you are applying for your duty disability. Once you sign your PAR Form at the Medical Section for disability your medical file will be sent to the Pension Board and documents pertaining to your disability will be compiled and made into a packet for you, your attorney and the Pension Board Trustees. It is again very important that you review this medical

file packet to make sure that all documents pertaining to your injury are included. If you happen to lose your hearing and decide to go for Administrative Review (Circuit Court) you cannot enter any new information--only what was presented at your Pension Board hearing. It is your responsibility to make sure all medical documents are in your file. Go over your medical file and if you have any questions contact your attorney before your Pension Board hearing.

Veteran's Corner

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

Manteno Veteran Home – Saturday, May 9. Chicago Police Marines' annual visit to present donation from their fundraiser and to visit with veterans. Bus leaves FOP at 9:00 am. If interested in going, call Commandant Scott Dinga at 773-552-8172.

Chicago Memorial Day Parade – Saturday, May 23. Wreath laying ceremony at Eternal Flame, Daley Center at 11:00 am. State Street Parade kicks off at State & Wacker Drive at 12:00 noon.

Memorial Day Events – Monday, May 25. Medal of Honor PFC Milton Olive

(173rd Airborne) ceremony at Olive Park at 7:30 am. Norwood Park Parade at 11:00 am starting at Onahan School, 6634 W. Raven. Also, re-dedication of WWI monument at Monument Park, 6679 N. Avondale. Rosehill Cemetery Parade begins at 10:00 am from 5700 N. Clark, ceremony at 11:00 am. Ridge Park Parade begins at 10:00 am at 111th & Longwood Drive proceeding to 96th & Longwood for

11:00 am ceremony. Bernie Burgers BBQ at Dugan's, 6051 N. Milwaukee Avenue at 1:00 pm. Food, drink, and good time (even with Marines)!

"Since the Revolution, eight generations of America's veterans have established an unbroken commitment to freedom." ~ Steve Buyer

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

From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Representative/Trustee

Don't Mind Us

A FAX was sent to the Lodge last month that was titled "Service Request Summary Report." After reviewing this document, it was discovered that it was not so much a request but a complaint against a police officer. There was no affidavit and the caller/contact was only identified by a first name. The officer in question called the Lodge stating that her supervisor had requested a TO-FROM in regards to this alleged incident. The officer was informed that a TO-FROM was not required because this was a complaint and there are procedures in place for an officer to respond to such complaints. However, if the officer was ordered to complete a TO-FROM, comply with the order and incorporate in the narrative that the reporting officer cannot respond to the allegation because no sworn affidavit was pro-

duced. In appendix L of the contract under paragraph 10, it clearly states, "No officer will be required to answer any allegation of misconduct unless it is supported by an appropriate affidavit." There are exceptions, however none them apply in this instance. There is also 50 ILCS 725/3.8(b) stating, "Anyone filing a complaint against a sworn peace officer must have the complaint supported by a sworn affidavit." Apparently the department's disregard of not only our contract, but state law is never ending. If it doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

FOID Cards

In November of last year, the department came out with a letter stating that having a FOID card would be a condition of employment effective 01 JAN 09. According to 430 ILCS 15/2(a), a FOID is not required for "law enforcement officials while engaged in the operation of their official duties." The Lodge requested a

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grace period due to the fact that it can take 2-3 months to have a new FOID card processed. If you have applied for a new card, make a copy of your application and keep it with you until your card arrives. Applications are available on-line at <http://www.isp.state.il.us> or you can call the customer service department at (217) 782-7980.

In-Car Cameras

Here is another morale booster by our beloved department. Officers are now being

called into the Watch Commander's officer to explain why there was no video downloaded from the in-car camera. Translation: why didn't the officer conduct any traffic stops? Answer: Traffic stops are not mandatory! Apparently this is coming from 35th Street (where a six-page Department Special Notice is needed for building security.) The bottom line is traffic stops are to be done at the discretion of the officer. Stay safe.

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

- Anthony Mascolino, Age 80
- Cameron D. Karshna, Age 31
- Edward C. Prendergast, Age 88
- John F. Degnan, Age 67
- Nicholas C. Crescenzo, Age 68
- Thomas J. Carroll, Age 79
- Theresa Radka, Age 50
- Patrick C. Arens, Age 66
- James F. Moore, Age 70
- Lee S. Wozniak, Age 40
- Joseph J. Marszalek, Age 89
- Bernard E. Dorken, Age 85
- Roland L. Harvey, Age 87
- Martin J. Quinn, Age 86
- Robert E. Healy, Age 78
- George Demas, Age 81
- Kevin B. Burns, Age 35

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 <p>Store Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00 – 5:00 Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 Saturday, 9:00 – 1:00</p> <p>Store Closed: May 23, 24 & 25, 2009</p> <p>Direct Line:</p>	<p>Happy Spring! Let's Have A Great Sale!! Mother's Day Is May 10th. The Police Memorials Are On May 7th In Springfield & May 15th In Washington D.C. New Merchandise Arriving For Spring & Summer</p>	
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	<p>Back In Stock! Infant "Rubber Duck Patrol" Hooded Bath Towel With Police Rubber Duck Set.</p>	
	<p>Custom CPD Star Belt Buckle With Reversible Black/Brown Belt. Adjustable Up To 56" Long. Was Priced At \$24.95 Now On Sale For Only \$19.95 Makes A Great Father's Day Gift!</p>	<p>End Of The Season Sale Navy Blue Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt With CPD Star. Limited Quantities & Limited Sizes Now 25% OFF</p>
<p>Tee Shirt of the Month: "Real Men" or "Real Women" Wear Blue 30% OFF Sizes Medium—3XL</p>	<p>Back In Stock! Zippered Padfolio In Black Real Imitation Type Leather. Father's Day Gift Idea!! Available With PO Or Detective Star On Front. Priced At Only \$23.95 Each!</p>	
<p>FREE Father's Day Raffle Starts May 18th Great Prizes!!</p>	<p>Black—Navy—Green CPD Star Cap With Shadow Star, Was Priced At \$10.95 Now On Sale For Only \$7.95 Each</p>	<p>Close Out Sale—Polar Fleece Vest In Charcoal & Gray, Sizes XL & 2XL Only, 30% OFF, Brings The Sale Price To \$18.86 Each</p>
	<p>CPD Patch Bath Mat Now Priced At Only \$14.95 Makes A Fun Gift!</p>	<p>Framed Police Prayer Plaques 30% OFF Very Limited Quantities. Purchase By May 15 & Receive An Additional 20% OFF</p>
	<p>Ladies Combo—Long Sleeve Grey T-Shirt With Black/Pink Cap. Limited Quantities. XL Only 40% OFF, Brings The Price To \$9.57 Each</p>	<p>Back In Stock! Ladies Tank Sleeve Cover Up With Pocket & "Bling" Star In Pink, Gray, Mint, Blue & Yellow. One Size Fits Most. Only \$13.95</p>

Pension News, By Mike Shields

Recently, the City of Chicago Inspector General subpoenaed our pension fund. The Inspector requested all documents pertaining to a real estate development company named DV Urban Realty. DV Urban Realty is 51% minority owned by Allison Davis, a former business associate of Tony Rezko. A 49% owner of this company is Robert Vanecko, nephew of Mayor Daley. Our pension board attorney, David Kugler, refused to honor this subpoena stating that the Inspector General does not have jurisdiction. I disagree. Our pension board business deals involve your paycheck contributions

as well as dollars derived from taxes and should be 100% transparent. Policemen and taxpayers should be outraged. Arguing technicalities to cover for an already "lawyered up" nephew of the mayor is, in my opinion, the wrong decision. On two separate occasions, I have motioned to have the pension board comply with the subpoena. Unfortunately, both motions failed. After these failed motions, I was curious as to why the City-appointed trustees on our board were so vocal in their efforts to fight this subpoena. I researched my fellow trustee, City of Chicago Treasurer Stephanie Neely. It turns out that she has accepted cam-

paign contributions from Allison Davis and DV Urban Realty. I did not know this when I made my motions or I would have asked Treasurer Neely to

recuse herself on the issue. Mike Shields Pension Board Trustee (312) 744-3891

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Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 15th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 20, 2009. 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
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