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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Contract Negotiations

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Since the last newsletter was sent, we have met with representatives of the City and Department twice to sort through the proposals. Included in those meetings was discussion over language for the imposition of the Duty Exchange Procedure which was the basis of the Arbitrator's decision relative to the FLSA Grievance. This procedure should be implemented by the time you receive this newsletter and is another major benefit that has been obtained as a result of the ongoing negotiations and Grievance that was resolved. In addition to this we have been informed that we are now over 160 in the number of members who are/will be between the ages of 55-59 and who have applied for retirement in 2010. These applicants will be eligible for the premium free healthcare deal that was struck with the City during these negotiations. This is the second round of applications in this four year deal. The final two phases in 2011 and 2012 only require 100 applicants each year for those to be eligible to receive the Health Care benefit.

We have also met on two occasions with the full Core Group and the arbitrator, Ed Benn. Due to the demands of full confidentiality imposed by the Arbitrator in this process, there will be no discussion over the proceedings during the arbitration process. The Media does in fact monitor our website and this Newsletter so please understand the position we are in during the remainder of this important process.

Handbooks

Due to the delay in getting the calendar from the City, our handbooks were a bit delayed in getting to our members. The mailings to our Active Members went out on the 9th and the Retirees packages were mailed on the 14th. The membership card is included in the envelope as well as the member and family stickers. Extra books and stickers are available in the FOP store.

Legislation

The Social Security Fairness Act has more than a majority of co-sponsors in the House with 309. The Senate sponsors number 29. This piece of legislation, as most others, has taken a back seat to the efforts being put into obtaining National Healthcare reform. All of our Illinois Representatives are co-sponsors of this issue and they need to begin taking an active part in seeing that the respective bills get to Committee. The criticism that has been brought up for years when discussing passage of this issue was where would the money come from, much like the issue that is front and center on the Washington scene right now. It apparently can be found.

Our Legislative Committee met today to discuss our Springfield agenda for the next year. Several of our issues will be reintroduced to give the members of the House and Senate a fresh look at the issues. Those that have passed will be replaced by issues that are new for us to introduce. As several of them concern pension issues, we will contact the City and schedule a meeting with their representatives over those issues. As I have said in the past, frequently we found it impossible to get a meeting with the City to discuss our pension issues so when the 55 and out issue was connected to a requirement to do so, it will make getting those meetings much easier to accomplish. When we get new Bill numbers we will post them on our website for you to follow.

The Political Action Committee met on December 16th for the purpose of formulating recommendations for the full Board of Directors on endorsements for the upcoming Primary Elections. The Committee interviewed 23 candidates who asked for the endorsement and had a challenger in their respective races. The rest of the candidates who requested the endorsement and did not have a challenger who requested, were considered based on their submitted materi-

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als and member input. The Committee formulated recommendations for the endorsement of 37 individuals which will be presented to the Board on January 5^{th} . Once the Board decides, that information will be posted on our website, the candidates will be notified and we will print the information in our February Newsletter which will be delivered to the membership in the last week of January. Please give these candidates your consideration. It is an arduous process but we think it is worth the effort.

Pension Commission

The next meeting of the "Commission to Strengthen Chicago's Pensions" is scheduled for January 15th. As the timetable for formulating recommendations is coming to an end, it is anticipated those discussions will happen soon. Surely there will need to be adjustments made to reflect the current status of the Funds liabilities, but even still, there is little doubt that action needs to be taken to ensure the future viability of the Funds.

Eighty-six new hires and four rehires entered the Academy on December 16th.

This marks the second Academy class to start in all 2009 for a total recruit count of 132. This is a drop in the bucket to the number of officers that have left the job this year. With the continuing reduction in the numbers of Officers we have on the streets, you need to place a greater emphasis on personal safety so that you are here and can do your job in protecting the safety of others. We will continue our efforts both here in Chicago and down in Springfield to see that you have all the backup you need when you need it.

First Vice-President's Report, By Bill Dougherty



FLSA Arbitration/ Tour of Duty Exchange

In November, the Lodge went to arbitration against the City on the subject of FLSA comp time. This type of comp time could be earned whenever an

officer worked more than 171 hours in a given 28 day pay period. Our lawyers filed suit years ago claiming that the City was violating the FLSA by not allowing officers to take time off when they needed it. We were successful and in 2009, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in our favor. After the appeal, the Federal District Court gave the City 120 days to revise its FLSA comp time system. The City then decided that it would pay out all FLSA overtime rather than allow officers to accrue FLSA comp time. We went back to court, but the judge ruled that paying premium FLSA overtime when earned simply does not violate the FLSA.

While it didn't violate the law, the City's actions did violate our collective bargaining agreement. The Lodge brought a class action grievance on behalf of the 120+ officers that actually had any FLSA comp time and were paid out back in September 2009. The grievance went to arbitration in November and the arbitrator was given authority to craft a remedy that would not violate the FLSA. The Arbitrator took note of the fact that the entire situation had arisen because offi-

cers were not able to use their comp time when they wanted to. That being the case, the arbitrator ordered that the City allow officers in the districts, detectives, ET's and several other units to exchange tours of duty if comp time is denied. There are many new procedures that you must become familiar with as these "duty trades" will be put in place in January of 2010, but here are the basics:

- When an officer requests the use of compensatory time off at least seven (7) days prior to the requested date and is denied, the Department shall be required to notify the requesting officer of a denial no less than three (3) days before the requested date.
- The requesting officer will identify an eligible full duty officer (from his unit and watch), who 1) is <u>not</u> scheduled to work the date of the requested Tour of Duty Exchange and 2) is willing to work the date of the requested Tour of Duty Exchange.
- 3. The requesting officer will agree to work a tour of duty on a specific date for the replacement officer within four weeks, before or after, the requested Tour of Duty Exchange date.
- 4. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before the exchange date, the requesting officer and the replacement officer will submit a report to the Watch Commander indicating they have agreed to the exchange of

days. The Watch Commander must then approve the Tour of Duty Exchange or may grant the original request for elective time.

- 5. Requesting officers are limited to one (1) Tour of Duty Exchange per police period.
- 6. The replacement officer involved in a Tour of Duty Exchange will not be allowed to use elective time to satisfy his or her Tour of Duty Exchange obligation.
- An officer that is unable to fulfill his Exchange obligation due to placement on the medical roll (non-IOD) will be ineligible for participation in Tour of Duty exchange for 90 days.

A complete copy of the arbitrator's award is online at our website under *cur*rent updates. The new General Order on this subject is going to be G.O. 94-05 Addendum 10. This has been a very long and difficult process and we are very excited about the outcome. While only a small number of officers had FLSA time, we were able convince an arbitrator to extend a new contractual benefit to the vast majority of our members.

"Adult Child" Enrollment

Public Act 95-0958 requires the City of Chicago Medical Care Plan for employees to extend coverage for eligible dependents to age 26 or to age 30 for eligible dependent veterans. The cost of

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ries of coverage already provided by the City. The cost of the premiums will be paid by the employee. The enrollment The officer has 180 days to provide a period is from January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010. Contact the Benefits Management Office at (312) 747-8660 for premium costs or any questions regarding this benefit.

Adding A New Dependent To Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn, he/she has 30 days in which to submit an enrollment form. Along with

the coverage is in addition to the catego- the enrollment form, you must provide a days, you will not be able to enroll until certified marriage certificate or a certified birth certificate as proof of dependency. certified marriage certificate/ certified birth certificate to show proof of dependency. These forms and certificates should be brought down to the Benefits Management Office. I suggest that you bring these forms in person. You can ask for a stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333 S. State, Room 400. If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30

the next open enrollment period.



Second Vice-President's Report, By Frank DiMaria



FOP Vest Safety Day hosting a Vest Safety Dav on 24 February 2010 from 0900 hrs of the major soft body armor companies who will be displaying the

current models of their products. Officers, if you need to replace your old vest or just want to see the most current models, stop by the Hall. The soft body armor which we wear on a daily basis is one of the most crucial pieces of uniform equipment we put on when we hit the street that will protect us during a time of danger.

Parole Hearings

On 17 December 2009 the Illinois Prisoner Review Board met in Springfield for the En Banc Hearing to grant or deny parole of the convicted murderer of PO Charles Pollard 010th District EOW 14

December 1967. I, along with 28 mem-The Lodge will be bers of the Chicago Police Department and a representative from the Chicago Memorial Foundation, traveled by bus to Springfield in the early morning hours so until 1700 hrs. There we may arrive by 0830 hrs for the Hearwill be Representatives ing. The Hearing was not held at the Capitol Building but at the Illinois Prisoner Review Board's Office meeting room and ours was the first case called. A motion to deny parole was made and seconded for this convicted murderer and the Board voted to deny parole. The Board also voted to grant a three year set for this convicted cop killer.

> I would like to thank the Chicago Police Memorial for supplying the bus and to all of the police officers who traveled with us to make our presence known and to keep the memory alive for this fallen hero. We must continue to monitor these hearings to ensure that no one convicted of murdering a police officer is released before the end of their lawful sentence. WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Stress Management Class

The Lodge and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be hosting Stress Management Classes in 2010 for our Members. The classes will be held at the Hartgrove Hospital, 5730 W Roosevelt Road. The classes are for two (2) days from 0830 hrs until 1630 hrs and you must attend both days. To register for the Class contact the Lodge and ask for Pat.

The available dates for the 2010 Stress Management Classes are:

28 & 29 January 2010 25 & 26 February 2010 25 & 26 March 2010 29 & 30 April 2010 27 & 28 May 2010 24 & 25 June 2010 29 & 30 July 2010 26 & 27 August 2010 23 & 24 September 2010 28 & 29 October 2010 2 & 3 December 2010 There are no classes in November.

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(Last, First, MI)		
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Home Telephone:	Cell Phone:	

Third Vice-President's Report, By Greg Bella



Work Schedules As we start the New Year everyone is anticipating the change to the 4-2 work schedule. Since 1993 the Lodge has been attempting to eliminate the sixth

work day and get the membership a new work schedule. For the first time since 1966 every District will be working a schedule other than the 6-2. The 4-2 work schedule is not a pilot program; it is the new work schedule.

As police officers we are resistant to change. When we were first required to wear bulletproof vests you heard statements like, ' $f^*#@$ that...they can't make me wear a bullet proof vest'. When we

got the PDTs, you heard things like, 'f*#@ that...they can't make me use the PDT'. Can anyone imagine going out to work without a bulletproof vest or a PDT? Give the 4-2 work schedule a year and after the year let us know if it is or is not better than working the 6-2.

Information on the 4-2 work schedule is on the Lodge website and as always if you have any questions contact the Lodge.

The 008^{th} and 13^{th} Districts are on the 6-3 and the 005^{th} and 20^{th} Districts are on ten-hour day and will be on these schedules at least through 2010. If the city does not want to continue those schedules then **the burden of proof will be on the city** in front of an arbitrator.

It is the Lodge's goal in time to get

the remaining members of the department off the 6-2 and on the 4-2 work schedule. The Lodge and the city will meet monthly to monitor the work schedule and address any problems that might arise.

Our goal all along was not only to give the individual officer the option of different work schedules but to eliminate the sixth work day. For a majority of our members that is a reality but our work is not finished.

We are starting 2010 with a new work schedule, the ability to get a day off when you need it and the ability to retire at 55 years of age without worrying about the cost of health care. We will bring the contract to a successful conclusion through the arbitration process.

Financial Secretary's Report, By Rich Aguilar



Legitimate Officers Beware!

The Lodge has recently been getting calls about a not-so-new Unit that seems to have morphed into something that is different from its

original vision. The Unit that I am referring to is the Medical Integrity Unit.

One would surmise that the function of this unit, from its name alone, would be to nab those who knowingly "abuse" the medical benefits that were negotiated by the Lodge. The Medical Section webpage on the Department Intranet lists the MIU Mission Statement as: The Medical Integrity Unit (MIU) is a unit within the Medical Services Section which reports directly to the Director of the Human Resources Division, Bureau of Administrative Services. The MIU was created to assist in the administration of the Chicago Police Department's medical policies and procedures and to investigate allegations of fraud, waste and abuse in any medical program. To attain this goal, the MIU will identify, investigate, document, and in conjunction with other entities, ensure that Department members are using the medical programs for their intended purposes. The MIU will recommend corrective action, up to and including disciplinary action, and/or discharge, in cases where allegations of fraud, waste and abuse are sustained. The MIU will comply with all Department directives, applicable collective bargaining agreements and local, state and federal laws when conducting its investigations. The webpage even gives officers the ability to submit anonymous complaints against other Department members.

Pretty serious stuff if that is truly the function of this Unit. Unfortunately, rather than adhering to its Mission Statement, this unit seems to be taking the easy route by putting legitimate officers in its sights. Rather than addressing the issue of a member who has had the flu seventeen times in one year, the member who claims to have a bad knee and then competes in a marathon, or the member with the bad back who decides to work his secondary job putting up brick walls, this unit goes after the member who is using the medical for the first time and fails to notify the Desk that he is leaving his house to pick up a prescription from the pharmacy or his child from Kindergarten. That is not what this unit is supposed to be about.

The Department has made us aware ommend that office that there are those who do, in fact, become familiar w "abuse" our medical benefit. Both the medical roll usage.

Lodge and the Department agree that these "abusers" are not representative of the members who use this benefit wisely. Obviously the Lodge is not in the position of recommending discipline for our members, but the Lodge would be hard pressed to condone the actions of the few who may jeopardize a benefit that, hopefully, most of us will never have to take advantage of. Therefore, the Lodge was not opposed to the formation of this unit. The Lodge would also recommend that this unit look into why the family of an officer that was killed in the line of duty has to receive an unpaid medical bill reminding them about the loss of their loved one three days before Christmas and why active officer's are being denied surgeries when they are injured in the line of duty. All we are asking now is that this unit achieves its intended goals.

Officers, it's better to be safe than sorry, especially you medical "rookies". If you are uncertain of your medical status and are unsure of whether you are required to call the desk or the medical section before you leave to take out the garbage, make the call and get a name of who you spoke with. You never know, the MIU may be watching. We also recommend that officers read G.O. 98-2 and become familiar with the order regarding medical roll usage.

Recording Secretary's Report, By Sidney Davis



2010 Watch Bidding Watch bidding for 2010 will occur during the 3rd period (March 10th), $6^{th^{1}}$ period (June 2^{nd}) and 9^{th} period (August 25^{th}). Article (Steady Watch), 31 Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Po-

lice and the City of Chicago defines Districts and Units eligible for steady watch bidding. Lodge members who were not successful in acquiring a particular watch during the watch selection process last November may have an opportunity to complete, and can be located on page 6 bid again starting on March 10, 2010. Vacancies shall be filled as follows: If that some items contained in the calendar the vacancy is a bid vacancy, i.e., the pre- may change due to contract negotiations, vious incumbent held the position by bid, i.e., uniform checks or duty availability. then the vacancy shall be filled by bid. If The date for the annual Memorial Vigil

the previous incumbent had been appointed at the discretion of the Employer, then the vacancy shall be filled at the discretion of the Employer. Members who are newly assigned to a unit may be placed on a watch at the Employer's discretion until such time as the member accepts a management position or is able to bid on a vacancy at the next regularlyscheduled vacancy posting during the 3rd, 6th and 9th period. Questions regarding watch bidding can be answered by Unit and watch reps.

2010 Holiday Event Calendar

The 2010 Holiday Event Calendar is of this newsletter. Members are advised

(normally in September) is pending. **2010 FOP Handbook**

Everyone should have received their 2010 FOP Handbook by now, if not contact the Lodge. There are some vast improvements to the 2010 handbook which include shading of periods and computation of overtime, compensatory time, court time, holidays, BFD's, P-days, and V-days. On page 33, members may keep a log of General Meetings attended this year. On page 147, members are asked for comments regarding the handbook which will be used for the 2011 FOP Handbook. There are many more changes that can be found by simply browsing your handbook at your leisure.

Pension News, By Michael Shields, Trustee

Last week, I received a letter from an attorney representing City Treasurer Stephanie Neely. The attorney states that he has been retained by the City Treasurer to investigate proceeding with a lawsuit against me. The lawyer claims that Treasurer Neely may be entitled to punitive damages against me. Clearly, Treasurer Neely does not like the fact that I have discussed the fact that she receives campaign contributions from investment managers that do business with the pension fund. Each one of us should look online at her campaign contribution reports.

I previously made a motion that the Pension Fund comply with a subpoena regarding DV Urban Realty. Treasurer Neely voted against my motion. However, she had previously accepted campaign cash from both Allison Davis (one of the owners) and DV Urban Realty. You might recall that DV is the company that was partly owned by the mayor's nephew Robert Vanecko. Ms. Neely voted not to comply with the City's Inspector General's subpoena for investigating DV Urban. Treasurer Neely voted "against" the termination of Ariel Capital Management. The Ariel CEO John Rogers, Jr. and Ariel Chairman of the Board Mellody Hobson each contributed \$7,500 (\$15,000 total) in one single year (2007) to Treasurer Neely's campaign fund.

Treasurer Neely has threatened me and the FOP with a lawyer claiming he'll file a lawsuit. The appearance of "pay to play" is exactly what disgusts my fellow Chicago Police Officers about our pension fund. We want to have the finest money managers working hard with our retirement money. We do not want to have an elected politician that receives campaign cash from these managers voting on our board.

It is my opinion that Treasurer Stephanie Neely should resign from her position on this board. At our January meeting, I will ask the City Treasurer to resign from her position as a trustee. It seems that if you accept campaign cash in Chicago, that's just business. If you speak out against it, that's libel!

Here is the website; check out all the facts for yourselves: www.elections.state.il.us/CampaignDisclosure/ItemizedContrib.aspx

Any questions or comments should be directed to the Pension Board, attention Mike Shields, at 312-744-3891.

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

John J. Botica, Age 82 Sharon M. D'Amico, Age 63 James J. Fallon, Age 87 John P. Killenberg, Age 74 James P. Walsh, Age 68 Willie E. Zerane, Age 72 Louis P. Botica, Age 86 James J. Lanners, Age 84 Neil J. Francis, Age 79 Wayne J. Manning, Age 63 Jack G. Wallenda, Sr., Age 83 Rudolph C. Brown, Age 84 Alex L. Jenkins, Jr., Age 60 Lisa R. Scott, Age 44 Joseph J. Klak, Age 89 Charles M. Williams, Age 62 Michael J. O'Donnell, Age 66 Craig A. Ford, Age 40 Carlos G. Meneses, Age 34

The Sergeant At Arms Report, By Jim Moriarty

start receiving their 2010 FOP Books, active and family member decals and membership cards. Please remember that the decals that say active member are program which has emblems for the rear only meant for vehicles that are registered of the vehicle for sale at the FOP office. at an active or retired member's resi- They are oval instead of round and have dence, period. We all know how easy it the words Associate Member instead of is for these decals and the medallions for Active Member. If they are stopped by the rear of the vehicle, to get into the the Police they are within the law to diswrong hands. How would you feel if a play this emblem, provided they are a Police Officer was injured because they current Associate member. Associate saw our active member sticker on a vehi- membership for individuals cost \$40 per cle as they were approaching and let their year and for corporations cost \$75 per guard down a little because of the FOP affiliation. If you have a family member who does not reside at your residence, but Member sticker or Medallion and it is not

In the coming weeks our members will wants to display their support for the registered to a Police Officer or Retired FOP, give them the Family Member decals for the windshield.

> We also have an Associate Member year.

If you stop a vehicle with an Active

Police Officer's residence they can be charged with 720ILCS 5/17-2 Impersonating member of Police, fraternal or veterans' organization or representative of a charitable organization-Use of Words "Chicago Police" etc. Also the checkerboard hatband is an insignia of the Chicago Police Department and part of the uniform, just food for thought. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and may you and your family have a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

2010 HOLIDAY EVENT CALENDAR

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HOLIDAYS BY		ACT	DATE	PERIOD		DOG(S)			TRANSFER BIDS
NEW YEARS DAY			01 JAN	13B		4/5, 4/5/6, 63/64 & 9			1ST PERIOD-18 DEC
KING'S BIRTHDAY			18 JAN	1A		4/5, 4/5/6, 63/64 & 9			2ND PERIOD-15 JAN
LINCOLN'S BIRTH			12 FEB	2A		5/6, 5/6/7, 63/64 & 9			3RD PERIOD—12 FEB
WASHINGTON'S E	BIRTHDAY	7	15 FEB	2A		7/1, 7/1/2, 66/61 & 9			4TH PERIOD-12 MAR
PULASKI DAY			1 MAR	2B		5/6, 5/6/7, 62/63 & 9	8/99/91		5TH PERIOD-09 APR
POLICE PARTNER	SHIP DAY	-	29 APR	5A		7/1, 7/1/2, 61/62 & 9	4/95/96		6TH PERIOD-7 MAY
MEMORIAL DAY			31 MAY	6A		6/7, 6/7/1, 63/64 & 9	9/91/92		7TH PERIOD—4 JUNE
INDEPENDENCE D	DAY		4 JULY	7A		7/1, 7/1/2, 61/62 & 9	7/98/99		8TH PERIOD-2 JULY
LABOR DAY			6 SEP	9B		6/7, 6/7/1, 65/66 & 9	8/99/91		
COLUMBUS DAY			11 OCT	10B		1/2, 1/2/3, 64/65 & 9	7/98/99		10TH PER-27 AUG
VETERAN'S DAY			11 NOV	12A		7/1, 7/1/2, 65/66 & 9			11TH PERIOD-24 SEP
THANKSGIVING D	DAY		25 NOV	12B		5/6, 5/6/7, 61/62 & 9			12TH PER-22 OCT
CHRISTMAS DAY			25 DEC	13B		3/4, 3/4/5, 61/62 & 9	1/92/93		13TH PER—19 NOV
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Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	(2a)	14 Feb 17 Feb	6/7/1-65/66-92/93/94			Puerto Rican Day Father's Day	(6b) (6b)	19 Jun 20 Jun	2/3/4-64/65-91/92/93
St. Patrick's Day	(2a)	17 Feb 17 Mar	2/3/4—62/63—95/96/9° 5/6/7—66/61—96/97/98			Gay Pride Day	· · ·	20 Jun 27 Jun	2/3/4—65/66—92/93/94 1/2/3—66/61—99/91/92
Easter	(3a) (4a)	04 Apr	6/7/1-66/61-96/97/98			Ramadan	(7a) (8b)	11 Aug	5/6/7-63/64-99/91/92
Greek Easter	(4a) (4a)	04 Apr 04 Apr	6/7/1-66/61-96/97/98			Bud Billiken	(80) (8b)	14 Aug	1/2/3-66/61-93/94/95
St. Jude March	(4a) (5a)	04 Apr 02 May	2/3/4-64/65-97/98/99			Rosh Hashanah	(80) (9b)	08 Sep	1/2/3-61/62-91/92/93
Chicago Memorial	(5a) (5a)	02 May 04 May	4/5/6-66/61-99/91/92			Mexican Independence	(90) (10a)	16 Sep	1/2/3-63/64-99/91/92
Cinco DeMayo	(5a)	04 May 05 May	5/6/7-61/62-91/92/93			Memorial Vigil	(10a)		Date is pending
Springfield Memorial	(5a)	05 May 06 May	6/7/1-62/63-92/93/94			Yom Kippur	(10a)	17 Sep	2/3/4—64/65—91/92/93
Mother's Day	(5a)	09 May	1/2/3—65/66—95/96/9			Sweetest Day	(11a)	16 Oct	6/7/1-63/64-93/94/95
Washington Memorial	(5u) (5b)	15 May	7/1/2-65/66-92/93/94			Kwanzaa	(13b)	26 Dec	3/4/5-62/63-92/93/94
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UNIFORM CHECKS		DUTY AV	AILABILITY 7 TH —APRIL 7 TH			CK/BFD AND P -DAYS			WATCH BIDDING
FEBRUARY 1 ST -\$600						Carry Over 4 / Sell Back	4		3 rd Period March 10
AUGUST 1 ST —\$600.00)		-OCTOBER 7 TH			ry Over 4 / Sell Back All			6 th Period June 02
DECEMBER 1 ST —\$60	0.00	\$730.00 E	ACH DATE	Pay	able on	April 1 st of each year			9 th Period August 25
Uniform, Duty Availabi	lity, Workin	g Day Furlou	ighs, Physical Fitness Awa	ard may change du	ie to cor	ntract negotiations			
BFD DAYS	DAYS		VACATION DAYS	STR/WRK			2010 OVI	ERTIME/O	UT OF GRADE
15 yrs or more	6		1 yr but less then 5	20 Straight days		Cycle	28 Day C		Pay Days
10 yrs but less then 15	5		5 yrs but less then 10	24 Straight days		01	13 Dec 09	09 Jan 10	5 Feb 10
5 yrs but less then 10	4		10 yrs but less then 15	22 Working days	s	02	10 Jan 10-	-6 Feb 10	5 Mar 10
1 yr but less then 5	3		15 yrs or more	25 Working days	s	03	7 Feb 10–	-6 Mar 10	1 Apr 10
						04		-3 Apr 10	22 Apr 10
FOP GENERAL MEE			FOP FIELD REPRES			05		–1 May 10	21 May 10
Third Tuesday of Each			Rich Aguilar	Jim Bailey		06		-29 May 10	
Noon: Feb, Apr, Jun, O		×	Greg Bella	Sidney Davis		07)—26 Jun 10	
1900 hours: Jan, Mar, M		NOV	Frank DiMaria	Bill Dougherty		08		-24 Jul 10	16 Aug 10
No meetings in July or A	August					09		-21 Aug 10	
						10			
F.O.P. WEBSITE						11		-16 Oct 10	
www.chicagofop.org						12 13		—13 Nov 10)—11 Dec 10	
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Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test "SMARTS." Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending this workshop and taking a practice ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare the children of "F.O.P., LODGE #7" members for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has invited COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 28, 2010 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be "test smart." The Lodge encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/ her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Friday, March 22, 2010.

Ensure that your child has a seat at this important educational event that might very well effect his or her future.

College Visions , ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies					
Session Time: Sunday, March 28, 2 1300 – 1600 hours		ice, Lodge No. 7 Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607		Registration Fee: \$25.00	
	Please return this registration form and your fo to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge I	No. 7, by Friday, March 22, 201	•	IS)	
Name:					
Address:		/City	_/State	/ZIP	
Phone:	/Year In Schoo	l:/Cash:	/Cł	neck:	
	Vest Safety Day	Health Fair	Raffle	Winners	
	Representatives from the various soft body armor companies will be at the FOP Hall displaying their latest product models.	Interactive Health S	If of FOP olutions w ratulate the	ve would like to	
If you are in need of updating your current vest, take advantage of this opportunity and visit the Vest Safety Day.		\$1,000.00 raffle winners!!!			
	All officers are welcome!	The winners were Of 023 rd District with tick	ficer Geral et # 48018	ld Ryan from the 6 and Officer Ron	
Wednesday, 24 February 2010		Skrip from Unit 603 with ticket #480161.			
	0900—1700 hours	Each member who par in November & Dece			
	The FOP Hall	winning a \$1000.0			
1412 W.	Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois		•		
For more info. c	all Frank DiMaria at the FOP. 312-733-7776	Congratulations to you both!!			

Disability & Veterans Report, By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino

Disability Report

Happy New Year and 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 CPD members who are actively serving csaladino@chicagofop.org.

December Pension Meeting – Advocates present: Det Mark Howe and myself. All Trustees present, no Pension Board doctor present. Disability Claims: Officers making application for disability: 2 granted without prejudice, 1 granted Ordinary, 1 deferred for hearing. Duty: no cases heard.

Request for pension credit for prior service 5-214c - 10 officers granted. Credit for other service pension portability 5-214.2 – 5 officers granted.

Robert F. Reusche, President; Kenneth Hauser, Vice President; Michael Lazzaro, Recording Secretary.

Pension Board Doctor - Dr. Peter Orris, University of Illinois Occupational Medicine, was chosen from three candidates to be the new pension board doctor. The vote was 7 yea and 1 nay.

Legislation 2010 – Two new bills were requested by the Disability Committee to the FOP Legislative Committee.

- 40 ILCS 5/5-154 (B) Duty disability benefit; child's disability benefit (increase to \$300 per month per child).
- 820 ILCS 320 Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEB) (grandfather all those disabled officers at the time of the effective date of 11-14-97 to also be included in the Also requested was to re-Act). submit all existing Disability Pension bills. Once the bills have been given proper numbers we will post them in the newsletter.

2010 Pension Board Advocates - For nearly 10 years now there has always been an advocate present at the monthly Pension Board hearings at 221 N. LaSalle, available at the Jesse Brown VA Hospi-Suite 1626. You can be assured that the FOP Disability and Pension Committee 569-8387 for information. A huge thank will be there in support.

Veteran's Corner

Our thoughts and prayers go to the our country in the military.

New Veterans' Home - Finally, the site for Chicago Veterans' Home has been announced. I was on the Advisory Council for Veterans Affairs Selection Committee and this was one of the sites chosen. The site is located at 4200 North Oak Park Avenue (Dunning) and will be built on approximately 10 acres. This is a \$65 million project, 200-bed facility and will begin construction in 2010. Construction is expected to last 12-14 months and will be supervised by the IDVA (Illinois Dept. of Veterans Af-Election Of Officers To The Board: fairs). This will be a tremendous benefit for Chicago-area veterans and their families.

tal. There are no restrictions. Call 312you goes out to VA Joe Bazil, Gail Pike, staff and nurses, and IDVA Joe Petrosky for servicing over 200 veterans with flu shots, health screenings and claims. For those who submitted claims - stay on top of it, call the VA for update status.

Care packaging update – A very big thank you goes to Post #18 Amvets. Commander Bill Haiman, Father Tom Nangle, Dominic Kearns, 25th District officers, the Knights of Columbus, A.J. Piantowski (Pinky), the FOP, and all others that helped or donated. We are very grateful for all the generous donations. There were approximately 25 volunteers that helped package over 40 boxes sent to our officers serving overseas. Sorry we can't name everyone... but Santa knows who you are!

One man with courage is a majority." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Airborne Sal Flu Shot update – The H1N1 flu shot is

THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING **TOURNAMENT**



Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 16th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

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.

COST:

The cost per boat is \$80.00 and the full application will be published in next month's Newsletter.

So, What's The Secret? Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

After 38 years of public service a member of my flock retired. At his retirement party I asked him, "So what's your secret for job longevity?" He answered, "I tried to keep my focus on the reason I chose public service." The reason being, "to be able to be there for others in time of need, even though it might not always be appreciated." The answer made my heart smile. It reminded me of the story..."The Elder Gentleman And His Doctor...

It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 a.m., when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived at his doctor's office to have stitches removed from his thumb. He stated that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The doctor took his vital signs and had him take a seat,

August 2009 Retirees					
	Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs	
	Adkins, David A.	Officer	018	24	
	Bright, Marcel K.	Officer	LOA	23	
	Cisco, Arnold W.	Detective	610	28	
	Colon, Jr., Manuel	Officer	189	23	
	Escamilla, Edward	Officer	018	34	
	Fowles, Berklin N.	Sergeant	015	37	
	Hennigan, James T.	Detective	640	29	
	Jakob, Henry J.	Officer	024	32	
	Johnson, Kenneth W.	Officer	016	43	
	Maluchnik, Victoria J .	Officer	013	22	
	Masuda, Patrick N.	Detective	650	30	
	Mayo, Jr., Anthony E.	Officer	006	28	
	Maziarka, James	Officer	021	40	
	Miller, Walter E.	Officer	013	23	
	Naito, Michael K.	Officer	020	36	
	Neumann, John A.	Officer	017	37	
	Paluch, Jerome M.	Officer	701	38	
	Roper, Thomas C.	Officer	196	39	
	Santiago, Jesus L.	Officer	020	23	
	Scalise, John R.	Detective	640	42	
	Thorne, Bettie T.	Officer	013	24	
	Tranchita, Midge J.	Officer	001	33	

September 2009 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
De Vogelear, David R.	Officer	020	32
Doyle, Thomas C.	FTO	010	37
Johnson, Robert J.	Officer	004	24
Mancari, Christopher T.	Detective	610	39
Moran, Reyes P.	Lieutenant	393	29
O'Donohue, Daniel A.	Officer	018	28
Walker, William R.	Officer	010	16

October 2009 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Alcazar, Victor E.	Officer	024	15
Arnold, L. Patrick	Officer	151	23
Bertha, III, William A.	Detective	LOA	24
Clarke, James P.	Officer	196	39
Kitover, Jordan	Officer	024	15
McGrane, Grant W.	Officer	701	36
Moore, Clarence E.	Officer	LOA	24
Olson, Robert E.	Officer	543	39
Peraino, Paul J.	Officer	016	39
Richardson, Dan W.	ET	477	29
Thompson, Eric L.	Officer	051	28
Wright, Ernest M.	Officer	DPR	22

knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. The doctor saw him looking at his watch and decided, since he was not busy with another patient, he would evaluate his wound.

On examining his thumb, the wound was well healed, so the doctor got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, the doctor engaged the old man in conversation. The doctor asked him if he had another appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry and kept looking at his watch. The gentleman answered no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. The doctor then inquired as to her health. The old man told the doctor that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As they talked, the doctor asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

The doctor was surprised and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?" He smiled as he patted the doctor's hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

The doctor had to hold back tears as the old man left, he had goose bumps on his arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life."......End of story.

♥True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

•True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be and will not be.

♥The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. (Amen to that!).

♥Remember your life is a journey not a destination, enjoy the ride.
♥Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
♥Enjoy the simple things, laugh often, long and loud.
♥Remember, in life, tears will happen, endure, grieve, and move on.

◆The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves.◆BE ALIVE while you ARE alive.

♥Cherish your health; if it is good, preserve it; if it is unstable, improve it; if it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

♥Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.♥Always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away; go ahead and make every moment special.

Blessings from all your Chaplains for a New Year filled with good health and prosperity.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail at <u>moshewolf@hotmail.com</u>

The Next General Meeting Is Scheduled For Tuesday, 19 January 2010 at 1900 hours.

All Members Are Encouraged To Attend & Remember To Sign In At The Front Desk!

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From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Representative - Trustee

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PAR Forms As mentioned

prior Newsletters, the Lodge strongly recommends that our members hand-carry any type of form or application to its destination (usually Headquarters). This

practice should also apply to PAR Forms. With numerous openings in Mass Transit last period, many officers submitted their PAR forms to work in this unit. Some officers hand carried their PAR Forms to MLAS, while others utilized the police mail. Two officers in particular sent their PAR Forms through the police mail. The forms arrived <u>after</u> the required deadline and were subsequently ruled invalid. To make matters worse, the officers, if their PAR Forms would have been on time, would have made the bid to Mass Transit. It is highly suggested that when submitting a PAR form, hand carry the form to ensure that it arrives to MLAS in a timely fashion. Also, make copies of your time stamped PAR Form to avoid any timeliness discrepancies.

Furlough Scheduling

Apparently the little black book is getting in the way of management, again. This time, it's furlough scheduling. Section 23.2 specifically states that any officer would pick furloughs within the unit they are detailed only if they had been detailed for 28 days or more. If the detail is less than 28 days, the officer would pick within their unit of assignment. If the department is not abiding by the contract, please contact the Lodge so the issue can be resolved.

Healthcare Benefit

As of 15DEC09, the required 130 officers to retire was met and those offi-

cers will receive the age 55 to Medicare healthcare benefit. This ensures that those officers who retired at the age of 55 or later will have their healthcare premiums paid until they become Medicare eligible. Congratulations to those members who will receive this well deserved benefit. The required number of officers to retire during Phase 3 is 100. The filing deadline for Phase 3 is 01OCT10. The effective date of retirement for Phase 3 is 01JAN11 to 31DEC11. There is a sample screen of the PAR form which can be accessed from the main page of the Intranet. Be aware that the sample displays the option to reject the health care benefit circle. Obviously, if an officer requests the health care benefit, click on the circle that reads "I elect to participate in the retirement healthcare benefit." Have a safe and prosperous 2010. JB

Health & Insurance Committee Report, By Ed King, Chairman

Hope your holidays were safe, healthy and happy. The Committee has been meeting steadily with regards to the Fidelity Life insurance plan that I spoke about in previous newsletter articles. This voluntary life insurance plan is sponsored by the Lodge and was approved by the full Board of Directors for enrollment by our members both active and retired. The Committee is currently in the process of finalizing last minute details with respect to this benefit and we expect to have this benefit available for enrollment by our members on or about 01 Feb 2010. When this occurs, the Committee will ensure the information will be on the FOP website and in the February newsletter. In addition, a brochure will be mailed to our members detailing this benefit and how to go about enrolling. The following is an overview of this unique benefit. We hope this benefit will be of value and utilized by our members. Take care and stay safe!

<u>Coming Soon:</u> A New Voluntary Benefit!

The FOP has arranged for a new and unique insurance program to be offered as a voluntary benefit with coverage for you, your spouse and eligible children. The product is called LifeTime Benefit Term (underwritten by Fidelity Life Association of Oak Brook, Illinois). It combines the low cost of term insurance with the permanence of whole life insurance and a guaranteed level premium. Plan features include the following:

Term insurance coverage through age 120.

Life base premiums guaranteed not to change.

Accelerated Death Benefit for Long Term Care.

Premiums paid through convenient payroll deduction for active members and through retirement account deductions for retirees.

Issue ages for members -16 through 70. Issue ages for retirees -40 through 70.

Guaranteed Issue – available for both actively at work and retired members during this initial enrollment!

Provides guaranteed paid-up death benefit values after only 5 years, so if you decide to stop paying premiums at some time in the future, you are guaranteed paid-up coverage of a reduced amount.

While projected to remain level, your certificate also contains a guarantee that

ensures your initial death benefit will last for the longer of 25 years or age 70 and thereafter can never be less than 50% of your initial death benefit.

If you continue paying premiums after retirement, at current Cost of Insurance and Interest Assumptions (5%), the **FULL** death benefit will not decrease and will be **fully paid up** prior to age 100.

The plan is **fully portable** with no increase in premium.

Spouse (issue ages 16-70) and dependent children coverage is available.

We have retained the services of a nationally known communication and enrollment firm, EOI Service Company, to communicate this program to our members. You will be receiving more information from us on the introduction of this new benefit in the next few weeks.

Fidelity Life Association is headquartered in Oak Brook, IL and licensed in all states and the District of Columbia, except for WY and NY. LifeTime Benefit Term (LBT Policy Form = WP300, Certificate Form = WC300) and some optional benefits are not available in all states. A two-year suicide exclusion and contestability apply. All applications are subject to underwriting approval. Our NAIC number is 63290. The Accelerated Death Benefit for Long Term Care (LTC) rider has an additional cost. LTC premiums are not guaranteed.



Store Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00 – 5:00 Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 Saturday, 9:00 – 1:00

Store Closed: January 1, 2, 4 & 18 2010

Direct Line: 312-733-2344

Tee Shirt of the Month

Gold long sleeve tee with navy cap combo

<u>30% OFF</u>

Sizes small to 3XL price ranges from \$15.36 to \$16.06!

Happy New Year & New Decade!! The FOP Gift Shop Committee & Staff Would Like To Wish You All A Better, Happier & Healthy New Year. Thank You For Your Support.

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE! Limited Quantities On All...

50% OFF Holiday light-up pins & necklaces. Stock up for next year!

40% - 50% OFF Select Van Mark police figurines & photo frames.

<u>40% OFF</u> Ladies full zip hoodie sweatshirt in pink or aqua with Chicago PD Design. Sizes available, L, XL & 2XL.. Prices range from \$15.57 to \$16.17

<u>40% OFF</u> Men's assorted polo shirts. Limited sizes available, but what's left is all on sale!

<u>30% OFF</u> Youth, navy, sport logo polo. Sizes 6/8 to 18. Brings price to \$9.06 each

SPECIAL MARK-DOWNS

Ladies quilted jacket in black or blue with city skyline design. Sizes Medium to XL, reduced from \$35.95 to \$28.76 & size 2XL reduced from \$37.95 to \$30.36

NEW ITEMS

We All Know We Didn't Get The 2016 Olympics, But We Have Our Own Tee With Our Own Olympic Circles (Cuffs). You have to see this one! Sizes Medium to 3XL. **Price from \$11.95 to \$13.50**

Thunder Unit Chicago Police cars with sirens & lights, measures about 5" long. Priced at \$9.95

 Start The New Year Right. FREE SHIPPING for online shopping orders only. Must be orders totaling \$50.00 or more.
 Limit \$20 max shipping cost per order.

BACK IN STOCK AND ON SALE!

Navy blue, full zip hoodie sweatshirt with distressed fabric look. Chicago Police Department on the front. These sold out fast last time, so hurry in to pick up yours! **Price range \$35.95 to \$39.95**

Long sleeve, navy blue tee shirt with embroidered CPD star in white. Sizes Small to 3XL. Price range \$11.16 to \$12.40

State FOP News, By Darrin Bourret, District 1 Trustee

Happy New Year To All.

A Trustee meeting took place in Bloomington Illinois on 11 December and much discussion was had on what direction the State Lodge will be taking for 2010. The main focus was the end of phone solicitation, or telemarketing, which was a huge source of revenue for the State Lodge. The income will definitely be missed however the choice still remains clear, "Get out of the telemarketing business!"

The exiting of telemarketing has led the State Lodge to form a strategic plan and set up goals for the upcoming year. Katie Davis has outlined a plan for the Lodge which includes communication on Facebook and Twitter. These new sites will improve communication with members across the State and across the country. There will also be improvement in our relationship with the community by increasing public awareness and safety concerns.

The Board of Trustees welcomed Mr. Dan Nelson who was named Director of Governmental Affairs. Dan is ready for work and will be very busy this year es-

pecially with the upcoming Governor's race.

The meeting ended with a Christmas card signed by the Board and sent to CPD PO Pedro Medina who was injured in Afghanistan. Let us all remember our fallen brothers and sisters and never forget their ultimate sacrifice.





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North: Brothers & Sisters Band Together: 3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am 1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Pancake House, 700 East 87th Street, Niles, IL Chicago, Illinois Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362 Roosevelt Lowe, 773-779-4073 20th District Owls Retirees & Alumni: 8th District 8 Balls: Every Thursday @10:00 am Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon Niles Grill, 9206 N. Milwaukee Ave, Call for location: Al Bilacki, 773-767-1885 Niles, IL Tony Amelio, 847-321-5190 **Old School Deuce:** 2nd Tuesday of Month @ 10:00 am South: Lumes Pancake House, 11601 S. Western Ave, 2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am Chicago, Illinois Jedi's Garden, 9266 S. Cicero Ave, Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743 Oak Lawn, IL Don Januszyk, 708-364-9903 Survivors Lunch: 2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western, Bomb & Arson: 2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:30 am Chicago, IL Fiesta Tapatia Restaurant, 2752 W. Cermak, Chicago, IL Arizona Retirees: Roger Elmer, 773-763-2115 3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am Hometown Buffet, 1312 N. Scottsdale, 12th District Retirees and Alumni Scottsdale, AZ Ed Plawinski, 480-502-1630 1st Thursday of Month @ 10:00 am Southern Belles Restaurant, 6737 Archer Ave., Bridgeview, IL Arkansas Refirees: 12retirees@comcast.net 3rd Friday of Month @ Noon Elks Lodge, Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458 Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit 1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon Flap-Jack's Restaurant, 4830 West 111th Street, Las Vegas Retirees: Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am Oak Lawn, IL Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935 The Willows, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization: Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301 3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm Orland Park Civic Center, 14800 Ravinia, Florida Retirees: Orland Park, IL 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm Cop Shop. 4423 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL Don Ade, 708-408-9308 Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896