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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Contract

At the long awaited joint meeting between the City Council's Police/Fire Committee and the Committee on Finance on June 8th, the arbitration award by Ed Benn which addresses all of the outstanding issues that went unresolved during negotiations was considered. The arbitration award was unanimously accepted and recommended for adoption to the full City Council. This whole meeting took about six or seven minutes, most of that time taken up by the City's hired gun Jim Franczek who summarized the award to the members. Keep in mind that as a taxpayer, this award is going to cost some 370 million dollars over its time frame and the only response from one member of the Committee after no questions being raised was that, "it is what it is". Also at this joint meeting the Committees voted on the Sergeants Agreement, without explanation. Their contract agreement basically mirrors our arbitration award except for the fact that they have committed to going into the LMCC which is the new Health Care program that the City has put together and most other unions have adopted.

The following day on June 9th, the full City Council received the joint committee recommendations which were adopted without discussion. The raises should kick in for payroll purposes on July 1st and be reflected on your checks on July 16th. The retro checks by Arbitrator Benn's decision will be distributed by August 14th and Nationwide Investments will be coming out with an explanation of how to direct retro money into your deferred comp accounts if you so choose. **Retirees** need to ensure that the "**Department**" has your current address as your checks will be mailed out to the last one on file sometime after August 9th. The Lodge is currently in the process of contracting with a printer for the new contract books and we hope to have them available in early August. In the meantime the contract changes can be viewed on our website by going to Arbitration and viewing the Contract 2007-2012.

This has been an exhaustive, and as Franczek put it "contentious", process. I would personally like to thank all of the members of the Contract Negotiating Committee for their efforts over this expanse of time as they never lost sight of the goals that were established early on. They dedicated their time and efforts in establishing those goals based upon what the membership informed them that they wanted. Although the City Council accepted the Arbitrator's Award, let's not forget that two of the three major issues in this contract were obtained through the negotiations process. A new work schedule after nearly fifty years of the old one and premium free health care when you retire after age 55 for you and your dependents, were issues that these Committee Members fought for. In addition to the hard work, fate played a roll in negotiations as well in that there is a new department command structure and the tanking economy both played a part in negotiating these two benefits. Throw in a picket around City Hall by 4000 Police and their families and friends and you begin to get an idea of how challenging it is to deal with this City administration. The Negotiating Team provided a great service for the membership and as the only constant reward for good work is more work, keep in mind that we are only about 18 months away from serving the City with another letter demanding to negotiate for the next contract.

Pensions

It is now an every day occurrence to pick up a newspaper to learn about how underfunded most public pension systems are. There has also been discussion of challenging the status quo of interpreting the constitutional guarantees that secure pension benefits for current employees. That talk has turned into action in some states and those challenges are being met with the necessary lawsuits as the economy is being used as the excuse for public employers to attempt to gut benefits for future and now current employees. Here in Illinois those same public employers have gutted pension benefits for most future public sector employees with the passage of

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SB1946. When there was negotiation over revisions for Police and Fire Pensions across the State, the public employers, in the forms of the Northwest Municipal Conference and the Illinois Municipal League, balked at the agreement. They balked at saving their communities the tax burden of up to 50% of current pension contributions facilitated by concessions from the Police and Fire representatives. Why did they balk? Because the agreement also called for the municipalities to properly fund their pension funds in the future. The funding mechanism that would have been built into the legislation for Police and Fire Pension Funds is the same one that these municipal employers already have for themselves, and yet they still balked at establishing that security for anyone else. The proposals can be viewed on the web at

www.ILGA.Gov under HB5873, amendment #3. This outrageous action by these public employers was defused by sound legislative process. We, and I am including members of this Union in this we, will need to see much more of that sound legislative process in the future to guarantee the benefits we have long fought for and obtained. Every member of the FOP needs to get involved in this process if we are to succeed in securing our Pension Fund and the benefits we have.

There are two very important ways in which we can all help. The first is to exercise your right to vote. The Lodge has formed a “Voter Registration Committee” which has just had their first meeting and has organized over 50 of your fellow members to become voter registrars. The objective is to reach out to all of our members and their families

and friends and first get them to register and vote. Then, as a registered voter, you can have a little more sway when you approach your Alderman, your State Representative and your State Senator and you tell them that they must insist on the City negotiating with your Union before there are any more changes to our Pension Funds. They can all be contacted at their local offices throughout the summer. Let them know that just because they have already rammed through the changes found in SB1964, doesn’t mean it was right and make sure they know that the Police shouldn’t be treated with the same level of disdain. If there is a better reason to get involved in the political process other than securing your pensions, please contact me and let me know what it is.

First Vice-President’s Report, *By Bill Dougherty, 1st Vice President*



IOD and Need Surgery? – Demand A 2nd Opinion!

The past year has been very eventful at the FOP for those of us that battle the City on medical and IOD issues. Last March, at a monthly mediation session with the City, we were told by the Committee on Finance representative that a company called Coventry was going to take over medical bill payment. We were told that the new billing payment system would be online and “you’re going to love it.” Wrong.

Medical Bills from IOD used to be paid in from six months to nine months by the Committee on Finance. Now, your IOD bills are routinely sitting over a year without being paid. The system got slower and we cannot monitor it online. Needless to say, we do NOT love it one bit.

Any officers with unpaid IOD bills should contact the Lodge immediately. We are filing grievances on all such cases and we need your help to pressure the City to pay medical bills promptly so your credit rating does not get damaged by their delays.

At least the FOP was told about the new bill payment scheme that has thus far been a failure. The Lodge was never informed that the Committee on Finance brought in a company called Coventry Workers’ Comp. Services, Inc. last summer to start reviewing the need for IOD-related surgeries recommended by treating physicians. All of a sudden, the procedures were denied, again and again and again. All prescribed surgeries....denied! I called the Medical Services Section and was informed that they weren’t happy about it either, but it was out of their hands. The Committee had brought in this company and they were in control of surgical determinations.

The Lodge complained to the Committee and obtained a meeting with the Committee Chairman, Ald. Ed Burke. At that meeting, Burke’s staff placed 100% of the blame for the denied surgeries on the Medical Services Section, (MSS). We knew this wasn’t true and a second meeting was scheduled as a result. When that meeting was convened, the MSS was there and so the Committee did not blame them directly. We still did not get any answers - just the Committee trying to allow it’s out of state physician reviewers the power to control your access to sur-

gery. We attended a third meeting and walked out when Ald. Burke would not agree to get rid of Coventry.

On our class action grievance, the arbitrator ruled in April that Coventry could only be used as a “consultant” and that Appendix N would control your access to doctors and medical care. Did the City relent? No. We were back before the Arbitrator on June 15, 2010 to make sure Coventry does not slow down your access to health care. To date, Coventry surgical denials have cost the City years of increased medical roll use and hasn’t saved any money at all. We have challenged the Committee many times to tell us how Coventry has helped even one police officer avoid an unnecessary procedure or saved the City a dime. It hasn’t. Coventry is bad for everyone, the City included. If only Ald. Burke could see it.

Officers, here is the bottom line: If you are injured on duty and you need surgery, don’t wait for Coventry to deny that surgery. Once your doctor recommends surgery, immediately contact the MSS and request a second opinion. It is your right per our contract. It will help insure you get the care you need in the

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shortest time possible.

The Lodge has also presented a resolution to the City Council regarding Coventry. The resolution calls for hearings on Coventry and was sent to the Police and Fire Committee last month. Maybe whoever is responsible for Coventry will stand up before the Police and Fire Committee and explain the positive things that

Coventry brings to the Department. We will be there to explain what a waste Coventry is of tax payer money.

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation has given assistance to Chicago Police officers and their families since the *Mission Beyond the Memorial* began in August 2007. The Foundation has

given more than \$1,000,000 in assistance to officers and their families in less than three years. The Lodge wants to thank the Foundation for all that they do for our brothers and sisters in filling the voids that are there when an officer or their families are in need. For questions on the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, please call (312) 499-8899.

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



2010 Firearms Safety Days

The Lodge successfully hosted the Firearms Safety Days at the Hall on May 26th and 27th. Each day of the event our Members would line up outside to take advantage of this invaluable event. Attending the event were the representatives of the approved firearms manufacturers who conducted on site safety inspections and, in some cases, minor repairs of our members' duty related weapons. We had over 400 police officers have their duty related firearms inspected at this year's event.

The Lodge wishes to thank the following Companies who participated in this year Firearm Safety Days: Beretta; Boston Leather; Colt; Glock; Lewis Machine & Tool; Midwest Sporting Goods; Ray

O'Hearn Police Supply; Shore Gallery; Sig Sauer; Smith & Wesson; Springfield Armory and Super Quick Clean Guns.

Parole Hearing

I attended the parole hearing on June 16, 2010 at 26th & California before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board regarding the convicted murderer of PO Edward Barron, Star #14571, 004th District, EOW September 28, 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 videotaped. We each addressed this member of the board and explained why this murderer should not be given any consideration for parole and each of us read our objections into the

record. I also presented petitions with the signatures of citizens and law enforcement officers from across the state who strongly objects to the possibility of parole to this cop killer.

The En Banc Hearing in this case will be heard in Springfield on June 24, 2010 where I, along with other police officers, will travel by bus which will be provided by the Memorial Foundation to make our presence known and object to any possibility of parole for this convicted cop killer.

We must stand watchful and ensure that no convicted murderers ever leave the confines of prison before the completion of their lawful sentence is served.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

3rd Vice-President's Report, By Greg Bella



The Mayor, The Media & More...

Every time the media reports about the arbitration and the decision rendered, they make reference to the 16% pay raise the City offered. The media likes to report that we gambled going to arbitration in an attempt to garner a bigger pay increase. Whether it is the print, radio or television media, they just don't take the time to research a story. **If they did the research they would get the facts and then they would have to report the truth.** Without the facts it is

much easier to vilify the Police by making them out to be greedy City employees who want the sun, the moon and the stars.

Every time the **Mayor** says that he offered us a 16% pay raise, **he lies.** Every time he says that we were greedy by going to arbitration in an attempt to get a pay raise bigger than the 16% he offered, **he lies.** Every time he says he is man of his word, he lies. The media, without knowing the facts, gives credence to **his lies.**

How about the truth? The City did offer us a 16% pay increase for a five year period with the caveat that we take three unpaid furlough days to help the Mayor out in these trying financial times.

We know that the three unpaid furlough days last year would translate into more unpaid furlough days this year and even more unpaid furlough days next year. We know that once you open the door you will never be able to close it.

The truth is that because we refused to take any unpaid furlough days, the City withdrew the 16% pay increase for 5 years and put a 5% pay raise for 5 years on the table. This tactic was the reason we marched on City Hall. In the end it was the City that sent the Lodge a letter declaring impasse and it was the City that filed for arbitration.

The truth, ask the other City unions what they think of the Mayor's word.

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These are the City unions that cooperated with the Mayor and helped him in his quest for the Olympics. Ask them how much they have lost in money and benefits while others have lost their jobs. **If you follow Labor history you will see that once you give something up, you can never get it back!**

On June 11, 2010, on *Chicago Tonight*, the discussion was about the Mayor and his rocky relationship with organized Labor. The Host commented on how much the Mayor hates the Police when a panelist from the Tribune, John McCarron, replied that the Police should have taken the 16% pay raise that was on the table. Today our contract is still a topic being discussed by the media and months after the process has ended, **the media still just parrots what the Mayor says, instead of taking the time to learn the facts.**

I would ask the media to learn the facts and start reporting the truth. A good place to start would be reporting how **the 2 million people that attended the Blackhawks rally downtown all booed the Mayor when he came to the podium and spoke.**

“What Do We Want Our Cops To Be?”

On June 16th there was an article written in the *Sun-Times* by Neil Steinberg. Steinberg poses the question to the public; “When you call the police, who do you want to respond; Jack Bauer or Jack Webb?” When the public calls the police do they want “**Jack Bauer leaning on a bad guy until they crack? Or Jack Webb knocking on doors and politely asking for the facts, ma’am?**” Steinberg’s answer is that we honestly don’t know. On one hand we want the criminals caught, but we aren’t comfortable seeing justice administered in a back room.” **The truth is that when it comes to policing, the public is schizophrenic.** The public wants more police on the streets, but they don’t want to pay for them. The public wants us to stop the murders, but don’t want the gangbangers harassed. The public wants shootings and murders solved, but when they serve on a jury hearing a brutality or false arrest case

they award criminals verdicts with punitive damage awards against the police officers.

When the public calls 911 to report a disturbance or an illegally parked vehicle they want Jack Webb to respond and politely knock on doors. When the public calls 911 because they are the victim of a heinous crime, they want Jack Bauer to respond and they want justice, (they just don’t want to see it being meted out).

Until the public figures out this dilemma, don’t do anything that will jeopardize your career, family, retirement or pension. That is all we have.

Jody Has A Busy Weekend With The Media

Weis held a news conference to announce complaints against police Officers are down 12%, verbal abuse complaints dropped from 23% in 2007 down 90% in 2009. Weis attributes these declines to better training and performance evaluations. Weis also announced that, “lawsuits against the department for alleged mistreatment of suspects are down 60% year-to-date through April compared to the same period in 2009.”

The numbers of complaints are down because we have fewer Officers on the street so there is less interaction with the complainers. If the City does not hire enough Officers to keep up with attrition, then complaints are sure to be down another 23% next year.

In the past year two retired detectives got hit with **\$40,000 each in punitive damages, two Officers each got slapped with \$20,000 in punitive damages and then three more detectives each got hit with \$110,000 in punitive damages.** Don’t you think that Officers who are fearful of being hit with these judgments are not putting themselves at risk? It is the public that make up the juries in these civil proceedings that award the punitive damages, so why should we put our livelihood and families at risk? The message the public has sent through these punitive awards is clear, now the public will have to figure out how to deal with the criminals. There is a logical explanation for the decreases in complaints and lawsuits and it has nothing to do with Weis’ training or perform-

ance evaluation system.

Part II

The day before this blockbuster news conference, Weis was on the radio talking about the violence during the Puerto Rican Fest at Humboldt Park. You would think that his *Violence Prediction Center* would have told him that gang activity and shootings increase every year during the Puerto Rican Fest. Weis explained that, of the 12 shootings that occurred Saturday night, half of them were gang related.... no kidding, just half? When asked why more wasn’t done, Weis started talking about all the cameras that were used in the park and how you could see people walking into the park and then you could see the police walking around. The rest of the weekend was even more deadly with 60 people shot and 12 people dead, putting Chicago back on the nightly national news. Clearly Weis doesn’t have an answer. You just wonder if he has a clue.

Returning From A Leave Of Absence

When you return from a leave of absence you get assigned to the Academy for District re-instatement. After the Academy you will get detailed to a District and when vacancies are announced you must bid for a District. If you want to remain in the District you are detailed to you must bid for that District because if you don’t the Department at some point can detail you to another District.

This has happened in the past and the Officer will state that for a year there were no openings in the Officer’s District. We make that argument to the Department only to have them show us previous vacancy announcements with openings in the Officer’s District. Please, if you have returned from a leave of absence **check your status and make sure that you bid so that you cannot be moved to another District.**

IHS Raffle Winners!

Sergeant Darlene Wujcik, Unit 650
&
Police Officer William Lamar, 002
Congratulations!

When Is A Law Really A Law, *By Rich Aguilar, Financial Secretary*



The age old question; “If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?” is a question that will be pondered by philosophers and bar patrons for eternity. One take on the question is. What is the point of the sound if it cannot be heard? At this point, you might be wondering where I am going with this article.

June 1, 2009 is a date that many Chicago Police Officers, citizens, and the family of Police Officer Alejandro “Alex” Valadez will never forget. That is the date that a gangbanger decided to end Alex’s life by means of a handgun.

The Illinois State Legislature decided that Officer Valadez’ sacrifice should not have been in vain. Illinois Compiled Statute, 720 ILCS 5/24-1.8 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Street Gang Member, was put into law in December 2009. Simply put, this law makes it illegal

for a gang member to possess a firearm while outside of his home or business. The minimum sentence for a gang member who violates this law is three years in prison, period.

While it was great news to see that two gang members were recently charged with violating this law on June 15, 2010, some members have contacted the Lodge to say that getting felony approval for gun pinches is extremely difficult. They are required to “jump through hoops” in order to get charges approved.

I have spoken with Assistant States Attorneys at 26th and California concerning this issue. The consensus has been that the “hoops” that officers are being asked to jump through are absolutely necessary to ensure both compliance in meeting the burden of proof that the law requires and eventually result in either a guilty plea or guilty finding. These “hoops” may include evidence technician photos of gang related tattoos, paperwork indicating prior gang related arrests or

activities, and anything else that can effectively substantiate that the person arrested with a firearm is, in fact, a gang member.

Any officer who feels that he has met this burden but is unable to secure approval of felony charges by the on-duty Felony Review Assistant States Attorney always has the option of seeking a felony upgrade by contacting the Bureau of Operational Services Assistant Deputy Superintendent. The requirements to obtain a felony upgrade override are outlined in General Order 99-03.

The good intentions of our legislators, in memory of Police Officer Alex Valadez, should not be lost in any of these cases. Hopefully, the “hoops” that the Assistant States Attorneys are requiring officers to jump through are absolutely necessary and not just obstacles to deter prosecution. If the latter is true, the philosophers and bar patrons will have a new debate. Is a law really a law if a Police Officer can never enforce it?

Recording Secretary’s Report, *By Sidney Davis*



2010 FOP Picnic

Time to break out the apron, stoke up the grill and the let the fun begin. The annual FOP Picnic will be held at Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147th Street, Oak Forest, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. We hope to see all the usual members and maybe even some new ones. It’s an annual event each July that Lodge members make plans to attend for the festivities that are scheduled. The smell of barbeque, best dressed tent, keep the hoola hoop up around the middle, dance to latest tunes, children on the carnival rides (adults too), renewing old friendships and making new ones. It’s a day for relaxing and just enjoying the atmosphere of being one big happy family.

July and August F.O.P. General Meeting

Lodge 7 will take its annual vacation from General Meetings for the summer months of July and August. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 1900 hours.

Board Meetings will continue the first Tuesday of each month.

Constitution and By Laws

There were eleven (11) Constitution and By Laws amendments submitted for consideration. They will be reviewed by the Constitution and By Law Committee and, if there are no conflicts with the State or National FOP, tendered to the Full Board of Directors for consideration.

Senior Citizens

Hot and muggy days are here, not to mention all the rain we’re having. Please take the time to locate seniors on your block, keeping watch of them during the

summer months. Stop by and say hello to them, they will appreciate the call.

Retro Checks

Next month Lodge members will be receiving their retro checks in part of the arbitrator’s decision. Increasing your contributions could mean more dollars for retirement. A representative from Nationwide Deferred Compensation was contacted regarding increases, from the date of Nationwide receiving your request to make changes two (2) pay periods will generally occur. You may contact Nationwide at 312-445-1975 for additional information.

20th District Old Timers

You don't have to be retired or (old) to be a part of the Old Timers. You just have to have been a part of the 20th District, past or present or in spirit.

E-mail your First and Last name to OldTimers050Dist@aol.com

We will let you know when the Old Timer events occur and any other important information we happen to hear about.

We also encourage you to let us know if there is important news or information you want to share.

From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Rep. & Trustee



Police Shootings

Ok...for the last time. Police Officers do not shoot to wound, they shoot to eliminate the threat. This is instilled into a recruit's mind during firearms training. When practicing on the range, there is a box on the target that must be hit. We in the police business call this the "center mass." Police do not aim for the leg because it is not the threat. This is also not the Wild West where the good guy shoots the gun out of the bad guy's hand. When the question is asked, "Why couldn't the police just shoot him in the leg?" The answer is simple: because his leg was not holding the gun. Shooting an armed subject in the leg does not prevent him/her from having the ability to continue shooting. Any questions??

Special Employment

When submitting electronic requests to work one of the many Special Employment work opportunities, ensure that all of your personal information in the CLEAR System is correct. There have

been several instances where Officers were denied the ability to work Special Employment because of incorrect Day-Off Groups and furlough segments.

Guidelines for Special employment specifically state that the Officer must verify that all information is correct. If not, notify The Commander's secretary of your district or unit. Also keep in mind that it is the responsibility of the Officer to confirm that the Watch Commander has approved any requests.

Voter Registration

Prior to the June General Meeting, The first meeting of the Voter Registration Committee was held, followed by 49 FOP members becoming certified Registrars. The goal is to ensure all members and their families are registered to vote. Registrars will be coming out to districts and units to register members. Officers can request a registrar to come out to their unit of assignment by simply contacting the Lodge. All members not registered are encouraged to register. Members should be aware that the last day to become registered to vote is 5 OCT 10,

which is 28 days prior to an election. The 2010 General Election will take place on 02 Nov 10.

IPRA/IAD Statements

Members should be aware that statements scheduled at IPRA or IAD should be between the hours of 0600 and 1800. If your regular duty hours do not fall within this time frame, inform the Watch Commander so your duty hours can be changed to accommodate the scheduled time of the statement. If there is a conflict or you have been scheduled outside the aforementioned time frame, contact the Lodge. If you call after regular business hours, the afterhours service will have the on-call Field Representative contact you upon notification. It is also the right of our members to have legal representation when giving a statement. Ensure to notify the Lodge immediately when you are required to give a statement, whether it is as an accused or witness, so the Lodge can ensure you have legal representation during the statement.

Pension News, By Mike Shields, Pension Board Trustee

Consultant Search

Today, the Pension Board voted 4-3, terminating its relationship with its independent consultant group, Ennis Knupp & Associates. Ennis Knupp & Associates has been the advisor to our pension fund since 1983. They have kept our fund out of financial trouble for the past 27 years. They have delivered a return average of 8.9% annualized for those 27 years despite the fact that our fund had an "assumed rate of return" of only 8.0%. Ennis Knupp & Associates was never swayed by the single-minded political desires of any *single* trustee on the board. This is a laudatory quality that resulted in the long-standing, and now unfortunately terminated, relationship. I trust you remember their stern caution about DV Urban Realty in 2006.

I am sure you have read numerous newspaper articles over the years about pension fund trustees' questionable dealings with risky investors and investments. Ennis Knupp & Associates continuously made the unpopular decision to stand up

against trustees' petty individual wishes. It hardly bears repeating, but their "unpopular" actions resulted in overall financial benefit and growth to the pension fund.

While I respect the decision of my fellow trustees (Trustees Neely, Maloney, Hauser & Lux vs. Trustees Shields, Lazarro & Saffold), the decision to end a longstanding relationship with Ennis Knupp & Associates has everything to do with our board's inability to take decisive action in the face of Treasurer Neely, who continuously second-guessed our consultants' advice. It is disappointing that a politician could have so much negative influence on a police pension board.

Farewell to Our Board President

Robert R. Ruesche has retired as our Pension Board's president. He applied his experience as the vice-chairman of the Northern Trust to his role as volunteer trustee of the pension fund for 18 years. In my eighteen-month experience on the pension board, Mr. Ruesche has

served as the trustee most willing to improve our fund. In his later months, he demanded transparency of the fund for its participants. Robert R. Ruesche became determined to change our Pension Board's archaic policy of keeping its participants in the dark after having heard and understood our memberships' true needs. The case in point is as follows: for the past several years, whenever our board would hold an executive session, members of the FOP and members of the media would be barred from attending. Conversely, the City Treasurer's assistants would be permitted to attend. I applied the Open Meetings Act to exclude Treasurer Neely's assistants from the meetings. Mr. Ruesche sided with me in this action and stringently enforced the Open Meetings Act, and in doing so, enforced fairness. When officers think about our pension fund, I hope we all remember that Mr. Ruesche used his *business* mindset to render his decision, not his political mindset.

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

The open enrollment for the Lifetime Benefit Term insurance plan, which I have written about in previous newsletter articles, began on 02 June for all of our active members. By now all active members should have received a tri fold brochure in the mail detailing the specifics of this unique voluntary benefit. Salaried counselors from EOI have instituted a schedule by which they will systematically enroll active members starting with Area Five inclusive of all Districts within each Area. The counselors will move throughout each Area during the open enrollment period so that all of our members can be seen and

receive the one on one service that is necessary to implement a benefit of this magnitude. Following each Area, the counselors will move throughout the City to facilitate members assigned to the airports or those who may be working out of Homan Square or other locations. Please take the time to look at the information being sent to you so that when counselors arrive in your Area, District or Unit you will have your questions ready. Please note that everyone will be seen during the open enrollment period so please be patient. Below is a tentative schedule of dates counselors will be in

your District or Area. If you don't want to wait until counselors are in your specific Unit, feel free to drive to where they are at and you can enroll, but keep in mind that this systematic approach to enrolling is designed to avoid confusion and overloading of the counselors which could result in some of our members not receiving one on one service. We anticipate a systematic enrollment of our retired members as well sometime around late July to mid August. A tri fold brochure will be sent to these members explaining in detail the coverage available for annuitants and their families.

FOP Enrollment Schedule:

Unit	Week of:	Unit	Week of:	Unit	Week of:	Unit:	Week of:
001	8/2/2010	009	6/21/2010	017	6/28/2010	025	5/31/10
002	7/12/2010	010	9/6/2010	018	8/9/2010	050	8/30/10
003	7/26/2010	011	8/16/2010	019	7/5/2010	051	9/6/10
004	8/2/2010	012	8/30/2010	020	7/19/2010	Homan	
005	8/9/2010	013	8/23/2010	021	7/5/2010	Square	9/13/10
006	8/16/2010	014	6/21/2010	022	8/23/2010		
007	7/19/2010	015	6/14/2010	023	7/26/2010		
008	6/28/2010	016	6/7/2010	024	7/12/2010		

Dates Subject to Change!

Those of you who may have missed enrolling at your Unit due to furlough, medical, IOD, etc. can contact EOI via their toll free number of 1-866-404-9095 or on the website at <http://www.fop7vb.com> to set up a time to meet with a counselor for enrollment. EOI will update their website as needed to inform you of changes in dates or locations. I will attempt to have these tentative dates listed on the FOP website as well under current updates.

The cash direct supplemental plans endorsed and sponsored by the Lodge through Allstate have also begun the open enrollment period. Accidental injury and cancer plans also on a guarantee issue basis during the open enrollment period are available to all members, active, retired and disabled. These plans are being administered by Illinois Benefits. Brochures have already gone out to all of our active members in June. Retired and disabled members will be receiving information via the mail shortly. Please consider these cash direct plans as well. Enrollment can be accomplished via the toll free

number at 1-866-967-0130 or visit the website at www.illinoisbenefits.com/fop. The plans are reasonably priced and very

rich in benefits. Thanks for your time and stay safe!

The Chicago Blue Rugby Team is looking for active members in public service to become members and or supporters of a casual men's rugby club.

Practice is currently held at Skinner Park (across the street from CPD Academy), on Thursday nights at 1830 hours.

It is understood that family and work come first, but any participation is welcome!

No experience necessary.

Questions? Michael.Hurley2@chicagopolice.org



Disability & Veterans Report, 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.

May Pension Meeting – Advocates present: Det Steve Schorsch, 1st VP Bill Dougherty and myself. Disability Claims: 1 granted Ordinary without prejudice, 1 continued by the officer, and 1 withdrawn by the officer.

Credit for other service under 5-214.2 (PA95-1036) – 5 officers granted.

Retro Payment – There are a lot of questions/concerns here. As I wrote in May... *If your last day on the Chicago Police Department was on July 1, 2007 up to January 1, 2010 and were awarded any type of disability during this time, you are entitled to a retro check and a corrected current monetary amount you should be collecting from the Pension Board.* 1) Officers on Duty Disability with seven full years will receive a retro check from the Pension Board and also an increase on your monthly payment to 60% of the current salary 5/5-154. (A)(ii). 2) Officers on Permanent and Total will also receive a retro check and an increase on their

check to 75% of the current salary 5/5-154. (A)(ii). 3) Officers on Occupational are entitled to a retro check and an increase on their monthly check with ten full years to 50% of the current salary 5/5-154.1. (B). 4) Officers on Ordinary are also entitled to a retro check and an increase on their monthly check. Please be patient.

FYI – There are approximately 154 officers that retired in May 2010, 700 officers that retired after 1 July 2007 and will be receiving a retro check and a new calculation to their monthly check, and 100 disabled officers that will also be receiving a retro check and a new calculation to their monthly check. The Pension Board must receive from the City the actuarial monthly rates before this process begins. Again, please be patient.

Veteran's Corner

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

Social Security Benefit – Special Extra Earnings for Military Service – Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security. Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are not granted for inactive duty training. If your active military service occurred...from 1957 through 1967, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits; from 1968 through 2001, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record; after 2001, there are no special extra earnings

credits for military service. *NOTE: This benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it and have your DD-214 with you when you go to the Social Security Office. More info at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213.*

60th Anniversary Korean War - Ceremony at Daley Plaza, July 27 starting at noon.

19th Annual 25th Division Wolfhound Reunion – Aug 25-29, Branson, Missouri. More info at www.vn.alumni.kolchak.org.

28th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion – Sept, 17-19, Kokomo, Indiana. More info at www.hcvvo.org or 765-628-0297.

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~ Abraham Lincoln

Airborne Sal

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

James C. Bespalets, Age 93

Peter P. Wercheik, Age 81

Walter J. Zamolewicz, Age 84

Thomas E. Wortham, IV, Age 30

George P. Loftus, Age 86

Michael F. Mackin, Age 73

Dennis M. Wagner, Age 67

George J. Sperekas, Age 67

James T. Council, Age 90

Richard C. Gorecki, Age 77

Albert A. Morrow, Jr., Age 80

James R. Smuda, Age 75

Thomas G. Barnett, Age 60

John J. Stack, Jr., Age 67

Thomas J. Madigan, Age 89

Wendell R. Byrne, Age 87

Walter S. Tamberlin, Age 60

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Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Adams, Donna M.	Officer	007	25
Carr, Henry G.	Officer	050	40
Engel, Daniel H.	Detective	650	34
Fassett, Brian A.	Officer	153	23
Gildea, James C.	Detective	630	41
Harrison, Carmen D.	Officer	023	27
Kolasinski, Raymond J.	Detective	640	37
LaPorta, Sandra	Officer	196	32
Limon, Gissella	Detective	603	21
Lopez, Jr., Ricardo	Officer	013	35
Maderak, Terry L.	Officer	018	23
Mallory, Nancy A.	Officer	006	33
Mitchell, Barbara A.	Officer	002	25
Robinson, Jr., Robert E.	Officer	189	30
Sydor, Patrick M.	Officer	009	41
Vinge, Roger T.	Officer	024	32

April 2010 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Adams, Jennifer E.	Officer	276	28
Addesso, Charles A.	Officer	LOA	30
Allen, Jr., Wilbert	Officer	003	24
Alvear, Arthur A.	Officer	050	32
Arguijo, Arthur T.	Officer	050	29
Askew, Lindbergh	Officer	005	21
Barganski, Russell F.	Detective	630	30
Berger, Walter W.	Officer	019	30
Bickel, Raymond K.	Officer	019	37
Brown, Manuel L.	Officer	124	24
Buckley, Pamela J.	Officer	003	33
Bybee, Jeffery P.	Officer	051	34
Cacioppo, Leonard P.	F/A ID Tech 1	177	30
Callahan, Harry J.	Officer	010	21
Carey, John D.	Detective	640	30
Chernikovich, Richard S.	Detective	650	28
Cherry, II, Carl J.	Officer	701	23
Coffey, Theresa M.	Officer	008	20
Collins, Mary L.	Officer	120	24
Connors, William J.	Officer	014	33
Cortes, Jr., Edward	Officer	010	30
Costello, Thomas J.	Officer	193	37
Elliott, Valerie	Officer	011	33
Erklin, Robert E.	Officer	012	30
Everly, II, Richard A.	Officer	051	29
Farrell, John J.	Detective	610	37
Flaherty, James L.	Officer	153	32
Flood, Thomas S.	Detective	630	32
Foley, Donald R.	Officer	045	30
Gainer, Daniel J.	F/A ID Tech 1	177	37
Galey, Charles E.	Officer	608	37
Galowitch, Edward	Officer	148	33
Garza, Rolando E.	Detective	184	30
Gill, Douglas	Officer	023	30
Golubiak, David J.	Detective	610	33
Gomez, Rafael L.	Officer	002	30
Griffin, James L.	Officer	022	38
Gutierrez, Ricky A.	Officer	193	29
Halvorsen, Ernest	Detective	650	38
Hansen, Jr., Robert E.	Officer	022	32
Harrold, Arthur E.	Officer	021	33
Haywood, William B.	Officer	021	23
Heidemann, IV, Fred G.	Forensic Inv.	177	32
Hoffman, Daniel I.	Officer	010	30
Holman, Richard S.	Officer	016	32
Holmes, Peggy L.	Officer	006	20
Hunger, Hans G.	Officer	017	30
Huss, Ronald R.	Detective	630	24
Jackson, Dennis	Officer	189	25
Jaks, Theodosia M.	Officer	017	25
Janettas, Gregory	Officer	010	38
Johnson, Jeffrey S.	Officer	051	30
Johnson, Jesse L.	Officer	001	22
Johnson, Willie L.	Officer	003	25
Kapus, David J.	Officer	023	30
Kasal, Kenneth J.	Officer	050	29

MARCH & APRIL 2010 RETIREES

Keating, James J.	Sergeant	020	42
Keehn, Martin J.	Officer	020	32
Klupt, Saul E.	Officer	153	30
Knutson, Norman C.	Officer	019	24
Kuczynski, Sherri L.	Officer	196	29
Landgraaf, Richard A.	Detective	630	39
Larisey, Jr., Donald W.	Sergeant	701	41
Leader, Karen S.	Officer	019	24
Lee, Donald A.	Officer	177	32
Lee, Regina M.	Officer	276	32
Lenihan, Daniel F.	Officer	006	30
Letteri, Anthony	Officer	023	33
Lewis, Tahnya D.	Officer	022	25
Lloyd, Sharon	Officer	001	22
Lonergan, Thomas J.	Officer	008	30
Lopez, Albert P.	Officer	167	30
Louis, Edward J.	Detective	630	37
Love-Adams, Carole T.	Officer	DPR	21
Makarzyk, David J.	Officer	016	28
Malczyk, Ronald L.	Officer	014	18
Males, Michael C.	Officer	050	37
Males, Nancy J.	Officer	050	29
Marchfield, Steven R.	Officer	608	29
Markulis, Andrius V.	Detective	184	30
Matlock, Robert J.	Officer	701	22
Matuszak, Harold M.	Officer	009	30
Mazurski, Thomas L.	Officer	123	28
McGrath, Pamela M.	Officer	008	22
McKnight, James	Officer	167	30
Messina, Jeffrey R.	Officer	192	34
Miller, Irving L.	Officer	007	25
Misiura, Kenneth	Officer	701	37
Norton, Thomas E.	Officer	148	34
Nowak, Dennis F.	Officer	023	37
O'Brien, Kevin D.	Officer	018	24
Orpik, Lawrence	F/A ID Tech 1	177	38
Ozga, Loretta K.	Officer	025	34
Pappalardo, John C.	Officer	001	29
Pikula, David A.	Officer	007	32
Pilipuf, Cynthia S.	Captain	010	23
Pontarelli, George M.	Detective	630	29
Randle, Toney	Officer	021	24
Rapacz, Marie E.	Officer	010	21
Redman, Charles A.	Detective	630	37
Richardson, Joan M.	Officer	601	30
Richardson, Kelsey L.	Officer	002	23
Richardson, Rochelle C.	Officer	021	21
Riggio, Luigi	Detective	630	30
Ringo, Antonio M.	Officer	145	28
Ringo, Daria D.	Agent	121	20
Rogers, Beverly D.	Officer	015	24
Roman, Wilfredo	Officer	010	25
Ross, Victoria A.	Officer	276	28
Rounds, Hubert	Officer	177	30
Roussell, Roger W.	Officer	059	30
Ryan, Lawrence G.	Officer	DPR	38
Salustro, Linda	Agent	121	29
Shaver, Scott S.	Officer	050	30
Silis, Mark R.	Officer	017	37
Staniec, Christine M.	Detective	650	29
Swiatek, James R.	Officer	001	29
Taylor, Joann	Officer	005	25
Terry, Secdonia	Officer	601	22
Terusaki, Robin Y.	Officer	019	30
Thomas, Mark T.	Officer	015	30
Tremaine, Timothy W.	Officer	116	30
Villardita, Anthony A.	Detective	630	32
Wagner, Maureen A.	Officer	601	23
Walker, Kenneth C.	Officer	012	20
Ward, Janet C.	Officer	701	33
Watson, Beverly K.	Detective	620	33
Watson, Jr., Henry	Officer	701	34
Welte, Edward J.	Officer	630	30
Wiley, Steven D.	Officer	701	22
Williams, Patricia L.	Officer	276	30
Worsham, Steven R.	Detective	620	30
Yount, Christine M.	Detective	079	36
Zavolokoff, Nicholas	Officer	189	28

Lessons From The Bible, *By Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

The phone rang in the office one morning and I was asked the following question: "Rabbi, I try so hard with the children, but yet it seems it doesn't always go as smooth as it should. Any suggestions? It reminded me of the story..."

"G-d -The Parent"

Whenever your kids are out of control, take comfort from the thought that dealing with disobedient children goes back to day one. After creating heaven and earth, G-d created Adam and Eve. And the first thing He said to them was, "Don't."

"Don't what?" Adam asked.

"Don't eat the Forbidden Fruit," G-d replied.

"Forbidden fruit? We got Forbidden Fruit? Hey Eve, we got Forbidden Fruit!"

"No way!" said Eve.

"WAY!" said Adam.

"Don't eat that fruit!" said G-d.

"Why not?" asked Adam.

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" said G-d, wondering why He hadn't stopped after making the elephants. A few minutes later G-d saw the kids having an apple break and was angry.

"Didn't I tell you not to eat that fruit?" the First Parent asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" asked G-d.

"I dunno," Eve answered.

"She started it!" Adam said.

"I did not!" said Eve.

"DID So!"....."DID NOT!"

Having had it with the two of them, G-d's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own.

Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed. But there is reassurance in this story. If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give your children wisdom, and they haven't taken it, don't be too hard on yourself. If G-d had trouble handling His children, what made you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

So my friends don't give up. Give it your best shot; it usually pays off in the end.

"Buttprints In The Sand"

One night I had a wondrous dream, one set of footprints there were seen, the footprints of my precious L-rd, but mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared, and I asked the L-rd, "What have we here?" Those prints are large and round and neat, "But Lord, they are too big for feet."

"My child," He said in somber tones, "For miles I carried you alone. I challenged you to walk in faith, but you refused and made me wait. You disobeyed, you would not grow, the walk of faith, you would not know. So I got tired, I got fed up, and there I dropped you on your butt. Because in life, there comes a time, when one must fight, and one must climb. When one MUST rise and take a stand, or leave their butt prints in the sand."

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

Please note: I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect. Spelling out THE NAME and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of THE NAME, so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding.

If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call.

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

Fear This? No Fear!!, *by Father Tom Nangle*

Friday, 28 May of this year, 1020 hours, southbound on the Ryan at 55th, en route to Officer Thomas Wortham's funeral, (R.I.P.), and there are four marked CPD cars travelling in the two right lanes in a pack to the 95th Street exit. They were going about 65 mph, and dozens of cars passed them like they were invisible. They didn't slow down and creep past; they were zooming. The four marked squads got all the respect (and fear) accorded to a Yellow taxi.

Bill Cozzi stayed in close contact as his future was being decided, and he came alone to the Police Mass (2nd and 4th Sundays, 1100 hours, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd.) on the Sunday before he reported to the federal prison in Louisiana. He was 10 minutes early, and he came in looking humble and worried and sat by himself in the last row. A copper noticed him come in and immediately went and sat next to him. Then a second one did the same. A retired sergeant got up, went

back and stood behind Bill without saying a word, put both big hands on Cozzi's neck and shoulders, and gave him a shoulder rub for about 2-3 minutes without speaking.

The policeman was in his squad car parked at the curb in front of the district station, completely absorbed in a heated cell phone conversation while juggling papers. A white car pulled up next to him (he didn't look up) and double parked, put on his 'park-anywhere' lights, and the driver went inside the station. A few minutes passed, the cell phone conversation ended, the papers were tucked on the front seat, and you could see the fury on the PO's face when he went to pull out and realized he was boxed in...in a marked squad car...in front of a police station...by a double parker.

Showing the inherent comedy of data, Peter Austin (a medical statistician at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

in Toronto) has retrospectively analyzed medical records of more than ten million Ontario residents. He showed that Sagittarians are 38% more likely to fracture an arm than people of other astrological signs, while Leos are 15% more likely to suffer a gastrointestinal hemorrhage, and Pisces were more prone to heart failure. Time to hire a city astrologer...imagine! Respectfully,

Fr. Thomas Nangle, CPD Chaplain
312 738-7588

INFO FOR THE POLICE

- For the 18th year, your Police Chaplains Ministry will be taking the Gold Star Families on a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan aboard the beautiful Odyssey late this month, and all expenses are paid for the 80 or so guests. Special thanks to the Marine Unit who shepherds that cruise ship from start to finish. We really need your help this year in paying the bills, and you can send your tax deductible donation to the Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 60607. And...thank you!



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