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President's Report, *By Michael Shields*



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"We Are One Illinois"

I recently requested that the membership contact both their State Representatives and State Senators. The Lodge cannot stress enough the importance of your phone call to the legislature. The FOP is a significant partner in the "We Are One Illinois" campaign. The "We Are One Illinois" coalition opposes any changes to current public employee pension benefits. Numerous unions have pooled their money to wage this campaign to protect our pensions. The Lodge's position is that any change to current employee pensions would be entirely unconstitutional. Some members of the Illinois legislature are seeking a quick solution to the enormous problem of unfunded pension. They will go so far as to violate their oaths to uphold the Illinois Constitution in doing so.

Once again, it is imperative that all Lodge members call both their State Representative and Senator. Please go to www.elections.state.il.us. Under Section number 2, select "top pages" to determine who your state representative and senator is. Then go to www.ilga.gov where you can easily obtain their phone numbers. You can also go to www.weareoneillinois.org and select "call your legislature today" icon. If you do not have internet service, please call 888-412-6570 and you will be connected to your state representative and senator. Tell them that our pensions are guaranteed by the Illinois Constitution. Tell the Legislature to oppose any legislation that will reduce or diminish our pensions.

Senate Bill 512

The major bill during this past Legislative Session was Senate Bill 512, which was being carried in the House by Speaker Madigan. This bill was a shell bill, containing no valid information, until it was posted May 26th with the Spring Session ending May 31st. The amended SB 512 resembled House Bill 149, which I spoke of last month. HB 149 was Rep. Cross' bill that sought to impose an irrevocable choice for current employees to make regarding their benefits. The choices are: (1) an employee's current Defined Benefit Plan; (2) the Tier Two Plan which the legislature already passed for new employees hired after January 1, 2011; or (3) a type of Defined Contribution Plan, such as a 401(k).

Unfortunately, Senate Bill 512 calls for an increase in employee contributions if the employee chooses to stay in the current plan. Senate Bill 512 calls for an increase for certain state workers from 8% to 13.5%. Public school teachers in the downstate suburban system could see their contributions go up from 9.4% to 13.77%. University employees would see their individual contributions go up from 8% to 15.3%.

The largest increase discussed to date would be for state legislators. The General Assembly Retirement System employees currently contribute 11.5% of their paycheck. It is speculated in Springfield that this would more than double to 24.89%. House Republican Leader Tom Cross' original pension proposal would require state workers, teachers, etc. to pay 20% of their income into the pension systems. Some say that Rep. Cross wanted contributions as high as 30%. The City of Chicago has recently conducted actuarial impact statements on HB 149. The actuarial conclusions are that an employee's "normal cost" for a member electing to remain in Tier I (our current system), would be 24% employee contributions.

Our current employee contributions are 9%. At a 14% level, the employee is essentially paying for the entirety of his/her own pension. The 24% employee cost as discussed is ludicrous; we would be paying for 20+ years of underfunding and mismanagement on the part of the City. The Lodge continues to have our lobbyists remind the Illinois legislature precisely who is at fault for our funding situation – our plan sponsor, the City of Chicago. When we joined the Police Department, we entered into a contractual agreement with our employer, the City of Chicago. A major part of that contractual agreement was the promise of our pension.

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The Lodge believes that this argument should compel the courts to strike down any legislation impacting current employees.

We may have dodged a bullet during the Spring Session. Both Chambers in the Legislature have announced that the vote on SB 512 will be put off until the veto session. Our lobbyists in Springfield believed that if this Bill were to have passed, Chicago Police and Fire would not have been included in this legislation. However, we speculate that similar legislation will appear during the veto session impacting us. There will be a greater amount of pressure from the City of Chicago to pass legislation impacting Chicago Police and Fire Pensions. Lodge members must combat this pressure with phone calls to their State Representatives and Senators. The phone calls thus far from union members appear to be working. Continue your efforts with calls and e-mails to your representatives. The Lodge will update the membership regularly on our website with any developments regarding this important legisla-

tion.

Any legislation passed will require all unions to unite and file a lawsuit regarding the Constitutional guarantee of our pensions. The Lodge will actively participate in the judicial process regardless of whether we are included in the legislation or not. Our attorneys speculate that there will be a court-ordered "stay" on the legislation preventing the State from implementing the law (if passed), and from any further passage of new legislation until resolved in the courts.

Police Memorial Month

As we conclude the month of May (Police Memorial Month), let's not make May the only month that we remember these officers. There are memorial walls in Chicago, in Springfield and in Washington D.C. Don't let the Chicago police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice be just another name on those walls. When you are at roll call, when you are in squad cars, with your fellow officers, or with your family, tell a story about a fallen officer that you knew. Keep these officers alive with your sto-

ries. Do not let them be forgotten. Do not let them be reduced to names etched in granite. They are so much more than that. We owe it to them to keep them among the living.

Manpower

On May 24, 2011, the City announced that 500 Chicago Police Officers assigned to specialized units will be temporarily detailed to district law enforcement. I have been asked to respond to this move, and I can tell you that it does nothing to solve our manpower problems. We all know that the officers detailed out of TRU and MSF were already on the street. They are simply being moved to beat cars. There are still North and South Side districts that would be left with one-man cars on the first watch. Not one of the 500 officers will be allocated to a district north of Division Street. Manpower shortages are a city-wide issue, and can only be properly addressed by hiring more police officers, and distributing resources fairly across the City.

ILLINOIS STATE FOP LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- Parent must be an Illinois F.O.P. member in good standing.
- Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours per semester) at an accredited junior college or four-year institution.
- Applicant must provide proof of registration for the Fall 2011 semester with application. Proof can include note from registrar, class schedule, tuition payment receipt or letter of acceptance. Letters of acceptance must be followed by proof of registration before scholarships are awarded.
- Applications must be completely filled out to be eligible.
- Award:** \$500 (18 individual district scholarships awarded by random drawing at the State Lodge Summer Board Meeting)
- Application Deadline:** Friday, July 1, 2011

For more information or to download an application visit the ILFOP website at www.ilfop.org—Member Benefits—Scholarship Application.

1st Vice President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*



Arbitration Update

The Lodge recently received an important arbitration decision about what constitutes an IOD. The Grievant was assigned to the Crisis Intervention Training Center (C.I.T.) and worked in an office at Near North High School. The Department ordered that C.I.T. relocate its office from Near North High School to the Academy. Officers who were assigned to C.I.T. were ordered to move all the equipment that was in the office, including filing cabinets, tables, files, computers, phones, desks and cubicles. Heavier items transported by the movers had to be moved to one central location by the grievant and other officers assigned to C.I.T.

During the move, as the grievant was moving cubicles away from the wall, she felt a pop in her knee. Grievant's knee was sore but she continued to assist with the move. Grievant did not report the injury that day as she thought it was just a sprain and wasn't worried about it. Grievant was off work the next two days and her knee became worse. On the grievant's next work day, she reported the injury to her supervisor and an IOD report was made. Grievant did not go on the medical roll but had an MRI done which showed that she had a torn meniscus. Grievant required surgery and about six weeks later the Committee on Finance denied the Grievant's IOD claim. A grievance was filed and the Lodge proceeded to Arbitration.

In typical fashion, the Committee on Finance (COF) showed up at the arbitration and played stupid. Executive Director Montoya testified that they had no description of the injury and that is why COF denied the IOD claim. COF argued that it had been reasonable to deny the IOD. The Lodge argued that the officer was ordered to move the supplies and furniture by her supervisors and that she injured her knee while performing the work that she was ordered to do. The Lodge also argued that the investigation by the COF was inadequate at best and that if the COF had made one or two phone calls, this arbitration could have

been avoided.

In the end, Arbitrator Benn sustained the grievance and ruled that the grievant's claim for her injury from April 2009 shall be certified as IOD, all medical bills paid by the City, and the Grievant made whole. The City also was ordered to pay the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator per Section 9.8 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Retiree Healthcare Changes

Retirees who are participants in the City's Retiree Healthcare Benefits received a letter recently advising them of changes in healthcare rates. These new rates will go into effect on July 1, 2011.

The Settlement Health Care Plans for eligible Annuitants of the City of Chicago became effective September 1, 2003. Under the 2003 settlement, an annuitant's healthcare premium is determined by a formula which is based on a projection for each year's healthcare costs. These projections are developed by an actuary hired by the City of Chicago and the Pension Funds. The annuitant's monthly costs for Medicare eligible retirees have been reduced by approximately 10% while non-Medicare retirees will see an increase of approximately 15%.

The Lodge will continue to monitor the increases as we have since 2005. If any retirees have been overcharged by the City, we will seek a refund as in the past.

Disability/Pension Issues

In the current RCPOA (Retired Chicago Police Officer Association) newsletter, Don Januszyk wanted to know "what the FOP is smoking." He writes about the legislative bill that FOP submitted which would require at-large elections for the active positions at the Pension Board. He states that this bill would get rid of the Sergeants' and Lieutenants' position on the Board. That is not true.

This bill allows any officer, sergeant or lieutenant to run for any of these positions. There could be three officers on the Board. There could be three sergeants on the Board. There could be a mix of the ranks like there has always been. What is excluded from the article is that the Lodge has had a Pension Com-

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mittee in place since 2002. This committee has gone to every, let me repeat, every Pension Board meeting since that time. Over the last 9 years, that is over 100 Pension Board meetings. Mr. Januszyk has been to very few meetings. We have watched the Sergeant on the Pension Board make emotional decisions on disability cases. We have even seen cases where the City trustees voted for an officer and the Sergeant's trustee was the only one voting against. He totally disregarded the facts of the case and voted against the officer. The Lodge has brought this to the attention of the Sergeant's Union. Nothing has been done. This is one example of why the Lodge introduced legislation in Springfield.

The Lodge does not think that everyone who applies for disability should have it automatically granted. We do believe that every case should be looked at by the trustees and voted on based on the facts of each case. Mr. Januszyk thinks that officers should abandon their rights to appeal decisions of the Pension Board. He also believes that officers don't need attorneys when applying for disability. He actually wrote that officers don't need attorneys for disability. Many Pension Board decisions have been overturned by the Circuit and Appellate Courts. The Lodge's position is that we want all officers, regardless of rank, to be given a fair hearing before the Board. Nothing more, nothing less.

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



Firearm Safety Days

The 2011 FOP Firearm Safety Days event was a huge success. The first day of the event there were severe thunderstorms but the rain did not keep our members from participating. We had over 500 police officers come through the doors of the Hall over two days to take advantage of this worthwhile event. The representatives from the various approved weapons manufacturers worked tirelessly from the time we opened the doors until we shut down each day, inspecting and servicing several hundred of our members' duty weapons. I would like to take this time to acknowledge the manufacturers who participated in the 2011 Firearm Safety Days providing this service to our members:

- Boston Leather
- DS Arms
- Glock
- Lewis Machine & Tool (LMT)
- Midwest Sporting Goods
- Ray O'Herron's
- Ruger
- Sig Sauer
- Shore Gallery
- Smith & Wesson
- Springfield Arms
- Super Quick Clean

May Memorials

I attended both the Springfield and National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington DC. I would just

like to take this time to compliment the members of the Chicago Police Department. We lost five officers in 2010 and the large number of officers attending this year's Memorials made an impression, not only on me but on other departments in attendance. The support and commitment of honoring the memories of our fallen heroes, which was displayed by our members, makes one reflect on how grateful and proud we are to be part of such a great organization.

One Man Cars And Officer Safety

The warm weather has not yet begun but the violence on the streets of Chicago is coming out in full force. Just recently the news media broadcast a video clip of a group of Chicago Police Officers on the scene of a crime they were investigating and only blocks away from their location numerous shots were being fired.

The film crew showed numerous officers reacting to the incident and relocating toward the source of the shots. Again the police respond to a volatile incident with multiple police officers running towards the source of the danger, not away from it. In this particular instance, numerous officers were on the scene, but not every incident has this luxury. In most cases, officers are forced to work as a one man unit due to the manpower shortages.

The district officers are over-worked and undermanned as a result of the current manpower situation. On a daily basis officers are being forced to work alone and respond to radio assignments

that typically require two person units. I am not advising you to not handle your jobs, but be certain to request a back-up as Department Orders require for particular assignments. We do not have to go into a residence alone where there is a domestic disturbance, suspicious person or burglar alarm. Nor do we have to rush in for an in-progress job without the proper back-up. Acknowledge the job as a 10-99 Unit and make sure that a back-up is assigned. If not, tell the Dispatcher that you will accept the assignment but will wait near the assignment in question for your assist car. Officers, just remember the most routine of jobs can escalate to a life threatening situation and put you in jeopardy if you are without help. Wait for your assist!

I can only hope that with a new administration at City Hall and at 35th & Michigan an emphasis will be placed on the safety of our citizens and for increasing the number of police officers who are working the streets. Simply redeploying police officers from one unit of the police department to another is nothing more than a political chess game and does not address the problem of properly manning the beat cars in the districts. Officer safety is paramount in these violent times as the officers serve and protect everyday the citizens of this City.

Address Change Form

Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

3rd Vice-President's Report, *By Daniel D. Gorman*



Months, Even Years

As most of the membership may be aware, as of May 29th, 2011, Mobile Strike Force and Targeted Response Unit personnel have been "moved" into one of eight districts. What the membership may not know is that days earlier there were additional officers from other units who were placed into these same eight districts. These officers were taken from administrative units such as the Medical Section, Academy, Fugitive Apprehension, Canine, and the list goes on.

For months, even years, officers have been producing in these specialized units, some for upwards of 15 years. Fifteen years of carrying out tasks and duties other than that of the trained district officer, only to be sent to districts with as little as 16 hours of notification. It's a good thing that spring inspection was a couple weeks ago and these officers did not have to scramble to get their uniform and equipment together.

But uniforms are not the issue here, training is. After being away from the role of Preliminary Investigators for any extended period of time, officers should receive proper refresher training. After all, officers receive re-tread training after being on a Leave or working at the Callback Unit. What makes this different?

These officers were notified on May 25th to report to these high-crime districts the following day. These officers are now expected to know how to do such tasks as: use in-car cameras, operate newer versions of radios, log on to PDTs, sync microphones, log onto recording equipment, use the automated reporting, answer calls for service, and know current procedures, etc. This is a liability on so many fronts. Number one is officer safety, as well as the safety of brother and sister officers who may be depending on the response of one that is properly trained. Should we even begin to explore how this careless handling of personnel can be a liability to the city? IPRA will have no problem dishing out discipline on a "should have known" basis.

Upon taking calls from affected members, I expressed the Lodge's concern in

writing to the Commander of MLAS. The Commander almost immediately responded with a phone call informing me that if any officer believes they need refresher training, they can individually contact MLAS and request training. The Commander stated the officers can "receive 3 or 5 days of training at the Academy to learn how to use the computer" and he "didn't care if they don't know how to fill out an arrest report". The Commander was informed that re-tread training is more than computer operation and completing arrest reports, and that some officers were already working tours of duty. When asked for a full list of officers whose details were ended, the Commander stated the full list was not done, there were mistakes and "they" are on their third time revising it.

The Lodge took this a step further and I met face to face with Superintendent McCarthy. The Superintendent seemed honestly concerned about the training issue and stated that the movement of personnel "needs to be done the right way".

Police Shooting Arbitration

Both the Lodge and IPRA agreed to hold off on submitting briefs to the Arbitrator. Throughout the month of May, conference calls were held with IPRA where they agreed to afford shooting officers a minimum of 24 hours before giving any compelled statement; however, IPRA wants statements to be conducted between 6am and 11pm. The Lodge prefers these statements to be conducted between 6am and 6pm. The Lodge's records indicate that the majority of police involved shootings occur between 8pm and 1am. Statements conducted between 6am-6pm can provide shooting officers as much as 34 hours if a shooting occurs at 8pm.

Since no agreement was reached with IPRA, briefs will be submitted to the Arbitrator who has directed each party to include their "best and most reasonable offer". The Arbitrator will then make a decision between one of the two briefs by June 20th. Any updates will be posted on the website and will be listed in the July newsletter.

The Italian American Police Association hosts...

Night At The Races

Friday, June 24, 2011

6:30 pm

Maywood Park Race Track

8600 W. North Avenue

Melrose Park, Illinois

Tickets cost \$35 each and include free valet parking, clubhouse admission, official program of events and dinner buffet.

Please visit the website for more information,

www.iapa-il.org or call 312-415-1202

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



Paul Nauden

The gates of heaven have opened for this battle-tested warrior; no more "buys" to make, no more reports to type. Now it's just time to rest and enjoy the fruits of your hard labor. You will be missed by all who knew you, some more than others, but still missed.

REST IN PEACE, PAUL.

FOP General Meeting

In keeping with tradition, Lodge 7 will suspend the July and August General Meetings this Summer. Lodge members are encouraged to attend the June 14th F.O.P. General Meeting at 12 noon. This will be the last General Meeting prior to taking the summer break. As always, a barbeque for Lodge members will take place after the Meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. If there are any Constitution or By-Law amendments, they will be on the agenda for this meeting.

FOP Fishing Tournament

On a gray, overcast day, with early showers, 50 boats containing 100 prime, ready anglers tested the waters of the Chain of Lakes near the Wisconsin border for that prized catch. Thirteen (13) boats returned prior to 1430 hours with their plastic bags full of live fish to be weighed for record. Many anglers caught fish, but did not meet the standards to be weighed. All had a good time as usual. We look forward to next year, hoping to entice former anglers back onto the waters. We want you back.

1st Place: James and Fred Chiappetta, (5 Bass - 7.52 pounds). Congratulations to them both!

Watch Bidding

On Wednesday June 1, 2011, watch bidding for units and districts may open under Section 31.5. If watch bids are posted, they will remain posted for 7 calendar days until June 8, 2011. Members are reminded that the contract states, "...if and when the Employer decides to fill a recognized watch vacancy by bid, such vacancy to be bid shall be posted on the seventh calendar day (Wednesday) of the

Third, Sixth and Ninth Police Periods and shall remain posted for seven (7) calendar days."

Police Memorials

Attendance at all three (3) Police Memorials were up this year. May 3rd (Lodge 7 Police Memorial), May 5th (Illinois State Memorial Service) and May 15th (National Police Memorial Service in Washington D.C). Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the honoring of our fallen comrades in blue: Michael R. Bailey Sr., Michael R. Flisk, Alan J. Haymaker, Thor O. Soderburg and Thomas E. Wortham. We will never forget you. *REST IN PEACE.*

Michael Gordon Street Sign Unveiled

On the corner of 51st and Leamington there is a new street sign that reads "Police Officer Michael Gordon Way". The sun was shining as it was unveiled to a standing crowd of about 200 police officers which included family of Michael Gordon and CPD Brass. Former Superintendent Phil Cline was there to participate in the event. *REST IN PEACE MICHAEL.*

Thomas Wortham

On the evening of Thursday, May 19, 2011, a Memorial Service was held at 354 East 85th Street, home to retired Sergeant Thomas Wortham Sr., whose son, Thomas Wortham IV, was killed in the line of duty on Thursday, May 20, 2010, by offenders trying to steal his motorcycle. *REST IN PEACE THOMAS.*

Military Benefit Seminar

FOP Lodge 7 and CFD Local 2 conducted a joint Military Operation on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The 2nd Veterans Benefit Seminar Workshop was a combined effort by Lodge 7 and Local 2, bringing together both active and retired members of CPD and CFD. Military veterans from CPD and CFD (active and retired) who attended were met by staff members of the Yellow Ribbon Program, Volunteers of America, VA Jesse Brown Medical Center, American Legion, USERRA Cris, Vet Center (7731 S. Halsted St.), Crisis Intervention Team, City of Chicago, CFD 511 Vehicle, and the CPD Pension Board. Alderman Jim Balcer (11th Ward) and Police Officer Pedro Medina (014) were guest speakers. Special thanks to all the Military Committee members who put in long hours on this event, and to Police Officer Kevin Beatovic and his fiancée Angie McBrayer. Together they worked as a team assuring that all attendees were well fed with free hot dogs and chips, donated by the pair. Thanks Kevin and Angie. Four (4) military vehicles were on hand for the event: field ambulance, deuce and a half, half ton vehicle and a World War II vintage motorcycle. A letter of thanks will be sent to all vendors as well as all veterans who attended. Plans for a 3rd Veterans Benefit Seminar (May 2012) will begin in the fall.

Police Special Needs Family Support Group

Do you have a family member who suffers from a Developmental Disability, Autism, ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, Anxiety or another Mental Illness? Are you feeling overwhelmed, or having trouble finding resources? You are NOT alone! We want to help you!

Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 1100 hours and 1900 hours at the Education and Training Academy. Both meetings will focus on Guardianship and Power of Attorney. If you are taking care of a disabled relative, young or old you won't want to miss this meeting! Come and meet Sherri Schneider from Family Benefit Solutions and learn about how to prepare for the future.

For more information please contact Officer Julie Joyce at 312-745-4381 or Lt Patty Casey at 312- 743-1425, or email us at specialneedspolice@gmail.com.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



Someone Is Finally Paying Attention

There was a time when very few individuals would even think to challenge a Police Officer's authority. Touch a Police

Officer? Are you kidding? Batter a Police Officer? No way. Shoot at a Police Officer? Absolutely unthinkable!

I don't need to tell you that those times are behind us. Way behind us. Law Enforcement fatalities nationwide rose nearly 40% in 2010 to 162 Officers killed in the line of duty. There were about 1,100 batteries committed against Chicago Police Officers in 1999. This figure rose to almost 3,200 in 2009. That is almost a 300% increase in just ten years in the City of Chicago.

Apparently, the increase in batteries against Police Officers is not a phenomenon that is just occurring in Chicago, but throughout the State of Illinois and across the United States. The United States Attorney's Office is aware of these facts and has decided to take a proactive approach to combat this problem.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, I had the opportunity to drive down to our State Capitol and attend an Illinois Officer Safety Initiative Meeting. To be honest, I was not all that enthused about attending. I assumed that this might be just another meeting conducted by administrators who thought that they had all the answers about how to make Officers safe. I am happy to admit that I was wrong. Although the majority of those in attendance were either administrators or command staff, there were some street Officers sprinkled in. The meeting sought answers to two basic questions; What do we do now for Officer Safety? What can we do together for Officer Safety? The meeting was not simply a presentation consisting of "pat answers" as solutions, but more of a discussion about trying to discover reasons why batteries on Officers are up. It was readily apparent that someone, beyond the Police Departments that were present, actually cares about the men and

women who are working the streets and the dangers that they face on a daily basis.

One of the topics that was discussed was Officer training. This included an Officer's initial training and in-service training or lack thereof. One participant observed that Police Departments traditionally train based on the perspective of the Officer. The training focuses on what has or has not worked in the past from an Officer's point of view. One idea that came out of this discussion was that perhaps we need to look at the perspective of the offender and then train from this perspective. Why did the offender choose to shoot or batter this particular officer? Is there something that the Officer did or failed to do that made him a target?

Legislative issues were another topic open for discussion. Several participants pointed to the fact that a rise in the murders of Police Officers in Illinois may be attributable to the fact that the State of Illinois recently abolished the death penalty in our State. Without this penalty, what is the deterrent for those who choose to murder a Police Officer? The discussion revealed that there is a push for a federally mandated death penalty for all murderers of Police Officers.

The final issue of the discussion was whether it would be a worthwhile endeavor to create a permanent committee to pursue these issues. I requested to be on this committee if it is created. If I am appointed, I will depend on you, the first line officers, for input on how to make Police Officers, in Chicago and throughout the State, safer individuals.

I would like to close with some facts that I was most surprised to learn. One of the leading causes of Officer fatalities and injuries is something that may be one of the most easily prevented. There were 73 traffic-related fatalities last year which is more than the 61 Officers who were fatally shot in the same time period. Every day Officers are killed or injured because they choose not to wear a seat-

belt. These same Officers would not think of going out on the street without wearing their body armor. Early in my career, I was also guilty of not wearing my seat belt figuring it would save me that extra split second when exiting the car to catch the bad guy. The reality of the matter is that had I crashed and seriously injured or killed myself I wasn't going to catch any bad guys anyway. Officers, please be safe and use every available tool to make your job as safe as possible. Buckle up.

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

James B. Davis, Age 87

Robert S. Vetovec, Age 87

Patrick D. Conway, Age 78

Richard F. Thoren, Age 69

Emil N. Spal, Age 79

Michael P. Monaghan, Age 73

Fred B. Mannarelli, Age 88

Donald J. Paul, Age 88

Alphonse E. Ditore, Age 80

Velvet J. Townsel, Age 56

Arthur Kloosterman, Age 88

Michael P. Gahan, Age 62

Yvonne J. Dear, Age 47

Stephen P. Keating, Age 49

Robert F. DeSimone, Age 76

John P. Nolan, Age 67

Lenore Flaherty, Age 62

Anthony J. Tabak, Age 80

John K. Martin, Age 80

Alvin Weems, Age 51

Sylvia Henry, Age 53

Retiree Breakfasts & Luncheons

North

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am

Lone Tree Manor

7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL

Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362

John Zielinski, 773-259-1087

The Northsider's Luncheon

3rd Wednesday of Jan, April, July & Oct

Noon

Biaggio's Superosa

4240 N. Central Ave, Chicago, IL

Paul Vitaoli, 312-402-1040

South

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am

Jedi's Garden

9266 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL

Don Januszyk, 708-364-9903

Bomb & Arson

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:30 am

Fiesta Tapatia Restaurant

2752 W. Cermak, Chicago, IL

Roger Elmer, 773-763-2115

12th District Retirees and Alumni

1st Thursday of Month @ 10:00 am

Southern Belles Restaurant

6737 Archer, Bridgeview, IL

12retirees@comcast.net

Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit

1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon

Flap-Jack's Restaurant

4830 West 111th St., Oak Lawn, IL

Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization

3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm

Orland Park Civic Center

14800 Ravinia, Orland Park, IL

Don Ade, 708-408-9308

8th District 8 Balls

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon

Call for location: Al Bilacki, 773-767-1885

Old School Deuce

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 10:00 am

Lumes Pancake House

11601 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743

Survivors Lunch

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am

Beverly Woods

11532 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL

Public Housing Unit, (North, South & Administration)

1st Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am

George's Restaurant

83rd & Kedzie, Chicago, IL

Maurice Brown, 773-577-0154

Arizona Retirees

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am

Hometown Buffet

1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ

Ed Plawinski, 480-502-1630

Arkansas Retirees

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon

Elks Lodge

Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR

Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

Las Vegas Retirees

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:00 am

The Willows

2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV

Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301

Florida Retirees

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm

Cop Shop

4423 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL

Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896

Chicago Lodge 7 Life Insurance Benefits

Members (Below Age 63)

- \$3000 Life** benefit is paid when an active member dies from any cause.
- \$3000 Accidental Death** benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance.
- \$5000 Line of Duty** benefit is defined as a “covered activity” and will pay in addition to the Accidental Death benefit when a member is killed while performing law enforcement duties.
- \$3000 Common Carrier** benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.
- \$1500 Felonious Assault** benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death and Line of Duty benefits when a member’s loss of life results from use of force equivalent to a felony under the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred.
- \$3000 Seat Belt** benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt, as evidenced by a police report.
- \$3000 Occupant Protection Device** benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is only paid if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.
- \$3000 Heart & Circulatory Malfunction** benefit pays in addition to other benefits if a member suffers a covered loss of life due to a heart or circulatory malfunction within 48 hours after participation in an emergency activity. Also, up to \$250 of medical expenses will be reimbursed for initial treatment of the symptoms for a suspected heart or circulatory malfunction.

Additional Benefits are paid when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses:

* Loss of Hands or Feet	\$3000	* Reattachment of Hand or Foot	\$1500
* Loss of Hand or Foot	\$1500	* Loss of Speech	\$1500
* Loss of Thumb and Index, same hand	\$750	* Loss of Hearing (both ears)	\$1500
* Paraplegia	\$1500	* Loss of Sight, both eyes	\$3000
* Quadriplegia	\$3000	* Loss of Sight, one eye	\$1500
* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

Members (Age 63 and Older)

- \$1000 Life** benefit is paid when a member dies from any natural cause. **(Members age 63 to 74 only)**
- \$500 Life** benefit is paid when a member dies from any natural cause. **(Members age 75 and older)**
- \$3000 Accidental Death** benefit is 24 hour coverage - business or pleasure. This benefit pays when a member dies from a sudden, unforeseen, and unexpected event including exposure or disappearance. **(All ages)**
- \$3000 Common Carrier** benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit if a member is killed while riding on a qualifying land, air or water transportation.
- \$3000 Seat Belt** benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt, as evidenced by a police report.
- \$3000 Occupant Protection Device** benefit pays in addition to other applicable benefits if a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while protected by a properly deployed air bag. This benefit is only paid if the Seat Belt benefit is payable.

Additional Benefits are paid when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses:

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* Loss of Hand or Foot	\$1500	* Loss of Speech	\$1500
* Loss of Thumb and Index, same hand	\$750	* Loss of Hearing (both ears)	\$1500
* Paraplegia	\$1500	* Loss of Sight, both eyes	\$3000
* Quadriplegia	\$3000	* Loss of Sight, one eye	\$1500
* Hemiplegia	\$1500	* Uniplegia	\$750

February 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Abbott, Dale E.	Officer	050	29
Abott, Elizabeth L.	Officer	050	24
Aguina, Teryl	Detective	630	21
Askew, Marsha R.	Officer	171	29
Buckner, Judith E.	Officer	384	23
Cooper, Henry J.	Agent	119	29
Delia, Yvonne, M.	FTO	008	25
Doherty, John R.	Officer	022	29
Goode, Regina M.	Officer	145	25
Gorzkowski, Joseph J.	Captain	015	34
Griffin, John J.	Detective	610	38
Jeziorny, Michael J.	Officer	009	26
Keating, William	Detective	640	34
Krol, Christopher	Officer	701	25
Krupowicz, Kenneth G.	Detective	640	41
Kus, Stanley J.	Officer	004	33
Lee, Alan J.	Officer	025	39
Mander, Thomas R.	Forensic Inv.	177	39
Modeste, Gregory S.	Officer	543	35
Nelson, Shirley J.	Officer	024	21
O'Brien, Luci	Officer	253	25
Perkins, III, David W.	Officer	021	26
Richardson, Clifford	Officer	022	29
Roberts, Levi P.	Officer	002	29
Robles, Anthony	Officer	014	31
Salyers, John C.	Sergeant	020	39
Sangster, James E.	Officer	137	21
Schumacher, Robert J.	Detective	650	42
Silva, Edwin	Officer	145	29
Thielmann, Joseph P.	Officer	022	41
Totcoff, Steven J.	Officer	012	29
Turner, Ernest F.	Detective	610	25
Walker, James E.	Evidence Tech.	377	33
Wasner, Robert A.	Officer	161	28
Watson, Cynthia D.	Officer	171	21
Williams, Nicholas M.	Detective	045	30
Zia, Paul G.	Officer	059	39

March 2011 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Bonk, George T.	Officer	020	31
Butkiewicz, Anita L.	Officer	276	25
Chappel, Marie E.	Detective	620	22
Coleman, Lavena	Officer	142	29
Cradick, Thomas A.	Officer	050	38
Drew, Michael J.	Detective	610	29
Feddor, Elizabeth J.	Officer	016	20
Fortino, Scott D.	Officer	018	31
Goytia, Jr., Radames	Officer	013	29
Granberg, Michael E.	Officer	196	40
Grzyb, Allan J.	ET	477	29
Heenan, Patrick F.	Sergeant	018	43
Hines, Sr., Dennis M.	Officer	002	34
Klawitter, Gregory	Officer	021	13
Kos, Emil C.	Officer	124	33
Latham, Thomas	Officer	701	24
Mauriello, Jeannine T.	Officer	025	28
Moore, Archie L.	Officer	013	25
Nichol, Catherine M.	Officer	024	26
O'Brien, Kevin F.	Detective	610	29
Ortiz, Maria A.	Detective	603	28
Pfeiffer, Jr., Albert F.	Officer	542	41
Priller, Thomas F.	Officer	020	31
Record, Edward	Detective	620	25
Riordan, Michael A.	Officer	024	31
Roberts, Esther M.	Officer	016	19
Samanas, Richard R.	ET	377	25
Spraggins, Jabulani C.	Officer	002	34
Touhy, Richard G.	Officer	167	41
Wojcik, Anthony S.	Officer	019	25

So What's In Your Bag?
Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

I was recently called to come downtown to address a group of our men and women headed overseas, doing their noble duty in the military to serve and protect our freedom. I entered the room and started making my rounds, shaking hands and giving hugs. Little did I realize that, although I came to give strength, I left strengthened; I came to give encouragement and left encouraged; I came to give blessings and left feeling blessed. I left feeling proud to be among these brave souls who live life with a mission. Little did I know that I was going to leave with a most valuable lesson in life. Please let me share with this lesson with you.

I was in a corner of the room, having a heart to heart talk with one of the troops, a close friend and dedicated servant, regarding life in a military zone—how every day has its challenges and how things can change in an instant. He proceeded to tell me how assignments in this particular unit can change on a moment's notice. He said, "When I get that call, I just run to my room, get my Grab and Go Bag and I'm good to go". So I asked him, "What's a Grab and Go Bag?" He answered, "We were taught in the academy to always have a Grab and Go Bag ready, in case we have to leave on a moment's notice. In the bag are my essentials – my passport, my phone, a picture of my family, my gun belt, and a few basics, then I'm good to go." Then I asked him, "What about the rest of your stuff?" He looked at and said, "Rabbi, that's all it is – stuff – and stuff I can pick up anywhere." We looked at each other and we both shed a few tears. The he said, "In life we work hard gathering stuff; at home, in the office, in the car. Stuff all over. Then the moment comes when we are called to leave and all we take with is what fits into the Grab and Go Bag." We shook hands, I gave him a special blessing, and we parted ways, knowing we might not meet again.

The event was over and I got back into my car. It took me a while to compose myself. I started thinking – isn't this what life is all about? We work hard, gathering "stuff". Look around your home; there is stuff all over – in the closets, under your bed, in the drawers, in the attic, in storage. All "stuff" that we spent our whole lives gathering and saving. Stuff that at one time or another we felt we couldn't live without.

Then the time comes when we are called to leave on a moment's notice, or sooner, and all we can take is our "Grab and Go Bag". In that bag are just the bare essentials of life – the kindness that we do for others, the charity we give, the smiles we share and the true love we share with one another – all the rest is just "stuff". So take a moment and reflect on the big question; if you are called tomorrow, what would you put in your "Grab and Go Bag"? Because the contents of the bag are all that really matter – all the rest is just "STUFF".

Kind of makes you think.

May G-d bless you and keep you safe, today and always. Amen

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See Back Page Of This Newsletter For All Of The Details On The Picnic.**



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when you arrive.**

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lot.**



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