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## President's Report, By Michael Shields



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### Arbitration Win

Last August, IPRA unilaterally adopted new procedures for taking statements from officers involved in shooting incidents. The Lodge immediately filed grievances, and hearings were held last December. In March, an arbitrator issued an award sustaining the grievance, but directing the parties to negotiate with each other regarding a remedy.

The FOP was directed to meet with the City and attempt to agree to a remedy. In the event that the parties could not agree, the arbitrator laid out a process for each party to submit a proposed remedy accompanied by a brief argument in favor of that remedy. The arbitrator would then select the proposal he believed was most reasonable. The Lodge proposed that the shooting officer not be required to give a statement until at least 24 hours had elapsed from the time of the shooting itself. The Lodge also proposed that statements only be given between 0600 and 1800 hours. So, an officer involved in a shooting incident at 1900 hours on a Monday could not be made to give a statement to IPRA before Wednesday morning. The Lodge also proposed that *Garrity* warnings be given prior to each statement as they are compelled by IPRA, and not given voluntarily by the officers.

The arbitrator selected the Lodge's proposal over the City's proposal, which would have allowed less time between the shooting and the IPRA statement. The new procedure is set forth in the arbitrator's award, and it can be accessed on our website. This award is very significant because it allows those officers who have been involved in the most stressful type of incident a chance to recover, have at least one sleep cycle, and gather themselves prior to answering questions. Please keep in mind that this award only applies to shootings where there is no CR number. If a CR number has been obtained, the officer has an even greater amount of time before he has to give a statement.

The negotiations that led to the Lodge's final proposal took place in April and May, with a mix of incumbent and new field representatives participating on behalf of the FOP. It was very enlightening for me as well as the new field representatives. to participant in this type of negotiation with the Chicago Police Department and IPRA. Today we can savor a hard fought victory that has demonstrated something I always knew: the FOP is far more reasonable than IPRA.

### Senate Bill 512

SB 512 sought to impact current employees by mandating a one-time irrevocable election of benefits. The three choices offered were: (1) an employee's current Defined Benefit Plan, *at a greater contribution cost to the employee*; (2) the "Tier Two Plan" which the legislature passed for new employees hired after January 1, 2011, *raising the minimum retirement age*; or (3) a Defined Contribution Plan, such as a 401 (k). Until the last several days of the legislative session, it was unclear if Chicago Police and Fire Pension Funds were to be included in this legislation. The bill was sent back to the Rules Committee on the final day of the Legislative Session.

The FOP is very pleased with the membership's dedication to contacting their Legislators. Each and every phone call made a difference. SB 512's failure to pass is a large win for labor unions. However, this win is short-lived. The veto session begins October 25<sup>th</sup>. This bill, or others similarly worded, will be revisited during the veto session. The bill sponsors have vowed to work with the parties over the summer and to take the issue up again this fall in the

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Veto Session. Between now and the Veto Session, we ask that all members, active and retired, contact your State Senators and State Representatives directly. You can also call 888-412-6570 to be connected directly to their offices.

As stated last month, the FOP is a partner in the "We Are One Illinois" campaign. Over 100,000 phone calls were fielded through their website and the phone number listed above.

### House Bill 1719

The FOP and the City have an agreement to negotiate over any potential legislation that would impact our pensions *before* the legislation is submitted. The City of Chi-

cago cannot be trusted to honor the agreement and HB 1719 is a prime example. Without notifying FOP or negotiating at all, the City pushed through an amendment to HB1719. Although we had agreed back in December to talk about the issues the City wanted, that conversation never took place. They just shoehorned it into the amendment to HB 1719. During the afternoon on May 26, our lobbyists first learned that the amendment was posted to be heard in the Senate Pension Committee about an hour later, at 1600 hours. Using an actuarial report, we were able to show that, extending out to 50 years that the City wanted from the current funding mandate of 30 years is "dangerous" to the sol-

vency of the fund. The amendment to HB1719 would also have decreased the required percentage from 90% to 80% funded – a change that would have dramatically increased the "danger" to our pension fund. Thankfully, Senate Pension Committee members recognized the problem with the amendment to HB 1719 and voted to prevent it from getting out of Committee. *The Bill passed both houses without the City's amendment.* We have since reminded the City of its obligation to negotiate over any and all legislation that affects our pensions. Our people in Springfield certainly have their hands full. •

## Is This How We Take Care of Our Own?

*By Rich Aguilar, Financial Secretary and Saul Del Rivero, Field Representative*

Many of you reading this may recall an October 2009 arbitration decision that ruled that a valid Firearms Owners Identification Card was required as a term of employment for Chicago Police Officers. The Department recently decided to enforce said arbitrator's decision.

You may or may not also be aware of the Illinois statute that governs all of the parameters of the issuance, requirements, and suspension or revocation of an FOID Card; this statute exempts sworn police Officers from the requirement to possess an FOID Card while in the performance of their duties. How an arbitrator ignored this obvious fact and agreed with the Department's position is beyond comprehension, but our contract states that arbitration decisions are binding on both the Department and Lodge, and we will not belabor the point about a bad arbitration decision.

On March 31, 2011, the Research and Development Division issued a facsimile message to Chicago Police Department members. The message read: "*Effective immediately, General Order 07-01C entitled Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition is in effect. This revision informs Department members of the re-*

*quirement to possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID)."* There was also a "note" specifying members would provide proof of a valid FOID card during the annual prescribed weapon qualification. It was signed and approved by Interim Superintendent Hillard. With the simple stroke of a pen, Officers had only four weeks to obtain their cards or be placed into a "no-pay" status. Many Officers with expired FOID cards had to have their applications expedited in order to meet the May 1st deadline.

Unfortunately, what our policymakers at headquarters did not take into account was the fact that a myriad of devoted Officers who had their FOID cards revoked would be thrown into the no-pay status because they sought treatment for mental health issues.

The Department's position for several years has been that Officers should seek mental help if it were deemed necessary. Members have been encouraged to keep an eye on their partner(s) to ensure that they seek help if needed. A Peer Support Unit was created so that we could look after our own; in addition, there is even an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that was created just for the aforemen-

tioned issues regarding mental health.

Some of these Officers we know personally, and though we will not give details of their situation, we can tell you that they are some of the most dedicated and hardest working Officers in this department. We all know and have heard horror stories of a bad divorce, loss of a loved one, or something just as traumatizing. These Officers faced convoluted crises in their lives, but were cognizant enough to realize they needed to speak to a professional. EAP members in recent years attended roll calls all across this city in an effort to make Officers aware and understand that it was ok to ask for help before a tragedy like suicide occurs.

But with one order, all of that progress has vanished. The "great minds" and leaders at 35th St. forgot these Officers and their unique situations.

We believe the decision of the revision stems from the abovementioned 2009 arbitration case. Our argument centered on Illinois State Law, which states that, "[...] *the acquisition and possession of firearms, firearm ammunition, stun guns, and tasers do not apply to law enforce-*

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## Is This How We Take Care of Our Own? Continued....

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**ment officials of this or any other jurisdiction, while engaged in the operation of their official duties.**” The Commander of the Management and Labor Affairs Section (MLAS) argued that the role of a typical Officer’s day is spent “not actually performing official duties [...]” He went on to state that this could include breaks or even “going into the 7-11 to buy chips.” We suppose with that theory, if the store was being robbed Officers should produce their FOID card before taking police action.

To further exacerbate this issue, affected Officers who sought mental health treatment are currently in a no-pay status. These same Officers started the process to have their FOID cards reinstated, but have had to submit sensitive, personal medical records and travel to Springfield to be interviewed by ISP officials regarding their cases. Although ISP is not to blame in this matter, our members are being subjected to additional undue stress

because of our Department’s policies.

Currently, there are Officers who have done exactly what the Department has advised them to do. They sought out the help of a professional, and in some cases, were admitted to a mental health facility to get the assistance that such a situation would require. Many—if not all—of these Officers have received medical clearance to return to work. However, thanks to the revision of G.O. 07-01, these Officers face undue financial hardship and mental anguish. The progress of Officers who sought mental health assistance has been severely hampered. It is simply unfair to these Officers.

The Department can certainly do better to help these Officers. The Department has the ability to place them in administrative positions pending the outcome of their hearings with the Illinois State Police. It is a fact that for years, the Department has routinely placed Officers accused of misconduct in administrative positions.

Surely, the same can be done for these Officers.

Leaders are becoming a scarce commodity in this Department. Hopefully, our new Superintendent can tell who the impostors are. The FOP may not always be in agreement with the department, but if the new Superintendent does not wish to repeat the missteps of his predecessors, he may want to consult with the FOP on policies that cause unnecessary harm and financial burdens to its members. It would also benefit the department to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation, something our new Mayor would certainly appreciate.

**Most importantly**, we want our Officers to seek help if they feel they need it. We certainly wouldn’t want to lose even one Officer who doesn’t seek that help because he fears a ridiculous policy the Department has chosen to enforce. •

## 50th Anniversary of The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7’s Annual Golf Outing



St. Andrew’s Country Club  
Route 59 At North Avenue, West Chicago, Illinois

Monday, August 29, 2011

NEW THIS YEAR!!! SHOTGUN START! 1100 HOURS  
REGISTRATION AT 1000 HOURS

Please sign up today by calling Kathy Moore or  
Doreen Plachta at 312-733-7776.

\$400.00 Per Foursome  
Includes: Golf, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner (Cash Bar)



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



### Removing Spouses and Ineligible Dependents From Insurance

As a City of Chicago employee, it is your responsibility to notify the City when your spouse and/or your dependents are no longer eligible for health care benefits. Former spouses are not eligible for City health care coverage. It is the employee's responsibility to submit an updated Spouse Information Form to the Benefits Management within 30 days following the completion of divorce proceedings. To access the form, go to [www.cityofchicago.org/benefits](http://www.cityofchicago.org/benefits) and click on Enrollment Forms. The employee is also responsible for ensuring that their dependent(s) continue to meet all eligibility requirements, including those contained in collective bargaining agreements. If a dependent's status changes, and they do not meet the requirements, you must notify the City immediately.

**Important Reminder: You will be responsible for paying all of the City's**

*costs associated with covering your ineligible spouse and/or dependents, including the cost of all premiums and/or claims, if they receive benefits for which they are not eligible.*

### Family Status Change Guidelines

If you wish to add or drop an eligible dependent from your coverage, you must wait until the annual Open Enrollment Period unless you experience a qualifying Family Status Change during the year. Examples of Family Status changes include the following:

- Marriage or divorce;
- Enrollment or termination of an eligible domestic partner;
- Birth or adoption of a child;
- Death of a spouse or covered dependent;
- A covered dependent reaching the limiting age;
- A change in employment status for you or your spouse.

You must submit an enrollment form to Benefits Management to add/delete within 30 days of eligible family status changes. You must also submit accept-

able documentation to support the change in coverage within 60 days of your request.

### Subrogation

Whenever medical treatment resulting from an accident is submitted to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for payment from a medical provider, it prompts a letter to the officer from the law firm of Coughlin, Kukankos and Cook. This letter serves as notification from the City that they are invoking subrogation rights. This means that the City can recover any monies that they paid for medical treatment. In addition to the letter, you will find a questionnaire requesting certain information regarding the accident such as:

- Whether or not you have retained an attorney to sue;
- If an insurance company of another party is responsible for payment;
- Whether there is any other means of recovery.

This questionnaire must be filled out and returned or payment of benefits may be withheld.

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



### Traumatic Incidents

Police Officers, on a daily basis, are exposed to a variety of incidents as they perform their duty from the routine call or traffic stop to life and death situations. Some of these extreme situations may result in the affected officer to experience what is described as a traumatic incident. The definition of a traumatic incident, as it is referred to in the Chicago Police Department Order, is an occurrence which may have an emotional and/or psychological impact. The following are some examples of a traumatic incident: an officer being the target of gunfire or discharging his/her weapon; serious physical attack or being injured in the performance of duty; the death of another police officer.

These incidents can only be described as an emotional experience which can impact the affected police officer. When

a traumatic incident occurs, the on-duty Watch Commander or the On-Call Incident Commander (OCIC) will make the determination that the incident is traumatic in nature. The affected police officer will be told of the assistance which is available for him/her through the Professional Counseling Service and to direct the officer to contact the Service within 24 hours of the incident. Furthermore, it is required per the Order for the affected officer to call. Officers who are placed on traumatic incident will be carried Code 49 so they may participate in the Traumatic Incident Stress Management Program. The affected member will be carried Code 49, Traumatic Incident, until the Director of the Professional Counseling Service releases the officer from the program. The participation in the Program is not meant as a critique of the incident or of the officer's actions but is meant to help the officer continue with their day to day lives with as little after

effects of the incident as possible. The details of the Traumatic Incident Stress Management Program can be found on Employee Resource Order #06-03 and the Professional Counseling Service is available 24 hours a day at 312 743-0378 with their offices located at 1759 W Adams.

### Parole Hearings

On 15 June 2011 a hearing at 26<sup>th</sup> & California was held before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board to hear the protests of possible release for the convicted murderers of PO Anthony Rizatto, Star #12407 & Sgt James Severin, Star #1319, A/6/Task Force EOW 17 July 1970.

In attendance were the surviving members of the Officers' Families, former partners along with representatives from the Police Department and the Lodge. The testimony of those who spoke was recorded and the hearing offi-

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cer was told over and over again to convey to the full Illinois Prisoner Review Board not to release these two cop killers who took the lives of Officer Rizatto & Sgt Severin for no reason except that they were Police Officers doing their duty Serving and Protecting the Citizens of the City of Chicago.

The En Banc Hearing is scheduled on 30 June 2011 in Springfield where the entire Board will vote either to deny parole or grant an early release to these convicted cop killers. A bus will be provided

by the Memorial Foundation and a group of Chicago Police Officers will travel on the early morning hours to make our presence known to deny parole to these convicted cop killers.

I wish to thank everyone who assisted in obtaining signatures on the petitions. As of yesterday when I mailed the originals to the Parole Board we had over 5,000 signatures. I personally thank all of you.

### Senate Bill 1470 & Parole Hearings

SB 1470 was introduced and passed out of both Houses on 27 May 2011.

When this legislation is signed by the Governor, it will allow the Illinois Prisoner Review Board a five year maximum period between hearings, as opposed to the three year sets.

The amended time limit serves a dual purpose; it allows the Parole Board more time to render their decision, while lessening the burden of testifying by family members, particularly those of slain Peace Officers.

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**

## 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 Vitaioli, 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

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



#### Proper Training

Some officers whom have recently been placed back into districts have contacted the Lodge and felt they need refresher training in areas such as:

Officer survival, automated case reporting, automated arrest, Illinois Vehicle Code, service calls, traffic crash investigation, POD training, In-car camera operation and crime scene management.

The Lodge has expressed these concerns to the Department and the Department now agrees that proper training is necessary for officers to effectively perform the duties required of a Chicago Police officer. The Department provides various training, lessons and classes to keep officers prepared for duty. This is sufficient in most cases but in some cases does not afford the officers an opportunity to practical exercises, evaluations and the ability to ask questions.

If at any time an officer believes they are in need of training to properly perform

the duties required of a Chicago Police officer, the officer should submit a "To/From" report to their unit Commander documenting and explaining their need for such training. The Department "may then arrange the formal training deemed necessary for the officer(s), if any."

#### House Bill 1985, Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act

This is just one of the bills that the Lodge has lobbied hard for in Springfield at the last legislative session. The legislators have responded and both the House and Senate unanimously passed HB1985.

This bill amends the Peace Officer's Disciplinary Act which, as it stood partially read; "any complaint filed against an officer must be supported with a sworn affidavit." If this gets through the upcoming veto session and is signed into law by the Governor, it would require that any sworn complaint against a peace officer which contains knowingly false material be presented to the State's Attorney for a determination of prosecution.

There are still outstanding issues as to what the procedures will be and what will be required from the Department and the State's Attorney's office for the reporting, preparing, presenting and charging processes. There is an importance for clarification from both sides because this bill is written to be effective immediately upon becoming law. When the October veto session begins, the Lodge will continue efforts to get the bill signed into law and provide resolution for our members who are slapped around with fictitious complaints.

#### Ted Street Fundraiser

The Lodge is hosting a fundraiser for Illinois FOP President Ted Street and the "Members First Team" on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm at the Chicago FOP hall. Ted Street is a candidate for the office of National FOP President and the election will be held at the 2011 National FOP convention in Salt Lake City, Utah this August. Moreover, the Lodge is grateful for President Street's support on our many issues in Springfield.

### Pedal For The Police

Sunday, July 17, 2011  
1:30 pm

Join the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation for a fun ride on the lake front bike path in honor of our fallen brothers and sisters in blue.

The ride will begin at Chicago Police Headquarters and proceed to Gold Star Families Memorial and Park.

This year's ride will be held in conjunction with the 7th Annual Cycle Across Illinois.

[www.ilcops.org](http://www.ilcops.org)

For more information, visit the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation website at [www.CPDmemorial.org](http://www.CPDmemorial.org)



### Gisele Vander Mey

2 Year Old Daughter of  
Police Officer Bryan Vander Mey,

Gisele is fighting Leukemia and has undergone several chemo therapy treatments. Donations will help the Family pay medical bills and seek further treatment for a cure. Please join us as we support a little one of one of our own...

Friday, August 12, 2011  
1800—2300 Hours

FOP Hall  
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL

Ticket Donation of \$25 Will Enter You Into A \$1,000 Drawing.

Monetary Donations May Be Sent Directly To:  
Gisele Vander Mey's Fight Against Leukemia Fund  
Chicago Patrolmens Federal Credit Union  
1407 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607

## Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



### **SID DAVIS Is Retiring!**

By the time you receive this newsletter, I'll be just 2 weeks away from my retirement on July 15<sup>th</sup>. It's been a good ride for me; I've called 007, 011, 477, 177 and FOP home. I can honestly say I've never had a bad day in my career; some were better than others, but never a bad day. Although retiring, you can find me in the FOP Office every Tuesday of each month, providing the same service rendered from 2002 to present, no change. Thank you for the opportunity to assist and provide quality service to our membership.

### **2011 FOP Family Picnic**

Time to break out the apron, stoke up the grill and the let the fun begin. The Annual FOP Family Picnic will once again be held at Gaelic Park, 6119 West 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest, Illinois, on Wednesday, July 13, 2011. We hope to see all the usual members and hopefully some new ones! It's the annual event each July when Lodge members make plans to attend the scheduled festivities. The smell of barbeque, the best dressed tent, keeping the hoola-hoop up spinning, dancing to the 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. Don't forget your FOP ID card; you will need it to enter the picnic.

### **July & 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 20, 2011 at 1900 hours. Board Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

### **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; they will appreciate the call.

## **7th Annual Ride To Remember**

Proceeds Benefit The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

Sunday, July 31, 2011 at 10:00 am

Registration and Line Up Scheduled For 8:00 am—9:30 am

Area Four Detective Headquarters  
3151 W. Harrison, Chicago, Illinois

For more information, registration forms or to register online please visit [www.area4ridetoremember.com](http://www.area4ridetoremember.com) or [www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org) or contact Det John Haniacek at 312-746-8282

## **Deceased Brothers & Sisters**

*Henry A. Danker, Age 84*

*Paul W. Nauden, Age 46*

*Donald C. Haisch, Age 69*

*William L. Vick, Age 86*

*Nicholas V. Vitale, Age 76*

*Leroy T. Marcianik, Age 73*

*Joseph Landl, Age 68*

*Ernest J. Bursoni, III, Age 43*

*George E. Weathers, Age 64*

*Richard A. Larson, Age 80*

*Joseph Babich, Age 83*

*William A. Gename, Age 80*



### **Save The Date!**

You Are Invited To Celebrate Father Nangle's Retirement With Him!

His Retirement Party Is Scheduled For Thursday, September 8, 2011 And Will Be Held At The White Eagle Banquet Hall.

More Details To Follow!

## **A Sincere Thank You, by Rich Aguilar**

I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to former Field Representative Jim Bailey. Jim's assistance in processing and resolving grievances over the past two years has been invaluable. Jim demonstrated his professionalism and character during the transition period for the new Field Reps by assisting them in any way possible.

Jim, I am sure I speak for the entire office when I say, "You will be missed."

## We're There When You Don't Want Us To Be, *By Father Tom Nangle*

The barber was cutting my hair and complaining about the police, with good reason, but it really wasn't the police who let him down. Two weeks prior, a very big man walked in off the street; he was unkempt, talking to himself and gesturing broadly and pacing back and forth. The barbershop commander asked him to leave, but the other barbers and the customers were afraid, with good reason, that if something set him off, the place would look like the Heneghan Wrecking Company had come through. The barber dialed 911 and waited 45 minutes for the police. When the two bike patrol officers arrived and efficiently escorted the disturbed man on his way, they had to listen to the barber's complaint about the response time. Forty-five minutes of customers slinking past the disturbed man in the very narrow barber shop, lost income, well-founded high anxiety, and every minute adding to his bad impression of the CPD. What made it worse was the bike officers were literally right next door, fifty feet away, down for lunch in the corner restaurant. Once they heard the call, they walked right over, and they were there within one minute of the radio message. They tried to explain the slippage to the angry barber, and so did I, but all he knew was that, the one time in his 70 years he had to call the police, they let him down.

It seems like Chicago has discovered (admitted?) the existence of flash mobs, about a year after the police began dealing with them. Second City Cop has long had info on these bull-rushers from officers who have dealt with their aftermath. They'll swarm a business or some individuals in the high rent areas and leave suffering in their wake. An officer with 35 years of street in him said, "The City's at a turning point with these mobs...either we crush them right now or we get used to feeling unsafe in the best areas of town. These mobs are 100% attributable to the fact they don't fear or respect the police."

A medical doctor who lives in Lincoln Park told me he and his wife love to walk their dog in the park. He could tell by the look on my face that he needed to explain further. "I slip my gun in my pocket every time we go out with the dog," he said. "I feel safer that way."

The same message comes from a friend from my first parish on the south side. He's an attorney and a Viet Nam vet and carries a pistol, too. "They're everywhere," he says. Not sure if he means the bad guys, or pistols, or both. And he spoke that terrible, accurate phrase, "When seconds count, the police are minutes away." I've read that sentence before, but it takes on greater weight when you hear it spoken, with a slight smile, by a USMC vet, a family man, an attorney...with a pistol in his pocket.

The off-duty PO saw gang bangers rob an elderly man; he told his girlfriend to call the police for a 10-1, and went down to confront the gangsters. He announced his office and had his pistol out, and the banger said, "Go ahead...shoot me...I been shot before," and proceeded, along with four other bangers, to beat the snot out of our man until the cavalry arrived. Fear of the police? Respect?

The CFD has a motto on their rigs: "We're There When You Need Us." Wouldn't you love to see, "We're There When You Don't Want Us To Be" on squad cars?

Imagine if the CFD had to have cameras on every firefighter's helmet, and the video was replayed and dissected after every fire. Imagine if they could respond to fires, but were limited to how many windows they could break, how many holes they could put in the roof and walls, and were limited to 20 gallons of water. Imagine.

And here's a message for the barber and the doctor and the lawyer and the elderly robbery victim: Most officers of the CPD are very ready, capable and even eager (still!) to provide excellent police service to this City. They aren't afraid of the street. They were at the barber's in less than a minute...once they were finally notified. The flash mobbers would respect and fear the police (as they should)...if there were enough police to have a strong police presence on Chicago streets. Life in Chicago would be better if the system didn't bargain away every charge the police want to bring, after doing excellent police work; if the system didn't support the flourishing legal industry in Chicago that sues and charges

and accuses officers, officers would feel valued and supported. Let the police *be* the police, and the only people who lose are the bad guys. Make the systems that surround police work do their jobs, and there won't be terrible slippage before or after the critical police moment, when the citizen calls for help. And nobody, absolutely nobody, should have a say in police procedure and administration, other than police administrators. The clergy and community activists who want to run this police department have had their say for too long, and they've had way too much attention paid to them. What we have to show are street shrines and parents who blame the police for their kids' deeds. An Area 4 homicide dick, who had seen way too much of life's ugliness, and was cynical beyond measuring, once spoke a phrase that I never forgot: "This police department could be an awesome crime fighting machine...if we'd let it." Amen.

Respectfully and Gratefully,  
Fr. Thomas Nangle, CPD Chaplain

P.S. By the time you read this, I'll have retired with a heart full of gratitude. Fr. Dan Brandt, a 40 year old priest who just finished up his term as pastor of Nativity Parish in Bridgeport, will be our new Catholic chaplain. He and I met a few years ago and we discussed this chaplaincy; he was interested, and so was I. I was relieved when the Cardinal and the Priest Personnel Board went along with my desire to hand this beloved chaplaincy over to Fr. Brandt, and was even more pleased when, in this era of a worsening shortage of priests, they agreed to make his assignment as CPD chaplain a full time position.

I'm bumping into my seventh decade, and this is a younger man's job. You couldn't have gotten a better chaplain, and he couldn't have gotten better people. If you count my 'cadet time,' it's been 41 years, with 31 of those years as full time CPD chaplain. I am not good enough with words to get everything that's in my heart into print, but it keeps coming back to two words: Thank you. Thank you for 41 years of humor, horror and heroism that only the Great Loving Comedian could have made happen. •



## News From The Brotherhood For The Fallen, *By Rick Caballero, President*



[www.brotherhoodforthefallen.org](http://www.brotherhoodforthefallen.org)

On March 21, 2009 tragedy struck the law enforcement family. Four officers from the Oakland, California Police Department were murdered by an offender while on duty. Officers from the Chicago Police Department made plans to drive and attend the services. Commander O'Donnell, providing two Chicago Police Department vehicles, together with six additional police officers drove to Oakland and attended the services of the fallen brothers.

Two weeks later, three Pittsburg, Pennsylvania officers were murdered during a domestic disturbance. Again our finest stepped up. Deputy Superintendent Peterson, seven officers in three Chicago Police Department vehicles and an additional seven officers using their own funds to make the trip, attended the services of our fallen brothers in Pittsburg.

On the return trip from this solemn and momentous event, the attending officers talked about and then created t-shirts honoring the fallen officers from Oakland and Pittsburg. All of the proceeds generated from the sales of the t-shirts were given to the families of the fallen brothers including two of our own Chicago Police families.

Once again, tragedy struck. In Lakewood, Washington, four officers were

murdered by offenders while on duty. Again officers from the Chicago Police Department rallied and seven officers, including Michael Shields, the current President of the Fraternal Order of Police, attended the services of the slain officers. At this point the realization was made that there had to be a concentrated, organized effort to support the families of the fallen brothers. The overwhelming sentiments and gratitude expressed by the families of the fallen officers made it clear, there had to be a representative from the Chicago Police Department at every funeral of a slain officer.

In 2009 The Brotherhood for the Fallen was created as a not-for-profit organization by a group of committed Chicago Police Officers in order to be able to provide moral, spiritual, and monetary support for the families of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It was decided that the goal of the Brotherhood would be to send at least two officers from the organization and have them attend every funeral of a slain officer and present a check to the family of the slain officer.

As of today's date, the Brotherhood has attended 48 services in over 24 states. There are over 100 members who generously give time and money to be a part of this cause. The Brotherhood continues to grow and since its inception, the organi-

zation has received support and help from other organizations and individual such as the Chicago Police Department, Chief Nicholas Roti, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and the Fraternal Order of Police.

In addition to supporting our fallen officers in other states, the Brotherhood also supports its fellow officers here at home. Most notably, the Brotherhood held a fundraiser for Officer Michael Flisk within days after he was shot and killed while on duty. The Brotherhood members were able to plan a fundraising event that was attended by Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, members of the Blackhawks and over 1000 police officers and their friends and family. One hundred percent of the proceeds were donated to the wife of Officer Flisk.

Each year the Brotherhood grows and the ultimate goal is to raise enough money to send at least two officers from the Brotherhood to every funeral of a fallen officer and to increase the amount of the gift to the families. For any Police Officer or retiree interested in becoming a member please feel free to attend our monthly meeting which are held on every last Sunday of the month. For more information on the Brotherhood of the Fallen or you would like to make a donation please go to the website at [www.brotherhoodforthefallen.org](http://www.brotherhoodforthefallen.org).

### Save The Date

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### Fraternal Order of Police, National President

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*Donations may be mailed to Ted Street for National President, 4341 Acer Grove Drive, Suite B, Springfield, IL 62711 and will also be accepted at the door on the evening of the event.*

### Miguel Rios

Detective in Area Four

Detective Miguel Rios is being placed on Disability from injuries sustained in the line of duty on February 17, 2010. Miguel underwent spinal surgery and was unable to return to duty. He will not receive any benefits for several months. Detective Rios has a wife and three small children to care for.

Friday, July 22, 2011  
1600—?? Hours

American Knights Motorcycle Club  
5049 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL

Ticket Donation: \$30

For tickets or more information please contact Detective Smith at 773-633-9279

## A Reason, A Season, A Lifetime, *By Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

As this goes to print, our Department bids a farewell to Fr. Thomas Nangle, who is retiring after 41 years of dedicated service to the men and women of the Chicago Police Department. I dedicate this month's article as a small tribute to Fr. Tom.

How does one express a proper thank you when there is so much to be thankful for? It brings to mind the parable of the girl who is about to leave home to get married after graduating medical school. Before the final move, she sits down with her parents and says, "Where do I begin? What proper words can I use to express my gratitude to you for bringing me into this world and for all that you have done for me? You have cared for me as an infant, you put up with my tantrums as a child, you gave me unconditional love as a teenager, even though at times I was rebellious, you spent your hard earned money to send me to medical school and I couldn't have done it without all your encouragement and faith in me. Now I leave the nest to start a family of my own. I don't have words that can express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation, so I will say it the best way I can. Thank You, Thank You.

Father Nangle, as Chaplain to the Department and as a friend to all who know him, has always been there for his flock, ALL the time. We shared with Fr. many laughs at roll calls and on the streets. We have stood together at HBT situations and watched the sweat roll down his face as he prayed for a peaceful outcome. And we have shed many tears together in the halls of the hospitals and ME's office when we lost one of our own. Somehow, regardless of the situation. Fr. Tom always had the right words to bring comfort and a smile. While there are no words that can properly express our gratitude and appreciation, on behalf of ALL the men and women of your flock we say, "Thank you, Thank you!"

"People Come Into Our Lives For A Reason A Season Or A Lifetime", this poem expresses the sentiment of the moment. When we know which one it is, we will

know what to do for that person.

When someone is in our lives for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need we have expressed. They have come to assist us through a difficulty, to provide us with guidance and support, to aid us physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend and they are.

They are there for the reason we need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on our part, or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force us to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer we sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into our lives for a SEASON, because our turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring us an experience of peace or make us laugh. They may teach us something we have never done. They usually give us an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach us lifetime lessons, things we must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Our job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what we have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of our lives. You have touched us all spiritually and emotionally whether at the time you were a Reason, a Season or a Lifetime. Fr. Nangle, on behalf of all the men and woman of your flock, thank you for giving so much of yourself and making our lives richer. We leave you with blessings of our tradition: May G-d bless you and keep you, May G-d shine his countenance upon you and be gracious to you, May G-d bless you with peace, joy, happiness and good health all your days. AMEN!

Wishing you all a healthy safe summer. Remember to take some time with your loved ones, to enjoy the beauties of nature.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780 or e-mail: [moshewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshewolf@hotmail.com)

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