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President's Report, By Michael Shields



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Manpower

With a single stroke of a pen, the City's budget director, Alex Holt, removed well over 1,300 Chicago Police Department vacancies. After the first stretch of warm weather, it has become blatantly obvious that the budget was balanced at the expense of public safety. We continuously hear about the Emanuel administration's "doing more with less" philosophy. In general, this is a misguided and shortsighted operational strategy; in law enforcement it is reckless and potentially deadly. It seems pretty clear to me that in the case of the Department's manpower shortage, less equals less. The only things I see more of? More homicides, more danger faced by the men and women of this department and more threats to the public and to officer safety. We cannot adequately police this city with this shortage of officers on the street.

On Tuesday, March 20th, Superintendent McCarthy responded to the surge in violence over the previous weekend by telling the Chicago Sun Times that there isn't a pressing need for more police officers. He said, "Crime reduction is not a matter of how many officers we have but how they are deployed, what they do and how hard they are working." Yet, so far this year, there have been 94 murders compared with 66 last year, and 408 non-fatal shootings compared with 296 in 2011. This is to say nothing of police-involved shootings and officers shot, most recently Officer Del Pearson. I don't know a single Chicago Police Officer besides our Superintendent who says we don't need more manpower in order to combat this increase in violence.

On March 19th, the Chicago Tribune reported that the demonstrators for G-8 and NATO Summits have requested a change in permit. The Tribune reports that the "City rejected this request, citing a lack of police officers..." based on statements made from CDOT. Clearly, the Chicago Department of Transportation understands that there is not enough manpower. Unfortunately, the right hand of the City is in conflict with the left. All the CPD press conferences in the world cannot justify this manpower crisis. We need to hire more police.

Play The Whole Video

Recently, I watched coverage of a police related story on TV that depicted a good police officer badly. An officer working alone on the crowded Clark Street in Wrigleyville was shown grabbing a young man by the throat, walking him out of the street where the officer wasn't surrounded by a crowd, placing him on the ground and holding him there while he radioed for help. The officer did not punch the young man. The officer did not kick the young man. There was no excessive force of any kind. In fact, anyone who watched the video can easily see that the officer uses care in making sure that the young drunk is not injured.

If you listen to the audiotape of the incident, the crowd is clearly on the side of the police officer. There are numerous people remarking about how stupid the young man is for challenging the officer. No one is yelling "police brutality." No one is angry at the actions of the police.

And no one would be angry at the police officer if they watched the entire video. It shows the young man clearly trying to pick a fight with the officer. He jumps up and down right in the officer's face. He gives the officer the finger. The man's girlfriend clearly knows that he is way out of line as she tries desperately to pull him away from the police officer.

But here is the problem: Viewers of the TV news don't see any of that. They just see a larger police officer grab and restrain a young man. The news channel stated they don't know what led to the incident. I clearly know what led up to this. When you watch the entire video, it tells a different tale. You can also see another, earlier video of the same idiot assaulting a bar bouncer and acting like a complete fool just before his encounter with the police officer.

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The TV news just edited the video so it starts with the officer grabbing the young man. When I was asked what FOP's reaction to the video was, I simply stated, "When citizens of Chicago head to the bars on Clark St., they know that they can walk safely down the street because of [the officer that you see in that video]."

The police officer in the video did a great job of controlling an unruly drunk who was hell bent on fighting someone. The officer did his job appropriately and without causing unnecessary injury to the man. He should be commended. Instead, he gets cast in a false light by our local media – and the media wonders why they

are losing viewers and advertisers.

Let's hope that IPRA reviews all the available evidence – unlike the media – and enters the correct finding of "exonerated" on this particular CR.

Police Memorials

The Chicago Memorial will be held at FOP hall on May 1st at noon. The State Memorial will be held in Springfield on May 3rd at State Capital beginning at 11:00 a.m.. The National Memorial will be in Washington D.C. from May 12th - 16th. The Candlelight Vigil is Sunday May 12th at 8:00 P.M. The National Memorial Service is May 15th at 11:00 a.m.

I strongly encourage our membership

to attend any of the memorials. Many of our active members have opted to cancel planning for the National Memorial because of restricted time due. Officers are advised to request time due well in advance. The Department's position on time due prior to G-8 and NATO has changed. Management and Labor Affairs Section have stated that officers attending the National Memorial should return to duty for May 16th. For our retired members, this may be a perfect opportunity to show a Chicago presence in the absence of our active Chicago Police Officers in D.C.

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



Why Does The Committee on Finance Waste Money?

The Lodge received another arbitration decision winning a slip and fall case. The Committee on Finance believes that when an officer is doing his or her job and is injured in a fall, the injury is not compensable. That is what the letter states when the officer receives their denial from the Committee on Finance stating: "alleged injury not compensable". Now the Committee on Finance may say that isn't true, and that if the officer is doing their job and they get hurt they will be covered. Here are the facts of this case: An officer was working in Englewood; as we all know as a very violent and high crime area. The officer observed a vehicle pull away from the curb at a high rate of speed. The officer stopped the vehicle thinking that a crime had occurred and found that there was a victim of a stabbing inside the vehicle. The victim stated that a female had just stabbed him and she was just standing at the curb. The officer returned to the scene and a citizen informed him that the female had went into the apartment building. The officer went into the building which was dark and went up the stairs looking for the offender. The same citizen informed the officer that the offender was fleeing out another exit. The officer turned to go down the stairs, missed a stair, fell and broke his ankle. So just to sum this all up,

an officer injuries himself chasing after a violent offender and the position of the Committee on Finance is that the injury is not compensable and won't be coded as an IOD.

Apparently, the Committee on Finance believes that an officer going up and down the stairs chasing an offender is no different than Joe Citizen going up and down the stairs every day. I didn't realize that Joe Citizen chased after violent offenders in Englewood while walking up and down the stairs every day. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Finance to see to it that officers receive proper medical care and treatment when an officer is injured while performing his/her duties. The Committee on Finance has the responsibility of investigating claims when officers are injured on duty. Luana Montoya, the Executive Director of the Claims Division testified that the Committee on Finance conducts investigations for injuries on duty. What she didn't testify to is whether they were competent investigations.

Because of the poor investigation, both the Lodge and the Department had to go in front of an arbitrator and have him tell the City that this injury on duty should be certified. The Arbitrator granted the grievance and directed the City to make the officer whole for any losses he may have suffered as a result of the City violating the Collective Bargaining Agreement including monies expended for medical treatment and coding

the injury as "Code 1, IOD".

Once again, the City spent thousands of dollars fighting the IOD claim of an officer who was clearly performing a police function.

Medical Mediation & Limited Duty

Medical Grievances have increased 200% since the Department made the new changes in the Limited Duty Order E03-01-03. This has increased the workload for the Lodge and the Medical Services Section (MSS). The difference is the Lodge can handle the workload, but the Medical Section can't. The Lodge had Medical Mediation on March 22, 2012. There were 24 new matters on the agenda and 12 follow-ups. When the Lodge files a grievance, we get the medical file from the MSS usually one or two days before mediation. For the March Mediation, there were ten medical files that the MSS refused to send over. At Mediation, they explained that it was not possible for MSS to copy these files and get them to us with without at last two weeks notice. They only had 10 days to copy the missing files. We explained to everyone on the City's side of the table, which includes their overpaid lawyer, the doctor and medical administrator from MSS, the Commander of MLAS and his sidekick, two employees from the Committee on Finance and Deputy Chief of Bureau Administration that in almost all of these cases, the officers were being paid to sit

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at home when their treating physicians had submitted letters stating that these officers could work in a limited duty capacity. We all wondered why with the

Department being short handed would they pay officers to sit at home. Now you would think with all the bodies on the City's side of the table, someone over

there would say this is stupid. You would be wrong.

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



Spring Uniform Resale

The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7's Semi-Annual Uniform Resale will be held at the FOP Hall on 18 April 2012 from

1300 hrs until 1700 hrs. Take advantage of this event if you are looking to purchase an additional uniform item or to sell those uniforms that are no longer worn. Officers wishing to sell their uniform items need only come into the Hall and set up on one of the tables which the Lodge provides. Officers who wish to donate their uniforms need only to drop off these uniforms to the Lodge Office up to the day of the sale.

Clemency Hearing for a Cop Killer

The Lodge was recently contacted by the Cook County State's Attorney of a clemency hearing which has been scheduled before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board for the convicted murderer of PO Anthony Rizzato, Star 12407 and Sgt James Severin, Star 1319 of the A/6/Task Force, EOW 17 July 1970. The hearing is scheduled for 10 April 2012 at 0900 hrs at the Illinois State Building, Room 09-040.

This same murderer was granted a parole hearing in the summer of 2011. He was denied parole for these brutal murders and was given a 3-year set before the case may be heard again. The murderer, not satisfied with the Parole Board's decision, filed a petition for executive clemency with the Governor's Office. I, along with other representatives of the Lodge, will attend this hearing to support the families and friend and partners of the murdered police officers. The Lodge will strongly voice our opposition that clemency should not be granted to this murderer who should serve the remainder of his lawful prison term. **WE WILL NEVER FORGET!**

Firearm Safety Reminder and FOP Firearm Safety Days

Semi-automatic pistols require additional care and maintenance. Depending on the exposure to the elements, it is required to clean and lubricate these handguns monthly to ensure safe operation. It is also recommended that these weapons be inspected annually by a factory authorized technician who will strip, clean and inspect these weapons. The Lodge annually hosts a Firearms Safety Days where this service is provided at no cost to our members. The Lodge will be hosting the next Firearms Safety Days on 13& 14 June 2012 at the Hall from 0900 hrs until 1700 hrs. There will be representatives from the approved firearm manufacturers who will be on site to conduct safety inspections of our members duty related weapons.

Take full advantage of this worthwhile event which the Lodge has provided as a benefit. An ounce of preventative maintenance could make the difference during a critical moment.

Warm Weather and Pre-Summer Violence in the Streets

March 2012 produced some of the most unseasonably warm conditions dating back over 50 years. As a result of this warm weather, a surge in violent crime has risen in our City. The news reports indicate over 50 persons were shot over a 5 day period with at least 10 killed, one of who was a 6 year old child and another included the attempted murder Chicago Police Officer who was shot and injured in the performance of duty.

Though each of these incidents is equally violent, they are also a slap in the face of society. The newspapers and media outlets give different reasons or causes for the increased violence across the City, but the bottom line is, there is no respect for the communities where these thugs live and ply their unlawful

enterprises. These urban terrorists do not fear anything which obstructs their unlawful ways of life. There are always reports on different causes of this violence from drug and gang turf to a verbal disagreement which can escalate to someone being shot. The politicians, news media and social scientists all put in their own claim to prevention and solving these problems. Even the Department is attempting to apply different policing and management techniques.

Our Department is experiencing many organizational changes with the closing or merging of Police Districts and Detective Areas. The Department has also recently disbanded several large immediate response units, which were responsible for patrolling Districts by providing additional support, manpower, and enforcement actions where needed. Now these Units are gone; all of the Officers relocated throughout the City for no good reason other than a politician or administrator decided it would put more cops on the streets, which is just smoke and mirrors. These disbanded officers were all ready on the streets, providing support and a valuable service which is required for these extreme and violent conditions.

Everyone is talking about how busy and violent the City streets have been with this warm spell in March. What will we do when the temperatures remain warm for a few months? The NATO Conference and the warm summer months are approaching quickly and I can only hope that those charged with the planning and administration of this Department keep in mind how to best utilize and deploy officers to protect our City. The dedication to duty which was displayed by all during this violent period resulted in some of the finest police work performed by the members of this Department. The best advice I can give to our officers during these difficult and violent times is to stay alert, be prepared and watch each other's backs. Be Safe!

3rd Vice President's Report, by Daniel D. Gorman



Upcoming Court Cases

Please mark your calendars, appear and show support for our fallen brothers and their families. Send a message to the court with a strong police presence.

Lamar Cooper :

Found guilty by a jury of his peers of the murder of Officer Nate Taylor will be sentenced on March 27, 2012 at 26th and California in Room 702 before Judge Nick Ford.

Timothy Herring Jr.:

Charged in the murder of ET Mike Flisk April 17th, 2012, Room 404 26th and California, Judge Brosnahan

Christopher Harris:

Charged in the murder of Officer Alex Valadez April 17th, 2012, Room 207 26th and California, Judge Alonso

Kevin Walker:

Also charged in the murder of Officer Alex Valadez April 25th, 2012, Room 207 26th and California, Judge Alonso

Primary Election Endorsement Results

Lodge 7 either made endorsements or recommendations in 61 races in this past March 20th Primary Election. After a few candidates who held the FOP endorsement had dropped from their races, a total of 47 candidates which Lodge 7 either endorsed or recommended won their election. Thank you to each member of the Lodge 7 Political Action Committee for their time and effort which resulted in a 77% successful endorsement rate.

Candidates expressed they value the FOP endorsement and sent their gratitude by phone, letter or email. Some so proud of the FOP endorsement stated they even chose to list our endorsement first on

their campaign literature.

Lastly but most importantly, thank you to the members who participated in the election, and congratulations to all candidates who were victorious in their run for office.

State FOP Elections

Any member in good-standing, interested in running for State FOP, should forward a written request to the Lodge, along with 3 to 5 letters of recommendation from other FOP members by May 1st.

Requests received will be marked "Received" and a copy forwarded to the requestor. All written requests will then be passed on to the formed committee for recommendation to the Lodge 7 Board of Directors. A considerable amount of campaigning will be necessary and the elections will take place at the 26th Biennial Illinois State FOP conference being held July 26-28, 2012.

Happy Easter, By Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

So, we have finished the season of Lent, during which I hope you had the chance for increased prayer, a taste of sacrifice, and increased generosity to good causes.

Why stop now that Lent is over and Easter (Passover) are behind us?!?!

Mindful of your need to pay bills, feed and educate kids, etc., I hope you'll continue to be generous to worthy causes. THANK YOU to all who sponsored Chaplain Bob Montelongo and me as we had our heads shaved a couple weeks ago for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, raising money and awareness for children's cancer research!

I also hope you'll continue to exercise extra discipline when it comes to your behavior and attitude at home or on the street. Go out of your way, please, to treat your loved ones and those you encounter at work, at the store, or elsewhere, as if they are Christ Himself.

Finally, I encourage you to get to church/synagogue/mosque/wherever, especially if that's *not* part of your regular routine. Know that you are always welcome there. While communal prayer is fruitful, please pray *also* at home (with your family—at meal and bed time), or before lunch with your partner, or on your way to/from work, or ANYWHERE. (There's NO wrong place or way to pray!)

Please pray also for our troops' safety and well being next month at the NATO Summit. **Chaplain Joe Jackson is organizing a prayer team for this very necessary cause.** If you'd like to commit to this effort, please contact Chaplain Jackson at 312/771-6684 or joseph.jackson@chicagopolice.org.

The NATO Summit lapel pins are making quite a hit. These \$5.00 pins are available at the FOP store and most uniform outlets. For more information, please visit our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org.

Happy Easter season! Christian, Jewish, whatever...may you know God's peace at this beautiful time of the year.

See you on the street,
Fr. Dan Brandt, Chaplain, 312/738-7588
dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org

Retirement Party Honoring
Detective Jack Henry
(010, 021, Area 1 Detective Division)

Wednesday, April 11, 2012
6:00 pm—10:00 pm

115 Bourbon Street
3359 West 115th Street,
Merrionette Park, Illinois

Ticket Price \$40
Ticket Price Includes Buffet Dinner and Refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door.

For Tickets Or More Information Please
Contact Area 1 Detective Division
At 312-747-8380.

IPRA Fast Track Investigations, *By Jim McCarthy, Field Representative*



At a recent Legal Defense Committee meeting one of our members appeared before the Committee to request legal coverage for his upcoming Police

Board Hearing. Shortly before Christmas Day in 2006 this member was involved in an incident outside of a North Side bar. His letter from IPRA informing him that he was facing 30-days pending separation was dated January 10, 2012. Based on his appearance before the Committee I personally believe he has an excellent chance of success before the Police Board. However, the merits of his case are not at issue in this article. The issue is: why does it take IPRA over 5 years to investigate ordinary allegations against police officers? When asked at meetings as well as at arbitration, the City has yet to supply a plausible explanation. Pursuant to an appeal of a Police Board decision, the City was unable to provide a credible explanation to Cook County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen Pantle either. In fact, Judge Pantle held, "The Superintendent essentially conceded both at the administrative level and at oral arguments here in court that the lengthy delay could not be explained."

As a result, on March 1, 2012 Judge Pantle reversed a Police Board decision that terminated the employment of two police officers. Judge Pantle held that the amount of time in between the March 24, 2006 incident and the July 2010 dismissal notice was unreasonable and prejudicial to the officer's case before the board. This IPRA investigation centered on a complainant who per the Judge's Order "had four felony convictions at the time he testified. Three of the felonies were for possession of a controlled substance and the fourth was for aggravated battery to a police officer." Surely, not the caliber of individual you would find roaming around an Ivy League campus but for an IPRA complainant a very run of the mill background indeed. Judge Pantle further held that the practice of carrying out disciplinary investigations over the course of several years is in violation of City Mu-

nicipal Ordinance 2-57-070 as well as General Order 93-03.

As part of her order, Judge Pantle touched on administrative due process and how it applies to public employees by way of directly quoting former Supreme Court Justice Brennan. "Today the Court puts to rest any remaining debate over whether public employers must provide meaningful notice and hearing procedures before discharging an employee for cause. As the Court convincingly demonstrates, the employee's right to fair notice and an opportunity to 'present his side of the story' before discharge is not a matter of legislative grace, but of 'constitutional guarantee'" Id. at 541, 546, 551, Brennan, J concurring in part, dissenting in part.

Ironically, IPRA Director Rosenzweig has been a featured guest lecturer before the Chicago Chapter of the American Constitution Society (ACS) regarding disciplinary investigations of Chicago Police Officers. ACS is a progressive constitutional think tank and according to their website, "works for positive change by shaping debate on vitally important legal and constitutional issues...by countering the activist conservative legal movement that has sought to erode our enduring constitutional values." Under the Chicago Municipal Code Director Rosenzweig is mandated with the task of conducting disciplinary investigations, "consistent with due process of law and equal protection under the law." Yet, when the Director is directly asked about this issue, she does not seem the least bit bothered or interested in extending any type of due process or equal protection to the Chicago Police Officers she investigates. Under Illinois criminal law almost all felonies have a statute of limitations of three years. Several of the internal investigations conducted by IPRA and IAD double in the length of time allowed under Illinois statute of limitations law. Although, there are supposed time constraints for disciplinary investigations as cited in Judge Pantle's order, various city and department officials insist no such time requirement exist. With policy interpretation like this, were he still alive legendary Chicago Police Officer Frank Pape (1933-72) would be shaking.

At present there are several cases

headed to the Police Board which stem from incidents 4 to 5 years ago. Now a normal logical person, like Judge Pantle, would likely reach the conclusion that older incidents such as these should probably be settled without a Police Board hearing in order to avoid any further embarrassment. I was hoping that based on the aforementioned court order, that Director Rosenzweig might read the order and look at the logic behind it. Sadly, but not surprisingly, that was wishful thinking on my part. While writing this article a 20-year member stopped into my office seeking counsel for a separation case stemming from August of 2007. This particular investigation actually took slightly less than 5-years. So by my calculations this member has spent almost one-fourth of her career under internal investigation.

In closing, I truly wonder what has to take place in order for IPRA/IAD to realize that the practice of disciplinary investigations which take place over the course of several years is truly shameful. The Chicago Police Department and rightfully so, mandates that the Detective Division complete criminal investigations, both in a timely manner and in accordance with state law. Conversely, when it comes to IPRA investigations of its own members, the department stands idly by refusing to challenge what are clearly incompetent and unjust investigations.

Tom Skelly

After arriving here at the FOP last year, like anywhere else on the job you meet many terrific individuals along the way. So far my tenure here at the Union has been no different. In the past year it has truly been an honor to work alongside FOP Trustee Tom Skelly. For those of you who may not know of Tom, he was one of the original members who helped achieve our Collective Bargaining Agreement over 30-years ago. He has chaired almost every FOP golf outing dating back to 1961 and for many years was an ace detective out of Area 3. Although I have only known Tom for a little over a year it was apparent from Day 1 that Tom is truly a man of class and character. The honor and the privilege have been all mine. From all of us at the FOP, get well soon.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



I have been a Field Training Officer for some twenty-five years now. I have worked with several outstanding recruits during that time. You all know who you are.

There are several incidents involving many of the recruits I have worked with that stand out in my mind. One, in particular, seems to have great significance as our Officers face some challenging and trying times while working the street in our current environment. I am sure you can relate to this if you are working as a Police Officer today.

It was a normal day in the 014th District back in the late 80's. I was assigned to a beat car working with a recruit who was in his first few days of training. As we were patrolling the beat, we approached a group of gangbangers hanging out on the corner. As we got closer, the gangbangers dispersed without a word from either of us in the squad car. The recruit looked somewhat amazed that our mere presence could evoke such a response from this group.

After a few minutes, I could see that the recruit wanted to say something but seemed reluctant. He finally spoke his mind after a little prodding. I remember his statement like he said it yesterday. He said, "You do know that they didn't leave because they respect us. They only left because they fear us."

I have to admit that I never really thought about it. When I did give it some thought I realized that I really didn't care how we got them to comply or why they did. All I knew was that I got the response that I wanted as a Police Officer. They left. That is exactly what I told the recruit.

Fast-forward to today. The problem almost jumps out at you. Today's criminals on the street still do not have any respect for the Police, but even more importantly; they no longer have any fear of the Police or the criminal justice system. They are more than aware that we are

shorthanded. They are more than aware that there are video cameras everywhere that record incidents and create videos that, when taken out of context, portray the Police Officer as the criminal. They are more than aware that the media will post a graduation photo and portray them as honor students. They are more than aware that there is always a law firm willing to represent them, regardless of their backgrounds, as long as there is a chance for money to be made.

It should not be any mystery why batteries against Police Officers are increasing every year. It should not be any mystery why shots fired at Police Officers are increasing every year. It should not be any mystery why weapons pointed at Police Officers are increasing every year.

We are frequently portrayed as the trigger happy Police. We are criticized that we are quick to shoot and ask questions later. Nothing could be further from the truth. Police Officers do not go to work thinking, "Gee, seems like a good night to go out and shoot someone." On the contrary, Police Officers would prefer to go through their entire careers without ever having to discharge their firearm. The decision of whether a Police Officer shoots or doesn't shoot is always deter-

mined by the actions of the criminal himself.

A True Role Model

There is a man in the Chicago Police Department who can serve as a role model to all members. He is an alumnus of mine from Lane Technical High School. This man works countless hours to make a Police Officer's job easier and more satisfying. He is a decision maker who always has the best interests of Police Officers in mind. He always understands our problems and strives to make sure that when an Officer makes a mistake the punishment is corrective and never punitive. When his team makes an offer to reduce a suspension he would never think to then back out of that deal and embarrass his team and/or the arbitrator involved in the process.

Who is this wonderful human being? He is none other than Management and Labor Affairs Commander Donald J. O'Neill.

You may ask, Why is the FOP singing the praises of this man who sits on the other side of the table with this glowing testimonial? The answer is simple. It's April 1st.

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Locations & Dates

April 24 – 26, 2012	April 18 – 19, 2012
Fraternal Order of Police – Lodge 7	Chicago Police Department – 001st District
1412 W. Washington – Main Union Hall	1718 S. State Street



To schedule an appointment call 1-800-840-6100.

Active employees and family members – please have your insurance card ready.

You will need your insurance card ID number.

Recommended Health Evaluations:

**Age 18 to 34 – Male & Female
Health Profile**

- **Blood Tests** – Includes individual tests to detect diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, bone and muscle disease, anemia, leukemia, bleeding abnormalities, infection, and more. Also analyzes total cholesterol, HDL, LD. and cholesterol/HDL computed ratio.
- **Blood Pressure Analysis**
- **Medical Report** – You will receive an individualized, comprehensive report from IHS that reviews and explains your test results.
- **Coronary Risk Trend Analysis** – IHS will track and compare your cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose each year that you screen.
- **Web Site** – Includes membership and unlimited access to www.interactivehs.com, your source for healthy living. At your option, you can confidentially access your personal health history and test results history from this secure web site.
- **TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone)** – Abnormal thyroid may exhibit common symptoms such as unexplained weight gain or loss, unexplained fatigue, hair loss, sweating, insomnia or constipation.

**Age 35 & Above –Female
Health Profile (described above)
TSH (described above)**

- **Homocysteine** – There is a strong relationship between high homocysteine and heart disease and stroke. Evidence suggests that homocysteine may damage artery walls and enhance the blood’s ability to clot. Recent research shows that moderate to high levels of homocysteine may substantially increase your risk of developing Alzheimer’s Disease as well as a non-Alzheimer’s form of dementia. Diet – notably eating foods rich in folic acid and Vitamins B₆ and B₁₂ – influences homocysteine levels and may provide a first line of defense.

**Age 35 & Above – Male
Health Profile (described above)
TSH (described above)
Homocysteine (described above)**

- **Prostate Cancer Screening** – The PSA blood test detects early signs of prostate cancer. The test is especially important if you have a family history of prostate cancer.

Disability News, *By Mike Lappe, Chairman*

As we currently witness more officers applying for placement on the duty disability roll through the pension fund, you need take note that a backlog has been created that has slowed the distribution of funds to the officer for his or her duty disability. The cases that hit a snag are ones where an officer has been on limited duty for a few years.

The CPD Human Resources Administra-

tion's new guidelines (that this FOP committee believes were created on a whim without being intelligently thought out) now put the Chicago Pension Board in limbo. There are no clear cut guidelines until the new policy that demands a limited officer catch a bad guy or two can be agreed upon and/or stricken as a requirement to remain on limited duty. So take note if you fall into this category and are being forced to apply for disability.

Take note that no delays have been mentioned for officers who applied for ordinary or occupational disease disability.

Lastly, in the event an officer sustained an on-duty serious injury, (GSW, trauma from a MVA, etc.) there would not be any delay in cases such as these. The Pension Board applies common sense to make the officers transition as least painful as possible.

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 January, April, July & October @ 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 Ave.,
 Bridgeview, IL
 12retirees@comcast.net

Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit

1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon
Flap-Jack's Restaurant, 4830 West 111th Street,
 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 Restaurant, 11532 S. Western,
 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

IPA – International Police Association, By Bill Burns, Sergeant-at-Arms

The IPA is the largest and oldest organization for police officers in the world. The founder, Arthur Troop (1915-2000), a police sergeant was born in Lincoln in the English county of Lincolnshire.

The association was founded on January 1, 1950 under (Service through friendship) to create friendly links and encourage cooperation between individual police officers around the world. IPA has about 400,000 members and sections in 63 countries.

The U.S. Section has approximately 10,000 members. Region 4 includes Chicago, Northern Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska and has about 300 members. IPA holds meetings and other events through-

out the year in the Chicago area.

Benefits of IPA membership include education, travel, benevolence, networking, travel opportunities between sections, organized events, friendship weeks and hobby and collector groups.

One of the many advantages of the IPA is the availability of expert assistance for travel in foreign countries often at a greatly reduced cost or not cost at all. Many members of IPA have attained lifetime friendships with IPA people abroad.

New members receive an ID card, which is recognized world-wide as an official membership identification. Each mem-

ber receives a copy of the quarterly National Reporter, and copies of their respective Region's newsletter. IPA is open to all active and retired law enforcement officers. Events schedule, membership application, and dues information can be found at www.ipa-usa.org/region4 or ipa4chicago2@gmail.com. Retired Chicago police officers Robert Mitzner and Kathy Sasso run the Chicago Division and spoke at the past FOP Board meeting.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

- Thomas LePore, Age 84
- Marcello R. Ruiz, Sr., Age 80
- James C. David, Age 61
- John A. Jacobs, Jr., Age 68
- Henry J. Biesiada, Age 84
- John J. Honan, Age 87
- James D. Cavanaugh, Age 68
- Ronald McLain, Age 70
- Donald J. Garrity, Age 81
- Joseph F. Bellizzi, Age 77
- George W. Voight, Age 93
- Preston T. Ross, Jr., Age 48
- Timothy C. O'Grady, Age 47
- James G. Elliott, Age 67
- Kenneth J. Behnke, Age 78
- James Mannion, Age 84
- Robert J. Plochocki, Age 63
- Bob Valleyfield, Age 80
- Bruce E. Wagner, Age 61
- Charles Leveck, Age 84

Registration Now Open for the 2012 Run-To-Remember!

The 2012 Run-to-Remember is planned for Saturday, May 5 at 8:00am. Held at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, 1420 S. Museum Campus Drive, the race benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

The race fee is \$35.00 in advance and \$45.00 on race day. To register for this festive fundraiser or learn more about the many activities planned for children, families, team challenges, goodie bags, the Junior Jog, walking to honor the memory of a fallen hero, and much more, please visit <http://www.cpdmemorial.org/run>



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1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen**

“Thanks For Being There”, Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

As this goes to print, one of our Brothers-in-Blue, PO Del Pearson is in the hospital fighting for his life after being shot doing, what was what we all call, "routine" police work. Please keep Del and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to all who assisted in getting our Brother to the hospital so quickly, and to all of the CFD members who were there to assist in those crucial moments. All who were there did a great job in saving the life of one of our own.

Standing in the ER with my fellow Chaplains I was moved to tears by the out-pour of love and support from coppers that came from all parts of the City. "Can we give blood?" asked some, "Can we help in any way?" asked others. I asked one of the coppers standing there, "Do you know our wounded brother? He answered, "I don't have to know him. He is just one of our own, and I'm going to wait here till I know he is okay." At the scene and the Area the throngs of Officers of all ranks that came to assist was overwhelming. A special thank you to the FOP for being there and providing coffee and donuts throughout the night. My heart swelled with pride to be part of a family that, no matter what the situation or condition when the chips are down and you call for an assist, you can count on one thing for sure; that your brothers and sisters in blue, will be there for you unconditionally. Now **that's** true love, that's priceless, that's what each of you can be proud of. It reminded me of the story of "True Love Behind The Long Hair"...

"Can I see my baby?" the happy new mother asked. When the bundle was nestled in her arms and she moved the fold of cloth to look upon his tiny face, she gasped. The doctor turned quickly and looked out the tall hospital window. The baby had been born without ears. Time proved that the baby's hearing was perfect. It was only his appearance that was marred.

When he rushed home from school one day and flung himself into his mother's arms, she sighed, knowing that his life was to be a succession of heartbreaks. He

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blurted out the tragedy. "A boy, a big boy ... called me a freak."

He grew up handsome for his misfortune. A favorite with his fellow students, he might have been class president, but for that. He developed a gift, a talent for literature and music. "But you might mingle with other young people," his mother reproved him, but felt a kindness in her heart.

The boy's father had a session with the family physician. Could nothing be done? "I believe I could graft on a pair of outer ears, if they could be procured," the doctor decided. The search began for a person who would make such a sacrifice for a young man. Two years went by. Then one day, "You are going to the hospital, Son. Mother and I have someone who will donate the ears you need. But it's a secret," said the father. The operation was a brilliant success, and the son emerged a new person. His talents blossomed into genius, and school and college became a series of triumphs. Later he married and entered the diplomatic service. "But I must know!" He urged his father, "Who gave so much for me? I could never do enough for that person." "I do not believe you could," said the father, "but the agreement was that you are not to know ... not yet."

The years kept their profound secret, but the day did come, one of the darkest days

that a son must endure. He stood with his father over his mother's casket. Slowly, tenderly, the father stretched forth a hand and raised the thick, reddish-brown hair to reveal that the mother -- had no outer ears. "Mother said she was glad she never let her hair be cut," he whispered gently, "and nobody ever thought Mother less beautiful, did they?".....end of story.....

Remember, real treasure lies not in what that can be seen, but in what cannot be seen. Real love lies not in what is done and known, but in what that is done and not known.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, thanks to each of you for all you do, for your dedication to your holy and noble work. But most of all for all the love and support you give each other in time of need. You are like the Mom in the above story, always there to help each other regardless of sacrifice. We are honored and privileged to be able to "Serve Those That Serve." Feel free to lean on us anytime.

Chaplains unit 312-746-8458
 May G-d bless you and keep you safe, always. Amen

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



STORE HOURS:

MON-THURS, 9:00 – 5:00
 FRIDAY, 9:00 – 4:00
 SATURDAY, 9:00 – 1:00

STORE CLOSED:

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DIRECT LINE:

312-733-2344

NEW WEBSITE:

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**T-Shirt
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**General
 Meeting
 Notice**

The next FOP,
 Lodge 7 General
 Meeting will be
 held on Tuesday,
 April 17, 2012 at
 1900 hours.

Please remember
 to sign in
 when you arrive!

**Feels Like Spring! Time To Clear Out The Winter Stock And
 Make Room For The Spring Stock!!
 Stop In For Great Deals!**

Ladies sweatpants black w/ pink CPD star M-3XL limited quantities
 Was \$17.95 - \$19.95—**NOW 30% OFF \$12.56 - \$13.96**

Men's black/grey yakima jacket with hood Large and XL only.
 Was \$28.95—**Now \$19.95 close out price**

FOP vehicle license plate frames
 Was \$3.49—**Now \$2.99**

Motorcycle frames was \$3.00 **Now \$2.49**

Pink pen pepper spray Was \$7.95 **Now \$5.95**
 Lipstick case Pepper spray Was \$8.49 **Now \$6.49**

Back in stock electric blue light! A great novelty item for your very own. **Only \$13.95**

New!! North side and Southside baseball badges **\$24.95each** a real collector's item

Chicago police 1835 long sleeve thermal tee shirt in grey or maroon LARGE, XL and 2X only.
30 % OFF Now \$14.66 - \$15.36 limited stock

Back in stock NATO summit tee shirt Sizes, S-4X—**\$11.95 - \$14.50**

Get your souvenir G-8 NATO pin **\$5.00each** (all proceeds go to the chaplains ministry.)

Don't forget Mother's Day is May 13th. A great Mother's Day gift ¼ zip polar fleece in black, winter white, teal and fuchsia S-2X
 Was \$24.95-\$26.95 25% OFF—**Now \$18.71- \$20.21**

Get ready for the spring inspection! All leather goods **15% OFF**
 (these also make a great Father's Day gift)

Super deal felt or vinyl CPD patches all ranks on sale for
 only **\$1.25each**.
 (Great for trading) Limited stock

CPD pins normally \$3.00each or 2 for \$5.00 now
\$2.00a piece

New assortment of flex fit caps in three sizes, S-M, M-L, L-
 XL **\$17.95 each**.

New wick-away polos in assorted colors. Very sharp with
 tonal CPD star also some with white CPD star come in and
 check these out.





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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT



Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
 18th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
 at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event.
 There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes
 waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam.
 Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE

We'd like everyone to have a fun time.
 Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____ If youth, age _____

Make checks (\$40 per man - \$80 per boat) payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7 and send Attn: Frank DiMaria at 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607