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## President’s Report, By Michael Shields



### City of Chicago Website

In April, the City of Chicago posted an alarming webpage with the title, Retirement Security Honesty Solutions. Lodge members may link on the City’s site through the FOP page at [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org) or go directly to <http://www.cityofchicago.org/retirementsecurity>. In bold it states, “This site will provide facts about the City pension system and allow an honest discussion about the solutions we urgently need to reach.” As you can imagine, the City’s position is anything but honest. The City pits property owners against Police Officers and other vital public employees. The City fails to remind the viewer that the City of Chicago has, under the Illinois Pension Code, been given an actuarial report for their review. Each and every year, the actuaries request that more City money be placed into the pension funds. Yet each and every year, the request for adequate funding has fallen on deaf ears, though the City’s website makes no mention of this. Amazingly, unless you consider the source, the City neglects to mention to the taxpayer that the legislation to fund the pension does not require the municipality to get all pension funding from property taxes. The City of Chicago could offer alternate sources of revenue, as the FOP has often suggested they do. But instead they choose to frighten citizens with unrealistic and untrue threats of enormous property tax increases if changes are not made to the pension systems.

Chief Financial Officer for the City of Chicago, Lois Scott, states in the video that there are several unacceptable options. She then cites them: “We can let the pension funds go bankrupt” or “fund it all and have property taxpayers increasing property taxes by over 150% to fund the promises.” In the video, Mayor Emanuel promises that he will not increase property taxes 150%. CFO Scott states, “What went wrong is that we have had leaders that offered pension benefits and made promises that were not based on the real math of how much money would be coming in and how much would be going out the door.”

At least once a month, the Chicago newspapers reveal ways in which the Emanuel administration is saving millions of dollars from the budget. We also are bombarded with stories of new revenue sources for the City of Chicago. Days later, the same newspapers will report that the City claims to have no money for certain items. Immediately after, millions of dollars will appear for certain pet projects, while our pension funds remain underfunded. The City’s website provides an opportunity to seek solutions from taxpayers through a link titled, “share your ideas.” The Lodge encourages all members and their families to submit a suggestion. We have already made a number of different suggestions about new revenue streams and funding for our pension. Tell the City to live up to its promises and stop deflecting the blame onto the public employees. Remind Mayor Emanuel that we risk our lives every day and are the front line of defense for the City.

### Springfield Pension Legislation

During this Legislative session, a Pension Committee was created by the Governor to address proposals dealing with the State’s unfunded liability. Appointed to this committee are Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook), Rep. Darlene Senger (R-Naperville), Sen. Michael Noland (D-Elgin), and Sen. Bill Brady (R-Bloomington).

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the Committee released some of its findings. The Committee’s main objective is to require the State to fully fund the pension systems in 30 years. Although the details remain very limited at this time the Committee appears to be favoring an increase in the retirement age to 67 for current employees, and a reduction in the current COLA’s for Tier 1 employees (current) to a non-compounded COLA that is the lesser of 3% or ½ of the Consumer Price Index. The Lodge will take a firm stance supporting the unions that may be impacted by proposed legislative changes to the State Pension Systems. Any adverse Legislation impacting state employees may ultimately be used as a template for future legislation to

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address the same issues with Chicago Police and Fire. The Lodge will continue to monitor all legislation regarding the State Systems. Finally, it is important to note that any pension bills passed that reduce current benefits will most likely guarantee a challenge as to the constitutionality of the legislation.

HB 4513, also known as the Water Reclamation Pension Bill, passed out of the house unanimously. This bill calls for a voluntary increase in employee pension contributions amounting to 3% (1% per year over the next three years). When the fund reaches a funding level of 90%, the increased contributions would be rolled back. What is most alarming about this legislation is that it appears to be supported by the unions, which represent the Water Reclamation District employees. At the House pension committee meeting considering this initiative, the employee unions either acknowledged their agreement, or voiced no objection. The argument presented in Committee about what the employee will receive in exchange for this enhanced contribution was solely the assurance that the funds will be there when they retire.

SB 3355 is a bill to eliminate the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1955, birth date restriction currently in place for Chicago Police Officers. Those born prior to this date receive a 3% COLA, yet those born after this date will only receive a 1.5% COLA for 20 years beginning at the age of 60. This bill is sponsored by both Senator

Kwame Raoul of the Senate Pension Committee and Senator John Mulroe. The Bill is currently in assignments and will be re-visited in the Veto session if no action is taken during this session. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49 was unanimously passed through the House. If this passes out of the Legislature, the measure will be placed on the November ballot. If the measure is approved Constitutional Amendment will require a 3/5 majority vote in the Legislature, as well as at any local unit of government for a pension benefit enhancement. Even more troubling to the Lodge is the inclusion of broad based language that could be interpreted to impede future collective bargaining processes by requiring a 3/5 majority to approve such items as an Arbitrator's Award. If this measure is approved by the voters, will City Hall interpret this Amendment to be a mandate to have at least 30 of 50 Aldermen vote in favor of an Arbitrator's Award?

### Other Legislation

Mayor Emanuel's Mob Action Bill, HB 4975, which, based on vague language, would have allowed the City to hire people other than certified law enforcement officers to assist in the upcoming NATO summit, failed to come out of Committee and was sent back to House Rules. HB 3948 passed over to the Senate and will allow for Law Enforcement Officers to be exempted from CDL's while working. HB 5831 would have required a

statewide registration of handguns with an ensuing registration fee. This never made it off the second reading in the House and was sent back to rules, where it belongs. Several months ago, the Lodge reported that this was unlikely to pass. HB 3944, the much-publicized anti-police eavesdropping bill, was called for a vote on the House floor. To nearly everyone's surprise, this was called on the House floor and lost the vote. The Lodge will continue to be watchful of other legislation regarding this issue in the future. Meanwhile, the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals is ruling on the constitutionality of the current eavesdropping law.

HB 4673, sponsored by both Rep. Dena Carli (and CPD Sgt.) and Sen. Tony Munoz, passed out of the House by a vote of 102-5. This is the Lodge's Bill to make police officers who voluntarily spend up to 30 days in a mental health bed exempt from the FOID Act. This will prevent these officers from having their FOID cards pulled, which would cause the officers to go into a no-pay status with the City. The City of Chicago is the only municipality that we can confirm, which requires the FOID card as a condition of employment. All other Law Enforcement in the State are exempted. Twenty-eight of our members in the past year have had their pay impacted while they went through the appeals process to get their FOID cards reinstated.

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



### Contract Negotiations

The Lodge had our first meeting for contract negotiations on April 26, 2012. The negotiation team met and started by going over the hundreds of proposals sent in by the membership. We started by breaking the proposals down, keeping the ones that we wanted to go forward with and then prioritizing them. I am not going to list what the proposals are, as we are not ready to show our hand to the City yet. Once we are ready we will notify the City and sit down with them. We have many

new players on the City's side (mayor, superintendent and budget office). We look forward to sitting down with them to resolve some of the problems that our members have. We will keep you informed as best we can, but keep in mind this is contract negotiations and the best way to be informed is to attend meetings, as the Lodge can't put most of this information on the website or in the newsletter.

### Physical Therapy- Class Action Grievance

The Lodge filed a Class Action Grievance when we found out that the City had

recently put in place a new requirement: all physical therapy is now subject to new pre-certification procedures. These new procedures were unilaterally imposed changes to our medical plan, and no notice was given to the Lodge. The collective bargaining agreement states that the Medical Plan may not be changed by the employer without the agreement of the Lodge. The Lodge never agreed to these changes. If any officer has had physical therapy denied please contact the Lodge. **IOD Physical Therapy- City drops 42 Companies and 126 locations**

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Recently, I was reading the *Chicago Tribune* when I came across an article about Illinois Senator Mark Kirk. Alongside the print was a color photograph of the Senator, the first one released since his devastating stroke several months ago. The picture was taken at the famous Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC), where Senator Kirk has been working to regain normal function. Richard L. Harvey, medical director of the RIC, added that Senator Kirk is fully engaged in all aspects of his rehabilitation program and that the RIC staff is quite pleased with Senator Kirk's ongoing recovery. Harvey added that Senator Kirk will soon begin participating in a unique research trial at RIC that will last several weeks. The trial is focused on improving gait pattern through an intense regimen of continuous walking over flat surfaces, on stairs and on a treadmill every day. This trial is one of more than

200 research projects at RIC. Indeed, since 1991, U.S. News & World Report has continuously ranked RIC as the "#1 Rehabilitation Hospital in America."

While all Illinoisans, regardless of political affiliation, hope that Senator Kirk makes a complete recovery, this article is not really about Mark Kirk. I am writing this article because the outstanding RIC, where the Senator is receiving top notch rehab care, will no longer treat Chicago Police Officers who are injured on duty. That's right. The #1 rehab hospital in all of the United States will not treat our injured officers. Why not? Well, it depends on who you ask. The City's official line is that a number of therapy providers will not join the "Coventry Network." We don't believe that is true. Our best information is that the City contacted RIC and a number of other healthcare providers and demanded that they accept a 45% reduction in the amount of fees they can charge for their

services. Of course, the best facilities like the RIC would never accept this City-imposed haircut. No, they just stopped taking City business. Our IOD officers are left with providers that agreed to work for a deeply discounted rate. I have written to Alderman Burke, as it is his Committee on Finance that approves and handles payments for IOD bills. Hopefully, as a former Chicago Police Officer, he will share our view that officers injured in the line of duty are entitled to the best medical care available, not the cheapest.

We have also sent letters out to the 42 companies and 126 locations to see if their side of this story is different than the City's. Once again instead of sitting down with us to discuss a problem, the Department just implements it without any regard for the quality of care that our officers should receive. If you are having a problem, please call us.

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



### Clemency Hearing

A hearing was held on 10 April 2012 at the State of Illinois Building before the Illinois Prisoner Review

Board to hear evidence to consider granting Executive Clemency to the convicted murderer of PO Anthony Rizzato 12407 & Sgt James Severin 1319 A/6/Task Force EOW 17 July 1970. PO Rizzato & Sgt Severin volunteered for a new program to reduce crime and violence in the Cabrini Green Housing Complex by doing foot patrol. This innovative new plan was called the Walk and Talk Program. These two uniformed Chicago Police Officers were brutally murdered as they walked through the fields of Seward Park, by two murderers who took deliberate aim and fired hunting rifles at them from a nearby building, as they were on foot patrol in the Cabrini Green Housing Complex. The murderers were arrested and the weapons recovered. They were tried, convicted and sentenced to 100-200 years in prison, because at the time of this crime, there was no death penalty

in Illinois. Under those sentencing laws, these murderers are eligible for hearings before the Parole Board, which they have been granted numerous times. One of the murderers was recently denied parole in the summer of 2011, and then requested a clemency hearing before the Governor, looking for another chance to gain his freedom. The hearing was attended by the Family members of the slain Officers, Representatives of the Lodge and Police Officers, both active and retired, who were there to protest the possibility of granting clemency to this convicted murderer and to support the memories of the murdered police officers. The State's Attorney gave an opening statement for the hearing officer, giving multiple reasons why clemency should not be granted. The family members of the slain Police Officers were the only persons allowed to address the Board due to time limitations. The family spoke about how these murderers have changed and impacted their lives forever. They also shared how they have, after many years, continued

to monitor and attend all parole hearings, actively protesting the possibility of the release of the murderers of their loved ones. This vigilant battle has carried on for over 42 years and will continue as they pass the torch to the next generation, who will attend these hearings to ensure that these murderers are never released or granted clemency. The hearing concluded and the information will be reviewed by the full Illinois Prisoner Review Board, who will make a recommendation to the Governor, who has the ultimate responsibility of making the decision to grant or deny clemency to this murderer. We only hope that the Governor will deny clemency to this convicted murderer. We trust that the Governor will do the right thing, after reviewing the evidence presented, including the statements of the surviving family members of the Police Officers, and the seriousness of this crime, where two uniformed Chicago Police Officers were brutally murdered because they serving and protecting the citizens of the City of Chicago. **We will never forget!**

## 2nd Vice President's Report Ctd.

### Police Memorials

**May is designated as Police Memorial Month. Listed below are the dates for the Memorials:**

- 1 May 2012 FOP Lodge 7 Memorial
- 3 May 2012 Illinois Memorial (Springfield)
- 6 May 2012 St Jude March
- 15 May 2012 National Memorial (Washington DC)

**This year we will be honoring two of our own on the FOP Lodge#7, Illinois and National Memorials**

- PO Paul Nauden 10803 Unit 189 EOW 20 May 2011
- PO Clifton Lewis 4103 015<sup>th</sup> District EOW 29 December 2011

**Also being honored are 2 Historical Names on the FOP Lodge#7 Memorial**

- PO Paul Batson 10018 014<sup>th</sup> District EOW 22 December 1962
- PO Thomas Gesiorski 5462 007<sup>th</sup> District EOW 26 December 1977

### Firearm Safety Days

The Lodge will be hosting 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 on site to conduct safety inspections of our members' duty related weapons at no cost. Officers please take full advantage of this worthwhile event which the Lodge has provided as a benefit.

### Peer Support Application

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is in the process of accepting applications for the Fall 2012 Peer Support Team Training. The Peer Support Program is a program that offers assistance and appropriate support resources to Officers when personal or professional problems negatively affect their work performance, their family or themselves. If you are interested in the Peer Support Program contact Program Manager Dave Saucedo at the EAP at 312 743-0378 to obtain an application. The deadline for applying is 1 September 2012. The Peer

Support Program is voluntary and a serious commitment to the program is a must.

## General Meeting Notice

The next FOP, Lodge 7 General Meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2012**  
**At 1200hrs**

Please remember to sign in when you arrive!

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



### Officer Nate Taylor's Killer Sentenced

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Judge Nick Ford sentenced Lamar Cooper to a life-long prison term for the murder of Officer Nate

Taylor. Lodge #7 hopes Judge Ford's sentencing brings some closure to Nate's family. Lodge #7 sends thanks to Judge Ford and ASAs Brian Sexton, Jim McKay, and Pat Kelly for their effort, fairness, time and dedication. Thank you to all who showed support and displayed professionalism throughout the process. Job well done!

### Howard Morgan Sentenced

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Judge Crane sentenced Howard Morgan to 40 years for the 2005 attempted murders of four officers; **PO Tim Finley, PO Nick Olsen, PO Eric White and PO John Wrigley.** The jury got it right this second time around. It is satisfying to know that a heavy presence of "New Black Panthers," "Vice Lords" and former politicians sup-

porting Howard Morgan could not steer or impact the justice that he [Morgan] deserves.

At times, it was hard to bite our tongues given the amount of antagonists and fraudulent militants in the court building with their crude, racist, and disrespectful remarks. Every officer who I witnessed being subjected to these provocations showed great restraint and handled the situations appropriately. Lodge #7 sends thanks to Judge Crane and to ASAs Dan Groth and Phyllis Warren for their effort, fairness, time and dedication. Job well done!

### Striker-fire Training

Striker-fire training and in-service firearms training courses have been temporarily postponed due to preparation for the upcoming NATO summit. Future scheduling and requirements, when available, will be according to Department Special Order S11-03-04. Something to consider if members intend to select an alternate firearm is the nationwide increase in aggravated assaults and

aggravated batteries on police officers. This fine city is not immune to these nationwide stats. Members should refer to Uniform and Property Order U04-02 and U04-02-01 if selecting an alternate firearm, choosing ammunition or transitioning to a new firing system.

### NATO Summit

The Department presented the Lodge with tentative operation plans for the upcoming NATO Summit. The Department has expressed that officer safety and risk is number one among a list of priorities. Operations, Training, Equipment and Safety were among the categories presented.

Cognizant that counter-intelligence is being conducted on the Department and members, I cannot and will not present sensitive information, which could end up in the hands of those whose sole purpose is to cause disruption by way of injuring police.

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However, officers should know this: the Order will be one of the biggest in the Department's history, there will be close and constant communication with Fire and EMS, there will be plans for processing felony arrests and felony investigations, and the Use of Force model will not be suspended for the Summit.

For everyone called to participate in the Summit: protect yourselves, protect one another, and resort to your training.

### 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.

Kevin Walker- charged in the murder of **Officer Alex Valadez** April 25, 2012, Room 207, 26<sup>th</sup> and California, Judge Alonso

Tyrone Clay and Edgar Colon- both charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis**, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Room 206, 26<sup>th</sup> and California, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Timothy Herring Jr – charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk** May 15, 2012 Room 404, 26<sup>th</sup> and California, Judge Brosnahan

Christopher Harris - also charged in the murder of **Officer Alex Valadez** May 31, 2012 Room 207, 26<sup>th</sup> and California, Judge Alonso

Bryant Brewer- charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg** To be announced Room 602, 26/Cal, Judge Sacks

## From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



As we all know, most of the country has experienced a serious drain on financial resources since the start of the recession. As a result, in the City of Chicago one of the most basic and sacred services a municipal government should provide for its citizens, law enforcement, has been severely hampered. Based on the current shortage of revenue, the Chicago Police Department has now reached a critical point where promotions (exempt promotions notwithstanding) are non-existent, and hiring is almost non-existent. Part of Mayor Emanuel's campaign platform was to use TIF funds to hire 2,000 more police officers. Sadly, not only has the Mayor not come anywhere close to fulfilling such a pledge, the Chicago media has largely bought into the City Hall spin, which claims that several hundred police officers were supposedly shifted from desk duty to street duty. The media has largely ignored two uncontroverted facts: one, that several hundred of the officers that were supposedly on desk duty were already on the street in two of the more aggressive units of the department; and two, that Department hiring has not kept up with the attrition rate

from retirements—not even close.

Every one of our members is aware of the abysmal hiring shortfall of Chicago Police Officers over the past several years. City Hall and the Department's posturing aside, the City is not hiring police officers because it is expensive and simply not a big enough priority. One would think that with this big push to have as many beat cars manned as possible, the City would at least have the common sense to hire inexpensive, part-time crossing guards. However, in the 004<sup>th</sup> District, which has an enormous amount of land to patrol, the Department has relegated many of the beat cars throughout the morning and afternoon to "crossing guard duties". This is a ridiculous practice in any district, but particularly dangerous for 004<sup>th</sup> District officers who may be in need of immediate assistance, as well as the citizenry at-large. The 004<sup>th</sup> District has 7 different school crossings, which must be manned by police officers in the morning and afternoon. The length of time assigned to each crossing guard assignment can vary from 30 minutes to 70 minutes. At any given time, the 004<sup>th</sup> District, as large as it is, has as many as 7 beat cars down at the same time for school crossings! Common sense will tell you that this practice jeopardizes officer safety for the remaining units that are

answering calls for service. **The practice of having \$75,000 professionals detailed for over an hour to crossing guard duties is unacceptable and makes absolutely no sense.** As stated at the very beginning of this article, I truly understand that these are tough financial times. If we are not going to hire police officers, can we please hire some minimum wage crossing-guards? Somehow we can find money to clean the Chicago River and create the highly touted \$7.3 billion infrastructure plan outlined in the Chicago Sun-Times entitled, "Rahm the Builder." I'm sure this plan will go into effect after the 2,000 police officers are hired. I do have one suggestion for the Mayor as a possible infrastructure project, however: can you please fix the Academy Range so the targets actually move again? As the second largest department in the country, when one half of the range at the Training Academy is inoperable, and the other half of the range has targets that can't move, it's a little embarrassing.

### The Sun-Times

On April 6, 2012, a member from the 016<sup>th</sup> District called regarding an article that appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times about the trial of a defendant who was shot by Chicago Police Officers. The article is entitled, "28 Shots, 40 Years." The member took issue with the article

written by Sun-Times journalist Lauren Fitzpatrick because he felt that there was an inherent bias against the police in it. The member specifically took issue with the following sentences: “The doors to Judge Clayton Crane’s room were thrown open so every last supporter of a *black railroad police officer shot by Chicago Police in 2005, and the four white officers he’s been convicted of trying to kill...*”. The second sentence at issue stated, “Three of the four responding officers also had been shot, though none had life threatening wounds.” What the author fails to cite anywhere in the rest of the article is why the race of the offender and officers were mentioned in the article. Which begs the question, how were the races of the officers/defendant relevant? And if they do not merit explanation, why are they cited in

the article? Secondly, in my opinion the author implies that the non-life threatening gun-shot wounds the officers sustained did not warrant the return fire of 40 rounds. It’s as if the author implies that the officers should wait for a significant gunshot wound before returning fire. After reading the article, I am in agreement with the member: not only is the article biased, it is a poor piece of journalism.

As some of our members are aware, Sun-Times editorialist Mary Mitchell wrote an incredibly misleading piece about this case a couple of weeks ago. I guess it’s up to me to inform Ms. Mitchell, as well as the Chicago Sun-Times legal staff, that it has been a long-standing practice that “double jeopardy” does not apply to hung jury cases. Mary Mitchell has been writing for the Sun-

Times for many years on the paper’s editorial page. Generally, Ms. Mitchell is able to point out everyone’s biases and prejudices with the exception of her own, and this particular editorial was no exception. Although I disagree with most of her opinions, the articles themselves are where they belong, in the editorial section. Ms. Lauren Fitzpatrick is not an editorialist, but a journalist who is supposed to write a story absent her own personal biases and prejudices. It is news articles such as these that have earned the Chicago Sun-Times the well deserved label of “tabloid press.” The citizens of Chicago would be better served if the Chicago Sun-Times would simply report news stories without the political agendas and biases of the journalists who write them. I won’t hold my breath.

## Let’s Overlook the Obvious, *By Rich Aguilar*

Apparently, the subject of elective time off became an issue at a recent Comp Stat meeting held at Police Headquarters at 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Excuse me, I meant the Public Service Building at 35<sup>th</sup> Street.



It seems that District Commanders are now being taken to task for the amount of elective time off that Officers are being allowed to use. The Commanders are being told that a particular watch in their District has XX% of its Officers off on this day or that. The problem with the percentages being presented to the Commanders is the fact that all Districts now operate on the 4 on – 2 off schedule. There are six day off groups. Officers from two of these day off groups are off every day of the year. I am not a mathematician, but I believe that equates to at least 33.33% of the Officers assigned to the watch being off each and every day. This percentage is apparently lumped into the percentage presented to the Commanders.

Another problem with the percentages being presented to the Commanders is the fact that on any given watch, in any given District, there is the possibility that up to 7% of the watch

could be on their scheduled furlough. This could bring the percentage up to as high as 40.33% of Officers assigned to the watch being off. This percentage is also apparently lumped into the percentage presented to the Commanders. Add to these percentages Officers who are off because they were Injured on Duty while performing their jobs as Police Officers, arresting the bad guys or protecting the citizens of Chicago. Add to these percentages Officers who are off because they are home with illnesses or injuries incurred away from the job. (Yes, we do get sick and sometimes injured away from work. We do lead a life away from the Police Department). This percentage is apparently lumped into the percentage presented to the Commanders. It should be noted that, thus far, these Commanders have absolutely no control over any of the percentages of Officers who are not present at work.

Many of you reading this article may be wondering why am I showing all of this concern for the District Commander of your particular District? I can assure you my concern is not for your District Commander. He is making the big bucks and should be able to take the heat. My concern is about the one thing that is under the District Commander’s control: elective time off. These same

Commanders are being called on the carpet for giving our members too much time off. Excuse me? **Giving** too much time off? The last time I checked, nobody **gives** any Officer a day off. The Officer is required to surrender compensatory time, a baby furlough day, a personal day or a vacation day in order to have a day off. This elective time is something that the Officer has earned. It is owed to him.

The Lodge was in discussions with the Management and Labor Affairs Section in an attempt to resolve this newly instituted arbitrary practice. The Lodge filed a class action grievance on behalf of all members when a resolution could not be reached.

There is an obvious, simple solution to this “problem”. In most cases, six or so Officers on a watch are requesting to use **their** elective time to take a day off. If these six Officers are creating such a percentage burden on their District, District Commanders, and ultimately the Department, then it might be prudent to hire more Police Officers. What a concept! It would definitely bring down the percentages of Officers who are off for whatever reason. Oh, yeah. I almost forgot. It just might bring down the percentages of people being shot in Chicago, too.

## Retiree Breakfasts and 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 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 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

## Happy Spring from your Chaplain, Father Dan Brandt!

The season of spring started prematurely in Chicago this year: just look at the blooming flowers, the goofs on the street, and the upshoot in violent crimes in certain areas. Mother Nature hasn't been kind to those in law enforcement these past months.

As the "new guy," I had my first chance to participate in the St. Jude Parade this month. What a great opportunity to honor those (and the families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice! While the St. Jude League and the Chaplains' Office are different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great work! We are about to "welcome" the NATO summit. Even though G8 was moved to Camp David, we can still expect troublemakers from all over the world to "protest" here, as you well know. Some of them are "peaceful" protestors. The Founding Fathers of our great nation assured them the right to do so. Others, unfortunately, come to reap havoc, destroy property and injure public servants and civilians alike. God bless the former and damn the latter!

Still, Officers, as tough as it may be, I encourage you to do exactly as you are trained to do: see God's face in even the most evil of those we encounter in the coming weeks, and treat them accordingly. As you know, the protestors' cameras will be rolling, and appropriate reac-

tion will be taken out of context and posted to the internet in an attempt to vilify us as we try to protect everyone's rights.

In the Chaplains' Unit, we are in full swing, preparing and praying for our men and women's safety and well being. **Chaplain Joe Jackson continues to organize 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 [jo-seph.jackson@chicagopolice.org](mailto:jo-seph.jackson@chicagopolice.org).

The NATO Summit lapel pins (1" x 1.5") are making quite a hit. These \$5.00 pins are available at the FOP store and most uniform outlets...as well as in certain units. Sales benefit the Chaplains Ministry. If you would like to help sell pins, please contact me. For more information, please visit our website: [www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org).

On **Mothers' Day**, Sunday, 13 MAY, our usual 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:00 a.m. **Mercy Home Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m.** to accommodate folks cooking for or traveling to visit Mom. We'll re-



member in a special way all mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased.

Also, mark your calendar: as always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 17 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. Assuming Mother Nature agrees, bring folding chairs or a blanket, and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

CPD Masses are normally scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME. On-duty worshippers, rest assured: you'll be out in 30 minutes.

CPD chaplains are available 24/7...so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we may be of **any** assistance: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (773/251-5351), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), or me (773/550-2369).

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work!

### Focus Group Recruitment Announcement

Volunteers are being sought to participate in a research study being conducted by faculty members in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Loyola University Chicago in cooperation with the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The purpose of this study is to obtain the views of police officers and detectives about policing in Chicago. We are interested in learning your experiences and the impact of criminal justice policies on your day-to-day work routine.

The research will begin with the convening of focus groups, which are group interviews of approximately six persons in each group. The groups, four of which will consist of patrol officers and one which will consist of detectives, will meet for approximately two hours. During the discussion, participants will be asked questions about how criminal justice policies and those of the Chicago Police Department affect their day-to-day experience on the job. Participants' responses will be used to construct an online survey to the FOP membership about the same subject.

If you agree to participate in one of the focus groups, the information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential. The fact that you participated in the study and the responses you gave will not be shared with any person in your agency or with any other agency. Even if you decide to participate, you will be free not to answer any question, or to withdraw from participation at any time without penalty.

If you would be willing to participate in one of the focus groups, please contact Kelly Clarke at 312-733-7776. You will be asked to identify yourself only for purposes of contacting you for focus group scheduling purposes. You will also be asked to provide some information, such as whether you are a patrol officer or detective, your gender, the length of your service in CPD, your age, and your race, so that the focus groups fairly represent the diversity of the CPD population. If you are accepted for a focus group, you will be contacted by an FOP representative who will schedule your participation.



**Benefit Party for  
009th District  
Police Officer  
Susan Bryant!**

**May 12, 2012  
5:00-9:00P.M.  
Polonia Banquets  
4604 S. Archer Ave.**

Police Officer Susan Bryant was recently diagnosed with stage four cancer. Please join us to support her! For tickets please contact:

- Angel Gavin 009th District 312-919-5792
- John Mikrut 008th District 773-988-6288
- Joseph Gula 009th District 773-502-5529
- Marilyn Drish 009th District 773-552-7749
- Sgt. Stacy Kraft 009th District 773-895-4930
- Michelle Gubala 009th District 773-260-0026
- James Jakstavich 009th District 773-366-2767
- Michael Bos 009th District 630-808-5081

***Chicago Memorial  
Foundation  
Important Upcoming Events!***

Illinois Police Memorial, Springfield IL  
Thursday, May 3

Run to Remember  
Saturday, May 5

Candlelight Vigil, Washington DC  
Sunday, May 13

National Peace Officers' Memorial Service  
Washington DC  
Tuesday, May 15

Ride to Remember  
Sunday, July 31

Pedal for the Police  
Sunday, July 31

Friends of Chicago's Finest Golf Outing  
Friday, August 17

Chicago Candlelight Vigil  
Thursday, September 11

**Address Change Form, Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Star Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## “Take a Moment to Grab a Chat,” *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Last week one of the troops asked me, “What is the way to prepare for the daily grind faced on the streets? Is there any special way for one to prepare to face the many of life's challenges that come our way by chance?” After a moment I responded, “A short chat with your close friend will always leave you feeling better.” He looked at me puzzled, so I shared the following parable, “Take a Moment to Grab a Chat.”

As you got up this morning, I watched you, and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday. But I noticed you were too busy, trying to find the right outfit to work.

While you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point, you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip instead. I watched patiently all day long. With all our activities, I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I hoped that you will talk to me yet.

You went home and it seems as if you have lots of things to do. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it not thinking about anything, just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me.

Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family, you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience, more than you will

### 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>

ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others. I love you so much that I wait every day for a nod, a prayer or a thought, or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation, or a one sided relationship.

Well, here it is next day, you are getting up once again. Once again I will wait, with nothing but love for you. Hoping that today you will give me some time, for us to have a little chat, perhaps a little prayer. You will feel better guaranteed! Always here for you at your side, waiting to be acknowledged.

—Your friend, G-D.

Did you ever take a moment to ponder, “What If?” What if, G-D couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday? What if, G-D decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today? What if, we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when G-D sent the rain? What if, G-D didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day? What if, G-D stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others? What if, G-D would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday? What

if, G-D answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service? What if, G-D met our needs the way we give Him our lives??? Scary isn't it.

Your Chaplains thank G-d every day for all you do and for your dedication to your noble calling.

So just in case you got busy and didn't have a chance to pray today, remember you were in our prayers. On behalf of ALL your chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe. We're here for you 24/7 call anytime. Chaplains unit 312-746-8458 Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: [moshe-wolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshe-wolf@hotmail.com)

P S: Please note: I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect. Spelling out "THE NAME" and then throwing it in the trash, would be a desecration of "THE NAME," so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding. If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call. Moshe "the Rabbi" Wolf, 773-463-4780.



**STORE HOURS:**

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

**DIRECT LINE:**

312-733-2344

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past year have had their pay impacted while they went through the appeals process to get their FOID cards reinstated.

**Happy Mother's Day, Police Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and National Memorial Day! Thank you for all you do. We have a great sale... just for you!**

All Military and USA Flag Badges now 20% off! Was \$24.95 now \$19.96 in honor of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

Ladies ¼ Zip Polar Fleece in Black, Winter White, Teal and Rose, S to 2XL now 25% off! Was \$24.95/26.95 now \$18.71/20.21 in time for Mother's Day!

Chicago PD with Stars Junior Tee in Orange, Blue, Mint and Pink, M to XL only—was \$11.95 now only \$7.17 (40%off!).

Infant long sleeve lap shirt with CPD design in pink or blue, 6-12-18 month sizes. Was \$8.95 now only \$6.71.

Close out: Ladies embroidered checkerboard tee shirt in assorted colors. L-2XL. Was \$12.95/13.95. Now: \$9.71/10.46.

Infant CPD Baby Bottle with Rattle in Pink, Blue, Yellow. Was \$7.95, now \$5.96.

In time for Father's Day: CPD Counter Stools and Pub Table 10% off! Swivel stool was \$84.95 now \$76.46. Swivel stool with back was: \$109.95 now \$98.96. Pub table: was \$237.95 now \$214.16. Don't miss this great deal!

Beer steins with Pewter CPD Star in white or cream color. Makes a great gift. Was \$12.95 now \$9.95.

Police Blue Light (electric). Have one for your very own! Was \$13.95 now \$10.95.

Sweat pants for men and women in Navy Blue or Grey with checkerboard and star design. L to 3XL. Ladies – was \$17.95-19.95, now \$13.46-15.96. Men's: was \$19.95-22.95. Now: \$15.96-18.36.



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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