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President's Report, By Michael Shields



Progress...Finally

For more than a year, I have appeared on every local TV station and been quoted in every local newspaper in an effort to publicize the need for more manpower in the Chicago Police Department. I even confronted Superintendent McCarthy about the issue following his speech at the City Club of Chicago. Our spokesperson, Pat Camden, has also been widely quoted in the media on the manpower issue. In fact, as the warm weather came and NATO drew near, the Board of Directors of the FOP authorized a billboard and public transportation ad campaign in an effort to bring attention to the manpower shortage in the Department.

As many of you know, our efforts finally paid off. In early July, the Department announced plans to hire 450-500 Chicago Police Officers. This is clearly a step in the right direction to build a safer city for all Chicagoans, including our membership. We are happy that the Department has committed to making this investment; however, now that we have the City's attention, we don't intend to lose it. We will continue to speak out in every outlet available. We will continue to remind the City that every year nearly 500 Chicago Police Officers retire, and that they cannot afford to downsize the Department at the expense of public safety. We will continue to lobby for the hiring of more police officers.

Chicago Sun-Times Disability Series

The Chicago Sun-Times recently published a series of articles that do nothing more than disparage Disabled Chicago Police Officers. Any Chicago Police Officer, whether active, retired, or disabled, should be outraged that these articles paint everyone with the same broad brush strokes.

I wrote a letter to the editor to convey my disappointment with these articles on July 16. I wanted to publicly explain that Chicago Police injured on duty are forbidden from filing a worker's compensation claim, that we never get cash payouts, and that there are no settlements for injured officers. As you know, because we don't have workman's comp, we have the pension code, which actually saves the City from participating in expensive litigation, but naturally the Sun-Times failed to report that.

I also pointed out that while it is easy to isolate an unusual case or two involving officers on disability, for each one of those there are hundreds of officers who were disabled protecting the citizens of Chicago. No one bothered to point out that the Department has almost 12,000 employees and yet there are only 347 officers unable to work because of injuries and illness. Likewise, is the Sun-Times interested in the story of an officer entering a residence on a search warrant who is smashed in the face by an assailant with a two by four? No, of course not. Did they bother to include a story about a female officer who was on foot and struck by a drunk driver, shattering both of her knees? No. She has had over 30 surgeries and the FOP has won two grievance arbitrations against the City for this catastrophically injured officer just to make certain she got the medical care she deserves. But of course, her story will never make the media except in my letter.

Our membership is full of proud people who serve the public in one of the toughest jobs around. We run toward shootings, robberies and all sorts of mayhem on the streets of Chicago. Tragically, some of us are injured and cannot return. Casting those officers in a negative light without really examining whether their disabilities are legitimate demeans disabled officers. And as a group, they certainly deserve better.

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



Presidential Elections- Not Republican or Democrat- Who's Got Our Back!

All members of the Fraternal Order of Police receive the "FOP Journal", the quarterly magazine from the National FOP. It is extremely important that you read the July 2012 issue. In the magazine is a Special Report of questions that the National FOP sent to both presidential candidates. The responses of both President Obama and Mitt Romney are listed. Politicians are coming after the rights of first responders and public employees. They want to take away our pensions and our collective bargaining rights. Know who those politicians are. As citizens we get caught up in whether we should be a Republican or Democrat. As police officers we need to know who believes in our pensions and collective bargaining rights. I don't care what party you are affiliated with, what your position is on gun rights, abortion or gay marriage. As an individual these other issues may be important to you, but as a union we are at war over our pensions and collective bargaining rights. **Whoever has our back is who we should be supporting.** That is what is important to us as police officers. Please read this issue of the "FOP Journal" and stay informed. The Special Report is also on-line @ www.fop.net.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits

While I was reading the Presidential Candidates' responses on the National FOP website, I discovered that Senator Coburn from Oklahoma has called for a repeal of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program. This program provides a one-time benefit to the surviving family members of officers killed in the line of duty. "Senator Coburn opposes any Federal involvement in protecting the citizens of our streets, schools and neighborhoods," Canterbury said. In a recent letter that Senator Coburn sent to the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary he wrote "I have serious concerns with a federal program that provides state and local employees with death and disability benefits." He also wrote, "Instead of expanding a program that is not the responsibility of the federal government, we should be working to terminate it."

Again, the politicians are gunning for us and we need to fight back. You can read more about this issue including the Senator's letter @ www.fop.net. Maybe we need to send a few letters his way to wake him up. Here is the Senator's Washington address:

Senator Tom Coburn
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Office # (202) 224-5754
Fax # (202) 224-6008

By-Law Proposal Vote

A by-law proposal was presented to the Lodge by former Pension Board/FOP Board Trustee Steve Robbins. This proposal

would keep retirees from running for elected positions for the Board of Directors. It was presented in a timely manner and was sent to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Committee recommended to the full Board of Directors that the proposal go out for a vote to the membership, but also recommended that the proposal be rejected. **The Board of Directors unanimously voted to reject this proposal** at the July Board of Directors meeting and ordered that the vote would take place at the September General Meeting.

Some board members have led members to believe that there is a big push to pass this through. This is not true. The Fraternal Order of Police is comprised of active, disabled and retired officers. Our membership needs the help of all the members to keep this organization great. This includes retirees, active and disabled officers. Members should attend all meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August).

Mandatory Wellness Training - Not FOP Members

The Lodge received many phone calls last month when an order came out requiring Department Supervisors and all civilian employees of the Department to attend a mandatory one hour training session for the City's new Wellness Program. **This does not apply to any FOP members.** The FOP has had a Wellness Program for more than 10 years. The program is not mandatory and the company (Interactive Health Solutions) that conducts our health fairs are extremely professional and the Lodge has received very few complaints in all the years that we have been running this program.

The City came to the Lodge last year and wanted the Lodge to change to their mandatory Wellness Program. In the City's program, if a member or his/her spouse does not participate, the member would have to pay a penalty of up to \$100.00 per month additional for health insurance. There also was no guarantee that our vendor, Interactive Health Solutions, would be allowed to run our Wellness Program. This was unacceptable to the Lodge and we declined the City's offer. Even though the Lodge would like to see all of our members participate in a yearly Wellness Program, participation should not be mandatory and companies should not be forced upon us by City Hall.

General Meeting Notice

It's time to resume the General Meetings!

Please attend the September General Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at Noon.

Keep in mind that you may not park in the Lung Association's lot. You will be towed if you do.

Also, please remember to sign the attendance books as you enter the meeting. Retirees are not required to use their star numbers, just write RTD in place of your star.

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



Questions You Have About Retirement But Were Afraid To Ask

One of the most important decisions a police officer will make during their career is when he/she will retire from the Chicago Police Department. Many police officers will often talk about retirement on a daily basis, discussing their future hopes and plans of how to plan financially for this transition and enjoy those golden years in leisure. Many police officers attend the pre-retirement seminars and read as much literature that is available to make an informative decision. There are many police officers who make the choice to retire not knowing what to expect or have not made a plan for the future. I have recently received a number of telephone calls from police officers who plan on retiring in the near future but are full of questions and are confused about the procedures. There was a variety of questions asked involving different facts regarding retirement. I did some research and learned that there is nothing written outlining the procedures. I will try and answer some of the most common questions which were asked.

There are different variables regarding retirement depending on the age of the applicant and his/her time in service. The minimum age for retirement is 50 with 20 years of service. Officers reach their maximum benefit for service at 29 years and a day. Officers who retire before the age of 55 may retire from service and must pay for their health care, per the Kor-

shak Agreement. Officers must retire by age 63 regardless of time in service.

There are two separate retirement benefits which the Lodge obtained for our members and is outlined in the Contract. Officers who retire on or after the age of 55 and before the age of 60 shall receive premium free health care provided they follow the guidelines set forth in the Contract. Officers must file by 1 October the preceding year on line with the Department of their intention to retire along with the effective date. Effective 1 October 2010 and every year thereafter officers need to file for retirement under this provision along with agreeing to certain terms and conditions for payment of final compensation. Officers who retire after the age of 60 will receive premium free health care and need only apply and be approved with no terms or conditions.

Officers who make the decision to retire should pick a date that will work best for their individual needs. I have been told that the best time to retire is on the 15th of the month but this is only a recommendation, not an exact science. Officers retiring should make sure they do not have any bad time (suspension, leave of absence or unpaid time) to make up in order to avoid being short service time. The Department will not tell you if you are short but only adjust your monthly retirement check. Officers should also check with Internal Affairs to learn if they have any open or pending CR numbers. The Department will not issue you a retirement star or identification card if there is an open investigation. If this is the case, you cannot qualify for conceal and carry under Federal Law HR 218.

Officers who are applying for retirement must complete the application from a Department Computer by way of completing a Clear Form which must be submitted to the Director of Human Resources for approval. The approval process usually takes approximately 3 weeks and it is the Officers responsibility to make sure it is approved. Once the application is approved the Officer should contact the Pension Board notifying them of their intention of retiring and learn how much their payment will be monthly. The Officer must have an exit interview with their commander before the work their last day. Officers should ensure that their current contact information along with the proper beneficiary is listed with the pension board, credit union deferred compensation and the FOP to ensure an easy transition into retirement.

The big day that the individual officer picked for retirement will finally arrive. The Officer will turn in his Department issued equipment and should receive a receipt. The Officer will be brought to Human Resources where he/she will be issued their retirement identification card and star to complete the process which is set forth by the Department. The Officer has now completed the Departments process for retirement and will begin this new phase of their life. The Officer may now enjoy many happy and healthy years of retirement as a reward for their dedication, hard work and service as a Chicago Police Officer. I hope that the guidelines reported in this newsletter will assist our future retirees.

10-1 Benefit for Nicky 'C' Cesario

In December 2011, Nicky Cesario's Aorta began to shred, effectively killing his muscles. He is dealing with a multitude of problems from kidney failure to pneumonia, fevers to respiratory issues and wounds that won't heal.

Our goal is to give him one less thing to worry about by holding a benefit to help with seemingly never ending medical bills.

Tuesday, August 24, 2012
6:30 pm—10:30 pm

Biagio's Restaurant & Banquets
4242 N. Central Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Tickets cost \$25 in advance & \$30 at the door.

3rd Vice President's Report, *By Dan 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.

Christopher Harris and Kevin Walker
Both charged in the murder of Officer **Alex Valadez**
August 1st, 2012
Room 207, 26/Cal, Judge Alonso

Edgar Colon and Tyrone Clay
Both charged in the murder of Officer **Clifton Lewis**
August, 1st, 2012
Room 206, 26/Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Bryant Brewer
Charged in the murder of Officer **Thor Soderberg**
August 7th, 2012
Room 602, 26/Cal, Judge Sacks

Timothy Herring Jr.
Charged in the murder of ET **Mike Flisk**
August 21st, 2012
Room 404, 26th and California, Judge Brosnahan

To/Froms For A Day Off?

Elective time off, including comp-time, is your time off and outside of pre-planned events such as NATO or events considered "Emergencies" by the Department, it is no one's business for the reason you desire to use it. Unfortunately, officers in certain units are being denied the use of their **own** elective time off. The denial of comp-time has become very popular in under-manned districts which also have the highest number of shootings on any given weekend. The morale crushing

trend is spreading from district to district following shootings and a CompStat meeting.

There is a problem here, it's the Department's responsibility to fix it and it is the Lodge's position that denying officers the ability to take a day-off by way of their own elective time is not the solution!

Furthermore, it is unacceptable for a supervisor to demand a member to use a "Shakespearean pen" and write a To/From to accompany a request for elective time off. Again, a member's reason for using their own elective time is no one's business.

If a member's supervisor happens to demand such a To/From, nothing is stopping the member from also including a request for a written response if the time-off is denied. The member should then forward these written responses to the Lodge.

Hero Updates

Officer Del Pearson

In July's newsletter article, I provided a brief summary and introduction of Officer Del Pearson. Officer Pearson continues his therapy and he is still hopeful to return to duty.

A benefit for Officer Pearson and his family is scheduled for November 4th, 2012, 12:00pm-5:00pm at 115 Bourbon St., Merriette Park. Also visit www adayfordel.org

Sgt Jason Kaczynski

In July's newsletter article, I provided a brief summary and introduction of Sgt Jason Kaczynski. I am pleased to report that on July 23rd, Sgt Kaczynski returned home and is now attending outpatient therapy at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC). Lodge 7 is hoping for Jason's full recovery.

Address Change Form, Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
(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**

From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



Over the past year, while working here at the FOP, I have fielded numerous concerns from our members regarding a whole host of issues. Many of the members I have spoken with have voiced a sense of frustration as to the direction that the Chicago Police Department seems to be heading. Some of the members,

who I have personally known for years, state the obvious, that the morale on the Chicago Police Department has never been lower. Over the past couple of years, as well as very recently, several poor command and bureaucratic decisions would lend support to such an obvious assertion. It would seem that the Department is offering very few performance incentives these days to its officers and stripping them of some of the most basic benefits.

Not so long ago, if you put in a yellow slip for CTU for a family party or wedding it was virtually a given you would get the requested time off. As of today, in some districts, is it very difficult to get a Personal Day let alone CTU. In addition to Personal Days, furlough extensions, some of which are covered under the Collective Bargaining Agreement have wrongfully been denied as well. What about the status of promotions? Although over the past several years hundreds of Detectives and Sergeants have retired, very few of them have been replaced. Since the 2006 Sergeant's exam, the Department has promoted 132 off of the list as well as an additional 53 merit selections. The promotional rate for Sergeants off of the current list calculates to an average of 22 promotions per year for the past 6-years.

Although homicides across the City surge, Detective promotions are non-existent. The last class of Detectives was promoted on December 2, 2007, almost 5-years ago. One could only assume that in an effort to remedy the lack of Detective promotions, the five detective areas were merged into three. We have yet to hear from the Department the rationale for merging the Detective Unit into 3 Areas, not one of them on the West Side. Although I have been off of the street for a while, it is my understanding that there are still quite a few murders in 010, 011 and 015. In addition to the Area closings, the Department has yet to explain the rationale behind the District closings. If the reason was for cost cutting measures, why are almost all of these buildings still open?

Then there was the disbanding of two of the most aggressive units on the department, the MSF/TRU units. These units were full of young aggressive officers who volunteered to leave some of the low crime districts to work in some of the highest. After disbanding the two units, the Department rewarded these officers by dumping them into a District on the opposite end of the City. All of this while City Hall continues to intentionally mislead the public that there are enough police officers to effectively police the City. Although, this is City Hall's public stance, the City and the Department were forced to implement the Violence Reduction Overtime Initiative, which allows officers to work overtime at time and half on

their RDO. Like anything else with the Department, just allowing officers to sign-up and work was just too easy and made too much sense. This overtime initiative was made available only to officers who met certain criteria, which included a specific amount of curfews as well as moving and traffic violations. Upon the start of the initiative, based on the criteria requirements, the Department could not get enough volunteers to fill all of the openings. Yet again, instead of taking the common sense approach and just allowing officers to sign-up based on seniority, the Department added a supplemental program. The supplemental program offers members the opportunity to work if there is a shortage of "qualified" officers. All the while ignoring the fact that, based on the present criteria, they are by-passing some of the most aggressive and productive officers who don't have the opportunity to write curfews or parking tickets based on the nature of their assignments.

Now I'm quite certain the Mayor is a regular reader of my column. So, Mr. Mayor can you please do something for Chicago Police Officers other than plant misleading stories in the Chicago Sun-Times designed to take away their earned benefits?

City Appeals 5-Year Old Disciplinary Cases

Last month, I wrote about a disciplinary case in which the Chicago Police Board dismissed charges against one of our members based on the City's failure to investigate the excessive force complaint within a 5-year time frame. Based on the plain meaning of the state statute, the Police Board discharged the case and ordered the reinstatement of the member.

As stated last month, the state law at issue mandates that a municipality has 5-years to investigate an excessive force complaint against a police officer. Although the law is straightforward black letter law, the City has made the misguided decision to appeal this case. I don't pretend to know which City or Department official authorized the appeal of this case or for what reason, legal or otherwise. However, I do think it is rather unfortunate, that the City and the Department would rather waste more time and resources on a case which has all the appearances of another loss for the City. Not to mention, the member should have never been terminated in the first place.

Any reasonable minded person would conclude that a 5-year time frame to investigate an excessive force allegation is not only reasonable, it is actually quite generous! Quite frankly, one would think the failure to complete this investigation within a 5-year period would be a source of embarrassment for the City. Unfortunately for this officer, who for the past several months has been living hand to mouth, City and Department officials have decided to set aside the law as well as common sense and pursue an appeal. Over the past several months, the City has suffered adverse rulings informing them that they don't have an open ended amount of time to investigate excessive force complaints. Based on these rulings, I would strongly encourage the Department and IPRA to cease all disciplinary investigations stemming from the 1968 Democratic Convention.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



Bad Command Decisions

The Mayor refuses to acknowledge that there is a manpower shortage in the Police Department. The Superintendent refuses to acknowledge that there is a manpower shortage in the Police Department. Shootings and violent crimes against citizens are being reported non-stop in the daily newspapers, yet somehow this uptick does not have any correlation to manpower.

There is not any indicator that illustrates the lack of manpower more effectively than the inability of Chicago Police Officers to utilize elective time off. Elective time off has always been an off and on problem in one district or another at any given time, but never to the extent that it is now. The problem is not confined to one district or area. It is now a citywide epidemic.

How did we get in this situation? Manpower and shootings are not the only answers. The Superintendent berates one Commander or another in front of his peers and suddenly the rest of the Commanders are quaking in their boots. The current culture of the Department's command staff, particularly District Commanders, is to protect their positions at all costs even if it means treating their most precious resources like fodder. Requests for elective time off are denied or severely limited with the belief that it will keep the Commander off of the hot seat while the individual Officer's needs are completely ignored.

Haven't any of these "managers" ever heard the phrase "One hand washes the other?" Apparently not. More and more demands are being made on Officers to do more and more with less, yet nothing is being done for these Officers in return.

For the first time in my thirty years as a Police Officer, Officers may be in jeopardy of losing Baby Furlough Days, Personal Days, and Vacation Days because the Department will not allow Officers to use this elective time off even after repeated requests by these Officers.

Officers should start keeping detailed journals that document requests to use any BFD, P-Day, or V-Day that is denied. The journal should list the date that was requested off, the date the request was made, the date that the request was denied, the person who denied the request, and the reason why the request was denied. The Lodge has already filed a class action grievance on behalf of all members in an attempt to address the issue of the arbitrary restrictions placed on elective time off. We are awaiting a hearing date. These journals could be instrumental in the success or failure of this grievance and any subsequent grievances that may be filed. Should any Officer lose even one BFD, P-Day, or V-Day, through no fault of his own, an additional grievance(s) will be filed by the Lodge.

Officers should be aware that the Department is required to give an Officer a minimum of seventy-two hours notice that a request for elective time off has been denied if a request to use Comp Time or a BFD has been submitted a minimum of seven days prior to the requested day off. The same seventy-two hour notification is required if a request to use a P-Day is submitted a minimum of ten days prior to the requested date off. The seventy-two hour time period give the denied Officer the opportunity to participate in Tour of Duty Exchange with another Officer. Officers who receive notification less than seventy-two hours should submit an overtime slip for the date worked requesting time and one-half for that date. Please contact the Lodge if the overtime request is denied. A grievance will be filed to get you paid.

Officers should also be aware that they may extend furloughs to their Regular Days Off on both the front **and** back of the furlough segment. Officers assigned to Sat/Sun day off may extend furloughs to the Sunday prior to the beginning of the segment on the front **or** the Saturday following the end of the segment. Please contact the Lodge if any extension within these parameters is denied.

The concerns of our Officers regarding elective time off will be addressed in the upcoming contract negotiations. We will make every attempt to establish a process where Officers can reasonably expect to take elective time off or have a greater ability to locate a replacement worker. We encourage all Officers to sign up for email updates to keep current on any contract negotiations issues. Email signup is located on the top right hand corner of the FOP website at www.chicagofop.org

A Day for Del



04-NOV-2012

12:00 - 5:00 P.M.

115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park

\$20 Tickets or \$25 at Door

Police Code 10-1 is defined as an officer down and needs assistance by every available unit.

On March 19, 2012, Chicago **Police Officer Del Pearson** screamed into his police radio "10-1, 10-1, I've been hit". At that time, **Officer Del Pearson** was chasing an armed offender who drew his firearm and began shooting. Before **Officer Pearson** could react, he was struck twice; once in the bullet proof vest and the other in his left shoulder. The gunshot to his shoulder left him critically injured and bleeding from a severed artery. Assisting units arrived on the scene and made the life saving decision to put **Officer Pearson** in their vehicle and rush him to the hospital. **Officer Pearson** endured 7 hours of surgery to repair the severed artery in his shoulder.

Officer Pearson is a highly decorated, nine year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, who now faces a long road to recovery in an attempt to regain the use of his left arm. Therapy is believed to be helping **Officer Pearson**, but only time will tell if he will ever be able to return to the job he loves. With **Officer Pearson's** duty availability in doubt, his family will struggle to make ends meet. **Officer Pearson** has always worked part time jobs and gone to court. With this now lifelong injury, those sources of income may be over for his family.

Del grew up on the East Side of Chicago and moved to Mt. Greenwood upon becoming a police officer. **Del** has been married to his wife Christine for 19 years and has two teenage children. **Del** enjoys coaching his son, Jacob's baseball team and always supported his daughter, Samantha as she cheered for the Mt. Greenwood Colts.

Please come and join family, friends and co-workers in a fund raiser for **Officer Del Pearson** who nearly gave his life ensuring the safety of each and every one of us on this tragic night

www adayfordel.org



Contact Info: Mark - Cindy Reno

Mark 773-410-3245

Cindy 773-410-3246

April 2012 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Balcitis, Jeffrey R.	Officer	051	23
Bella, Gregory A.	Detective	610	27*
Blake, Wendell T.	Officer	002	22
Borre, Michael L.	Officer	013	32
Boso, Richard D.	Officer	019	26
Buehler, Thomas R.	Officer	009	17
Cacok, Geneva	Officer	002	21
Calahan, Susan M.	Agent	121	22
Collins, Larry O.	Officer	001	31
Cuevas, Carl J.	Officer	008	27
Dixon, Linda C.	Detective	603	26
Dotson, Larry L.	FTO	006	26
Dust, Mary S.	Officer	004	22
Frost, Raymond M.	Officer	001	22
Gentile, Frank J.	Officer	050	18
Giese, Thomas C.	Officer	019	26
Gilliam, Darryl	Sergeant	004	34
Gowans, Jr., Luther B.	Detective	620	22
Gray, Lloyd H.	Detective	620	30
Griffith, Jr., Wallace A.	Officer	051	30
Haggard, James P.	Sergeant	012	30
Halpin, Terry M.	Officer	009	20
Harris, David L.	Officer	006	26
Heenan, Kathleen M.	Officer	002	14
Hicks, Errol L.	Detective	603	27
Jones, Keith W.	Officer	022	22
Jusino, Eva Y.	Detective	630	35
Lance, Anita	Officer	002	18
Lilly, J.R.	Detective	620	35
Lupa, Cynthia J.	Officer	001	21
Martinez, Juan H.	Officer	341	26
May, Edward J.	Officer	008	36
McDonald, Kevin T.	Detective	610	29
McKnight, Janet	Officer	012	26
Munoz, Luis G.	Detective	630	27
Nash, Michael T.	Officer	019	25
Nash, Sandy L.	Officer	002	25
Nesiewicz, Joseph T.	Officer	008	19
Noto, Phyllis A.	Officer	022	26
Owens, William E.	Officer	001	42
Ramirez, Carlos A.	Officer	013	22
Reedy, James R.	Officer	001	35
Rice, Michael P.	Officer	017	31
Rivera, Jose	Officer	014	26
Rizzi, Jr., Dominic	Lieutenant	009	26*
Romanowski, Anthony C.	Detective	610	21
Rosario, Jessie A.	Officer	014	30
Scanlon, Janet L.	Detective	610	56
Schuld, John T.	Officer	701	40
Taylor, Sr., Kenneth A.	Officer	006	26
Thompson, Kathleen J.	Officer	701	36
Tobin, Michael T.	Detective	630	27
Tomasik, Edward C.	Officer	177	36
Vaclavik, Joseph	Captain	126	39
Van Tilburg, James L.	F/A ID Tech 1	177	32
Ward, Steven J.	Officer	002	26
Williams, Barbara A.	Officer	003	22
Williams, Beverly J.	Officer	004	21
Wilson, Herbert L.	Officer	002	39

** Indicates Former Board Member of
FOP, Chicago Lodge 7*

May 2012 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Battaglia, Joseph A.	Officer	002	23
Calderon, Francis X.	Officer	128	30
Carroll, Michael P.	Police Tech.	121	24
Cascio, Richard J.	Officer	050	42
Conrad, Susan M.	Canine Handler	050	17
Coyle, Robert J.	Officer	005	42
Cummings, Michael	Officer	022	24
Dailing, Sherry L.	Officer	013	21
Dwyer, John J.	Officer	016	31
Elizondo, Gilberto J.	Detective	610	21
Ferro, Vito J.	Detective	630	26
Holder, Eric L.	Officer	005	19
Hughes, Warren R.	Officer	171	27
Kapugi, Steven	Officer	001	25
Kelly, Edward J.	Officer	023	31
Kosteris, Dimitrios	Officer	012	26
Lawler, Julia A.	Officer	276	25
Love, Karen M.	Detective	610	24
Meyers, Darletta R.	Detective	620	23
Murrin, Stephen T.	Detective	630	22
Ortiz, Bradul A.	Detective	610	30
Papeck, Michael R.	Officer	025	26
Pittacora, James T.	Officer	018	29
Raymer, John E.	Detective	610	21
Robinson, Sammie L.	Officer	011	25
Rodriguez, Cynthia A.	Detective	630	27
Schorsch, Steven	Detective	630	39
Simpson, Larry L.	Officer	050	39
Strzepek, Stephen	Forensic Inv.	177	39
Sullivan, Patrick	Detective	610	35
Sweeney, Michael L.	Officer	001	29
Tobias, Matthew E.	Deputy Chief	142	26
Underwood, Shirley A.	Officer	007	20
Zorko, Kathleen A.	Officer	020	26

Departed Brothers & Sisters

Francis J. Clair, Age 82
 Bert D. Lewis, Age 56
 Cornelius J. Lavelle, Age 89
 Thomas J. O'Connor, Age 62
 Samuel W. Jennings, Jr., Age 91
 Darrell O. Wesson, Age 49
 Kenneth E. Hill, Age 74
 Michael D. Mulcahy, Age 87
 Tasha Kelly, Age 39

Thank You!!

Thank you to all who donated new and gently used coats to our "Christmas in July" coat drive last month. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and will go a long way this upcoming winter in warming the hearts of those less fortunate. God Bless You!

*Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis and members of the
Chaplain's Unit*

Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

Last month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted almost 200 Gold Star Family members on our 17TH annual summer boat cruise. It was a wonderful lakefront excursion aboard the *Spirit of Chicago*...a first-class event, as **we** (yes, with *your* help – **WE**) took care of everything: parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc.

Our cruise ship was escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing...and our guests enjoyed a CPD helicopter fly-over. Even Mother Nature agreed, giving us perfect weather to be on the water.

And the most important component of our time together? We once again reminded Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty **WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!**

Thank you to all who financially supported this outing! If you would like to join our mailing list so that you can help us with these worthwhile endeavors in the future, please visit our website, listed below, and click on the appropriate link.

We continue to remember those killed in the line of duty (as well as other deceased CPD family members) at the regular CPD Mass, celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME.

While I find the above events most life-giving—and as wakes, various ceremonies, benefits, meetings and appointments fill my schedule—I still find the highlight of my week is the time I spend on the streets with you...in *your* world, where “the thin blue line” keeps chaos at bay.

Thank you for the God-ordained ministry you perform every day! May God keep you safe in this most noble work.

See you on the street, Fr. Dan Brandt, Chaplain, 312/738-7588 (office), 773/550-2369 (cell/text)
dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org or www.ChicagoPCM.org



2012 FOP Picnic Report, *By Frank DiMaria and Sidney Davis*

The 2012 FOP Picnic was held on 18 July 2012 on the grounds at Gaelic Park for the 6th year after months of planning and preparation. The morning was clear, sunny and the temperature at 0700 hrs was in the eighties and expected to reach the high 90's by afternoon. The hot temperatures did not stop our members from lining up outside of the gates of Gaelic Park around 0830 hrs and once we opened the gates there was a steady stream of our members and their families entering the fields to set up their tents and enjoy this event which the Lodge provides. As the children entered the park they were given candy and a prize. The complimentary refreshments for both the children and adults never stopped being poured until the last glass was filled at the end of the day. The children lined up outside of the ice cream truck and we passed out these frozen treats for several hours until there was none. If someone would have looked at the front of the FOP Store which relocated to Gaelic Park they would have thought they were at Filene's Basement Running of the Brides searching for that perfect bargain or sale item. The clown entertained the children with his act and the DJ played music satisfying everyone's taste. The amusement rides were very busy and were taken full advantage of by our members and their families and never stopped running until we closed.

The heat increased during the early afternoon and thunderstorms suddenly erupted with a steady and quick downpour. Just as the rain started we had a special surprise this year at Gaelic Park with Santa Claus paying us a visit. We survived the crowds, the rain storm and the extreme heat closing the park at 1800 hrs ending another picnic. The 2012 FOP Picnic was attended at an all time high exceeding previous year's attendance. We hope that everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following persons and companies for their contributions which added to the success of the 2012 Picnic. Please support them because they support you the Membership.

American Licorice Company	Stephen Bervid, Sr. as Santa Claus	Tom Cline the Clown
Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union	Coyne Financial	Ronald Dahms, Attorney at Law
Colleen Daly, Attorney at Law	Will Fahey, Attorney at Law	Ralph Licari, Attorney at Law
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"Don't Forget Dad's Watching" *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Did you ever have one of those days where you go to work and you ask yourself, "Does anyone care about the hard work I put in every day?" Or how about those moments when that burden that we all carry called life, seems a bit heavy on the shoulders and you start to slouch instead of standing straight. Then you have those days where you just feel alone and the world around feels like it's closing in on you. Or when you're having a day when your cup seems half empty instead of half full? Take a moment to take a step back and reflect on the story, "Don't forget Dad's Watching"...

Bob Richards, the former pole-vault champion, shares a moving story about a skinny young boy who loved football with all his heart. Practice after practice, he eagerly gave everything he had, but being half the size of the other boys, he got absolutely nowhere. At all the games, this hopeful athlete sat on the bench and hardly ever played. This teenager lived alone with his father and the two of them had a very special relationship. Even though the son was always on the bench, his father was always in the stands cheering. He never missed a game. This young man was still the smallest of the class when he entered high school, but his father continued to encourage him but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice, and perhaps he'd get to play when he became a senior. All through high school he never missed a practice, nor a game, but remained a bench-warmer all four years. His faithful father was always in the stands, always with words of encouragement for him.

When the young man went to college, he decided to try out for the football team as a "walk-on." Everyone was sure he could never make the cut, but he did. The coach admitted that he kept him on the roster because he always puts his heart and soul to every practice, and at the same time, provided the other members with the spirit and hustle they badly needed. The news that he had survived the cut thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his father. His father shared his excitement and was sent season tickets for all the college games. This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in a game. It was the end of his senior football season, and as he trotted onto the practice field shortly before the big playoff game, the coach met him with a telegram.

The young man read the telegram and he became deathly silent. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Is it all right if I miss practice today?" The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son. And don't even plan to come back to the game on Saturday." Saturday arrived, and the

game was not going well. In the third quarter, when the team was ten points behind, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football gear. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful teammate back so soon. "Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man. The coach pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this close playoff game. But the young man persisted, and finally feeling sorry for the kid, the coach gave in. "All right," he said. "You can go in."

Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before was doing everything right. The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, he passed, blocked, and tackled like a star. His team began to triumph. The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, this kid intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you never heard.

Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the coach noticed that this young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone. The coach came to him and said, "Kid, I can't believe it. You are fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach with tears in his eyes and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Like the athlete's father, God is always there cheering for us. He's always reminding us to go on and be proud of who we are. He's even offering us His hand for He knows what is best, and is willing to give us what we need and not simply what we want. G-d has never missed a single game, you win some you lose some, but He wants us to have fun and do the best we can. What a joy to know that life is meaningful if lived for the Highest. Live for HIM for He's watching us in the game of life! Last but not least, as our dear friend (and senior Chaplain Ret) Fr. Tom Nangle used to say, "Remember who you REALLY work for".

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, may G-d bless you keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Amen
Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on or some good company for a ride-along, don't hesitate to give us a call, or drop us a line, all info available on Police Chaplains Ministry website.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf,
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STORE HOURS:

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***It's August...It's Hot...It's Chicago...
So Let's Have A Sale To Make Room For The Fall Apparel!***

Clothing Sale:

- New American flag appliqué tee shirt for women, men or children. Great looking, it's a must have!
 - 30% OFF ladies tank tops in lilac or grey with imprinted sparkle star
 - New K-9 tee shirt for adults and children
- Black Henley tee with embroidered CPD star, medium, large, XL was \$18.95, Now \$14.95

Toy Sale! 25% OFF

- Action team game set \$3.79 now \$2.84
- Catchable bubbles \$1.79 now \$1.34
- Combat force weapon \$7.49 now \$5.62
 - Police helmet \$3.95 now \$2.96
- Die cast play handcuffs \$3.95 now \$2.96
- CPD squad car paddle ball game \$6.95 now \$5.21
- Electronic sound pistol \$2.95 now \$2.21

Bits & Pieces

- Back in stock! NEW style shadow caps in black or navy 10% OFF, was \$11.95 now \$10.76
 - New motorcycle unit cap, black with white and orange logo, only \$12.95
 - New Item! Baby hooded towel with wash cloth in pink or blue, \$9.95
 - Motorcycle license frames, 25% OFF, now only \$2.25
- In time for back to school! CPD cinch bag with mish mash Chicago design, on sale only \$9.95
 - Mish mash Chicago design buy the matching shirt and get 20% off the shirt
 - Blue thermos with silver star, 30% OFF, was \$9.95 now \$6.96

The bargain bin is full 25% to 50% OFF! Come in and check it out.

Health Evaluations From Interactive Healthcare Solutions

For about fourteen years now, Interactive Healthcare Solutions, (IHS) has been offering health screenings for FOP members and their families. This is an amazing tool to use to become more proactive with your health. The tests results are welcomed at your doctor's office and may save your life.

According to the most current "report card" provided by IHS, 190 people from previous IHS evaluations were screened for Cholesterol above 200 at the last health fair. Of the 190, 116 improved! Same kind of results for Triglycerides above 200; of the 79 tested, 55 improved! On the other hand, of the total 1,388 people tested, 174 tested with abnormal conditions, indicating illnesses like heart disease, cancer and thyroid disease. The results speak for themselves.

As if that wasn't enough of an incentive for you to schedule your tests, did you know that you can use your "Wellness" benefit (\$600 annually) to pay for the evaluation? So can your dependents.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming health fairs:

August 15—16, 2012

September 11—12, 2012

September 25—26, 2012

District 15, Austin

District 16, Jefferson Park

District 019, Town Hall

5701 W. Madison

5151 N. Milwaukee Ave.

850 w. Addison

To schedule an appointment for yourself and/or eligible family member (age 18 and above), call IHS at 1-800-840-6100. Active employees and family members—please have your insurance card ready. You will need your insurance card ID number.



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Monday, August 27, 2012
Shot Gun Start: 9am

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 - Dinner—Eagle BBQ With Pig Roast

