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President's Report, By Michael Shields



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The recent events in Boston resulted in the entire city cheering for the Boston Police Department. The recently hospitalized Mayor of Boston was truly grateful for the hardworking police officers who worked tirelessly to bring this matter to conclusion. Mayor Menino even went as far as to speak to the Boston Police on the police radio stating, "People of Boston are proud of you." Menino then stated, "Especially the mayor of Boston. I'm very proud of what you've done."

Things are quite different here in Chicago. Mayor Emanuel thanks us by having his minions tell the press that there is no manpower crisis. He thanks retired Chicago Police Officers, who dedicated their lives to the safety of this great City, by threatening to take their pension COLA's and healthcare away. The Mayor thanks active officers by threatening their future pension benefits and contract wages. Mayor Emanuel thanks us all by not adequately manning the Chicago Police Department, forcing us to work harder and longer than ever before. Our safety on the streets is compromised thanks to this Mayor's budget. He thanks the Sergeants by duping their fearless leader into agreeing to a deal that would make them be the first and only labor union in Illinois to give up their Constitutionally protected pension benefits. The Lodge commends the Sergeants for listening to reason and rejecting City Hall's contract.

Thanks, but no thanks Mayor Emanuel. We don't want your pension reform, we don't want your lies about manpower, we don't want our retirees to worry feverishly about their futures and we don't want your contract threats. We want a Mayor that stands up for Chicago Police Officers and recognizes that the members of CPD are the first line of defense against terrorists like the two that attacked the Boston Marathon. To the Mayor, this is all just a game. To members of the Fraternal Order of Police, this is not a game, this is our livelihood. The realities of what happened in Boston and the likelihood of similar attacks here are not a game.

Retirees Healthcare- Korshak

As of the date of this publication, we are 63 days away from the expiration of the Korshak settlement. Retirees have not yet been notified by Mayor Emanuel of a final decision regarding the continuation of retirees healthcare.

The Lodge has met with Mr. Clint Krislov this week in an effort to retain him as counsel to individual retirees on behalf of the FOP. At the next meeting of the Board of Directors, I will request that the Lodge commit to having the retirees represented by Clint Krislov. Prior to any court litigation on the Korshak case, it is imperative that an Amicus brief is filed in another case involving state employees retirees' healthcare in Sangamon County that is in front of the Illinois Supreme Court. The Lodge does not want the Supreme Court lumping us together with state employees that do not receive any healthcare subsidy through their respective pension funds. We need to demonstrate a clear difference in our case against the City.

State Senator John Mulroe from Edison Park in Chicago has chosen to support FOP's bill allowing the Chicago Police Pension Board to continue to pay the retirees' healthcare insurance subsidy. This is SB 450 amendment #1. The current legislation allowing the pension board to pay the subsidy has a sunset provision and will expire on June 30, 2013. It is the Lodge's position (and Mr. Krislov's) that benefits can neither be diminished nor impaired, including the healthcare benefit. The Lodge will continue to update our members regarding this matter.

Sergeants Discussing Forming an FOP Lodge

Several Sergeants have reached out to the Lodge to discuss forming their own FOP Lodge. At the Sergeants' request, State FOP President Ted Street held several informational meetings for Sergeants interested in a "transfer of representation." This is strictly for sergeants to change representation from PBPA to FOP, not a decertification as PBPA has been telling their members. The Chicago FOP Board of Directors, along with the State and National FOP

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support such a movement. The ultimate decision is up to the Sergeants themselves.

Springfield Legislation

At the Conclusion of the Legislative Spring Break, the General Assembly went back into session. As of the date of publication, no legislation has been introduced regarding any movement for pension reform for participants in the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago. I urge all of our members to sign up for instant updates from the Lodge at our website www.chicagofop.org. If legislation is introduced, the Lodge will immediately post instructions for our members to contact the Legislature. The Lodge anticipates any pension reform language to appear in the last week of the Spring Legislative Session.

Along with the various bills that were listed in the January newsletter, the Lodge has been closely monitoring HB1490, which is an alarming bill to all public safety labor unions. This bill would have prohibited an arbitrator from considering giving a pay increase if the municipality could show that in so doing they would have to raise property taxes. The bill made it out of Committee on March 20th but was never called in the House thanks to the efforts of all public sector employee representatives who began working against it immediately. Both the Chicago and State FOP have diligently worked against this. Thankfully, this was sent back to Rules after the deadline passed on 19 April.

SB1653 is the Chicago FOP's Suicide bill that allows for the Line of Duty Death Benefit from the State in those cases where a Mental Health Care Professional can show that the act of suicide was a direct result of the officer's work in Law Enforcement. This bill passed out of the Senate on April 10th and is awaiting assignment to a Committee in the House. If passed in the House, the families of police officers that have committed suicide would not be left penniless.

SB1739 is a Gaming Bill that Sen. Terry Link is putting together. The Lodge has requested that we be allowed to place the language from our SB1725 into an amendment of SB 1739, which would require a Chicago Casino to contract with the Chicago Police Department for Police Service in the Casino. Currently this work is contracted with the ISP.

HB2945 would require any custodial interrogation conducted to be recorded in all adult and juvenile felony cases if passed. Any statement would be inadmissible in court. This bill was amended to limit the actual crimes in which a recording would be necessary, fortunately it didn't make it out of Committee and was sent back to Rules after the deadline. A side note to this is that SB1006, which was similar at the start, passed out of the Senate April 25th after passing out of Committee April 24th, but it makes the recording permissive only in the Juvenile Justice Act for offences other than ones already addressed therein (Homicides). This bill also establishes a depository for recordings that is run by the Criminal Justice Information Authority.

HB2960 is another of Rep. Scott Drury's fiascos that called for blind administrators in lineups, sequential lineups and the recording of them all in order to be admitted in court. This was fought by the Lodge. Additionally, Chief of Detectives Byrne came down to testify against it for the Department. This bill also failed to come out of Committee and was sent back to Rules where it belongs.

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Arbitration By Surprise - This is How MLAS/City Does Business.

We had two arbitrations last month where the position of the Department was that it would show up at arbitration and produce documents that were never given or sent to the Union.

In both cases, the grievances had been filed years earlier and Management and Labor Affairs had never given the Lodge a position on why they were denying the grievance. They show up on the day of the arbitration with a copy of a letter and claim that they sent the letter to the Union in response to the grievance. The Department's letters mysteriously appear years later; always with no letterhead and no signature. This is how business is being conducted by the Department against police officers these days. Somehow, getting to the truth under the current administration has been thrown out the window. It's all about "winning". The sad part for them is that they usually lose.

PPO's Have the Right to be Represented.

Yes, PPO's do have rights. It is true that the Department can fire a PPO for almost anything. But PPO's are entitled to representation. If a PPO is involved in a shooting on or off duty, he/

she has the right to have representation during questioning. PPO's that are required to make statements at Internal Affairs or IPRA are entitled to representation. When a PPO is notified that they need to make a statement, he/she should contact the Lodge immediately. The Lodge will send an attorney with the PPO. PPO's should not be making statements without an attorney present. If a PPO is required to respond to a CR# with a To-From, the PPO should contact the Lodge for assistance. The bottom line is PPO's should call the Lodge anytime that Internal Affairs or IPRA is involved.

Chicago Police Memorial Foundation

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation does so much for the families of Chicago Police Officers. The Foundation's Mission Beyond the Memorial began in August of 2007. The Foundation has given out almost \$2,500,000.00 in assistance since it began. The Foundation fills holes in the lives of police officers and their families. They have given educational assistance to children of officers killed in the line of duty as well as officers catastrophically injured. They give financial assistance to officers that go on disability and are waiting for the Pension Board to hear their case. They have paid health insurance for

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officers who are terminally ill. The Mission Beyond the Memorial will continue and we at Lodge 7 thank the Foundation for all they do for our members and their families.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Discussions between the Lodge and the Superintendent's office about officers suffering from PTSD started more than six months ago. We were informed that a committee was being formed to deal with PTSD issues and that FOP would be placed on this committee. The Lodge welcomed the idea and was looking forward to working to help our officers deal with traumatic situations. Unfortunately, the committee has only met once in six months; a meeting that no one from the Union was invited to. It is pathetic that nothing has been done about this issue in six months. There are over 50 police shootings every year as well as the trauma that officers see every day and our Department has met only once in six months to assist our men and women that need a plan of assistance. PTSD is a life threatening issue affecting a number of our members and it seems as if this Department can't be bothered.

Adding a Dependent to Your Insurance

When an officer gets married or has a newborn, he/she has 30 days in which to fill out an enrollment form. Along with the enrollment form, you must provide a certified marriage certificate or a certified birth certificate as proof of dependency. The officer has 60 days to provide a certified marriage certificate and 180 days to provide a certified birth certificate to the Benefits Management Office. If you don't elect to enroll for coverage within 30 days, you will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment period. I suggest you bring these forms to the Benefits Management Office in person. You can ask for a time stamped copy at the front desk. The Benefits Management Office is located at 333 S. State Room 400.

FOP Family Auxiliary, CPD Detectives Association & Ken Hauser, Retired Pension Fund Trustee Invite you to their Annual Golf Outing!



24 June 2013
1000 hrs
Shotgun start

Bloomingtondale Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
Bloomingtondale, IL

Chicago Police Marines Memorial Day Party and Parade!

25 May 2013
1100-1600 hrs
FOP Hall
1412 W Washington
\$15 for food and beverages



2nd Vice President's Report by Frank Di Maria



Police Memorial Month

The month of May is designated as Police Memorial Month and many events are held to recognize our fallen heroes. Listed below are dates of these Memorials:

- 2 May 2013 Illinois Memorial Springfield
- 5 May 2013 St Jude Police March
- 7 May 2013 FOP Chicago Lodge 7 Memorial
- 15 May 2013 National Memorial Wash. DC

We have been very fortunate that there have been no Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty in 2012 through the present. Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7 will honor two (2) Historic Line of Duty Deaths on 7 May 2013 at 1200 hrs:

PO Dennis Collins 003rd District EOW 3 July 1953 and Lt Cornelius Rourke Area 3 Detective Division EOW 7 September 1991

Participation in the St. Jude's Memorial March

On Sunday 5 May 2013, the 81st annual Chicago Police Department St. Jude Memorial March will take place. This event is held annually to honor our members who have made the ultimate sacrifice. In addition to the various District and Units within the Department, a special contingent of Retired Chicago Police Officers will be represented as well. All Retirees are encouraged to attend and march in this time honored tradition to honor our fallen.

Retirees will assemble on Museum Campus Drive and Solidarity Drive in preparation for the March. Extended family members and friends are welcome to view the March from the west side of the Museum Drive across from the Park. Since Retirees are scheduled to march at the beginning of the parade in the first seven (7) positions between the Gold Star Family Members and the Chicago Police Board Delegations, it is advised to arrive by 0700 hrs. The March will proceed

south on Museum Campus Drive to Waldren Drive and will step off promptly at 0800 hrs.

Immediately at the conclusion of the March there will be a brief 15 minute interfaith service presented by the Chicago Police Department Chaplains Unit. Department Members and their guests are invited to attend this service.

Complimentary parking for police personnel and families attending the St. Jude's Memorial March are available in the Walden Deck Parking Garage, the South Lot of Soldier Field or the North Garage of Soldier Field. A traffic detail will be assigned to direct you to the parking.

All Active and Retired Members of the Chicago Police Department are invited and encouraged to attend one of the oldest and proudest traditions of the Chicago Police Department where we honor the memory and sacrifice of our fallen Heroes.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

Firearm Safety Days

The Lodge will be hosting Firearms Safety Days at the Hall on the 8 May 2013 from 0800 until 1700 hrs and on 9 May 2013 from 0800 until 1500 hrs. There will be representatives from the approved firearm manufacturers who will conduct on site safety inspections of our member's duty related weapons. Officers take advantage of this worthwhile event which the Lodge has provided for your benefit.

FOP Fishing Tournament

The Lodge will be hosting the annual Fishing Tournament on 22 May 2013 on the waters of the Chain of Lakes. The entry fee is \$80.00 per boat and includes prizes luncheon and refreshment. This is a great opportunity for our Members to get away from the city to relax and enjoy a day out on the boat trying to land the prize winning catch. The entry form for this event is on the back page of this month's Newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

Old 9th District Reunion!!

6 June 2013
1900 hrs

Moose Lodge
7536 S. Harlem Ave.
Bridgeview, IL

General Meeting Notice

21 May 2013
1200 hrs

Please remember to sign in!

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

April 30th, 2013

Room 207, 26 / Cal, Judge Alonso

Timothy Herring Jr - charged in the murder of

ET Mike Flisk

May 2nd, 2013

Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Antwon Carter “Pro-Se” - charged in the murder of

Officer Michael Bailey

May 13th, 2013

Room 602, 26th / Cal, Judge Sacks

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of

Officer Thor Soderberg

May 14th, 2013

Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of

Officer Thomas Wortham IV

May 21st, 2013

Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

Robin Johnson – charged in the murder of

Officer Richard Francis

May 22nd, 2013

Room 302, 26th / Cal, Judge Gainer

Edgar Colon and Tyrone Clay - both charged in the murder of

Officer Clifton Lewis

May 23rd, 2013

Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins

“It’s a perfect storm of s***”

Many of our members are aware of the May 2013 issue of Chicago Magazine article titled “Getting Away with Murder.” We have been getting positive feedback from the article, written by Noah Isackson, which includes many issues regarding the “unsolved crime crisis.” It was an eye opener for some of the private Citizens who have read and commented on the article. The article is the product of research, interviews with family members of murder victims and 30 police sources. It was even talked about on Chicago public radio, Chicago Tonight and the Saturday morning news show on NBC.

“Getting Away with Murder” provides insight into the increased murder rate and the steadily decreasing clearance rate since 2008, the undermanned detective division, the low number of forensic investigators, the overall manpower shortage, the Department’s district consolidations, the evaporation of Area 4 and Area 5, and the everyday challenges detectives face.

Gratitude goes to Noah Isackson for taking the time to do the research and writing the piece. It’s a rarity to find a journalist these days provides fair and accurate information. We hope to see more articles from journalists like Isackson.

Deceased Since The Last General Meeting, April 16, 2013

- Michael J. Dillon**
- Barry W. Costello**
- Dale F. Buehler**
- William H. Jerozal**
- Joseph P. Bastie**
- Vincent A. Tenuto**
- Leonard T. Jeziorski**
- Brian Q. Gaston**
- Robert J. Lane**
- Louis M. Wojtowicz**
- Kenneth R. Kula**
- William F. Pickert**
- Ronald D. Stieben**
- Edgar A. Neal**
- Lee J. Privoznik**
- John F. Yonkers**
- Nels I. Holmquist**
- Ross D. Marsala**

“It’s as easy as 1, 2, 6!” *By Rich Aguilar*



Pop quiz! In a seven-day workweek that begins on Sunday and ends on Saturday, what days are considered the sixth and seventh **consecutive** workdays? If you answered Friday and Saturday, **WRONG**. You have just excluded yourself from ever being promoted to the position of Commander of the Management and Labor Affairs Section of the Chicago Police Department.

On April 22, 2013, the Lodge entered its second day of arbitration regarding the sixth and seventh consecutive workday issue from the NATO conference in 2012. The Lodge thought that the issue was quite simple. Officers who had days off canceled during the week and worked a sixth or seventh day during that same week should receive overtime compensation for the days off canceled and receive overtime compensation for the sixth and seventh consecutive workdays that they were required to work. This is clearly stated in Section 20.3 of our contract. The City, meaning Commander O’Neill of the Management and Labor Affairs Section, took the unusual position of claiming that the sixth or seventh workday could be any day of the week; not just Friday or Saturday. Their claim was that if an Officer’s Tuesday and Wednesday regular days off were canceled the Department could count Tuesday as the sixth workday and Wednesday as a seventh workday.

Now, I have been a police officer for 31 years and have not attended grammar school for quite some time, but the last time I checked when counting consecutive numbers one through seven it worked like this: one, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Maybe I missed the new math classes that the Commander attended where it now works like this: one, two, six, seven, three, four, five.

Commander O’Neill testified that he was the unit representative for the Area Five Juvenile Detectives in 1993. He claimed that some of his members had asked questions about how the sixth and seventh workday section of our contract worked. He claimed he had a conversation with then FOP Recording Secretary Sheila Burke and President Bill Nolan regarding that issue. He testified that both Burke and Nolan advised him that the sixth and seventh workday could occur anytime during the week. Personally, on a side note, I find it quite unethical that a former unit representative of our union, who was having a private conversation regarding a question one of the people he was elected to represent, had now chosen to reveal this conversation at an arbitration hearing because it would benefit the entity he now represents.

Fortunately, Past President Bill Nolan is still with us. The Lodge called President Nolan as a witness to impeach the testimony of Commander O’Neill. President Nolan was asked if this conversation ever took place. He stated that it did. He went on to say that Commander O’Neill’s version of the conversation was incorrect. The Lodge would never take the position that the sixth or seventh consecutive workday could be any days other than Friday or Saturday. He went on to state that if an Officer had his regular days off canceled, that Officer should be paid overtime for those days and then be paid overtime for working sixth and seventh consecutive workday during that same week.

The City attorney, at the very end of the arbitration, now tried to bring up the fact that the City believed that NATO was a preplanned event. There are two big problems with this hypothesis. First, this was never a claim made by the City at any time during this arbitration or in any of their responses to the Lodge prior to the arbitration. Secondly, our contract is clear in the definition of a preplanned event. If members are to be assigned to a preplanned event, the Department must first seek volunteers. The Department never did this. Officers regular days off were canceled by the Department without their consent. The Commander even admitted, when asked by the City attorney, that this was not a preplanned event.

The briefs from the Lodge and City attorneys are due on June 25, 2013. We will have a binding decision from the arbitrator sometime after that date.

Back to the pop quiz mentioned in the first paragraph of this article; the correct answer is: Any day of the week. Stick with this answer and someday you too could be the Commander of MLAS.

Chicago Police Gathering in Washington DC for the Memorial!

14 May 2012
1900-2300 hours

Clyde’s of Gallery Place
707 7th Street
Washington DC

From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



USERRA Violation

Last February one of our officers returned from military service following his deployment in Afghanistan. The officer had a lot to be excited about upon his return home to Chicago: Not only was he coming home after a year-long deployment in a combat zone, but while deployed his rank number on the Detective's examination was reached. I wrote about this very same issue in my December 2011 newsletter regarding another member who found himself in the exact same circumstance. Back then, this issue was brought to the attention of the Superintendent, and to his credit, he made sure the promotion happened. Once again, this issue has resurfaced. The federal USERRA law states the following regarding a reservist/guardsmen who returns to their civilian employment following a deployment: "in the case of a person whose period of service in the uniformed services was for more than 90 days-in the position of employment in which the person would have been employed if the continuous employment of such person with the employer had not been interrupted by such service." Based on a very clear federal law, this officer should be promoted to the rank of Detective immediately. What's frustrating to me and more so to the officer is not that the fact that he has not been promoted yet, but the lack of any type of formal response from the Department. The good news in all of this is that Timothy Soderlund (e-mail: soderlund.timothy@dol.gov) from the Department of Labor has been a tremendous help and asset for military

members in the Chicago area. Mr. Soderlund has filed claims on behalf of our members over various USERRA related issues. It is my sincere hope that this incident will be remedied without his help or that of the Department of Labor. The Department needs to create a written policy in which to deal with these occurrences as they arise, as well as make returning service members more of a priority. Members who serve in the military should not be forced to file USERRA claims, nor make a formal request to the Superintendent for something they are entitled to under federal law. I think we can all agree these members deserve a little better.

Chicago Police Marine Corp League Memorial Day Party

Please be advised that the Chicago Police Marines will be holding a Memorial Day Parade and Party here at the Lodge on Saturday, May 25th starting at 1100. The Marine Corps League will march in the Memorial Day Parade downtown and then return back to the Lodge for a party at the Hall. A bus will be taking all marchers to the Parade, leaving at 1145 and returning to the Lodge for the party to follow. The cost for food and beverages is \$15.00. For further information please go the Chicago Police Marine Corp website: [www. Chicagopolicemarines.com](http://www.Chicagopolicemarines.com).

Recent FOP Events!!!



April 2013 FOP Awards,
Officers Simon Adamiak,
Peter Stevens and
George Georgopoulos

FOID Bill Signing, March 2013

Frank DiMaria, Mike Shields, Rep. Dena Carli, Governor Quinn, Jim Moriarity, Sen. Tony Munoz, Bill Dougherty and Saul Del Rivero



Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain



Last month I traveled to New York with the Chicago Police Enforcers football team. NYPD’s team won the game that brought us there, but we had a great weekend nonetheless. The highlight of my time there wasn’t the game, but the camaraderie and the opportunity to pray together as a group at the site of the World Trade Center memorial in lower Manhattan—where 60 of our brothers died 11 ½ years ago. It was a real honor to be with this group of great men and terrific cops...not to mention pretty darn good football players!

The **St. Jude March** earlier this month offered another great opportunity to honor those (and the families of those) who have made the ultimate sacrifice. While the St. Jude League and the Police Chaplains Ministry are entirely different entities, we work well together. God bless the St. Jude League for their great ministry...and God bless our fallen officers and their families!

We are looking for **LOD death memorial cards** to publish on our website. You can visit www.ChicagoPCM.org, then click the “Line of Duty Death Memorial Cards” link to see the collection we have so far. If you have any memorial cards you’d like to share with us, please scan and email them to me for publication. Or, contact me and we’ll figure out a way to get them from you, publish them on our site, and then return them to you right away. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide. Let us NEVER forget our fallen officers!

As Chicago marks one year since hosting the **NATO Summit**, I would like to extend another “Kudos” to YOU who made last May’s event run so smooth and peacefully. Though a year later, you should still be very proud! If you want to show “You were there,” the FOP store and certain uniform shops still carry the 1” x 1.5” NATO lapel pins (\$5.00) and challenge coins (\$10.00). You can also view and request them on our website: www.ChicagoPCM.org. Proceeds benefit the Chaplains Ministry.

In the event you have this newsletter in your hands before **Mothers’ Day**, please note that **our usual 2nd/4th Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mercy Home Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on 12 MAY** to accommodate folks cooking for or traveling to visit Mom. We’ll remember in a special way at that Mass all mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased.

Also, as always, we will celebrate a special **Fathers’ Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, 16 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket...and even a picnic lunch for after Mass.

CPD Masses are normally scheduled the 2nd and 4th 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 less than 30 minutes.

Chaplain Bob Montelongo and I recently celebrated a “traveling CPD Mass” at St. John Fisher Parish on the south side. It was very well attended and met with great enthusiasm by those in attendance. Later this summer, we’ll do the same at St. Cajetan (date TBD). We have identified several other parishes north, south and west that many police families call home, and will make efforts to visit them, as well. We’ll keep you posted here and in the daily bulletin.

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

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain
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dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org | www.ChicagoPCM.org



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(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**

“Yes, You do Make a Difference,” Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Do you ever ask yourself, “I’m just one person, can I, do I really make a difference out there on the streets?” The answer is a definite “YES”. Let me share a lesson with you that I learned from one of our own, while on the streets.

I was out the other night, doing a ride along in one of the toughest and busiest districts in the city. We started out at 6P.M., it was a cold night but the radio was nonstop, hot call after hot call. “Battery in progress”, “man with a gun,” “domestic battery,” “person shot,” “theft in progress,” and the list goes on and on. The officer I was with just looked at me and said “this is a typical night in this district, and we do the best we can.” I didn’t even realize it was 11:00 P.M. and we still had not stopped for lunch. I told my partner “take me back to the District so you can go down for lunch.” He said “I have one stop to make before I drop you off.”

The officer pulled into a gas station, and stopped at the end of the lot in front of an elderly man sitting on the curb. The copper went into the gas station, bought a sweet roll and cup of hot coffee and gave it to the man sitting on the curb. Then the officer got back into the squad car and said to me words that I’ll never forget.

“Rabbi, that man is a homeless man, with no family; I stop by every couple of days and get him something to eat. It helps me count my blessings and reminds me that there are so many out there that have so little, and how grateful I should be for all I have.” He made me smile, made me proud, he did us all proud. Moments like these warm the heart and are priceless. He reminded me of the story of “The Star Fish.”

An old man had a habit of taking early morning walks on the beach. One day, after a storm, he saw a human figure in the distance moving like a dancer. As he came closer he saw that it was a young woman and she was not dancing but was reaching down to the sand, picking up a starfish and very gently throwing them into the ocean.

“Young lady,” he asked, “Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?”

“The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw the starfish back in the ocean they will die.”

“But young lady, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You cannot possibly make a difference.”

The young woman listened politely, paused and then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves, saying, “It made a difference for that one.” The old man looked at the young woman inquisitively and thought about what she had done. Inspired, he joined her in throwing starfish back into the sea.

Yes, to throw back all star fish would be a monumental if not impossible task, but rather than being overwhelmed by the task, she took action. She threw one back, and then another, and another. That young woman made a difference to each and every starfish she threw back, even though they may have added up to only a tiny percentage of the washed-up, dying starfish. She did what she could.

How often do we look at some of our problems and feel paralyzed because they seem overwhelming? How often do we

detach ourselves and think it’s not our problem? Bureaucracy, politics, war, violence, poverty...the list goes on. It’s so easy to get stuck in helplessness, passivity, cynicism, but yet it’s OUR world.

So instead of thinking about what you can’t do, consider what you *can* do. What is the *smallest* action you can take? It might even be just a small act of kindness to a friend or stranger as simple as bringing a smile to someone who desperately needs one. Maybe it’s a personal challenge that you need, to rock yourself out of complacency. Look at a problem in your life, one that seems insurmountable, and think of the tiniest action you can take, and just do it. Because YOU DO MAKE a bigger difference than you think to those whom you assist in time of need. Remember the quote “to the whole world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.”

So on behalf of ALL the Chaplains we say, thanks for all you do, thanks for each of you for making our city a better and safer place to live. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, wish some company for a ride along, or have some good humor to share, don’t hesitate to give us a call. Our contact information is on the police chaplains’ ministry website, look us up. May G-d bless you and always keep you safe. AMEN!

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

006th District Picnic!

**14 July 2013
0900hrs**

**Calumet Woods
Forest Preserve
13600 S. Ashland
Riverdale, IL**

**Picnic tables are
first come, first serve!
Come early and enjoy!**

The Members of Fraternal Order of Police
Chicago Lodge No. 7
Invite You to Join Us at 12:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 at the
F.O.P. Hall, 1412 West Washington Boulevard
As We Recognize Our Brothers and Sisters
Who Have Died In Service to the People of Chicago.

This Year We Will Recognize the Sacrifices Made by:
Officer Dennis F. Collins
Lieutenant Cornelius Rourke

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 7 – District Health Evaluations

Health evaluations will be available by appointment at these locations:

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Location</i>	
April 17-18, 2013	<i>District 1 - Central</i>	1718 S. State St.
March 25-28, 2013	<i>FOP Main Union Hall</i>	1412 W. Washington
May 6-7, 2013	<i>District 6 – Gresham</i>	7808 S. Halsted
May 29-30, 2013	<i>District 9 – Deering</i>	3120 S. Halsted
June 12-13, 2013	<i>District 7 – Englewood</i>	1438 W. 63 rd St.
June 26-27, 2013	<i>District 8 – Chicago Lawn</i>	3420 W. 63 rd St.
July 18-19, 2013	<i>District 10 – Ogden</i>	3315 W. Ogden
August 12-13, 2013	<i>District 15 – Austin</i>	5701 W. Madison
September 9-10, 2013	<i>District 16 – Jefferson Park</i>	5151 N. Milwaukee Ave.
September 24-25, 2013	<i>District 19 – Town Hall</i>	850 W. Addison
October 2-3, 2013	<i>District 20 – Lincoln</i>	5400 N. Lincoln Ave. (2600W)
November 12-14, 2013	<i>FOP Main Union Hall</i>	1412 W. Washington

Please call IHS at 1-800-840-6100 to schedule your appointment.

Active employees and family members (age 18 and above) – please have your insurance card ready.
You will need your insurance card ID number.



STORE HOURS:

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

STORE CLOSED:

MAY 25TH, 26TH, AND
27TH

DIRECT LINE:

312-733-2344

NEW WEBSITE:

WWW.FOPGIFTSHOP.COM

May is for Mother's Day!

All Pepper spray 20 % off (Only non-duty spray)

Ladies collage long-sleeve tee in pink or blue, small to 2XL
Was \$12.95-\$13.95, Now \$8.95!

Ladies cover-up in assorted colors, Was \$14.95, Now \$10.46!

CPD star Bean board bag game
with lights \$250.00, without lights \$220.00
Comes with a set of 8 bags!

CPD star lapel pins now on SALE
Was \$3.00 each, Now \$2.00 each!

Get yours in time for the memorials; limited stock on hand

15 % off Chicago's finest kids full zip sweatshirt
in navy, pink or grey, 2/4, 6/8, 10/12
Now \$16.96 !

"New" Illinois State Police challenge coin, \$10.00

Old district, area, unit 050 and unit 051 coffee mugs
Were \$10.95 now \$8.21

We will not carry the old area or district cups once we sell
out, except for special orders.

Canvas Cinch bags in royal, green, gold, navy or orange
Was \$12.95, now \$9.96!

Old style cap shield only \$64.95 made by Blackington; takes
about 4 weeks on order.

Tee shirt of
the month:
30% off Adult
K-9 Tee;
For the ladies:
Property of
CPD Tee

"New":
Police
Officers
Field Guide
4th edition:
Only \$10.00!



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
 Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
 at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

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