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## President's Report, *By Michael Shields*



### Korshak, Krislov and the Comptroller

In a letter submitted to all annuitants of the four City Pension systems, Mayor Emanuel made public his decision to "adjust the benefit levels provided under the current plan starting January 1, 2014." The letter states that the current coverage and benefit levels for those that retired *prior* to August 23, 1989, will remain in place. It further states that those who have retired *after* August 23, 1989, will have their coverage through December 31, 2013. The ambiguous language used for post-1989 annuitants states that at some point after January 1, 2014, modifications will be made to increase premiums or deductibles. Prior to the year 2017, the City plans to phase out the plan entirely for those who retired after August 23, 1989.

The Mayor does not have the guts to send a letter himself, despite the fact that the ultimate decision was his (although City Council should require a vote). The Mayor also released his decision during the middle of the school closing crisis, as to not raise much media criticism. This letter was inked by the Mayor's Comptroller, Amer Ahmad, who also sits as an appointed Trustee on our Pension Fund. Ahmad's final paragraph states that, "We look forward to working with you in the coming months to ensure you have all the information you and your family will need to make sound decisions regarding your retiree healthcare." As thoughtful as that may sound, he failed to submit his e-mail address. Therefore, I recommend that all City employees, retired and active, contact [amer.ahmad@cityofchicago.org](mailto:amer.ahmad@cityofchicago.org) personally. Let Comptroller Ahmad know how his boss's decision to diminish your healthcare upon retirement will significantly impact your life. At the Pension Board meetings, Comptroller Ahmad often reminds us of his Harvard MBA education. We need to remind him that we placed our lives on the line for the safety and well-being of this City. For this administration to turn its backs on us is criminal.

It is the position of the Lodge that retirees' healthcare benefits are those that fall under the pension protection clause of the Illinois Constitution whereas, "Benefits shall neither be diminished nor impaired." At the May board meeting, the Lodge 7 Board of Directors voted unanimously to retain attorney Clint Krislov to represent all classes of retired police officers, including those retired after August 1989. Mr. Krislov has been involved in the Korshak litigation since 1983. He is the most well-versed lawyer in the small universe of major class action lawsuits against the City for retirees' healthcare and was by far the best choice to represent our members. The Lodge believes that litigation will be necessary upon *any* diminishment of healthcare in retirement. The decision to retain counsel for this challenge was made not just for our current retirees, who certainly deserve our support, but for all of our members who will be impacted in the future.

Finally, the Comptroller's letter briefly mentions that the pension fund subsidy to retirees' healthcare will expire on June 30, 2013. He further states, "If this subsidy is not reauthorized, retirees will likely be responsible for bearing any additional cost for their healthcare plan that is currently borne by their respective pension funds." As I mentioned last month, the Lodge submitted legislation to postpone the sunset provision of pension fund healthcare subsidy. If Senate Bill 450 does not pass prior to the adjournment of the Spring Legislative session, our attorneys will consider this a diminishment of benefits and will take action.

### Pension Legislation

At the time of this publication, we are less than ten days away from the adjournment of the Spring Legislative Session. So far, the City Pension Funds have not been included in any pension reform plan. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter arrives at your house, this will continue to be the case. Unfortunately, the Legislature has seen two competing bills regarding pen-

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"Under the present system, an individual who has never stepped out of a squad car, has never placed a single person in handcuffs, and has never had to make a life or death split second decision, decides whether an officer's employment should be terminated."

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sion reform for the State of Illinois systems. Both the House and Senate bills address the 3% compounded COLAs that state employees have. The Lodge is alarmed to see some State Reps that explicitly told us that they were against SB 512, and then vote yes on SB 1 HA 1.

Some of the provisions included in SB 1 HA 1 are to establish a pensionable salary cap for tier 1 employees, change the calculations of the 3% COLAs and increase the retirement age for employees under the age of 45 years old: state employees 40-44 would have to work an additional 1 year, employees that are 35-39 would have to work an additional 3 years and those that are under 35 would have to work an additional 5 years. If passed, state employee contributions would also be increased by 2%. The We Are One Illinois Coalition would promptly challenge SB 1 HA 1 if passed. The provisions in this bill would impair a pension participant's pension if passed.

### FOP's Driver's License Bill

SB 1693 has passed through both the Senate and the House (Senator Tony Munoz and State Rep Eddie Acevedo were sponsors). This bill allows police officers to register a work address on a driver's license or state identification card. The Lodge's legislative committee used the wording of the Judicial Privacy Act which affords judges the same benefit of using a courthouse address on a license. This was designed in response to the slayings of Federal Judge Joan Lefkow's husband and mother at her home. Our committee recognized that officers may face the same threat resultant from one's employment as a police officer. This bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

Any members who have thoughtful legislative ideas, should contact the lodge via e-mail at [mshields@chicagofop.org](mailto:mshields@chicagofop.org) or [mdonahue@chicagofop.org](mailto:mdonahue@chicagofop.org). This is a great example of the member's legislative suggestions becoming law.

### Amvets

A special thank you is in order to a group of retired Chicago Police Officers who sit on an Amvets board. These men purchased and constructed a granite bench that now sits in front of the FOP Memorial wall. The group would like to keep their names and their Amvets post number anonymous. Please accept my gratitude, on behalf of the membership, for this generous gift, which will provide a beautiful tribute for years to come.

## 1st Vice President's Report by Bill Dougherty



### Department takes Position that Foot Patrol is not Compensable

In January 2013 a hearing was held regarding an Injury on Duty that was denied by the Department. The grievant officer was working foot patrol at a CTA station. While performing the foot patrol, the grievant stepped off of a curb, slipped and twisted his ankle when he stepped on the ice and snow. The grievant informed his supervisor of the injury and an IOD Report and Hospitalization Case Report were filled out.

When a copy of the IOD report reached the Committee on Finance (COF), the COF's Executive Director reviewed the claim and concluded that the injury was not compensable. The Executive Director did not contact the officer regarding his injury, she did not go to the location of the injury, she only reviewed the IOD report. The COF's position was that the grievant had no increased risk of injury greater than the average citizen faced.

The Union's position at arbitration was that the injury was compensable because it arose out of his employment, as he was working when injured, and that he was exposed to a risk that was inherent to his job. The Union also claimed that the employer violated the collective bargaining agreement because the Department's investigation was not reasonable.

The arbitrator ruled that there can be little doubt that the grievant's injury arose out of his employment, because at the point in which he was injured he was performing his assigned foot patrol duties and that he was in a place and time performing his assigned foot patrol duties. The arbitrator also stated that repeatedly walking while wearing required the required uniform

and equipment that weighed about twenty pounds increased the grievant's risk of injury.

The grievance was sustained and the employer ordered to recode the grievant's time off from work and make him whole for any pay and benefits. The Department also had to pay the arbitrator's fee.

### Another Bill Pay Arbitration Award

This arbitration was about whether the City violated the Collective Bargaining Agreement by failing to timely pay medical bills related to an Injury on Duty. The issue was that the City took almost three years to pay some of the grievant's IOD bills. You may remember that the Union fought a similar grievance last year and lost. The difference with this grievance was that not only did the City take almost three years to pay all the bills, but the grievant's credit rating was also negatively affected by the City's lack of payment.

The arbitrator in this case also ruled in favor of the City. He ruled that the lack of language in the contract and the finding of no pervasive damage to the grievant as his reasons. The arbitrator stated that although the grievant was harassed by the collection agency, he was not harmed as his credit rating was still good and he wasn't turned down for a loan, nor did he have to take out a loan at a higher rate because of a poor credit rating.

The Lodge will move forward with contract language that will limit the amount of time that the City has to pay medical bills. While we are disappointed in the result, the Lodge will use these decisions to get language in our next contract that protects our officers.

## 1st Vice President's Report by Bill Dougherty (Ctd.)

### NEW FOP Smartphone App.

For well over a year, we've been working on a Smartphone application that encompasses not only our entire FOP handbook (unit, phone and street guides), but also includes a calendar specifically tailored to each officer's schedule and day off group. Once an officer inputs his/her schedule, the member can also add (court, overtime, and holiday) earnings in cash or compensatory time or subtract time used. We also partnered with Mike Chuchro of [Chicagocop.com](http://Chicagocop.com) to include his "Officer's Field Guide".

The launching of the app (available for Android & iPhone) is expected sometime next month. Members will be directed to our website at [Chicagofop.org](http://Chicagofop.org) to register and verify their membership. Once this is completed, each member will receive the app at no cost. Members will continue to receive their yearly printed FOP Handbook unless they notify the Lodge to discontinue its delivery. Keep in mind there is a tremendous amount of data included in this app and the active calendar section was extremely challenging to create. Once the app is up and running, we ask members to offer suggestions on how to improve or make changes to best suit their needs.

### IOD Reports

Complete your IOD report before the end of your tour of duty. Please don't wait until you are sore two days later. Before you sign your IOD report, make sure that the report is filled out properly. You should show in your IOD report what police function you were performing at the time of your injury: a traffic stop, responding to a call, placing an offender in custody, etc. List all the body parts that were injured on your IOD report. If your IOD report is filled out wrong, and you don't discover it until the next day, write a To-From report to your District Commander informing him/her of the discrepancies in the IOD report. Always make a copy of your packet for your own personal records when you are injured on-duty. You may need copies of your reports at a later date. If there are people, citizens or police, that witnessed your injury, get their information incase your IOD is denied in the future.

## The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge No. 7's Annual Golf Outing Now Renamed in Memory Of Our Friend Tom Skelly

Cog Hill Golf and Country Club  
12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois

Monday, August 26, 2013

Shot Gun Start: 9AM

\$500 per foursome includes:

Golf

Cart

Complimentary Bag Drop

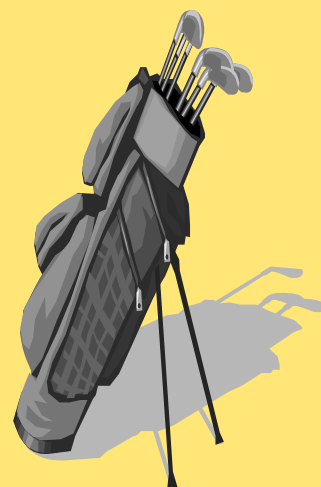
Complimentary Range Balls Before Golf

On Course Lunch

Complimentary Locker & Towel Service

Refreshment Stand With Cold Drinks & Snacks

Dinner—Eagle BBQ



## 2nd Vice President's Report by Frank Di Maria



### 2013 FOP Firearms Safety Days

The 2013 FOP Firearms Safety Days that were held at the Hall on 8 & 9 May 2013 were a huge success. During the course of the event, we had over 500 police officers come through the doors of the Hall, and over 1500 duty related weapons were inspected and cleaned over two days at this worthwhile event.

The representatives from the various approved weapons manufacturers worked tirelessly from the time we opened the doors until we shut down each day inspecting and servicing our members' duty weapons. I would like to take this time to personally thank and acknowledge the firearms manufacturers who participated in the 2013 FOP Firearm Safety Days, and their representatives who provided an invaluable service to our members:

Boston Leather  
 DSA Arms  
 Glock  
 Kiesler Police Supply  
 Lewis Machine & Tool (LMT)  
 Midwest Sporting Goods  
 Ray O'Herron  
 Sig Sauer  
 Shore Gallery  
 Super Quick Clean

### 2013 FOP Fishing Tournament

The 2013 FOP Fishing Tournament was held on 22 May 2013 on the waters of the Chain of Lakes. This year's tournament had 36 boats registered to compete for the prize winning catch. On the morning of the event Mother Nature was not cooperating with us. Our members entered the waters at 0500 hrs braving some heavy rainfall,

which continued sporadically until 1300 hrs. The last of the fishermen came in around 1430 hrs with some pretty impressive fish that had been caught that day, along with many tales of "the one that got away." We enjoyed a good lunch and refreshments and the following winners of the tournament were announced:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: James & Fred Chiappetta  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Joe Incraprera & Tony LaFata  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bob Westhouse & Carlos Ferrer  
 4<sup>th</sup> Place: William Buglio & Mike Bowen  
 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Robert Wasner & James Wasner  
 6<sup>th</sup> Place: Joseph Nega & Joseph Nega Jr  
 7<sup>th</sup> Place: Carlos Ramirez & John Popiel  
 8<sup>th</sup> Place: Raul Casales Jr & Joe Chlipala  
 9<sup>th</sup> Place: Will Zahan & Kenny Simpson  
 10<sup>th</sup> Place: Keith Schuch & Alan Schuch  
 Largest Fish caught by a child: Joseph Nega Jr

My Co-Chairman, Sid Davis, and I would like to take this time and congratulate the winners of the 2013 FOP Fishing Tournament and to also thank all of the fisherman who participated in this year's event. We look forward to seeing you all in the future.

### FOP Picnic

The 2013 FOP Picnic will be held on 17 July 2013 at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147<sup>th</sup> St, Oak Forest, Illinois from 1000 hrs – 1800 hrs. There will be inflatable and carnival rides along with beverages, candy ice cream and prizes. Tables will be provided on a limited availability. The FOP Gift Shop will be moving to Gaelic Park for the day. So bring a tent for shade, a cooler, picnic lunch, a grill and some chairs for the perfect picnic experience. Gaelic Park does not offer food service.

## CPD Baseball Club Poker Tournament and Casino Night!



8 June 2013

1400hrs—Poker Tournament

1900hrs—Casino Night

Venue One

1040 W Randolph Street

Chicago, IL

## 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**

May 29, 2013

Room 207, 26 / Cal, Judge Alonso

Timothy Herring Jr - charged in the murder of

**ET Mike Flisk**

June 11, 2013

Room 404, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of

**Officer Thor Soderberg**

June 13, 2013

Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Antwon Carter "Pro-Se" - charged in the murder of

**Officer Michael Bailey**

June 17, 2013

Room 602, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Sacks

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

**Officer Thomas Wortham IV**

July 10, 2013

Room 606, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Porter

Robin Johnson – charged in the murder of

**Officer Richard Francis**

T.B.A.

Room 302, 26<sup>th</sup> / Cal, Judge Gainer

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

**Officer Clifton Lewis**

T.B.A.

Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins

### Stripped...of Valor

Congratulations to all who received the Superintendent's Award of Valor, Police Medal, Blue Star and Blue Shield medals, at the May 29<sup>th</sup> Police Recognition ceremony. For most officers who receive any of the awards, it may be a once in a career honor.

But there are officers who rate such recognition for their bravery and heroism to find themselves degraded in less than administrative positions, while their fellow heroes walk across the stage to salute the Superintendent and Mayor. When officers get "stripped" of all police powers for allegations of misconduct; or as the Department calls it, "restricted police powers", it often

happens before the Department looks at the merits of the case but rather they respond to what the media is saying; before any complainant is interviewed and no criminal charges pending in court! It takes a matter of minutes to completely "strip" an officer but takes months or years to restore them without even an, "I'm sorry".

The Department conducts this behavior without a specific written policy in place. But why would they? It's not to their benefit to have such a written police as to whom and why; this way they can pick and choose who they call down to turn in their police ID.

We hear that being "stripped" is not considered punishment but how is it not? ...you can't take police action, you can't carry a firearm; not even for protection when you have put the worst of the worst away for years and the first thing on their agenda upon release is to find the person who put the cuffs on them. The difference I see between being "stripped" and being suspended is that being suspended, one doesn't have to report to work and being stripped one still receives a paycheck. Being "stripped" or having "restricted police powers", one can't take advantage of the number of voluntary overtime opportunities. In a day when statistics show that the Department could use every officer they can on the streets, there are "stripped" officers who want to be back out working the streets. Not just to be out of their alternate positions but to do actual police work; even in areas that the media has compared to war zones. These are areas that these officers are most effective in serving the city and they are motivated and willing to accept the dangers that come with the territory.

After being named in papers, images plastered on television and criminal cases tossed out of court in a justice system that is built upon the central premise of innocence until proven guilty, sadly, such concepts clearly do not apply to the disciplinary investigations of Chicago Police Officers. After unanswered written requests to return to full duty and after being denied the opportunity to be recognized for their valor...the questions arise; Can the Department reasonably expect these elite and dedicated officers to continue to perform at such a high level? And, how is motivation and morale maintained?

## General Meeting Notice

18 June 2013

1900 hrs

Please remember to sign in!



## From the Desk of Financial Secretary Rich Aguilar...



### Acting Desk Sergeant Arbitration

The Lodge had its first, and hopefully last, arbitration hearing on the Acting Desk Sergeant issue on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Ultimately, a 005th District Officer's grievance was selected as a representative grievance for all of the grievances that have been filed and submitted to the Lodge. This was done after much deliberation with the City.

Initially, the Lodge selected a grievance filed by a 001st District Officer for this hearing. The City argued that the 001st District grievance was not a representative case of the Acting Desk Sergeant issue and selected a 005th District Officer's grievance for the hearing. The Lodge, unsure of why the City selected this particular grievance, countered by requesting that a grievance filed by a 025th District Officer be heard instead. The City rejected this counter stating that this grievance was also not a representative case of the Acting Desk Sergeant issue. The City now stated that it would agree to hear the 001st District Officer's case. The City's response was confusing to say the least. They were now willing to go forward on a case that they initially believed was not representative case of the issue at hand. The City apparently took note of its flawed logic and both parties finally agreed that the 005th District Officer's case would go forward.

The Lodge called two witnesses to testify, while the City called only one witness. The 005th District Officer did an outstanding job on the witness stand. His testimony was clear, concise, and credible. The City witness, by virtue of her testimony, actually could have been called by the Lodge. Almost everything she said seemed to bolster the Lodge and the grievant's positions.

Attorney briefs are due from the Lodge and the City on Friday, July 12, 2013. We should have a decision in 60 to 90 days after the briefs have been submitted.

### Sixth and Seventh Workday Arbitration Update

You may recall from reading my May newsletter article that the City attempted to pull some hocus-pocus with its witness testimony regarding this case by stating that the sixth or seventh day of the week could be any day of the week rather than only a Friday and Saturday. I also mentioned the unethical practices used by one of the City witnesses.

As if this wasn't bad enough, the Lodge recently discovered that, prior to the second date of hearing, both the City attorney and Department were aware that an arbitration decision had already been rendered in an identical case presented at arbitration by the Lieutenants Association. The arbitrator in that case ruled in favor of the Lieutenants. Rather than divulge that information to the Lodge, the City persisted in presenting their case at arbitration on an additional hearing date that was totally unnecessary.

This information was brought to the attention of Superintendent McCarthy's Chief of Staff. Initially, it appeared as though some type of resolution was imminent as the Chief advised the Lodge that a meeting would take place between the Department's Management and Labor Affairs Section, the City's Corporation Counsel Office, and FOP to resolve this issue. Prior to any meeting even being scheduled, the Lodge was put on notice, in a letter from the Superintendent's Office, that the City/

Department had already filed a challenge of the arbitration decision in the Circuit Court.

From the very beginning, the Lodge believed it would have been a great show of support and, even more importantly, a morale builder for the men and women of this Department had the Superintendent taken the stand that these members should be reimbursed for the outstanding services they performed under extraordinary conditions. Now, rather than accept the authority of an arbitrator and make these Officers whole, the Department will again do everything in its power to keep from giving these Officers their due.

This decision speaks volumes about our Superintendent's lack of respect for the men and women of this Department. He was quick to accept all of the accolades heaped upon him when the NATO Summit was a success from a policing point of view. Now, this is the way he treats the officers who were actually on the line. He has apparently forgotten the weather conditions, the crowds, the extended hours, and the lack of rest that these Officers had to contend with. Many of these Officers worked more than a week straight with little or no personal or family-time available to them. They did their jobs without complaint and did them magnificently. The Superintendent's actions are not those of a leader. He has finally earned my vote of no confidence.

### Acting Field Training Officers

Several Police Officers have been assigned to work with Probationary Police Officers who have not yet completed their training cycles. This is nothing unique. This has been done for decades.

What is unique, this time around, is the fact that the Department has now taken the position that the Police Officers working with these Probationary Officers will not be paid out of grade as Acting FTOs. When I questioned MLAS about why Officers were not being paid, I was advised that the Police Officers are not doing any training. They are only working with the Probationary Officer the same as if he were working with a partner. Now, you and I both know that this reasoning is ludicrous. Training, in one form or another, is being conducted on a multitude of issues; driving, report writing, citation writing, demeanor, safety, etc.

Any Officer who is required to work with a Probationary Officer, who has not completed his twelve-week training cycles, is entitled to out of grade pay as an Acting FTO. Please contact me via email at [raguilar@chicagofop.org](mailto:raguilar@chicagofop.org) to obtain the wording for your grievance when your request to be paid out of grade is denied.

## From the Desk of Jim McCarthy, Field Representative



### Director of IPRA

This past April, IPRA Director Illana Rosenzweig tendered her resignation effective May 31, 2013. According to a newspaper article, Ms. Rosenzweig will be moving with her family to Singapore. As many of you are aware, Ms. Rosenzweig was initially hired to lead the agency by Mayor Daley. In my opinion, her departure presents a unique opportunity for Mayor Emanuel to try and improve two very critical issues that need to be addressed: fix an incredibly broken disciplinary system and improve morale amongst Chicago Police Officers.

There are several ways in which the current disciplinary system can be improved. One of them is overturning the current practice of having the Director of IPRA make the final determination regarding separation. This procedure, which was enacted back in 2007 for political reasons, has been a clear disaster. Under the present system, an individual who has never stepped out of a squad car, has never placed a single person in handcuffs, and has never had to make a life or death split second decision, decides whether an officer's employment should be terminated. One of the qualities the Mayor should be looking for in a successor is someone who does not have to consult a police study from the "Golden State" to get an idea as to how police officers should be interacting with the general public.

Based on policies implemented and discussions with the now former Director, I believe she had an inherent bias against law enforcement. For example, this past May 8, Ms. Rosenzweig was a featured speaker for the leftist American Constitution Society in a seminar entitled, "Investigating and Reporting Complaints against Chicago Police Officers." This seminar was held at the Cook County Public Defender's Office. That really doesn't strike me as "Independent" but rather quite prejudicial. The Director was also seeking to initiate a 90-day suspension against a 015<sup>th</sup> District officer for using deadly force against an individual trying to run him over on the Eisenhower Expressway. The officer, while trapped with nowhere to go on a narrow exit ramp, was forced to discharge his weapon at the oncoming vehicle. The assertion that a 90-day suspension is an appropriate punishment is absurd and could only come from someone who has never performed the job of a police officer.

Policies and practices such as these continue to lower the overall morale of the workforce and instill an inherent fear amongst Chicago Police Officers of constantly being second guessed after they make split second decisions. In a perfect world the next Director of IPRA would be appointed based on their qualifications and background, not to quell a temporary political firestorm. The reality is, in a politically charged city such as Chicago, common sense and what is best are secondary to political considerations, despite the harmful consequences they often produce. Unfortunately, the position of Director of IPRA is of critical importance to the livelihood of some Chicago Police Officers. Chicago Police Officers have given and continue to give a great deal to our city. There is a lot of room for improving IPRA by appointing a Director who has some understanding about working the street or is just generally a reasonable person.

However, it is of grave concern to me and the other Field Representatives here at the Lodge that the next appointee could be worse.

### Officer Ronald Lillwitz

Many of our retirees have called the Lodge regarding the uncertainty surrounding their future health care benefits. The retirees who have called range widely in age and circumstances, from those who have recently retired, to those who have been retired for many years. In the course of answering the many inquiries, one call from a retiree by the name of Ronald Lillwitz really stood out because of his current medical condition and the circumstances that led to it.

Mr. Lillwitz told me that to this day he still has several bullets lodged in his hand and arm from a shooting that took place on June 5, 1968. Officer Lillwitz and his partner Officer Henry Peeler approached three men lying on a lawn at 57<sup>th</sup> and Morgan who had open liquor. As the officers approached, one of the men fled the scene, with Officer Peeler in pursuit. Officer Lillwitz stayed to talk with the other two suspects, when he heard shots ring out. Officer Lillwitz immediately ran to the gunfire dragging one of the suspect's with him. (Note: In the year 2013, Officer Lillwitz would still have won the Superintendent's Award of Valor, but IPRA would have likely sustained a CR number against him for maltreating a prisoner). Officer Lillwitz found his partner dead in a gangway from multiple gunshot wounds to the head. Officer Lillwitz was then shot several times but managed to engage the offender and kill him. The other two offenders were apprehended.

All three of these offenders had outstanding warrants out of East St. Louis, Illinois for armed robbery and the murder of Sergeant Jack Armstrong of the Southern Railroad Police Department, and they were part of a leftist subversive movement called Black Culture, Inc. Much of the aforementioned information surrounding this event was taken from End of Watch, a book chronicling Chicago Police Officers killed in the line of duty. What is not found in the book is some intelligence later declassified by federal authorities, which stated that there was going to be an attempt on then Mayor Richard J. Daley's life. Officer Lillwitz feels strongly to this day, that the alleged attempt was going to be made by these three offenders to murder the Mayor shortly before the 1968 convention.

Fast forward 45 years later to the present year 2013. Although Mr. Lillwitz recounts that day like it happened yesterday, it was long ago in a very different time. Officer Lillwitz is one of those retirees who make me proud to be a Chicago Police Officer. All of us who still wear the uniform owe a debt a gratitude to him and the many others who have been forced to engage in many gun battles protecting the citizens of the City of Chicago. One would think the City he served so gallantly would owe a bit of gratitude as well, other than "good luck with Obamacare."

## Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain



This month we co-hosted a follow-up seminar on **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder** and events that cause this epidemic. Hundreds of attendees reported that it was a worthwhile experience. I beg your continued prayers for your brothers and sisters who are affected (even *tormented*) by traumatic experiences. For more information on this very real phenomenon, please consult the “Resources and Outreaches” link on our website ([www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://www.ChicagoPCM.org)).

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is partnering with the Department in repeating the **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention Seminar** that was hosted six months ago in Oak Brook. It was met with great enthusiasm. This time, a modified four-hour version will be offered in-house at 35<sup>th</sup> and Michigan. Kent Williams, Chief of the Bartlett, IL Police Department (an expert in the field) will be our presenter. While it is for a select audience, please email or call me if you are interested. We’ll do our best to secure a spot for you.

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.

We recently mailed a letter to all of our regular Police Chaplains Ministry supporters, asking for financial assistance for our 18<sup>TH</sup> annual summer Gold Star Families outing. This month **we are again taking the Gold Star Families on a lakefront cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago**. It’s a first-class event, as **we** (yes, with *your* help – **WE**) take care of everything: VIP parking, food, entertainment, pictures, etc. Our cruise ship is even escorted by CPD Marine Units with blue lights flashing. The most important component of our wonderful day together is this: we once again remind Gold Star Families that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are **NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

If you would like to help make this outing a success with your tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website or send a check to Police Chaplains Ministry, 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607.

If you did not receive a mailing but would like to be added to our mailing list, please call me at the number below or click on “Join our mailing list” on the website.

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

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## “A Time Comes in Our Life,” Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

The pager goes off in the middle of the night; one of our members was in an accident and is on the way to the hospital. The adrenalin is pumping as I rush, get dressed, no time to shave, to comb hair or polish shoes, just to get to hospital and help in any way I can. I arrive at the Emergency Room, am greeted by fellow Chaplains, bosses and dozens of our members lining the halls. We are all waiting for an update from the ER Doctor, to find out the extent of our brother's injuries. All are standing around exchanging small talk, but all the while praying inside for a happy ending. I was so proud of all who came, some knew our brother, some didn't, but they came, just to give a hug and show support. After 30 minutes, which actually felt like four hours, the Doctor came out and gave us the good news, our brother was a bit banged up but will be okay. You could feel the sigh of relief in the air. A prayer of thanksgiving was said.

Not all are so fortunate, but our brother got a second chance, we were all grateful. Some shed a tear of happiness. It was a moment of reflection. It brought to mind a poem sent my way called, "A Time Comes in our Life..." "A time comes in our life when we finally get it, we're given a second chance. When in the midst of all our pain, fears and insanity, we stop dead in our tracks, and somewhere the voice inside our head cries out ~ ENOUGH!

Enough fighting and crying and struggling to hold on. And, like a child quieting down after a blind tantrum, our sobs begin to subside, we shudder once or twice, we blink back our tears, and through a mantle of wet lashes we begin to look at the world through new eyes. This is our awakening. We realize that it's time to stop hoping and waiting for something to change, or for happiness, safety and security to come galloping over the next horizon. We come to terms with the fact that he/she is not Prince Charming or Cinderella, and that WE are not Cinderella or Prince Charming!

We awaken to the fact that we are not perfect, that not everyone will always love, appreciate, or approve of who or what we are or what we do, and that's okay. And we learn the importance of loving and championing ourselves; and in the process a sense of new found confidence is born of self-approval. We stop complaining and blaming other people for the things they did to us (or didn't do for us) and we learn that the only thing we can really count on is our own faith and prayers. We learn that people don't always say what they mean or mean what they say, and sometimes they don't even know themselves.

We also learn that not everyone will always be there for us; and that it's not always about us. So, we learn to stand on our own, and to take care of ourselves, and in the process, a sense of safety and security is born of self-reliance. We realize that much of the way we view ourselves and the world around us, is as a result of all the messages and opinions that have been ingrained into our psyche.

We learn that it is truly in giving that we receive and that there is power and glory in creating and contributing. We learn that principles such as honesty and integrity are not the outdated ideals of a bygone era, but the mortar that holds together the foundation upon which we must build a life. We learn that we don't know everything, it's not our job to save the world but to do

the best we can to leave it a better place after we're gone. We learn to distinguish between guilt, and responsibility, and the importance of setting boundaries, and learning that at times it's okay to say NO. We learn that the only burden to bear is the one we choose to carry. Then we learn about love; romantic love, the familial love, how much to give, when to stop giving and when to walk away.

We learn to look at relationships as they really are and not as we would have them be. We stop trying to control people, situations, and outcomes. We learn that just as people grow and change, so it is with love, and we learn that we don't have the right to demand love on our terms just to make us happy. Love is the most important of materials needed, and that forgiveness and acceptance are what cement the relationship. We learn that alone does not mean lonely. And when we look in the mirror we come to terms with the fact that we will never be a perfect size, and we stop trying to compete with the image inside our head and agonizing over how we should "stack up."

We learn that anything worth achieving is worth working for, and that wishing for something to happen is different from working toward making it happen. More importantly, we learn that in order to achieve success we need direction, discipline, and perseverance. We also learn that no one can do it all alone and that it's OK to ask other's for help, and to reach out in time of need. We learn that the only thing we must truly fear is the great robber baron of all time, fear itself. We learn that life isn't always fair, we don't always get what we think we deserve; and that sometimes bad things happen to unsuspecting, good people. On these occasions, let us remember not to personalize things, just to pray for strength. We learn that G-d isn't punishing us or failing to answer our prayers, it's that sometimes he shows us things that are just beyond our comprehension. We learn to admit when we are wrong and that building bridges instead of walls, helps clear the way to forge ahead.

We learn to be thankful and to take comfort in many of the simple things we take for granted, things that millions of people upon the earth can only dream about: a full refrigerator, clean running water, a soft warm bed, a long hot shower. Our job, a paycheck, even though it might not be perfect. And we hang a wind chime outside our window so we can listen to the wind. And we make it a point to keep smiling, keep trusting, and keep looking up to see the stars. Finally, with courage in our heart and with Spirit by our side we take a stand; we take a deep breath, and we make the most with what we got EVERY day. Enjoy the gift of life that why we call it the present.

Thanks to all of you for the sacred work that you do. Your Chaplains pray for you and give thanks every day for G-d giving us all "second chances" and then some. Should you wish company for a ride along or if you have some humor to share give us a call. Thanks. On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe, today. Amen.

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Alexander, Deola	Officer	007	21
Almazan, Benjamin	Officer	010	28
Antoniazzi, Albert C.	Officer	005	26
Babich, Robert P.	Officer	016	32
Bedia, Alfred G.	Officer	171	28
Boone, Elvin H.	Sergeant	003	23
Bourne, Hiram L.	FTO	008	21
Brittain, Michael R.	Officer	145	24
Bullock, Rhonda P.	Officer	701	23
Burke, Philip L.	Officer	003	31
Butkus, Joann D.	Officer	002	27
Carr, Judith L.	Officer	189	27
Clarke, Joseph M.	Officer	007	21
Cotton, Linda	Officer	022	22
Crawford, Sheila L.	Officer	014	24
Crowley, Diana J.	Officer	013	27
DelRaso, Lucia	Officer	012	25
Dunn, James P.	Officer	353	26
Fitzsimmons, Sandra J.	Officer	017	21
Fontanetta, Carol A.	Officer	024	21
Gousman, Jr., Calvin A.	Officer	124	28
Haynes, Sherry C.	Detective	603	25
Hoffman, Brian Q.	Officer	019	27
Hoffmann, Kathleen A.	Officer	121	27
Huff, Kay	Detective	620	27
Ivkovich, Susan P.	Officer	008	22
Jarocki, Wayne A.	Officer	001	27
Johnson, Marco M.	Officer	701	28
Kubisz, Anthony R.	Detective	180	22
Kupczyk, David P.	Detective	610	20
Legittino, Mary L.	Officer	192	25
Maratre, Charles H.	Officer	701	28
Martin, Rosie L.	Officer	003	22
May, Kerry E.	Officer	005	27
Melchiori, Patrick T.	Officer	020	23
Midona, Barbara A.	Detective	630	31
Miller, Renee	Detective	620	27
Mitidiero, James H.	Officer	079	27
O'Brien, Edward J.	Officer	022	33
Ostrowski, Jill M.	Detective	620	21
Perusich, Constance M.	Detective	184	36
Prewoznik, Ronald T.	Officer	017	21
Quinn, Stephanie M.	Officer	009	27
Rios, Jimmy E.	Officer	019	24
Robinson, Adrien S.	Officer	059	27
Sartori, Michael J.	Officer	006	32
Scott, Robert L.	Officer	003	27
Siedlecki, Charles T.	Officer	022	31
Sobol, Bruce J.	Officer	015	15
Stewart, Maria E.	Officer	001	27
Taylor, Ronnie	Officer	002	26
White, Charlie G.	Officer	017	27
Williams, Delores M.	Detective	620	27



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