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Acting President's Report, by Bill Dougherty, 1st Vice-President



Second City Cop – A Cancer to Our Membership

Second City Cop has been in existence for a while now, and even though many officers don't like to admit that they read it, we know that many of our members do. In fact, I think many of you would be shocked to learn that FOP receives several phone calls per day from our members asking if something they saw on the blog is true. I doubt many of you would believe that is a good use of our resources, but that's probably another topic for another day.

Who runs this site? It could be anyone. A patrolmen, supervisor, exempt rank or a civilian? We don't know. We also don't know who comments on the posts. Hundreds of anonymous comments are put up every day. Yet, it could be the same five people posting, or hundreds of different people. We have no idea.

Comments are only posted after approval. Yet, there isn't a day that goes by without comments being posted that have no factual basis to them. Whoever runs this blog has the power to decide what they want our members to believe is popular opinion on a particular topic, just by deciding what posts they will put up. Part of this article is certainly personal for me. I have been lied about on the blog over and over again. I understand that comes with the territory as an elected official. But in the past few months lies have been posted about my wife and children, and there is nothing I can do about it. Comments trying to refute those lies don't get posted.

That said, my concerns about the blog are much bigger than the lies that have been told about me and my family. The blog gets 16,858 hits per day on average. It is not just the police reading the blog. I have worked at FOP for the past twelve years. I have sat in countless meetings with the City at the negotiating table. I have met with members of the press numerous times. They all read the blog.

"Who cares," you might be thinking, which brings me to my point. You should. Like it or not, public perception of the Police, and Unions in general, has not been good lately. The press has not been kind to us, and neither has this Mayor. Our pensions are under fire constantly, and the average citizen in Chicago could care less if we get the money we were promised.

What does the blog have to do with this? Well, I certainly don't like the blog targeting me and my family. How do you think the Superintendent feels about being called "McStreetlight, McBarstool, McDummy, McFartNoise, McBudweiser, McStupid, McWrong-Choice, and McLookAtMe?" The Chicago Police Department is a paramilitary organization. We should be better than that. Like him or not, the Superintendent is our boss, and our most direct link to City Hall. Do you think he is going to be inclined to fight for wage increases for us when we are constantly posting anonymous insults about him on a blog that thousands of people read every day? I doubt it.

Do you think the press is going to be inclined to be fair to the police, when our blog is constantly referring to people on the South and West side as "savages," among other unprintable things (in this non-anonymous newsletter)? Once again, I doubt it. Again, you might be wondering why we should care what the press writes about us? Well, if public perception doesn't start to turn around, it is going to become nearly impossible to protect our pensions. Why would our legislature fight to protect us if the voters don't like the police? And the average voter does not like stories about the police abusing "savages," per their own blog.

The blog is a cancer to our membership and to the police in general. The lying and the character assassination have got to stop.

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The Grievance Arbitration Process

Over the past few months, there has been a lot of bad information out there about the FOP and how we handle legal matters. As you might be aware, the FOP has roughly twenty outside lawyers and law firms that we use for our various legal matters, primarily representing our members at IPRA and IAD statements. In terms of Police Board cases, the FOP's winning percentage over the past three years is better than any other three year period during our history. We also have two in-house attorneys on staff, who, among other things, exclusively handle our grievance arbitration process. This has not always been the case, however. For nine years, prior to 2002, one outside firm was used to arbitrate our grievances. During those nine years, the FOP won a total of 25 arbitrations. That is an average of less than 3 arbitration wins per year. In the twelve years since FOP has moved the grievance arbitration process in house, we have won 74 grievance arbitrations, more than doubling our average number of wins per year.

This past year alone, we won two NATO class action arbitrations which affected thousands of our members. More, over the past three years, we have won 35 grievance arbitrations averaging over eleven arbitration (11) wins per year. The in-house attorneys also recently started a pilot mediation program with the City, where we mediate six non-medical (as medical grievances have their own monthly mediation) grievances before an arbitrator. This program has been extremely successful as well – with six mediation sessions already completed, and each resolving at least two-thirds of the grievances presented. Because these grievances are resolved via Settlement Agreements with the City, these numbers are not included in the arbitration wins. Three more of these mediation sessions are scheduled for April and May of this year.

The FOP spent approximately \$750,000 to use an outside firm in 2001 to handle our grievances. We spend less than \$400,000 per year now on in-house attorneys, who win far more cases than FOP ever did in the past. Over the past twelve (12) years, the FOP has made great strides in reducing the amount of money spent on attorneys, while at the same time getting far greater results against the City.

Eavesdropping Statute

The Illinois Supreme Court declared the State's eavesdropping law unconstitutional during the week of March 17, 2014. The statute made it a felony to record audio of anyone without their permission. As you know, our rights under this statute had been eroding for some time now. Currently, there are no state restrictions of any kind in place that prohibit recording of the police. Legislators will begin working on a new eavesdropping law over the two-week April break in Springfield. In the meantime, be careful out there.

Lodge 7 Election

Congratulations to the new Lodge 7 Board of Directors (listed on page 4). They will be sworn in on April 6, 2014, and their first meeting will take place on April 8. At the time that this article was written, the runoff election for President between Dean Angelo and I was still undecided. Please check the website for updates after the April 2nd election.



Lunch with the Easter Bunny!

April 12, 2014
Lunch Noon—1:15PM
Pictures and Egg Hunt
1:15-3:00PM

FOP Hall
1412 W. Washington

For tickets please call 773-334-5718

General Meeting Notice!



15 April 2014
1900 hrs

Please remember to sign in!

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



Opening Statement to the Membership

I would like to take this time to thank the Membership for their vote of confidence electing me to a 5th term as their 2nd Vice President. I won't lay down on the job. I will continue to work as hard today for the Membership as I did in my 1st Term, 12 years ago.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, a new President and Board of Directors will have been elected by the Membership. This new Board is faced with numerous challenges ahead of them during their upcoming term in office. The new Board must focus on negotiating a new Contract, protecting our Pensions in Springfield, fighting to ensure our Members Rights and Working Conditions are protected on a daily basis and to maintain the benefits this Lodge has worked so hard to achieve. The new Board must put both their personal and political differences aside and they must concentrate on serving the Membership. The new Board must work amongst themselves to bring back the word fraternalism as a common word in their vocabulary. The new Board must strive to advance this Lodge forward enhancing our position as the largest FOP Lodge and to earn the respect of other FOP Lodges across this state and the entire country.

I vow to work alongside the newly elected President and Board Members in an effort to achieve these goals. Thank you again. Take care and be Safe!

Spring Uniform Resale

The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge#7 Semi-Annual Uniform Resale will be held at the FOP Hall on 16 April 2014 from 1300 hrs until 1700 hrs. Officers, take advantage of this event if you are looking to purchase an additional uniform item or to sell those uniforms that are no longer worn. Officers wishing to sell their uniform items need only come into the Hall and set up on one of the tables which the Lodge provides before the start of the resale.

Officers who wish to donate their uniforms for the Lodge to sell may only drop off these uniforms to the Lodge Office on the day of the sale.

Firearm Safety Reminder & FOP Firearm Safety Days

Officers who carry semi auto pistols, these types of handguns require additional care and maintenance. Depending on the exposure to the elements it is required to clean and lubricate these handguns monthly to ensure safe operation. It is also recommended that these weapons be inspected

annually by a factory authorized technician who will strip, clean and inspect these weapons. The Lodge annually hosts a Firearms Safety Days where this service is provided at no cost to our members.

The Lodge will be hosting the next Firearms Safety Days on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at the Hall from 0900 hrs until 1700 hrs and on Thursday 22 May 2014 from 0900 until 1500 hrs. There will be representatives from the approved firearm manufacturers who will be on site to conduct safety inspections of our members duty related weapons.

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

FOP Fishing Tournament Ed Reines Memorial

The Fraternal Order of Police Fishing Tournament will be held on 18 June 2014 on the waters of the Chain of Lakes. The entry fee is \$80.00 per boat, (entry form on the last page of Newsletter) which includes an entry prize, luncheon, refreshments and qualifying prizes for fish caught that day. Please contact the Lodge if you have any questions.

Officer James M. O'Connor

On Saturday, 12 April 2014 at 1000 hrs., the 019th District will re-dedicate the 019 Community Room to Officer James M. O'Connor #4573 who was killed in the line-of-duty on 16 September 1995. Officer O'Connor was assigned to the 023rd District and had 15 months of service with the CPD when he died. He was also a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. All members of the CPD are welcome and encouraged to attend the ceremony. For further information, please contact Officer Katie Anello, of the 019th District, at (312) 744-4155.

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



**011th District
Stop and Frisk**

In 2009, two 011th District police officers responded to a call where a person was shot by two men in dark clothing. The officers located a subject nearby and conducted a pat-down and recovered a revolver handgun. That offender filed a pre-trial motion to suppress the gun stating the officers did not have probable cause. The offender's claim went up to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.
(Feb. 10, 2014) The appellate panel found, *in summary*, that officers don't need probable cause to detain a suspect in an investigatory stop; they need reasonable suspicion. Furthermore, the offender in this case, resembled the description of the suspect (s), was near the crime scene shortly after the shooting occurred was reasonable suspicion

and these officers' stop and frisk was appropriate.

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.

Timothy Herring Jr. - charged in the murder of **ET Mike Flisk** March 27, 2014 Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV** April 9, 2014

Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

Antwon Carter "Pro-Se" - charged in the murder of **Officer Michael Bailey** April 9, 2014 Room 602, 26th / Cal, Judge Sacks

Edgar Colon, Tyrone Clay and Alexander Villa - charged in the murder of **Officer Clifton Lewis** T.B.A. Room 206, 26 / Cal, Judge Rosemary Higgins-Grant

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg** T.B.A. Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

The Newly Elected Board of Directors of The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7



- To Be Determined on April 2, 2014.....President
- Ray Casiano, Jr., 124.....1st Vice President
- Frank DiMaria, 541.....2nd Vice President
- Danny Gorman, 541.....3rd Vice President
- Greg Bella, RTD.....Recording Secretary
- Kevin C. Kilmer, 016.....Financial Secretary
- John Capparelli, 606.....Treasurer
- William Burns, RTD.....Sergeant-at-Arms
- Al Francis, Jr., 145.....Sergeant-at-Arms
- James Moriarty, Jr., RTD.....Sergeant-at-Arms
- Dean Angelo, Jr., 014.....Trustee
- Mark Donahue, RTD.....Trustee
- Pat Duckhorn, RTD.....Trustee
- Sergio Escobedo, 010.....Trustee
- Kathleen Gahagan, RTD.....Trustee
- Michael Garza, 004.....Trustee
- Joseph Gentile, 620.....Trustee
- Ken Hauser, RTD.....Trustee
- Tom Lonergan, RTD.....Trustee
- Kevin McNulty, 018.....Trustee
- Tim Moriarty, 021.....Trustee
- Rob Rutherford, RTD.....Trustee
- Jay Ryan, 016.....Trustee
- Steve Schorsch, RTD.....Trustee
- Ron Shogren, RTD.....Trustee
- Daniel Trevino, RTD.....Trustee
- Mike Voight, RTD.....Trustee



Financial Secretary's Report, *By Richard Aguilar*



My Tenure with Lodge 7

I remember sitting at roll calls wondering why the FOP did this or why the FOP didn't do that. I finally decided to get involved and became a Watch Rep in the 014th District. I held that position for three years and moved up to the 014th District Unit Rep. After six years in that position I decided to run for a Trustee position on the FOP Board of Directors in 2002. I was a Trustee for the next six years.

I have been working at the Lodge 7 offices for the past six years since 2008. My first year was spent working as a Field Representative. The past five years have been spent working as your Financial Secretary.

If I had to sum up my FOP experiences in one word, that word would be "Satisfying". I have had the opportunity to meet many good people while working in my position. Some are on the job and some are outsiders who work with the FOP and/or the Chicago Police Department.

One thing that I always disliked about working a beat car was the fact that as a Beat Officer you rarely, if ever, got the chance to see the end result of your work. You could have had the most profound

effect on someone's life, but more often than not you never actually got to see that impact because of the nature of our job. You dealt with that person for only a millisecond of their lifetime and you were gone from their life just as quickly. I used to joke that at least a roofer had the satisfaction of being able to look at a house, point to his work, and say I did that.

Working at the FOP has given me the ability to see an end-product of my work. I have participated in numerous arbitration hearings where there is obviously an end result. Many more times than not, the results were positive for the involved Officer. I made every attempt to learn from those decisions that were not favorable to the Lodge or the involved Officer. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have been able to help several of you with everyday problems, grievances, and disciplinary issues.

I have also had the satisfaction of knowing that I have worked as diligently as I could for the FOP membership. I don't know how many thousands of documents I have read. I don't know how many hours I put in. The one thing that I do know is that not one day spent here has seemed like

work. I truly have enjoyed it all.

I was naturally somewhat disappointed with the outcome of this past election as I still felt that I had something to give to our members. However, life goes on. Hopefully, some of our paths will cross again. If I may ever be of any assistance to you in the future, all you need to do is ask.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the one person who has been my so-called go to guy for the past three years. That guy is actually a young woman who is my assistant. Her name is Eglia Giotta. Eglia was initially "forced" on me when she was hired by Mike Shields. In that regard, I owe him a huge thank you. Hiring Eglia was the best move you made for both me and the Lodge. Eglia can do it all. She can talk to and relate to a member's issue. She took the time to read and understand our contract. She has the ability to answer most questions and when she cannot, she takes the time to listen to a Lodge Field Rep answer the question so that she will be able to answer it the next time it comes up.

Eglia, it has sincerely been a pleasure to work with you. I owe you more than words can express. You are truly an asset to Lodge 7 and its members. I know you will be successful in any endeavor you may undertake.

<i>In Memory of....</i> Departed Brothers & Sisters		December 2013 Retirees			
<i>Departed Since Last</i>	James S. Rowan	Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
<i>General Meeting...</i>	Christopher Prendkowski	Diana, Debra A.	Detective	630	31
<i>March 18, 2014.</i>	Roger L. Freeman	Dixon, Vincent S.	Officer	002	22
Ronald B. Craven	Robert W. Grining	Farrell, Kathleen M.	Detective	630	27
DeArmond Carter	Gayle L. Brenner	Fenner, Lolita M.	Officer	001	25
Paul L. Powers	Gerald F. Branick	Garcia, Susana D.	Officer	051	24
Fred F. Montejano		Gold, Deborah A.	Sergeant	630	31
Bruce J. Marchfield		Herrera, Hugo O.	Officer	020	20
		Holden, John K.	Detective	630	31
		Houston, Jerry L.	Officer	001	25
		Jaster, Raymond T.	Forensic Inv.	177	28
		Morales, Tom E.	Officer	014	27
		Moriarty, Jr., James E.	Officer	189	27
		Rosario, Edward	Officer	013	28
		Vanseght, Theresa D.	Officer	019	27
		Winn, Stephanie	Officer	002	23

From the Desk of Marlon Harvey, Field Representative



JOB WELL DONE

For the last four months I have been working as a FOP Field Representative. Amongst the phone calls, meetings, research, and responding to emergency events for officers thoughts of my last assigned horse still enter my mind. He was quite a challenge to ride at times calling upon all of my experience and the remainder of my youth to make it through the day. The horse is named after fallen Police Officer Richard M. Francis. On February 5th 2014, offender Robin Johnson was sentenced to life in prison with out parole for the 2008 murder of Police Officer Richard M. Francis. I was able to attend the offenders sentencing hearing and I must commend Judge Gainer on a job well done. Despite the unfavorable winter weather conditions, the turn out of supporting officers in the courtroom was outstanding.

October 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Armstrong, Derrick L.	Officer	002	35
Caldwell, James C.	Sergeant	384	30
Dunigan, Gwendolyn D.	Officer	007	27
Egan, James P.	Detective	620	27
Foley, Lawrence	Sergeant	014	38
Haas, Michael L.	Officer	019	27
Hall, James E.	Detective	630	26
Irvin, Wilma J.	Officer	002	24
Johnson, Lawrence R.	Officer	019	20
Jordan, Clarence	ET	177	28
Lykins, Therese A.	Officer	016	28
McGrath, Donald P.	Detective	620	37
Romano, Ronald J.	Detective	630	27
Strickland, Patricia T.	Officer	116	26
Takaki, Michael	Detective	630	22

November 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Bant, Charles E.	Officer	018	16
Bolger, Thomas V.	Officer	DPR	40
Daly, James M.	Officer	DPR	26
Duck, Michael J.	Officer	005	18
Ferek, Annette L.	Detective	610	31
Garrity, Brian D.	Detective	630	26
Golden, Patrick J.	Detective	610	25
Grubbs, Michael J.	Officer	003	10
Henderson, Ronell R.	Detective	620	27
Hougesen, William A.	Detective	DPR	40
Howley, Kevin M.	Detective	610	28
Lee, Daniel N.	Officer	018	27
Mauro, Douglas F.	Officer	018	42
Merritt, Laveeta M.	Officer	189	22
Mikolajczyk, Ken J.	Officer	024	33
Nasser, Stephen J.	Officer	019	25
Palukaitis, Kestutis L.	Officer	008	33
Pickett, Glenn K.	Officer	010	27
Radtke, Paul M.	FTO	DPR	41
Slupski, Robert J.	Officer	543	27
Stasinopoulos, Nicholas	Sergeant	141	37
Thompson, Kenneth L.	Officer	002	20
Toner, Thomas P.	Sergeant	701	27
Watkins, Andre L.	Detective	620	28
Weissmueller, Rosalia F.	Detective	630	18
Williams, Kevin L.	Officer	606	25
Willingham, Russell L.	Sergeant	145	26
Zacharias, Paul D.	Detective	630	33

Beginning in the year 2000 the Mounted Patrol Unit began honoring our fallen. Officer John C. Knight murdered in 1999 while patrolling was the first officer honored by the Mounted Patrol Unit. Trainer Joseph Cistaro implemented the honorary practice putting an end to having horses with names like Dude, Trooper, Coco and the like. When working in the FOP office and thoughts of my last horse come to mind I am reminded of Officer Richard M. Francis.

We must also acknowledge that on March 19th 2014 the remaining two offenders Christopher Harris and Kevin Walker were sentenced to prison for the 2009 murder of Police Officer Alejandro "Alex" Valadez. Harris was sentenced to 105 years and Walker received 120 years. A third offender Shawn Gaston was sentenced to 125 years in an earlier trial in 2011. Prayers and well wishes for both of our police families affected by these tragedies.

10th Annual Run-To-Remember!

The 2014 Run-to-Remember is planned for
Saturday, May 3 at 8:00am.



Held at the Gold Star Families Memorial and Park, 1420 S. Museum Campus Drive, the race benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

You can run or walk as an individual or register with a team. Fundraise more than \$25 using your personal donation page and be entered into a raffle to win awesome prizes! For more information please visit

<http://www.cpdmemorial.org/run>



Fop Chicago Lodge # 7 Gift Shop GRAND RE-OPENING April 14-18 2014

We have great deals and free stuff too!
So come on in and checkout the newly remodeled store.

STORE HOURS:

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

DIRECT LINE:

312-733-2344

WEBSITE:

WWW.FOPGIFTSHOP.COM

The following items are on sale for the grand reopening April 14 – 18 only:

25% Off Men's Spring Jacket 2 tone with CPD Star Black/Grey – Charcoal/Black
- Black/Tan – Royal/Black Medium to 2XL was \$29.95 Now \$22.46

40% Off Ladies V-Neck thermal long sleeve hoodie in pink and eggplant
Small to 2XL was \$12.95 Now \$7.77

30% Off Baby bottle with rattle BPA free in pink – blue- yellow was \$7.95 now
only \$4.95

20% off youth CPD uniform romper was \$12.95 Now \$10.36 Tee was \$9.95 Now \$7.96 (Available in
pink or blue)

Over 30% off two tone wick away polo with white shoulder stripe limited quantities and sizes
Was \$21.95 Now \$14.95

On sale for the whole month of April:

30% off t-shirt of the month combo tee shirt pack one long sleeve + one short sleeve shirt
Small to 2XL Only \$14.66 - \$16.06

20 % off nostalgic tin thermometers all gun related 5" wide by 17" high
Was \$10.95 Now \$8.77

CPD cinch bag now 30% off was \$12.95 Now only \$9.06

Over 25% off 16oz tumbler with straw with CPD star in various colors was \$6.95 now \$4.95

10% off all leather goods including belts get ready for the spring inspection

20% off ladies soft shell jacket charcoal Small to 2XL was \$47.95 - \$49.95
Now only \$38.36 - \$39.96

20% off men's soft shell jacket charcoal Small to 2XL was \$49.95- \$51.95 now \$39.96 - \$41.56

CPD Shoulder Patches all ranks was \$2.00-\$2.25 now \$1.40 each any rank

Forgotten Retirees...

From August 2013

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
<i>Evans, Clifford D.</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Michalik, Jane E.</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>26</i>

From September 2013

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
<i>Andruzzi, Michael D.</i>	<i>Detective</i>	<i>630</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Boyke, Evelyn S.</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>025</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Thompson, Calvin</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>006</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Zalatoris, John L.</i>	<i>Detective</i>	<i>610</i>	<i>27</i>

From September 2011

<i>Glover, Lillie</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>007</i>	<i>11</i>
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Chicago Lodge#7
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are no longer worn!*



JOIN THE CHICAGO BLUE RFC

Comprised of Law Enforcement, Firefighters,
Emergency Medical & Military

April 5 vs. Northwest Indiana Exiles @1pm
(160 E. Old Ridge Rd., Hobart, IN)

April 19 vs. Milwaukee RFC @ 2:30pm
(Milwaukee, WI)

***May 3 vs. Elmhurst College @ 7:30pm**
(Elmhurst College)

May 24 vs. South Side Irish @ 2:30pm
(Dan Ryan Woods, 8601 S. Western Ave.)

**Charity match benefitting the 100 Club of Chicago*

Visit our website for directions to matches and information on how to
become a member. We accept all skill levels, novices included!

www.BlueRugby.com

From the Desk of Sidney Davis... Recording Secretary



FOP Elections

The membership has spoken (loud and clear), well almost all of them. About 6,000 Lodge Members remained mute and did not vote. I stand very proud and honored of both the 12 years I spent serving the membership as Recording Secretary (Unit 541) and the overall 17 years I have spent as a Representative for the FOP. I have had the opportunity to serve as Unit Rep for the 011th District, Unit Rep for Evidence Technicians (477), Unit Rep for the Mobile Crime Lab (177) and 2 years as Illinois State District 1 Trustee.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors, you have a very challenging time ahead of you. Remember, the membership must be 1st when you conduct business.

Ambulance Service

Page 46 (Agreement between Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7 and the City of Chicago). Officers and their eligible dependents will be exempt from fees for emergency medical services performed by the Chicago Fire Department.

General Order 93-005 (CFD): On duty police personnel.: After initial emergency treatment has been administered, and if medical conditions permit, the member may be removed to an approved hospital of the member's choice.

Immediate Families of Active Police: Same as above, such request shall be made by the member only. Immediate family is member's spouse, parents, children, (step and half), brother or sister (step and half), father in law, mother in law, daughter in law, son in law, grandparents and grandchildren.

Retired Police: Retired police personnel will be given the same consideration as an active member. Exception: Immediate family of retired police is defined as member's spouse only. CPD members who use this service and receive a bill from the City of Chicago for services rendered should contact the Personnel Division at (312) 745-5390 and request an "Ambulance Waiver Form". Complete the form and return it to Police

Headquarters, Unit 123.

CAPS Day

April 29, 2014. Day off groups for the holiday (6-7, 76-77-71, 64, 65).

FOP General Meeting

Lodge 7 will host its monthly General Meeting (1-2, 71-72-73, 62-63) on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 1900 Hours. Come meet your new Board of Directors.

Lunch with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 12, 2014 (6-7, 76-77-71, 65-66). Good time to come out with the kids and enjoy the activities with the Easter Bunny.

Transfer Bids

Thinking about moving? Been in a certain district too long? BID OUT. Transfer Bids should / may be posted on Friday, April 4, 2014.

Tax Day

April 15, 2014 is that dreaded Tax Day, don't forget to complete your taxes or file for an extension. Lodge members paid \$486.00 dollars in union dues for the year 2013.

Constitution and By Laws

Article VIII (Constitution) and Article XII (By Laws) give guidance to Lodge members who may wish to submit changes to the Constitution and or By Laws for Lodge 7. The active period for submission is April 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

It has been a pleasure serving you. I wish each and everyone of you good health and good luck. You can find me on Chicago's Finest (Facebook).

Address Change Form, Effective Date: _____

Name: _____ Star Number: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

“Are You Ready for Winter” *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

The day started like any other day. You get up, get dressed, have your cup of coffee, exchange small talk with the family, off to work you go. You spend your 8-10 hours at work, some call it work, some call it having fun, then you go home. Never giving it a second thought, how it all can change in a split second. Our Police family suffered the sudden, tragic loss of one of our own, P.O. David Harris, a loving husband, a cherished father and a great friend to all. P.O. Harris did not make it home by no fault of his own, but by the hands of destiny, being at the right place at the wrong time.

When the pager went off that night, notifying the Chaplains of what happened and that we lost one of our members I couldn't hold back the tears. It could have been any one of us sitting in the drivers seat that night. It made you stop, think and put issues of your own life into the proper perspective.

Please keep the Harris family in your prayers. A special mention of thanks to my fellow Chaplains who had the difficult task that night, of making the notification to the family. And on behalf of All the Chaplains a special thanks to all the Bosses and officers that were in the procession and escorted our brother in those final sacred moments to the Medial Examiners office. Moments like this bring to mind the reflection titled "Are You Ready For Winter".....

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems that just yesterday, we were young, just married, and embarking on new life with our spouses.

Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago and we wonder where all the years went. We know that we lived them. We have glimpses of how it was back then and of all our hopes and dreams. But here it is, the winter of our lives, and it catches us by surprise. How did we get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did our youth go? We remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from us and that winter was so far off that we could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But here it is, our friends are retired and getting gray, they move slower and we see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than us, but we see the great change. Not like the ones that we remember who were young and vibrant, but like us, their age is beginning to show. And, we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, we find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And, taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory. Because if we don't by our own free will, we just fall asleep where we sit!

And so now, we enter this new season of our lives unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that we wish we had done, but never did. But, at least we know that though the winter

has come, and we are not sure how long it will last, but this we do know, that when it's over on this earth, it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, we have regrets. There are things we wish we hadn't done, things we should have done, but indeed, there are many things we are happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So if you're not in your "winter" yet, be reminded, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life do it sooner rather than later. Don't put things off too long. Life goes by quickly and things can change in the blink of an eye. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not. We have no promise that we will see all the seasons of our lives, therefore, while you plan for the future also live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past. Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains, may G-d bless you,

keep you safe. Amen

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From Your Chaplain Father Dan Brandt



You might ask yourself, “Why are there no gangs, guns or drugs in 009?” It’s because of PO’s like David Hoffenkamp (pictured here), with whom I share a laugh about the above question in recent early-morning rounds on the south side.

Pondering the above question may remind us, no matter what district or unit, of the sometimes seemingly-losing battle fought daily. But in the end, please remember that **you** are that vital line between absolute chaos and some semblance of order and normalcy. Active or retired, *thank you* for choosing the God-ordained vocation to maintain this line!

For more pictures like this, where you’re sure to see folks you know, see the “Photo Album” page on our website.

St. Jude League stickers are still

available. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends and family! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and help the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes. For more information about obtaining your sticker, or if your unit rep ran out of them (or if you don’t know who your rep is), please contact me or one of the CPD Chaplains.

I know I mentioned the following in last month’s column, but as we progress through Lent (and in light of way too many recent CPD deaths and incidents that remind us of our mortality), these three items are worth repeating:

The **Shrine of St. Michael at St. Rita High School** at 7740 S. Western Avenue, dedicated to the memory of E/T Mike Flisk (star 6962, EOW 27 NOV 2010), is available to police officers any time the building is open. Make a visit when you’re in the area, and spend a few minutes of silent prayer in a beautiful and peaceful setting!

Also available to active and retired police officers is the **St. Michael League Mass**, offered at two locations on a monthly basis: every 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (95th/Lawndale), and every 4th Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Monastery of the Holy Cross (31st/Aberdeen). While this is a Catholic Mass, all are welcome.

Finally, you’re *always* welcome

at the **police Mass** every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. **Palm Sunday is 13 APR**, which happens to be one of our regular Sunday police Masses. There will also be an **Easter Mass** at Mercy Home on Sunday, 20 APR, at **10:00** a.m. (note change in time for the holiday).

And—planning ahead—
Mother’s Day is Sunday, 11 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning if you’d like (again noting the change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). If Mom is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we’ll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

The police Mass usually runs under 30 minutes...so you can squeeze it into your lunch break.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the above places...or at the St. Jude March on Sunday, 04 MAY...or on the street!

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Tax Time!

Active Members paid \$486.00 in union dues that can be claimed on your income tax in 2013.

In accordance with IRS guidelines, the Lodge is required to furnish to each dues paying member the portion of Lodge expenditures during the previous year which was represented as lobbying costs, since this amount would not be considered tax deductible.

The lobbying costs represented about 2.15% of the total expenditures of the Lodge.

Take this article to your taxman when you have your taxes done.



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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, June 18, 2014.

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.

All caught fish must be alive when brought into the way station to be counted.

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