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



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Please plan on attending a rally in Springfield on February 19th to protect our pensions. For more information please visit our website.



A Little History

Back in 2010, the Fraternal Order of Police pushed hard for SB3538 because it would alter the method by which the City makes contributions to our Pension Fund. Despite the City's objections, the FOP was successful and the bill became law on December 30, 2010. You have heard this bill referred to as one that requires ARC funding by the City. ARC is an acronym for "actuarially required contributions." The law provides that, beginning in 2015, the City will have to deposit an amount of money into our Fund that an actuary has determined will be sufficient to bring the Fund to a ninety (90) percent funded level by 2040. If the City fails to make the actuarially required contribution, the State of Illinois must divert up to one-third of its grant money due to the City of Chicago into the Pension Fund. This diversion could begin as early as 2016. In 2017, the State can divert two-thirds of grant money, and in 2018, and each year thereafter, the State can divert all grant money for the City of Chicago into the Pension Fund.

Just Follow the Law!

The Illinois Legislature overwhelmingly approved this Pension Reform law. The State of Illinois recognized back in 2010 that the City of Chicago had to get its fiscal house in order and properly fund our pensions. Rather than prepare for 2015 by increasing funding, City Hall has taken the opposite approach and we expect that it will lobby furiously to undo the ARC funding law at the upcoming Legislative Session commencing January 29, 2014.

Time for Action

The FOP has its Legislative Liaison and Lobbyist set to be in Springfield for the entire Legislative Session. The FOP will actively monitor all Legislation and work to protect your interests in Springfield. But we need your help. Every member, retired or active, needs to contact his or her State Senator and Representative. We would recommend trying to get a personal meeting with your elected officials to tell them, politely but firmly, that we will not tolerate Pension reductions. If a personal meeting is not possible, please pick up the phone and call your Senator or Representative. It will be very difficult for elected officials to decrease our pensions if they receive numerous calls. **If you don't know who your legislators are, call 1-888-412-6570. Ask your legislators to vote "NO" on any legislation that would impact the pensions of Chicago Police Officers.**

We Are One Illinois

The FOP has joined with other City Unions to fight any changes that City Hall might attempt in this legislative session. It is rumored that the Illinois General Assembly, at the urging of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, will attempt to pass pension slashing legislation targeting some or all of the City of Chicago pension funds in the upcoming legislative session.

The unions have forged a strong and effective partnership and hope to replicate this unity starting with Chicago area affiliates. There will be a rally in Springfield on February 19, 2014. Please plan on attending. More information will be available on our website regarding buses to the Capitol and when they will be leaving and returning.

We are also considering a full blown TV and radio campaign similar to three years ago. These ads would let the public know that we have always lived up to our pension commitments while the City just kept kicking the can down the road.

Contract Negotiations

The Lodge has met with the City three times in January. We are close to resolving a number of issues in the Discipline and Seniority Subcommittees. At the January 17, 2014, Core Group meeting we informed the City that their wage and insurance proposals were insulting to our membership and that it was time for the City to come to the table with a viable and fair offer. We are planning on having a Unit Rep meeting in early February to bring the

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Unit Rep's up to speed on contract negotiations.

Jim McCarthy

As you may have heard, former FOP Legal Defense Chairman Jim McCarthy was promoted to Sergeant in late December. I'd like to thank Jim for his years of service to the FOP. We wish him all the best in his new role, and are certain that he will always remember where he came from.

Chicago Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7 Endorsements for the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 18th, 2014

(* - denotes Police officer or direct relation to a Police officer)

JUDICIAL

*Terry McGuire	3rd Judicial Sub Circuit
*Lauren Brougham Glennon	3rd Judicial Sub Circuit
John Mahoney	4th Judicial Sub Circuit
Anthony "Tony" Kyriakopoulos	10th Judicial Sub Circuit
Michael Barrett	15th Judicial Sub Circuit
Al Swanson	County Wide Arnold Vacancy
Bridget Mitchell	County Wide Arnold Vacancy

Congratulations to the following students, our Richard Lis Scholarship winners for 2013!

- William Harvey, Son of Officer Michael Harvey, going to St. Ambrose University
- Michael Cleary, Son of Officer Michael Cleary, going to University of Illinois
- Siobhan Cooney, Daughter of Officer Deborah Cooney, going to University of Illinois
- Erica Carvajal, Daughter of Officer Fernando Carvajal, going to Moraine Valley Community College
- Alex Lopez, Son of Officer Harry Lopez, going to University of Missouri
- Ryan Cummings, Son of Officer Leo Cummings, going to Illinois Institute of Technology
- Daniel Condreva, Son of Officer Daniel Condreva, going to Moraine Valley Community College
- Steven Hagen, Son of Officer Gail Hagen, going to Eastern Kentucky University
- Julia Clafford, Daughter of Officer John Clafford, going to University of Dayton
- Abigail Kinsella, Daughter of Officer Barbara Kinsella, going to Loyola University
- Daniel Foley, Son of Officer Kathleen Foley, going to Moraine Valley Community College
- Alex Visor, Son of Officer Philip Visor, going to Marquette University
- Michael McCarthy, Son of Officer Joseph McCarthy, going to University of Illinois
- Emma Dahlberg, Daughter of Officer Judith Dahlberg, going to University of Illinois
- Ryan Bullock, Son of Officer Robert Bullock, going to Lake Forest College
- Jordin Knight, Daughter of Officer Claudette Knight, going to East West University
- Briana Dowling, Daughter of Officer James Dowling, going to University of Illinois
- Alex Vo, Son of Officer Daniel Vo, going to Wright University
- Erin Kolasinski, Daughter of Officer Raymond Kolasinski, going to University of Notre Dame
- Jessica Paweleski, Daughter of Officer Mark Pawelski, going to University of Iowa

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



Vest Safety Day

The Lodge will be hosting a Vest Safety Day at the Lodge on 19 February 2014 from 0800 until 1700 hrs. The Representatives of the various soft body armor companies will be at the Hall displaying the current models of their products. Officers, if you need to replace your old vest or just want to see the most current models stop by the Hall. The soft body armor, which we wear on a daily basis, is one of the most crucial pieces of uniform equipment we put on when we hit the street that will protect us during a time of danger.

The following are some historical facts regarding the wearing of soft body armor by Chicago Police Officers. The wearing of soft body armor became a reality for Chicago Police Officers in February 1982, when three Chicago Police Officers (James Doyle, William Fahey & Richard O'Brien) were killed in the line of duty within a five (5) day period. These senseless acts of violence enraged and motivated the then-sitting mayor to begin a fund raising effort from the business and civic communities, along with private donors. The combined efforts resulted in raising enough funds for the purchase and distribution of soft body armor for all Chicago Police Officers. This act of charity helped bring awareness to the members of the Chicago Police Department of the importance of wearing soft body armor. It would be many years later before it was required for the members of the Department who worked the field to wear soft body armor.

Conceal and Carry Requirements for Retired Police Officers

HR 218 Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act was signed by President George W Bush on 22 July 2004. The law allowed for qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to carry their weapons concealed nationwide. Active law enforcement officers are defined as those who are authorized to engage and perform law enforcement duties, that have statutory powers of arrest, that are authorized to carry a firearm, who are not the subject of disciplinary action

which could result in the loss of police powers, who meet the standards established by their agency, who are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and are not prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm. A qualified retired officer is defined as an individual who has left service with at least 10 years, who was qualified to engage and perform law enforcement duties, who had statutory powers of arrest, who was authorized to carry a firearm, who is not under the influence of alcohol or drugs and was not prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm.

The procedure for signing up to qualify for retired members has changed over the years and the most current procedures will be detailed in this article. Retired Police Officers in the State of Illinois may take advantage of the law and apply to carry concealed through Illinois Retired Officer Concealed Carry (IROCC). Chicago Police Officers upon their decision to retire may obtain and fill out an application to IROCC anytime prior to retirement. Retired Officers must complete an application, questionnaire and a retirement/separation verification form which must be signed by an authorized member of their agency. The retired officers must forward with the documents photo copies of their Department issued identification card, FOID, a photo for the

permit and a non refundable application fee of \$75.00 for one weapon or \$100.00 for two weapons (revolver & semi auto pistol). Once the application has been preapproved the retired officer will receive notification they are eligible to enroll in a certification shoot at one of state wide range sites.

Officers, there has been bad information given to Officers in the past regarding a grace period to legally carry your weapon after you have retired. You must qualify under the rules mandated by the state in which you reside to legally carry your weapon under the provisions of HR 218.

Retired Officers once you are approved contact IROCC at 217 726-9537 to set up appointment or to answer any questions. Listed below are IROCC Approved Ranges in the Chicago Area:

Will County Sheriffs Police Range

2402 E Laraway Rd
Joliet, IL 60433

Lake County Sheriffs Police Range

15900 Russell Rd
Russell, IL 60075

University Park Police Range

650 Burnham Dr
University Park, IL 60484

Article II/Gun World Range

250 Cortland AVE
Lombard, IL 60148

It's Election Time, Vote

Ballots are scheduled to go out on February 11, 2014 for all twenty-seven spots on your Board of Directors. They need to be returned to the US Post Office by March 6, 2014 close of business. Please take the time to vote. This is your Lodge and the people you elect can have a profound impact on your future. Good Luck to all of the candidates.



3rd Vice President's Report,



Speed cameras and Pensions?

Speed cameras have been popping up throughout the city which issue a \$35 penalty for 6-10 m.p.h. over the posted speed limit and \$100 for any speed more than 10 m.p.h. over the posted speed limit. Fifty cameras have been installed in so called "Safety zones" and claims are that they issue violations between 6am-11pm.

Last week, while keeping up with the normal flow of traffic, I noticed non-stop flashing in the rearview mirror. Vehicle after vehicle being a victim the trap and like me, will likely receive their fines in the mail. (To go off on a tangent here, I will be disputing the violation, arguing that I wasn't violating the speed limit and I would also argue that a camera cannot be my accuser).

The state law allows the city to install up to 300 cameras and each camera can generate \$1.2 million a month. With the 50 cameras currently installed, the city could stand to generate \$700 million a year. Let me remind you that in 2015, the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC) of approximately \$600 million will be due by the city to responsibly fund the city's pension systems.

One would think the responsible thing to do would be to use a portion of speed camera revenue to pay the required contribution to the pension funds. When we made a career decision, we agreed to dedicate decades of service to the employer; we agreed to give 9% of our salaries to towards our pension. Like clockwork, every payday, our contribution is automatically deducted. We don't qualify for Social Security, we don't get compounded cost of living adjustments, and we can't borrow against our money. As responsible adults, we make sacrifices to pay our bills, so should the plan sponsor.

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**
February 13, 2014
Room 404, 26th / Cal, Judge Brosnahan

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of **Officer Thor Soderberg**
TBA

Room 602, 26 / Cal, Judge Sacks

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**
TBA
Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

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

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

Robin Johnson – convicted of the murder of **Officer Richard Francis**
Sentencing date TBA
Room 302, 26 / Cal, Judge Gainer

Financial Secretary's Report, By Richard Aguilar



NATO Money at Last!

Well, almost. The Department has been in contact with the Lodge over the not-so-recent arbitration wins that require the Department to pay our members for working a sixth and seventh consecutive day and/or a change in their schedule during the 2012 NATO Summit.

The Department compiled a list of Officers who are eligible to receive pay for working a six or seventh consecutive day which has been forwarded to the Lodge for review. We are in the process of comparing this list to the results of a survey conducted by the Lodge. Over sixteen-hundred Officers responded to this survey. The only thing left to be determined now will be

whether these Officers prefer to be paid or be credited with compensatory time. The Department will issue a memo that will be placed in your Unit CO Book that will outline exactly what an Officer needs to do to receive his option of money or time. The Lodge will also post these instructions on the FOP website and forward them to your Unit Rep for posting in your Unit. We will also send out instructions via the US Postal Service to each identified member.

Identifying those Officers who qualify for premium pay under Section 20.7 because they had their schedules adjusted by more than two hours has been much more difficult as not all members in all Units qualify. The Department will issue another more de-

tailed memo that will be placed in your Unit CO Book that will outline exactly what an Officer needs to do to receive money or time for the schedule change. The Lodge will post these instructions on the FOP website. We will also send the instructions to your Unit Rep for posting in your Unit.

We anticipate that all Officers will have to comply with the instructions listed in the Department memo by a May 1, 2014 deadline. All eligible members who fail to comply with the instructions by that date will fall into a default action of the Officer receiving time or money. The default action has not been determined as of this writing. We anticipate members will be paid or

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credited with time in May or June 2014.

Duty Trades – Do They Work?

The first answer that comes to mind is likely a resounding NO. Believe it or not, the statistics indicate that they do if certain procedures are put into place.

If you are unfamiliar with the process, here is a brief description of how the process is being done in most Districts. Officer Smith requests elective time off at least seven days in advance of his requested date off. The Department notifies Officer Smith that his request has been denied at least three days before his requested date off. Officer Smith is alone in his search and has to scramble to find a replacement Officer who will work for him. In many instances, Officer Smith cannot find a replacement and winds up working instead of enjoying a day off.

The Lodge has discussed the Tour of Duty Exchange Program at length during the current round of contract negotiations. We have suggested many ways to

improve the program to make it more effective and beneficial to our members. During these discussions the Department provided the Lodge with the statistics related to the program. It was discovered that one Area South District stood out from the rest in terms of successful Duty Trades. Neither the Department nor the Lodge knew exactly why the Program was so successful in this District.

We did our research and here is an example of how the program can and does work. One Watch Rep in an Area South District took it upon himself to compile a list of Officers in his District who were willing to participate in the Tour of Duty Exchange Program. The list included the Officer's name, Day Off Group, and contact number. This list was made available to the District Station Supervisor who would then give it to any member who was denied elective time off. Officers were now easily able to locate an Officer to work for them so that they could enjoy their day off.

The program does work if the proper procedures are put into place as evidenced by the anecdotal evidence. The Lodge will ensure that Unit Reps are made aware of the reasons for the program's success in the Area South District at the next Unit Rep meeting. I would hope that the Watch and Unit Reps employ these same strategies in their Units.

The Lodge is also exploring the possibility of maintaining a database of Officers in each District who are willing to participate in this program to facilitate Officers who are seeking to find a replacement worker. This may be a necessity as one of the keys to the successful program in the Area South District is cooperation from Supervisory personnel. We will keep you updated on any progress.

In Memory of..... Departed Brothers & Sisters

Patricia A. Wiggins

Charles L. Knight

Felix J. Carrizales

James T. Boylan

Jerome R. Pluta

Edwin J. Kocinski

John E. Blackman

Kenneth G. Thelen

Bernard J. May

David M. Bertram

Robert W. Clark

Grant W. McGrane

Edward T. Carmody

William R. Grannes

Nora F. Scannell

Robert G. Merk

Wilford Julien

Richard R. Kunicki

Aaron A. Hart

Thomas F. McHugh, Jr.

Susan M. Bryant

Jesse Richardson

Kenneth R. Charles

Leo J. Marks

Stanley L. Zablocki

Donald P. Palermini

Stanley W. Katalinic

Kenneth F. Burt

Jacob H. Thelen

Carmello Leodoro

Anthony T. Lowery



From the Desk of Marlon Harvey, Field Representative

Concealed Carry and the Retired Officer

Should a retired law enforcement officer obtain a Concealed Carry permit? The answer is no. Although, as the Concealed Carry law reads a retired police officer can obtain one if he/she chooses to do so. However, the guidelines of CCW are more restrictive than the guidelines for carrying as a Retired Law Enforcement Officer. HR 218, "The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act," allows active and retired police officers to carry a concealed weapon outside of their home state and into any state in the US. The only exceptions are Aircraft, Federal Buildings, Federal Property and National Parks. Gone are the days when police officers had to keep a list of states that allowed them to carry when travelling.

Permit holders of CCW can be denied entry or access to several places. Prohibited areas include, but are not limited to, parks, schools, hospitals, parades, public transportation, public venues bearing a crowd, and buildings occupied by government officials. Most important is that an establishment can deny CCW holders entry by posting the official State of IL Guns Prohibited sign near the entrance. Some states will honor a CCW holder's home state permit while visiting. However, you are subjected to the visiting states CCW regulations. Whereas HR 218 allows active or retired officers to carry beyond these restrictions.

The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act automatically covers active members by virtue of their sworn office and employment. The active member should be able to produce proper police ID if asked by governing authority. As for retired officers, there are a few qualifying steps that must be taken. The retired officer will need to obtain an Illinois Retired Officers Concealed Carry card, known as the IROCC card. The IROCC card, along with your retiree ID and valid FOID card, is sufficient to carry 24 hours a day in any state. You will need to pick up your retirement packet from the Chicago Police Pension Office. This packet will show you as a retired member in good standing. The retiree can then complete the Illinois Retired Officers Concealed Carry application, which can be located on line from

www.irocc.org. The last step is to contact one of the testing sites to set up an appointment for live fire weapon qualification. You must renew your IROCC card every year by completing the live fire weapon qualification course.

Using Department Locations for Driver's License and Auto Registration

The Illinois Compiled Statutes permits police officers to change the residential address on their Illinois driver's license and or Illinois State ID to their work address or office. Additionally, an officer can also change the registration of his/her automobile(s) to the headquarters building. The officer's residing spouse and children can also change their automobile registrations to the headquarters building.

In order to make the address change for your driver's license or state ID you will need to go to the Secretary of States website cyberdriveillinois.com and download the required form. The form for your drivers license address change is called "REQUEST TO CHANGE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF PEACE OFFICER". Finding the request form on the site is a bit of a challenge. Follow these prompts to help navigate to the form. At the top of the home page click on PUBLICATIONS. On the following page you will find a list. Click on MOTORIST. You will find another list where you will then click on DRIVERS LICENSE/ID CARD. On the last page scroll down the list for the REQUEST TO CHANGE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF PEACE OFFICER form. Print the form and take it to your unit of assignment where your commanding officer must sign it. You can then go to the Secretary of States office to apply for the changes.

Private vehicles registered to police officers, their spouse and children that live with them can change their residential address to the Chicago Police Department headquarters building 3510 S. Michigan Ave Chicago IL 60653. Downloading a form and obtaining a commanding officers signature for changing vehicle registration addresses is not required. Simply go to a Secretary of State location and request to make the address change. The form will be provided for you there.

Boot to Boot

Officers, remember to remain vigilant in maintaining and further strengthening a unified police force and union. We are uniform in our appearance and performance of our duty, and we must also be uniform in our solidarity. I can apply a strong example of combined unity. In the Mounted Patrol Unit, when confronted by a large-scale demonstrative crowd, the Commanding Officer would give the old cavalry command of "Boot to Boot," in which all riders would then close the gaps between horses so closely that one riders boot is resting on the next riders boot, forming a solid impenetrable line of a dozen riders ceasing the advance of hundreds. Where few can command, in many there is strength. Back each other up out there when you are working. Stay informed on matters concerning the union and be prepared to provide support. It is time for all police officers to stand "Boot to Boot," and cease the advance on all that we have worked to achieve. I will end with a quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt. "There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still." Thank you.

The Newly Remodeled FOP Gift Shop Will Open Soon. Thank you for your patience!

STORE HOURS:

MON-THURS, 9:00 – 5:00

FRIDAY, 9:00 – 4:00

SATURDAY, 9:00 – 1:00

STORE CLOSED:

FEBRUARY 12TH AND 17TH

DIRECT LINE:

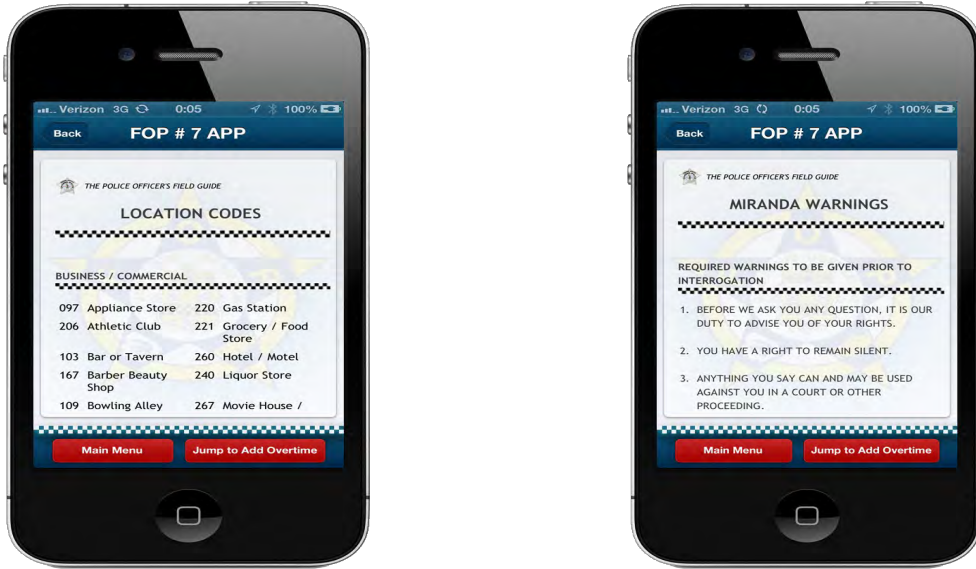
312-733-2344

Free Flip Calendars with purchase of \$50 or more!

All Polo Shirts 20% off!

FOP Books & Magnetic Calendars only \$3.00!

FOP7 Application Update, by Saul Del Rivero, Field Representative



As many of you know, the FOP Smartphone Application features all of the resource data from our handbook, plus a calendar programmed specifically to an Officer's schedule and DOG. We also partnered with ChicagoCop.com to integrate the Police Officer's Field Guide. Displayed here are just a few representative screen shots from the APP.

We now have an updated and improved version of the FOP #7 App, ready for download! The most recent update includes new content for 2014, repairs glitches from the previous version, localizes data for 100% offline viewing, fixes errors in the schedule & overtime section, and much more.

To update, simply delete the old version of the app from your phone and please visit <http://fop7app.com/blog/> to download the new version.

Please contact me at saul@chicagofop.org for support, assistance, or to share your ideas for the app. We're here to serve you and your feedback is always welcome.



Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test "SMARTS." Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending this workshop and taking a practice

ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare the children of "F.O.P., LODGE #7" members for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has invited COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 30, 2014 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be "test smart." The Lodge encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Monday, March 21, 2014.

College Visions, ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies

Session Time:

Sunday, March 30, 2014
1300 – 1600 hours

Location:

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Registration Fee:

\$25.00

Please return this registration form and your fee (cash or check payable to College Visions) to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, March 21, 2014

Student Name: _____ High School: _____

Member's Name: _____ Star #: _____ Unit: _____

Address: _____/City _____/State _____/ZIP _____

Phone: _____/Year In School: _____/Cash: _____/Check: _____

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**

Recent Retirees

From April 2013

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Cole, Louise A.	Officer	015	22

From May 2013

La Point, IV, Arthur	Officer	151	25
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From June 2013

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Alexander, Percy	Officer	002	15
Casello, Jr., Philip P.	Officer	167	22
Williams, Derrick L.	Officer	701	27

From July 2013

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Janson, William P.	Officer	701	30
Seward, Jr., Johnny W.	Officer	011	23
Collins, Raymond J.	Officer	DPR	21

August 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Abdullah, Moulay R.	Officer	019	24
Banks, Roger	Officer	DPR	29
Bykowski, Raymond A.	Officer	022	41
Gahagan, Kathleen L.	Officer	277	31
Gehrke, William C.	Detective	610	28
Lee, Joel	Officer	001	19

Maroney, Jean A.	Officer	154	27
Martinez, Myra L.	Officer	001	27
McCoy, Otha U.	Officer	015	29
Michels, Luetta	Officer	188	23
O'Connell, Susan M.	Officer	189	28
Rake, Ellen F.	Officer	DPR	25
Soto, Neftali R.	Officer	012	23
Stoll, Letina D.	Officer	701	28
Vargas, Fidel M.	Officer	014	24
Wagner, Michael J.	Officer	020	20
Williams, Robert E.	ET	477	23
Wilson, Desiree G.	Officer	007	21

September 2013 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Babet, William T.	Detective	630	32
Brandon, Janet L.	Officer	143	27
Brunson, Emma J.	Officer	006	23
Brzoza, Alan A.	Officer	701	23
Cunningham, Edward M.	Detective	630	38
Freeman, Vivian M.	Officer	189	23
Hightower, Robert E.	Officer	019	24
Malone, Kevin	Officer	701	27
McClinton, Pamela L.	Detective	620	23
Posluszny, John S.	Detective	610	36
Reed, Lamonte	Detective	620	24
Simmons, Ronald	Officer	004	27

CPD v. FBI Hockey Classic

March 15, 2014
7:00-10:00PM

The Edge Ice Arena
735 E. Jefferson Street
Bensenville, IL

Fundraiser for Honor Flight Chicago.
Tickets \$15 in advance (go to
honorflightchicago.org/2014hockeyclassic) or \$20 at

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



“Life Lessons We Can All Use”, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

Over the Holiday season your Department Chaplains were honored and privileged to attend the various Unit Holiday parties and to accommodate the many requests that came over the phone lines. Remember your Chaplains are here for you 24/7 with an open ear and a shoulder to lean on. Never hesitate to pick up the phone. All of our contact information is available on the Police Chaplains Ministry website. Thanks for the humor, the laughs, and lessons of life that you shared with us. The words of our sages echoed in my head, "I came to give comfort and left comforted. I came to give strength and left strengthened. I came to share laughs and left laughing." Let me share with you two of the lessons you shared with us.

“Learning to Forgive”

While I was in college, one of my professors had each one of us bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to class. For every person we'd refuse to forgive in our life, we were told to choose a potato, write on it the name of the person, date, one sentence of incident, and put it in the plastic bag. At the end of the exercise some of our bags, as you can imagine, were quite heavy.

We were then told to carry this bag with us everywhere we went for one month, putting it beside our bed at night, on the car seat when driving, and keep it next to our desk at work. The hassle of lugging this around with us made it clear what a weight we were carrying spiritually, physically and emotionally. How we had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget, and keep leaving it in the most embarrassing places.

Naturally, as time wore on, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated and turned into a nasty slime. This was a great metaphor for the price we pay for keeping our pain, heavy negativity and senseless hate toward others. At times we don't even remember why we are carrying the grudge. There is no better time than now to put the bag down, try to forgive and ease burden. Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and while that's true, it clearly is also one of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves!

“I Can Make It Better”

A man and his girlfriend were married. It was a large, beautiful celebration. All of their friends and family came to see the lovely ceremony and to partake of the festivities and celebrations. A wonderful time was had by all. The bride was gorgeous in her white wedding gown and the groom was very dashing in his black tuxedo. Everyone could tell that the love they had for each other was true.

A few months later, the wife comes to the husband with a proposal. "I read in a magazine, a while ago, about how we can strengthen our marriage," she offered. "Each of us will write a list of the things that we find a bit annoying with the other person. Then, we can talk about how we can fix them together and make our lives happier together." The husband agreed. So each of them went to a separate room in the house and thought of the things that annoyed them about the other. They thought about this question for the rest of the day and wrote down what they came up with.

The next morning, at the breakfast table, they decided

that they would go over their lists. "I'll start," offered the wife. She took out her list. It had many items on it. Enough to fill three pages, in fact. As she started reading the list of the little annoyances, she noticed that tears were starting to appear in her husband's eyes. "What's wrong?" she asked. "Nothing," the husband replied, "keep reading your list."

The wife continued to read until she had read all three pages to her husband. She neatly placed her list on the table and folded her hands over it. "Now, you read your list, and then we'll talk about the things on both of our lists," she said happily.

Quietly the husband stated, "I don't have anything on my list. I think that you are perfect the way that you are. I don't want you to change anything for me. You are lovely and wonderful and I wouldn't want to try and change anything about you." The wife, touched by his honesty and the depth of his love for her and his acceptance of her, turned her head and wept.

Moral of the story, in life, there are enough times when we are disappointed, depressed and annoyed. We don't really have to go looking for them. We have a wonderful world that is full of beauty, light and promise. Why waste time in this world looking for the bad, disappointing or annoying when we can look around us and see the wondrous things before us? I believe that we are happiest when we see and praise the good and try our best to forget the bad. Nobody's perfect but we can find the perfectness in them by changing the way we see them.

Thanks so much for the Holy and noble work you do every day, each of you in your own way help make the big picture, and for that our city is grateful to you. If you have any good stories or good humor to share, don't hesitate to send an e-mail. Thanks.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care.

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

Military Update:

Due to the recent promotion of Jim McCarthy (military liaison for FOP) calls for military assistance will be handled by Recording Secretary Sidney Davis. If a problem should arise regarding deployment, weekend drills, orders or issues associated with military, please contact the Lodge and ask for Davis. Your call will be answered in a timely fashion.

From Your Chaplain Father Dan Brandt



Allow me to share parts of some **letters I recently received from our brothers serving in Afghanistan...**

“I want to thank you for your extreme generosity. I was very touched to receive such a wonderful care package from the Chaplains Ministry, and I was able to pass along some of the items to my fellow service members here. They were amazed by the generosity and kindness shown to us from home...” (This note came from a CPD patrolman named Evan T. who is serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.)

A similar note came from Gary H., a CPD member who is serving in an anti-IED (Improvised Explosive Device) unit: “I thank you and all the people who helped put together the care package I just received. My fellow reservists/Chicago Police Officers are grateful that you support us and do not forget about us... Freedom isn’t free, and I want you to know how thankful I am for your constant support during my deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. You all continue to inspire me and remind me why I have served in the US military for 27 years!”

Finally, the other night on the street in 007, a PO stopped me after a job and shook my hand, saying a simple but heartfelt “Thank you” for the care package he received last year while serving overseas.

These sentiments are in response, of course, to the top-quality care

packages we send every December to our CPD brothers and sisters serving in Afghanistan and previously in Iraq. Our endeavor was again a total success this year...thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the hard work of many dedicated volunteers who stuffed those huge boxes with premium items from Chicago. Even *better* news on that front: our officers serving in the military overseas have been steadily returning home! Like you, I can’t wait until **all** are home with their families, and back to work with their CPD family. In the meantime, we gratefully go out of our way to make sure they know they are loved, prayed for and appreciated.

Thanks to all who attended our evening **retreat for first responders** last month. It was a wonderful chance to grow closer to the God whose most vulnerable people we serve in our day-to-day work. We’ll keep you posted on similar future opportunities.

On Thursday, 20 FEB, the **CPD Survivors’ Group will host a resource night** at the FOP hall from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. Come see what various programs, resources, outreaches and beneficial information is available to you through the police department and other agencies. Admission is free, and there will be free food, drink, raffles and door prizes. More information can be found on our website’s home page.

A reminder to those who attend the twice-monthly Police Mass: on **Sunday, 23 FEB, the Mass is going to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.** due to a scheduling conflict at Mercy Home. Other Police Masses remain as scheduled at 11:00 a.m.

Finally, **Ash Wednesday is March 5th.** In time-honored tradition, chaplains will distribute blessed ashes at various police facilities throughout the city. Closer to Ash Wednesday, the schedule will be posted in the daily bulletin and on our website (below).

God bless you and those you love (and even those of whom you’re not too fond!).

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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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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Vest Safety Day

Representatives from the various soft body armor companies will be at the FOP Hall displaying their latest product models.

If you are in need of updating your current vest, take advantage of this opportunity and visit the Vest Safety Day. All officers are welcome!



Thursday
19 February 2014
0800—1700 hours

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