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President's Report, by Dean C. Angelo, Sr.



Contract Negotiation Update

As June ends, we will have met face-to-face meetings with the City a total of six times since taking office on 3 April to discuss the Contract. Besides several phone conversations and email exchanges, we have also met another five times with the Lodge's attorneys to discuss offers, counter-offers, and to strategize. Furthermore, there are four sessions already scheduled throughout the month of July. To say that these sessions run long would be an understatement. We are typically engaged a minimum of six hours per session.

Although we will continue to adhere to the previously agreed upon confidentiality concerning the negotiation process, we have recently decided to schedule an informational session with the full Board, our newly selected Negotiation Committee, as well as our Unit Reps. Our plan will be to have Attorneys Joe Burns and Taylor Muzzy present at this session to share as many aspects of the informational exchanges that have occurred between the Lodge and City as they can; both before and after the our arrival in the negotiation room. Due to the long time frame that has passed since the last Agreement ended (30 June 2012), we believe that the time has come for our Membership to be brought up to speed as much as possible while still maintaining the confidentiality.

Soon, we will also be opening the Hall for at least two similar info-sharing sessions where the general Membership will be invited to attend. Dates will be forthcoming, so kindly avoid calling the office for dates at this early stage. But please know that I do realize no matter how much we are able to share with the Membership; it will certainly fall short of what everyone would truly like to know. However, we will make every attempt to give some resolve to your frustrations.

Illinois State Conference

In sticking with our promise to keep the Membership in the loop, we want to inform everyone that Illinois Lodge President Ted Street has recently announced that he will retire this summer and therefore not be seeking re-election at the Biennial Conference, which is going to be held later this month. We would like to take a moment to thank President Street for all of his years of service to the Members of the State and wish him a long and healthy retirement. We are quite sure that being the President of Illinois State FOP was no easy task and that it took President Street away from his family quite often. It is our hope that he now takes whatever time necessary to be able to enjoy spending quality time with his family, unwind, and prepare for whatever the future brings. Thank you from Lodge 7.

More on the conference, for those who like to hit the links, the golf outing takes place on 24 July. Regular conference business opens on 25 July and the vote for our next President will take place on 26 July. The Lodge 7 Delegates meeting and dinner will be held at the Hall on 10 July for those who meet the requirements to attend the conference. Candidates running for State office will be invited to inform the Lodge 7 Delegate body of their experiences as a means to secure support. As of the writing of this article, Illinois State Trooper and sitting Illinois State Secretary and sitting Troopers Lodge 41, First Vice-President Chis Southwood announced that he is a candidate and running for the office of President. To date, no other candidate has come forward and officially announced their candidacy.

Mayor Jane Bryne

There has been a lot of attention given to the City's former First Lady lately in the media. It seems that not more than a day or two passes without another newspaper article, television report or blog discussion concerning honoring Mayor Jane Bryne surfacing. I have personally received several phone calls, emails and face-to-face inquiries as to what our thoughts are

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and if there is anything that we could do to assist with any formal type of recognition. As far as what our formal response to these inquiries would be; we are 100% behind and in unfaltering support of any and all recognition that Mayor Emanuel and the present City Council decide upon. We would also welcome any request to involve the Lodge to participate in the decision making process if so invited. We further wish nothing but the best to Her Honor, Jane Byrne. If not for the forward thinking and strong commitment Mayor Byrne demonstrated while in office, Chicago Lodge 7 would not be what it is today. She truly opened many doors for us... and for that we will always be in her debt. Thank you, Madame Mayor, and be well. The FOP and all of it's Members have never forgotten you and will always remember you as our champion.

Be Safe and God Bless the Police

1st Vice President's Report, *by Ray Casiano, Jr.*



Summer is finally here! Families throughout the City will be out and about enjoying what it has to offer. I ask you to do the same and take time from V.R.I. and Special Employment to have fun in the sun with your family. Brothers and Sisters we must continue to stay alert that a certain element will also be out

and prey on the helpless. Let's remember to be safe as we patrol the streets performing our duties. At the same time summer gives us a chance to get closer to the communities we serve. Every time we come across a citizen or visitor, it's an opportunity to change a negative perception to a positive one. Think of yourself as an ambassador of FOP Lodge 7, Police Department, and the City.

Dry Firing the Mind

Considering the nature of our profession, the 12 years of experience I have as a Firearms/Tactics Instructor and the callouts I have been out on lately, I feel a need to share with you what I call "Dry Firing the Mind." Think of it as a tactic. Training does not stop when you graduate and leave the academy, or when you leave a 3 ½ hour firearms class, that's where it begins! It's what I call "Dry Firing the Mind" -yes that's right. Dry firing is a term used by Firearms Instructors when they are training others to practice manipulation drills with a safe/unloaded firearm. This is one way for Officers to become proficient with their firearm skills without really firing a shot, but not to replace the real thing. Dry firing the mind follows the same concept. It's what I consider getting ready before you get that call. Any call you get, you can apply this tactic. As you are on patrol rehearse in your mind different scenarios and possible responses keeping fresh in your mind the skills and tactics you have learned throughout your career. This tactic will not only keep your skills sharp as to how to respond to a particular situation, but what I believe would also decrease your reaction time to those situation with proper action. Keeping in mind that time, distance and shielding are your friends. This brings me to my next paragraph.

Acknowledgements

There have been several callouts since our last newsletter and although all of our Brothers and Sisters deserve recognition for a

job well done, I would like to mention the callout on Friday, June 6th, involving a shooting during a traffic stop by Officers from Gang Enforcement Unit 312. Their actions that night, while under fire, was nothing less than heroic, a display of bravery and great team work. One Officer was shot in the leg and another Officer shot in the chest, saved by his ballistic vest. While the team was engaged in a gun fight for their lives, they managed to communicate between each other and develop a plan. The Officers' training took over and as a result, were able to recover the down Officer removing him to the hospital for medical attention. The offender was injured by several gunshots and apprehended. I am glad to announce that I spoke with the Officers involved, visited with the injured Officer at his home, and they are all doing well. Brothers and Sisters remember if you see a member (or even yourself) in need of FOP's assistance pick up the phone and call us.

Let's saddle up and salute eight of our members who after 14 weeks of training, passed the Mounted Patrol School and graduated on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. These Officers will be the newest addition to our ambassadors at Grant Park and downtown, ready to perform their specific duties.

Injury on Duty and Recurrences

The Lodge has discovered that the Medical Services Section (MSS) has sent members injured on duty (IOD) or members on an IOD recurrence to Independent Medical Exams (IME) instead of a physician of their choosing for a related opinion. Furthermore, members have selected physicians of their choice from the "Workers Choice Referral List" to find that their selection was denied by MSS. The members were then told to choose another physician with the recommendation of the MSS or to select a specific physician for the IME. If you are a member that has experienced this, call FOP and ask for me, Kevin Kilmer, or Jessica Rosolowski at (312) 733-7776. As always, FOP is here to "Serve and Protect" you, so that you can better "Serve and Protect" the citizens of Chicago. **God Bless!**

January 2014 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Alaniz, Arthur P.	P.O.	050	32
Besteda, Constance A.	Det.	620	29
Bradley, Anthony T.	P.O.	DPR	27
Burns, Robert J.	Det.	610	22
Chapman, Eddie	P.O.	007	28
Contreras, Josie G.	P.O.	008	27
Cooks-Minnifield, Ingrid C.	P.O.	020	22
Creighton, Linda J.	P.O.	007	21
Dahlberg, Judith E.	P.O.	142	27
Dojutrek, Marcie S.	P.O.	050	32
Dombrowski, Deborah J.	P.O.	019	21
Duncker, Raymond E.	P.O.	059	36
Goddard, Daniel R.	P.O.	145	26
Goff, Gerald J.	P.O.	701	21
Greenwich, Sr., Frank C.	P.O.	DPR	33
Gula, Joseph T.	P.O.	009	26
Haas, Jaime L.	P.O.	024	28
Hair, Lesara R.	Det.	620	28
Karcz, Bogdan H.	P.O.	016	21
Martinez, Louis E.	P.O.	017	21
McCarrick, Mary J.	P.O.	050	20
Melchor, Andre	P.O.	001	28
Murphy, Johnny R.	P.O.	001	22
Pacholski, David T.	P.O.	701	28
Paige, Ronald E.	P.O.	019	21
Pennix, Carol	P.O.	022	23
Perez, Angel	P.O.	016	26
Robinson, Randall P.	P.O.	701	28
Semmler, James R.	P.O.	018	31
Simik, Deborah R.	Det.	630	28
Soto-Kohnen, Angelina	P.O.	017	28
Sutton, Lynda F.	P.O.	701	28
Sykes, Arterio	P.O.	002	23
Taylor, Kevin G.	Det.	630	33
Traynor, Frank J.	Sgt.	016	28

February 2014 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Allan, John S.	P.O.	022	31
Booker, Jr., James S.	P.O.	002	28
Docks, Patricia M.	P.O.	003	24
Domagala, Bernard W.	P.O.	DPR	33
Flores, Lilia	P.O.	009	28
Garibay, Jr., Gregory Y.	P.O.	004	20
Harris, Dale J.	P.O.	DPR	31
Luna, Jr., Anthony	P.O.	001	28
Ozga, Joseph F.	P.O.	341	38
Sullivan, Julianne	P.O.	019	18
Terry, Sterling F.	P.O.	189	26
Walker, Tommy J.	Sgt.	005	23
Willingham, Dale W.	P.O.	353	25

March 2014 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Allen, Jr., Percy J.	P.O.	166	25
Basurto, Saul	P.O.	025	32
Dammons, Fred J.	P.O.	002	25
Figueroa, George	Det.	193	38
Fisher, Yvonne D.	P.O.	DPR	26
Garlington, Christopher D.	Det.	610	23
Green, Jr., Alvin H.	E.T.	277	29
Heffernan, Eileen M.	Det.	620	27
Heyden, Jeffrey P.	P.O.	145	23
Hunter, Michael A.	Sgt.	002	19
Kelly, Mark J.	Det.	384	23
Kubiak, Laura M.	P.O.	004	28
Nolan, Michael D.	Det.	079	32
Pascua, Deborah	Lt.	126	26
Rollins, Terrance K.	P.O.	019	20
Sadowsky, Jr., Daniel V.	P.O.	010	20
Segovia, Rodolfo	P.O.	DPR	28
Zoller, Jr., Francis R.	P.O.	004	20

Forgotten Retiree- October 2014 Retiree

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs.
Bulgajewski, Lester	P.O.	017	28

2nd Vice President's Report, by Frank DiMaria



Parole Hearings

On 26 June 2014, in the early morning, I along with 18 Chicago Police Officers travelled by bus to Springfield to attend the En Banc Hearings. These hearing take place before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board to protest the possibility of early release for the convicted murderers of Sergeant

James Severin & Police Officer Anthony Rizzato A/6/Task Force EOW 17 July 1970 and Police Officer Ed Barron 004th District EOW 28 September 1973.

Upon our arrival to the State Capitol we were met by CPD Chaplain Dan Brandt who was in Springfield on business. Father Brandt met us on the steps of the Capitol where he gathered us together and he held a short prayer session before we went into the hearing. The hearings started promptly at 0800 and the Severin and Rizzato case was first to be heard. The case was presented by a Prisoner Review Board member who heard each murderer's case to request parole separately. Statements were presented by those supporting the denial of early release along with statements and reasoning to grant the inmates an early release. The Assistant Cook County State's Attorney presented her protest on behalf of the State. There was further discussion by the Board Members regarding both cases, a motion was made and then properly seconded to Deny parole to each inmate separately. A vote was taken and Parole was denied to both inmates and a 3 year set granted.

The Barron case was next and was presented by the same hearing officer from the Parole Board. We noticed immediately that his presentation and approach was different for this case than for the previous case: it was obvious that he was not being impartial- his approach was definitely pro inmate. There was much discussion by the ASA in objection of early release, but the opposition also had their say. The representatives from the prison groups along with the Northwestern University group and a retired CPD officer spoke on the inmates behalf. The Northwestern group spoke to the Board and lied about specific facts of this case. The Board Member, who had conducted the protest, spoke and, on the record told the Northwestern Group that the information they were presenting was not true and accurate. The member stated he had spoken the night before by telephone to the person Northwestern claims that they had contacted. The Board Member stated that this person told him that he did not speak with the Northwestern group and that he does not support early release for the inmate as Northwestern claims. There was a lengthy discussion from both sides and when the discussion was finished the hearing officer made a motion to Grant the inmate an Early Release and was properly seconded. A vote was taken and the motion Failed 7 Yea - 8 Nea Parole was Denied. A second motion was made and the case was given a one year se.

I would like to take this time and personally thank everyone who assisted in this Protest: the Officers who volunteered to attend the hearing today and to the Department for the assistance they provide, the Memorial Foundation who provided the

bus for travel to Springfield, Father Brandt, the Assistant Cook County State's Attorneys who presented the protest, President Dean Angelo for providing lunch and to the over 8,000 police officers and citizens from across the state who signed the petitions the Lodge circulated to protest the early release of these convicted cop killers.

In closing I would also like to acknowledge the Families, Partners and Friends of the Officers who must endure these Parole Hearings in some of these cases annually reliving their tragic loss and must fear the early release of their loved ones murderer. We will continue our active support of these families and continue our active protest of early release of these convicted cop killers. WE WILL NEVER FORGET!

FOP Picnic

The 2014 FOP Picnic will be held on 16 July 2014 at Gaelic Park 6119 W 147th St Oak Forest, Illinois from 1000 hrs – 1800 hrs. There will be inflatable and carnival rides, along with beverages, candy, ice cream, prizes and a DJ for music and dancing. Tables will be provided on a limited availability. The FOP Gift Shop will also be moving to Gaelic Park for the day. So bring a tent for shade, a cooler, picnic lunch or a grill and some chairs for the perfect picnic experience. Please take advantage of this benefit the Lodge has provided for you the Members and their families (Gaelic Park does not offer food service).

Please contact me if you have any questions at fdimaria@chicagofop.org

19th District Town Hall Golf Outing

Green Fees, Golf Carts, Refreshments,
Hot Dogs, Buffet Dinner, and lots of
fun!

Wednesday– August 6, 2014
Bloomingdale Country Club
181 Glen Ellyn Rd.
Bloomingdale, Illinois

Shotgun Start
10:00 a.m. -Tee Time
4:00 p.m. -Dinner

Pax: 3237 Bell: 4-0064 Fax: 5-0793

Recording Secretary's Report, by Greg Bella



Whenever you have a problem, a question, or want to dispel a rumor please call us at the Lodge 312-733-7776. Here is a list of the Field Representatives so you can direct your questions..

Legal Defense questions:

Tom McDonagh

Tmcdonagh@chicagofop.org

Marlon Harvey Mharvey@chicagofop.org

Kathy Moore Kathy@chicagofop.org

Contract questions/Standard Grievances:

Keith Carter Kcarter@chicagofop.org

Marlon Harvey Mharvey@chicagofop.org

Safety questions:

Marlon Harvey Mharvey@chicagofop.org

IOD, medical, health care, insurance or disability questions:

Ray Casiano Rcasiano@chicagofop.org

Kevin Kilmer Kkilmer@chicagofop.org

Unit/Watch rep questions:

Kevin Kilmer Kkilmer@chicagofop.org

FTOs:

Kevin Kilmer

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Military questions:

Ray Casiano Rcasiano@chicagofop.org

Carlos Saladino; 312-733-7776

Retiree/retiree insurance questions:

Greg Bella Gbella@chicagofop.org

By Law questions:

Greg Bella Gbella@chicagofop.org

Political questions:

Kevin Kilmer Kkilmer@chicagofop.org

Lodge financial questions:

John Capparelli

Jcapparelli@chicagofop.org

Pension questions:

Mike Lappe 312-744-3891

Lappe@chipabf.org

If all else fails call or email President Dean Angelo Sr. deanangelo.sr@chicagofop.org he will be happy to hear your comments, criticism or answer any questions.

When the Lodge is closed, in any type of emergency, shooting, accident, death in custody or questions call 24 hours a day 7 days a week and the on call officer will return your call. 312-733-7776.

By Law Changes

I have received 10 proposed changes to the By Laws by the May 31st deadline. I will forward these proposals to the By Law committee who will review each proposed change and rule on its constitutionality. The committee will report on the proposed changes to the Board of Directors. Any changes will be voted on by the membership at the September General Meeting.

Seminars

We are working on having quarterly seminars for Unit/Watch Reps and the membership. These seminars will be on Legal Defense and the Grievance procedure.

This will give you a better understanding on how the Legal Defense and Grievance procedures work.

Promotions

I cannot stress enough that you check with Human Resources to make sure your college transcripts are on file. You will not be promoted if they are not on file. Call Sal at 312-745-5342 or Pax 0347.

55 free health care

If you are planning to retire in 2015 with the 55 to Medicare free Health Insurance benefit you must submit your PAR form by October 2014. You must check the box for the 55 free health care on the par form. If there is any change in the contract that will affect the benefit you

will have the opportunity to withdraw your PAR form.

Health Fairs

We are in the process of resurrecting the Health Fairs. We should have location and dates for the Fairs by August. This is a benefit our members have used and enjoyed in the past and we will continue this benefit.

Retiree and Death notices in the newsletter

I get calls and emails asking why our death notice and retiree list is not more current. Whenever we get a death notice from a member or member's family it is immediately put on our website and in the newsletter. The only other way for the Lodge to get the information is from the city. The city is always behind and that is the reason for the delay. Today June 27th we just received the retiree list for January through April. That is six months behind. We will look for a way to get the city to speed up the notification.

Deceased Brothers & Sisters

Michael W. Mondane

John A. Pappone

James S. Schaffer, Jr.

Jasper N. Romano

Ronald J. Armata

David N. Chana

Ronald S. Little

Financial Secretary's Report, by Kevin Kilmer



Congratulations to all the newly elected Unit and Watch Reps. It was great to witness first hand all those members who spent their valuable time and energy to become more involved with the Lodge. Your participation and involvement will be crucial to the success of the new administration here at FOP. A special thanks goes out to the FOP Board members who assisted me in administering these challenging elections. Your handling of these contests were done with the utmost integrity and you did the Lodge proud.

With this newly elected group, I will schedule some updated training seminars to make certain each elected representative will be knowledgeable in all aspects of the Lodge. In the near future, I will be setting up a grievance seminar to educate all of the reps on the grievance process by going through the procedure from start to finish. I will also be implementing a class to instruct our reps on the legal defense process. These seminars will also be available to any member, rep or not, who wishes to become more knowledgeable in these two essential functions of the Lodge. Also in the works are some FOP Town Halls where board members, unit and watch representatives will update the membership on the pressing issues of the Lodge in various parts the city and answer any questions the membership might have.

Another essential function of the newly elected unit and watch reps is to represent the Lodge as Delegates for the 27th Biennial Conference in Springfield, Illinois on July 24, -26. This is an exciting weekend where we, as Lodge #7 Representatives, go down to picturesque Springfield and determine who the next State Lodge President of the FOP will be, as well as connect with our fellow brothers and sisters throughout the state. According to our state by-laws, members in good standing who have attended at least one-half of the regular business meetings in the past 12 months may be candidates for delegates to the State Conference.

An added bonus of attending the Illinois State Conference is the opportunity to experience the signature dish of Springfield known as the Horseshoe. This sandwich consists of 2 thick-cut slices of bread, a thick slice of ham shaped like a horseshoe and cheese sauce made of white sharp cheddar, and then just before serving, fresh-made French fries are added as the nails. Come find me at the Convention and I will point you in the right direction of the nearest restaurant that serves the horseshoe and the nearest convenience store that sells Tums...I'm buying!

From your Disability Chairman Tina Perilli...

Hello Everyone, well the warm weather is finally here.... get outside and enjoy the sun!. I want to congratulate all the new Disability Committee Members, thank you for caring and for assisting police officers, in regards to the disability program. I look forward to working with each of you. I also want to say "thank-you" to Officer Pete Medina, he will be a Co-Chair, on the Disability Committee. I really appreciate all the sacrifices you make everyday.

I would also like to say "thank-you" to Captain Noel Sanchez, Medical Section He has assisted members, who have exhausted all their Limited Duty time. There has been positive feedback regarding the professionalism and empathy that is given to the officer from the entire medical section staff. This has helped the officers stay positive and focused as they exhaust all their medical time. These officers are not only dealing with not working but are unsure of what the future holds? We will help these officers as they apply for disability benefits.

We will include tips on how to stay healthy in the monthly FOP Newsletter. This month we will feature tips on how to reduce a stroke:

1. Take responsibility for your health.
2. Know your risks.
3. Don't smoke or expose yourself to second-hand smoke.
4. Maintain a healthy blood pressure.
5. Monitor your cholesterol (blood lipids).
6. Limit your calories.
7. Make exercise a daily habit.
9. Reduce stress
10. Stay informed: Science changes constantly.

Until next month, stay safe and take care of yourself and each other.

Field Representative Report, by Keith Carter

I am pleased to inform all of you that since I became Co-chair of the Grievance Committee and began attending these meetings we have moved forward on one hundred and one grievances. Although we have not had favorable findings in all of the cases that were heard, we have opened up the lines of communication with Management Labor Affairs. This open forum has allowed us to be able to curtail certain issues, by picking up the telephone and talking to Management Labor Affairs and resolving the grievance outside of arbitration.

As I mentioned at a previous General Meeting, the Lodge is currently taking additional steps in an attempt to clear up the back log of Grievances. We have sat down with our Attorneys and Management Labor Affairs to determine alternate ways to speed up the arbitration process to get a better handle on things. On 02 July we have scheduled a mediation session with the Department to review several grievances at once for officers who were denied special employment, denied out of grade pay and are still waiting for an arbitration date. Hopefully, we will be able to come to an agreement on this date to resolve all of these cases at once.

Our members need to understand that the arbitration process is not an exact science. The F.O.P. is here for you, even though the outcome of your grievance may not be what was expected, I can assure you that we will put forth all our efforts to make you whole. The Lodge will always fight the good fight but we should also understand that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or even that of one. The Lodge is always looking out in the best interest of all of our members as a whole.

Members should note that the proper procedure for filing a suspension grievance is to wait until you have actually been served with the suspension notification. You will have seven working days from that date to complete your grievance paperwork. Please contact me directly at (312) 733-7776 should you need any further assistance in filing a grievance.

A final word to our members; just remember that when we hear on the news about how dangerous the City of Chicago is, it should remind us that we still have a job to do. We can make a difference not only by locking up the bad guys, but by also trying to make a difference in a child's life before they become a bad guy. This summer try to volunteer as a counselor at your local youth camps, Baseball teams, and Church Youth Ministries, etc. to help stem the tidal wave of violence in our communities.

Field Representative Report, by Marlon Harvey

SAFETY COMPLAINTS UPDATE

During the months of May and June, I was able to meet with Management, Labor and Affairs (MLAS) on four separate dates to discuss open safety complaints. So far we have succeeded in closing a total of seventy-nine open complaints. Additionally, there were five safety complaint files dating back to 2004 and 2006 that were located in our office showing as still open. Those files were addressed on the 5 June 2014 meeting date with MLAS and were able to be closed as well. There are a few pending NEW safety complaints that are being discussed with the city and MLAS as well as files that will remain open pending a follow up. One of our FOP board members, Trustee Jay Ryan, will assist in conducting on site visits to help in gathering information pertaining to safety complaints. There are several locations that must be visited and his help will expedite this important step in investigating safety complaints.

JOB WELL DONE

The month of June 2014 marks the addition of another Mounted Patrol Unit class to the Chicago Police Department. Eight patrolmen and a sergeant will join the ranks of a long history of Mounted Unit officers dating back to 1974 when the mounted unit reemerged. The hard work and determination required to complete the course cannot be matched by any training offered by the department thus far. To the new Mounties, I say welcome to the Mounted Unit and congratulations. We must also give acknowledgement to the officers that put up the good fight but may have been did not completed the training course. This includes all trainees of previous classes as well as the 2014 class. Those officers that did not make it worked as hard as those that did make it. In some cases they may have worked even harder. Injuries run high in the barn and have prevented several dedicated hard working officers from completing the course.

To all of the officers that were unable to complete the course, I say thank you for your effort and hard work. Your service is appreciated. Most of all we should all be mindful of those officers that were injured during the 2014 training. We never like to hear of an officer becoming injured on the job, especially serious injuries that could be life changing. Myself, FOP and your brothers and sisters of the department wish you a complete and speedy recovery.

As officers we all like to believe that we are good at what we do. Because the Chicago Police Department is one of the finest departments in the country, I would have to say this is true. However, we must keep in mind that the proficiency related to any given task has many variables. What one officer is good at another officer may find challenging. Conversely, the same could be true if those same two officers switched task. Be careful how you view the effectiveness of your fellow officer. Most of all, be mindful of how you view yourself. There is an old belief among horsemen, that is to never believe that you are so good that you can ride every horse in the barn. I will end with a quote from cattle driver Will James: "There never was a horse that couldn't be rode or a man that couldn't be throwed." As always, continue to stay safe and back up each other out there when you are working.

Field Representative Report, by Tom McDonagh

On 13 June 2014, I met with representatives from the Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) regarding a scheduled Discipline Screening Program (DSP). The FOP and Internal Affairs decided that the twenty nine (29) cases scheduled for DSP that day were eligible for this program due to the infractions involved. After sorting through the twenty nine (29) cases with BIA, they came back two weeks later, and stated that they would not allow any movement of discipline on twenty six (26) of the cases, and would only make recommendations on three (3) cases. The Discipline Screening Program was designed to allow members options for penalties ranging from one (1) to fifteen (15) days with the goal of changing the finding or reducing the recommended penalty. If the recommended penalty is agreed upon at DSP, the selection is binding on the Superintendent who can only decrease the penalty or grant options when appropriate. Many cases that day were recommended penalties for indebtedness to the city. For example, if you owed the city money for a water bill and it was three (3) days late, the recommended penalty was three (3) days of suspension. The Lodge holds the position that a reprimand should be noted in the member's record as opposed to the three (3) days of suspension. The water bill will be paid and the member should not be penalized any further.

The DSP program has a positive impact on many members if it is utilized properly. It is recommended that you contact a representative here at the Lodge prior to making your decision so that you can be assured of making the best choice in your particular circumstances. The Lodge recommends that you utilize the DSP program.

On 23 June 2014, the Lodge was bombarded with numerous calls regarding the check snafu that affected members who worked CHA and CTA overtime initiatives. According to the Department of Finance, the checks were supposed to be issued 22 June 2014. Unfortunately, this was not the case. As one member from the 006th District stated, our suspensions never get delayed yet our monies do. In one extreme example, a member was unable to pay his water bill as result of having not received his overtime check. Subsequently, this member will soon be joining us at the DSP program, to fight his potential suspension.

In the near future, Keith Carter and I will be meeting with the Chief of Patrol, Wayne Guliford, in an effort to resolve compensatory time off issues. It is our goal to make the city produce a realistic timeline to rectify the problems with current district staffing levels.

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:

Bryant Brewer - charged in the murder of
Officer Thor Soderberg
July 10th, 2014, Room 602, 26/ Cal, Judge Sacks

Paris McGee, Toyious Taylor, Marcus Floyd - all charged in the murder of **Officer Thomas Wortham IV**
July 9th, 2014, Room 606, 26th / Cal, Judge Porter

Retired Chicago Police Association Corner

On June 1st there was an election of officers for the Retired Chicago Police Association. The results are as follows:

President
Harold Brown

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Donald Januszyk

2nd Vice President
Cornelius Dillon

Treasurer
Ronald Topczewski

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Richard Tufano

Sergeant at Arms
Steve Marshfield

Immediate Past President
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Joseph Battaglia
Bill Burns
Clarence Heerdt
Coralyn Hudak
Joseph Mescall
Russell Schaefer
Ronald Shogren

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 17th at 1 PM. It will be held in the 1st district community room. We are always happy to see new retirees. Pizza will be served after the meeting.

September 28th is the date for our Harrington's Corn Beef Dinner it will be held at the FOP Hall. Cocktails will be served

from 5 to 6. For more information call the Retirees office, 773-763-5310.

The RCPA would like to congratulate Dean Angelo and the FOP board on their recent election. Best wishes to all.

Message From Father Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain



Pictured here is PO Sarah Lombardi, who has been keeping crime at bay in 012 for many years. I have known her and her wonderful family for half my life...well before she became the police or I became CPD Chaplain. As you can see from this recent photo, neither of us has aged a bit over all those years! You'll see many more pictures like this on our website's "Photo Album" page...Check it out!

Thanks to the many who made our annual outdoor Fathers Day Mass at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park a tremendous event. It was the best-attended Fathers Day Mass thus far, and Mother Nature came through for us as always.

Police Chaplains Ministry recently hosted hundreds of **Gold Star Family** members on a luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. It was a first-class outing and a chance to again remind our esteemed guests that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are **NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

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

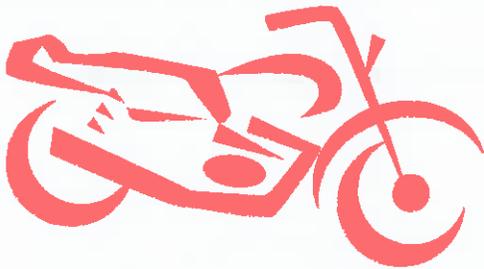
We continue to remember those killed in the line of duty (as well as other deceased CPD family members) at the regular **CPD Mass**, celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (this month, that's the 13th and 27th) from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. No matter your faith tradition, **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

A couple more **THANK YOU's**....one to all who supported the inaugural **PO Joe Walski Memorial Golf Outing** last month...as well as those who attended the happy hour so generously hosted by **O'Brien's Restaurant/Bar** in Old Town. Both of these events benefit the vital work of Police Chaplains Ministry.

The Chaplains' Section (along with the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation)

will be hosting an **END-OF-LIFE WORKSHOP** later this month. **Northsiders can attend on Monday, 28 JUL, at 12 noon at the Irish American Heritage Center; the same event will be repeated for Southsiders at the Beverly Arts Center on Tuesday, 29 JUL, at 4:00 p.m.** Come learn how to start the difficult conversation regarding end-of-life decisions. **"Wills for Heroes"** will be present to offer *free* estate planning advice. **There is no charge for the event.** **RSVP to Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org or 312-771-6638.** *(Be sure to offer your congratulations when you call or email, because Rev. Kimberly Lewis-Davis was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church last month!)*

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"Casper Lauer"

Police Memorial Motorcycle Run

Sunday, September 14th, 2014 @ 10:00am

**Music, Bag Pipes, Vintage Police Cars, Honor Guard, Raffles,
Food & Beverages**

Registration starts at 10am. Motorcycle Motorcade leaves at 11am— Leaving from AKMC Chicago Clubhouse (5049 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL)

Vintage Police Car & Squad Car

Escorted Motorcycle Ride through the City of Chicago and Police Memorial Service

AKMC Clubhouse

Memorial Party @ 1pm

More information at: www.AKMC.us

“And the Answer is... I don't know” Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

The pager goes off in the wee hours of the morning, it is a call from one of our members requesting I respond to the trauma center Emergency Room. Their spouse suffered a sudden cardiac arrest and things didn't look too good. I responded to the ER spent the better part of the day with the family, we prayed, we chatted, and we shared some humor to lighten the moment. Thank G-d at the end of a two week stay their loved one was permitted to leave the hospital to recoup at home. One of the adult children took a paper out of their pocket with a poem on it and they said "this a poem that was given to me by a friend who suffered a tragic loss, and everybody asked, why us, why to such good people"? Do you mind passing it along"? And I answered that I definitely will pass it along. The title of the poem is... **"I Don't Know Why"**. I don't know why. I'll never know why. I don't have to know why. I don't like it. I don't have to like it. What I do have to do is make a choice about my living. What I do want to do is to accept it and go on living. The choice is mine. I can go on living, valuing every moment in a way I never did before, or I can be destroyed by it and in turn, destroy others. I thought I was immortal, that my children and my family were also, and that tragedy happened only to others. But I know now that life is tenuous and valuable, so I'll choose to go on living, making the most of the time I have, valuing my family and friends in a way I never experienced before. As the saying goes "every day is a gift, enjoy your present".

Some "Thoughts on Life" learned along the way...

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED: No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back, they always catch the second person.. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a

tomato.. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED.: Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.. Wrinkles don't hurt. Families are like fudge, mostly sweet, with a few nuts. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.. Laughing is good exercise; it's like jogging for the soul. Old age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE: You believe in Santa Claus.. You don't believe in Santa Claus.. You are Santa Claus.. You look like Santa Claus.

DEFINING SUCCESS IN LIFE: At age 4 success is . . . not piddling in your pants. At age 12 success is . . . having friends. At age 17 success is...having a driver's license. At age 35 success is... having money. At age 50 success is . .having money. At age 70 success is...having a drivers license. At age 75 success is... having friends. At age 80 success is...not piddling in your pants.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, a blessed safe summer to you and your families. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, or have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf

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4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

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WWW.FOPGIFTSHOP.COM

Happy Summer! Have we got some deals for you!

Nostalgic tin thermometer (5' wide x 17' high)- all weapon related. 20% off while they last...was \$10.95... now \$8.76

**Retired polo shirts with pocket (medium to 3XL)- Heather Gray & Navy Blue ...was \$22.95/ \$23.95/ \$24.95
...now \$18.36/ \$19.16/ \$19.96**

District and Old Area Coffee mugs... Also, the Midway and O'Hare Units...was \$10.95...now \$6.59

**Motorcycle license plate frame– 20% off!
...was \$3.00... now \$2.40**

All pepper spray– 20% off!

Shooter Drink Kooler... was \$8.95 now...\$6.95

Duct tape beer can holder...was \$8.95 now... \$6.95

**Gray golf shirt– limited sizes! 25% off!
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...now only \$5.95**

**CPD Star Travel Mug (with handle)- 20% off!
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