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Chicago Police Officers Fernanda Ballesteros and Erik Moreno each endured attacks from violent offenders in June but quickly overcame being shot. As they were released from the hospital, sisters and brothers gathered to not only honor two of their most courageous but celebrate truly triumphant moments amid the horrific violence that continues to make the job more dangerous than it has ever been.

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President's Report



F the misinformation, here's the real story



JOHN
CATANZARA
JR.

More officers being shot. More work to be done to ramp up our political action. More B.S. from those who don't care about what happens to this union.

Not enough time to get to all of this in one of my weekly YouTube/Facebook videos or when seeing you at a roll call, but there's so much going on affecting the future of our members and Chicago Police Officers that we're changing up the report format for this issue.

So grab the cold one you so much need and deserve, sit back, hear me out and get the real story here.

About the dues increase, political action and RDOs...

Regrettably, the dues increase we voted on at the June general members meeting passed by a smaller number than I had hoped for. But it's off the shelf and onward and upward.

Apparently, some of the apprehension resulted from some members thinking they were voting for a second dues increase. Let's set the record straight.

I started the meeting by saying, "This is about the Feb. 9 vote when the board approved bringing the dues increase to a vote of the members per the bylaws." But there were still some who thought they were voting for another \$10 increase. I went on a 45-minute explanation. Only two people came up during the discussion and asked a question. It's infuriating. I mean, lies got them there to vote no.

Actually, I think another factor was that people may have come with a certain perception of the matter and then realized that might not be true. But they hate John Catanzara, so they were still voting no. It's easier to get people active when they're against something than when they're for something.

Here's what they need to be against: On Father's Day weekend, I did roll calls at 011 and headquarters. I literally would start with, "Do you like working your RDOs right now? Of course you don't. Do you like working 12-hour days? Of course you don't. The only way this changes, sooner rather than later, is by voting out the politicians who support it and push it."

The elected officials are why we are where we are now. They're the ones who are putting the administration in charge that is causing these policies. Until the politicians responsible are gone, don't think this is going to end, because they're certainly not going to capitulate in negotiations and just give us what we're looking for as far as protections when it comes to regular days off.

We're going to fight for it. This is all about politics, and these policies are only going to get worse if we just let it go.

And if that dues increase had been shot down, it'd be twice as bad, because now they would see a lame duck or a wounded animal, so to speak, and they would literally be just throwing more and more and more and trying to break the back. I'm glad there were enough yes votes in the room to prevent that from happening.

About the vision for the future of this union and the lack of vision by some members...

What's a good word for that crew out there? Misguided opposition. These are the people who want to get back in power and don't care what is left of the organization for that to happen.

I guess you have to turn to realism and know that in today's society, there's never 100 percent on anything. There just isn't. I think the last time this country had 100 percent, it might've been 9/11.

That's just the reality of life these days. I'm OK with it. I wish it was different. I wish people could see the forest through the trees. Unfortunately, people have different views of forests. What one person thinks is a forest, another person might think is a garden.

I'm just focusing on the direction, not being knocked off course and just educating as we go along as best I can. Our team knows what they're doing.

There is a vision of what this union needs to be, and if it was there for a long time, we wouldn't be dealing with what we are now. So it's incumbent upon us to make that vision a reality, and if at some point the membership thinks that's not the right vision, well then, OK. Change will happen.

But I am not changing, necessarily. I'm not going to change course just to try and please squeaky wheels. We got elected to do a job, and that's what we're going to do.

About the police shootings...

As I'm driving back from Springfield recently, I'm listening to Fox News and the hearings on Jan. 6. There's definitely some troubling testimony that came out, and it got me thinking. That was not necessarily a great day for me, not one of my shining moments in public speaking.

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But I got to thinking about our state capital as opposed to the nation's capital and what was going on at our state capital that day with a bunch of politicians who were literally blaming everything on the police by passing that heinous criminal justice reform bill — HB 3653.

In their way, they were creating an attack of their own on police departments all across this state. And that created this mindset of "F the police." That the police are at fault for everything. That the police is always doing wrong and just persecuting Black and brown people. And all that did was pour gas on a fire that didn't even need to be lit.

But it was, and the reactions resulting are picking up a gun and shooting. And that it's OK to take shots at the police. Tragically, it has escalated even further the past six weeks, with attempted assassinations of three more Chicago Police Officers.

As you've heard me say on my YouTube report, these are assassination attempts. There's no two ways about it. And this now lies at the doorstep of the mayor because, from day one in office, she has blamed the police department for everything you could possibly imagine.

Now, there's a lot of bullshit coming out of the fifth floor about supporting police. But if you ask the officers who have been shot or attacked, or their family members, they want the mayor nowhere near the hospital. Same goes for the superintendent.

What does that tell you about the leadership? It's all distraction from the reality that our officers continue to be under attack.

About getting out to support our members suffering cancellations of RDOs...

We were out there again on the Fourth of July weekend with our food trailer, feeding hundreds of officers who had their days off canceled.

There's no two ways about what this is doing for our members. Nobody really even asks anymore what it costs. They just appreciate

that people are paying attention and caring.

And we've had the opportunity to explain to them about the hundreds of thousands of dollars we've thrown at this cancellation fight and will continue to, even though it's an uphill battle. I'm not making any jokes or misconceptions about it, but we're certainly going to keep fighting until we get it cleared up in contract language going forward. And we're going to definitely make the best lemonade we can out of the shit lemons we've gotten so far.

And I think they appreciate it. You might think there's a bunch of places we could be other than spending the 14 hours prepping the trailer, getting it out, taking it back. But it's rewarding to just go out.

A few weeks ago, I was really feeling bad. I think I got food poisoning. I was supposed to be at a family wedding, but I didn't go. I just kind of sat at home all day, feeling crappy, thinking "When is this going to ever stop? What are you doing? Is it even worth it?"

And then Sunday morning, the first text message I get is from one of our members, Luigi Sarli, who has been suspended, saying, "Happy Father's Day and thank you." And I just made the joke, "By this time next year, you'll be back on the job working your canceled day off." He laughed and texted back, "Well, yes, but at least I'll be back, and that's only thanks to you."

Then, we went out with the trailer on Father's Day. We were at headquarters and the 11th District. We had the tail end of the day crew and two early afternoon roll calls. Then, we picked up stakes and moved to headquarters.

For better or for worse, I remember even more the minority of officers, because that's always been one of my top focuses — making them feel part of this union. And I see it every time we go somewhere, especially the younger officers. The younger officers of all races and genders, almost without exception, say "Thank you." They get it. They're not happy with their job or what they're being forced to do, but they certainly are not laying it at our doorstep. They're absolutely thrilled with the fight that we're putting up for them. That's the gas in my tank.



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10 a.m.
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July 25**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Chicago Cubs Rooftop Event**

Wrigley Rooftops
1010 W. Waveland Ave.
Doors open at 6:05 p.m. and close 30 minutes after the game ends
\$100 per ticket
For more information, visit <https://cpdmemorial.org/events/12544-2/#>

July 26**Illinois State Lodge Conference Golf Outing**

Tamarack Golf Club
800 Tamarack Lane, O'Fallon
11 a.m.–5 p.m.
\$80 per player, \$320 per team
For more information, visit <https://www.ilfop.org/event-fop/ofallon-lodge-198-golf-outing/>

July 27-28**2022 IL FOP State Conference**

Regency Conference Center
400 Regency Park Drive, O'Fallon
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
\$90 per delegate, \$25 per person
To register, visit <https://www.ilfop.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/ConferenceRegistration.pdf>

July 28**100 Club of Illinois First Responders' Night**

115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park
6–10 p.m., \$40 per ticket
For more information, visit <https://www.100clubil.org/event/.first-responders-night/>

July 31**Area Four Ride to Remember**

Area Four Detective Division Headquarters
3151 W. Harrison St.
Check in at 7:30 a.m, ride starts at 9 a.m.
Preregister at give.cpdmemorial.org/ride2022
For more information, visit cpdmemorial.org

July 31**Police Chaplains Ministry Sunday Funday**

Dugan's
128 S. Halsted
Open bar 4–6 p.m.
For more information, visit <https://www.chicagopolice.org/>

July 31**Shomrim Society of Illinois Picnic**

Camp Apache

3050 Woodridge Lane, Northbrook
Noon–4 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.shomrimillinois.org/upcoming-events.html>

August 1**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation 18th Annual Golf Outing**

Cantigny Golf Club
27W270 Mack Road, Wheaton
\$300 18-hole individual registration, \$1,200 foursome registration
7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
For more information, call 312-499-8899

August 8**Chicago Police Sergeants' Association 60th Annual Golf Outing**

Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park
9 a.m.
For more information, call 773-376-7272 or email golf@chicagosergeants.org

August 8**Shomrim Society of Illinois Golf Outing**

Arboretum Golf Club
401 Half Day Road, Buffalo Grove
8:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. shotgun start
For more information, visit <http://www.shomrimillinois.org/upcoming-events.html>

August 10**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation CPD Finest vs CFD Bravest Annual Charity Baseball Game**

Guaranteed Rate Field
333 W. 35th St.
Gate opens 4 p.m., tribute to the fallen 6 p.m., game begins 6:30 p.m.
\$10 per ticket
For information, visit <https://cpdmemorial.org/events/cpd-vs-cfd-baseball-game/>

August 12**Law Enforcement Night at Guaranteed Rate Field**

Chicago White Sox vs. Detroit Tigers
Guaranteed Rate Field
333 W 35th St.
7:10 p.m., \$21.44 per ticket
For more information, call 312-674-5354 or email sdwyer@chisox.com

August 20**Illinois Troopers Lodge 41 Chicago Knights Baseball Club Charity Game**

9850 Balmoral Ave, Rosemont
6:30–10:30 p.m.
For more information, visit <https://www.iltroopers41.org/news-and-events/events/>

August 24**The 2022 10th District Golf Outing**

Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Ave., Orland Park
8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. shotgun start
For more information, call 312-747-7511

August 26**100 Club of Illinois 4th Annual DPH Golf Outing**

Indian Boundary Golf Course
8600 W. Forest Preserve Ave.
9:30 a.m.
\$150 per golfer
For more information, email info@dunningpour-house.com

September 6**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Candlelight Vigil**

Goldstar Families Memorial & Park
1410 S. Museum Campus Drive
7:30 p.m.

September 11**Chicago Police Memorial Foundation Cars & Cops Show**

Hagerty Garage & Social
2500 W. Bradley Place
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cars-cops-5th-annual-car-show-tickets-275808479587>

September 16**2022 CPD Enforcers Charity Golf Outing**

The Meadows Golf Club of Blue Island
2802 W. 123rd St., Blue Island
9 a.m.
\$125 per golfer
For more information, visit <http://www.cpdenforcers.com/2022-golf-outing.html>

September 17**100 Club of Illinois Win the Band with Cadillac Groove**

Brauer House
1000 N. Rohlwing Road, #13, Lombard
7:30 p.m. doors open, 9 p.m.–midnight live music
\$5 per ticket
For more information, visit www.cadillacgroove.com/raffle/

September 29**100 Club of Illinois 2022 Raising Hope Awards**

Ritz Carlton
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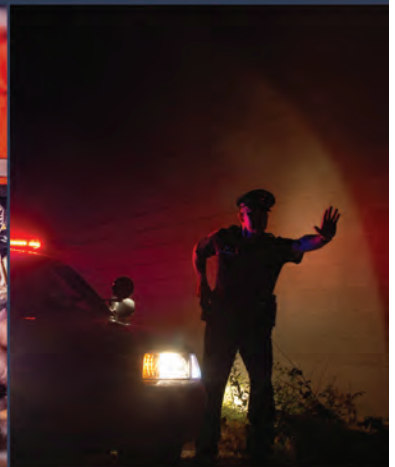
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The lesson from holiday weekend attacks: Hold the line



**MICHAEL
METTE**

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all our sponsors that participated in our FOP Firearm Safety Days back in May. Vendors in attendance were Sig Sauer, Rock River Arms, Glock, Kiesler, Acme Sports, Ray O'Herron, SuperQuickClean and ShieldU Insurance. I would also like to thank Police Officer Sean Hayes from the range for helping with the sign-in and the gun safety center. I am happy to say we again had a very safe and fun two days. If you had any maintenance done on your firearm, get on a range and make sure it is still

working properly. This should be done anytime you or anyone else does any work on your weapon. Again, thank you to all who came and participated.

Now let's move on to a more serious topic, officer safety. Over the last month or so, we have had several officers shot and many more incidents of attacks on our members. Thank God the officers shot are still alive and will hopefully make full recoveries. This is not only a thankless job most of the time, but it is also very dangerous. We all came on this job knowing what the worst could be. We get sucked into the darkness and anger of dealing with society's worst, and complacency and bitterness can take over. Now is not the time to be fetal. Now is the time to make sure we hold the line between what is left of this City and complete lawlessness.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, there were at least three attacks on police officers. The first happened around 2:30 a.m. on July 3. A bunch of cars started doing burnouts and drifting in the middle of Six Corners at Milwaukee, Cicero and Irving Park Road. When officers arrived on scene, the crowd began throwing fireworks at the squad cars. They then proceeded to jump on top of the squads and to open doors, trying to throw fireworks into the vehicles. At least one officer suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from the hospital.

Another incident happened to a state trooper on the Division Street bridge. He encountered a group that blocked off the bridge on the west side of the river. As soon as he turned on his lights and siren, the crowd ran at him and jumped up on the squad car. Several people smashed out the front windshield and kept kicking the hood and roof of the car.

The last incident happened around 3:30 a.m. on July 3 near the 200 block of East Wacker. Again, a group of drag racers/drifters were blocking off the streets and causing a large disturbance. When officers began showing up, the crowd began firing fireworks at the vehicles. A few offenders ran up and began kicking the front of one of the squad cars as the fireworks continued to be fired at officers. At least three of these offenders were taken into custody and charged with multiple felonies.

All three of these incidents were blatant attacks on marked squad cars and full-uniformed officers. I understand the trend of what law enforcement has become in the last six-plus years, but at some point we need to stand together and fight back. I understand what can happen if too much force is used, and I understand the concept of trying to defuse a situation, but when we are under attack we need to hold that line! Anyone with any amount of time on this job knows what happens when we just sit back and do nothing. The criminals become more and more brazen with each encounter. Hell, even the catalytic converter thieves are shooting at the police and citizens when approached.

You all have been overworked and stressed out by the way this Department and City Hall treat you. I understand the anger with this place. But as police officers, we still have a job to do and a duty to uphold. I am truly proud of all my brothers and sisters in blue, and we here at the Lodge have your backs.

Keep up the good fight, and take care of each other. If you or anyone you know needs to talk or needs guidance on dealing with job or personal stresses, reach out to us at the Lodge, EAP or Peer Support. Do not suffer in silence, and do not think you are alone. You are loved and appreciated. I write this as we just lost another sister to suicide over the Fourth of July weekend. If you are having suicidal thoughts or ideations, please call someone, anyone. Do not be afraid or ashamed, just call. Below is a list of numbers to great resources:

EAP: 312-743-0378

Peer Support: 312-672-9973

CopLine (suicide prevention hotline): 800-267-5463/800-COPLINE (all retired officers)

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**DAN
GORMAN**

My reports given at the monthly General Members' Meetings include examples of arbitrators' decisions issued at binding summary opinion (BSO) arbitration hearings. Every investigation has its own individual circumstances, and in most cases, there are multiple allegations and redundant alleged "rule violations" (usually piled on by the investigators).

Below are more recent examples of dispositions that have been awarded by the binding summary arbitrator. The following discipline briefs provide only a generalization of the allegations that were sustained in the CR investigations.

General Summary of Allegation	Original Recommended Penalty	Arbitrator's Award
Failure to complete a report on an alleged domestic	5-day suspension	5-day suspension (Upheld)
Profane language during volatile situation	15-day suspension	Reprimand
Alleged unjustified encounter with another driver	5-day suspension	Expunged
No BWC, no ISR	1-day suspension	Reprimand for the BWC, Violation Noted for the ISR
Inattention to duty related to prisoner in custody	10-day suspension	5-day suspension
Alleged unjustified stop and arrest	5-day suspension	Expunged

Working more than 10 consecutive days

On the afternoon of June 28, we received the arbitration decision regarding officers who were required to work more than 10 consecutive days during the Memorial Day 2022 cancellations. In between the usual incoming phone calls and daily issues, we eventually made it through the 13-page decision.

Some would say that it was a split decision, but me, not so much. When all was said and done, the arbitrator related, in summary, that the Department did have good faith reason to conclude that it required officers to work more than 10 consecutive days during the Memorial Day cancellations. He further allowed the unions to challenge the "more than 10 consecutive days" provision during the Father's Day cancellations and July Fourth cancellations.

The arbitrator acknowledged that officers were required to work more than 10 consecutive days during the Memorial Day cancellations. He also acknowledged that police unions were seeking several remedies including a "cease and desist order requiring the City to comply with all the terms of the Settlement Agreement; award an additional eight (8) hours of compensatory time for those Officers who worked more than ten (10) consecutive days and to award any other remedy which the Arbitrator deems appropriate."

The City claimed it had a "good faith" reason to require some officers to work as long as they did during the Memorial Day cancellations. Our position was that "good faith" was limited to exigent circumstances — for example, a large-scale civil disturbance, a NATO-type meeting or large-scale celebrations such as when a professional Chicago sports team wins a championship.

The arbitrator ruled "that the Department could consider historical and current data analysis and credible intelligence among other factors" to make the decision to require officers to work more than 10 consecutive days during the holiday cancellations.

One paragraph from the 13-page decision that summarily addresses the issue is as follows:

"As to the Memorial Day holiday, this Arbitrator will grant no relief because this Arbitrator concludes that the Department acted in good faith and reasonably concluded that because Memorial Day 2022 was the first holiday weekend of the summer season following the end of the COVID mask mandate, coupled with 70 scheduled events, many of which had not been scheduled to take place for at least two years due to the pandemic, coupled with some crime concerns. In other words, the initial relaxing of COVID restrictions could reasonably have caused the good faith conclusion of a need for Officer deployment that in some cases resulted in Officers working more than 10 consecutive days."

However, the arbitrator also stated, in essence, that this ruling was not setting any precedent, specifically:

"As to Memorial Day 2022, it is not a precedent nor does it set the standard by which the Department's holiday deployment is to be reviewed in determining whether the good faith standard was followed when requiring Officers who are deployed involving the Juneteenth/Father's Day, July 4th and Labor Day holidays and are required to work longer than 10 consecutive days as the COVID factor, due to the passage of time is no longer a persuasive argument."

In short, the City can no longer use COVID as an excuse.

Since this isn't precedent setting, the unions are still permitted to bring the future holiday cancellations to the arbitrator if we believe that the Department did not have "good faith" (not including "historical data or credible intelligence"). But if we do, the arbitrator shifted the burden to the City. The arbitrator will require the City to prove it had "good faith" to require officers to work more than 10 consecutive days during the respective cancellations.

The bigger issue has yet to be decided on. We are still waiting for the arbitrator's decision regarding the RDO cancellations in general. The attorney briefs were submitted on June 30. We have requested that the arbitrator issue a decision within 30 days. Some arbitrators take months to issue decisions, but out of the panel of five arbitrators, this one is relatively timely, as this current decision only took the arbitrator five days to issue.

Safety issues



JIM
JAKSTAVICH

I recently received calls regarding officers from the narcotics, gangs and intelligence units being deployed to the lakefront for large gatherings of unruly non-taxpayers. While attempting to clear the beaches and adjoining parking lots, the officers were being recorded with the ever-present cell phone cameras.

The officers' names, stars and images were uploaded to whatever ghetto network these unruly non-taxpayers choose to display their interactions with the public and police. I'm sure some of you can remember the terrified senior citizen's face as his car was damaged for no reason other than destroying something for fun and amusement.

The officers were clearly outnumbered, and each non-taxpayer was trying to outdo the other non-taxpayers with their outrageous criminal behavior. I agree, we need the police to be there, but the Department should not be putting its undercover officers at risk.

These same officers, who are now forced to perform buy-busts, purchase guns from offenders and act in an undercover capacity dealing with the most ruthless criminal element, have been "made" by their own Department's incompetence.

Policy changes with negative consequences

The recent "no foot chase" policy was given a Hollywood type of production by the superintendent. This message reached all walks of life and obviously educated the criminal element on the 9000 block of South Morgan Street in the 22nd District.

This Twitter video, shot by the non-taxpayer from his porch, depicts officers on a street stop with subjects in the street. Well, the

male subject decides to flee on foot, and a chase ensues with the officers behind. The non-taxpayers all shout in unison that "You all can't chase him."

The offender runs through the adjoining front yard with the first officer close behind. His partner then enters the yard right behind him and gets her leg swept from behind by an offender. The officer falls to the ground, and the non-taxpayers shout, "Stop chasing people."

The officer recovered after her attack and gave a description of her attacker, who was placed into custody a short distance away by responding units. The offender was charged with aggravated battery to a police officer and obstruction. This new policy change will have dire consequences as officers try to do their jobs.

Lying politicians

I generally don't write about someone I loathe, because as the old saying goes, "Any publicity is good publicity," but I feel compelled to call out the mayor for her outright lie. How dare you blatantly report to the media that officers have gotten plenty of time off.

Our families continue to suffer because your mostly hand-picked command staff cannot come up with a strategy to combat crime other than to cancel days off. You and your ilk cannot continue to ruin this police department and this City. I know you are lying when your lips are moving. Just like the murder at the Bean was committed with a ghost gun? You better get your eyes checked and read the inventory. Just resign and move far away.

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Heroic actions in the face of danger



ROB
NOCEDA

I write this after another one of our own members was shot. This shooting was a cowardly ambush by a career criminal.

The officer and his fellow 12th District officer, who worked different beats, were responding to a domestic call. After exiting the elevator, the offender quickly came around a corner and fired at the officers, striking one of them twice. By the grace of God, this officer is alive today.

The backup officer and a third responding officer used life-saving techniques to save their brother in blue. They quickly got the critically injured officer transported to Stroger Hospital.

The weapon was recovered, and the offender was taken into custody. That offender should never be allowed to walk free again. He attempted to murder one of our police officers and almost succeeded. A complete disregard for human life.

Sadly, this has become the new norm. This evil against police has spread throughout our society.

At the Lodge, one of our most important functions is to

respond to police-involved shootings. The last two years, we have responded to so many scenes where officers have been injured by gunfire. To put it bluntly, more officers have been shot or shot at in the last two years (2020–2022) than in the preceding eight years combined. The totals were over 160 in the last two years versus 156 in the previous eight years. That is an ugly reality.

Each time I respond to these shootings, I see our members perform so heroically. I am impressed and so glad that the officers take immediate action and stay in the fight. This spirit is a testament to their courage and character.

As I mention to officers all the time, all that really matters is going home to your family each tour. Please stay alert and be cautious. Back each other up always. Nothing on this job is routine. Follow your training and police acumen.

Here's a verse from Romans 8:28 that seems appropriate:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

God be with you always.



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**MONICA
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Hopefully our members have seen the Lodge 7 food trailer. The food trailer has made its rounds to several police districts in the City and to headquarters to feed our men and women during the holidays and canceled RDOs. The menu has consisted of several items over the months, from cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausages, tacos and quesadillas to steak sandwiches and Italian beef with peppers and onions.

Over the past few months, being on the food trailer and serving meals has made me think about what it means to share a meal with someone.

Growing up, I remember having dinners with my parents and siblings. These meals usually meant an opportunity to find out what was going on with the family's life and how a person's day went. One of the many things that comes with being a police officer is that dinners with the family are missed,

especially during the holidays, when taking time off is limited. And that has become even more difficult with RDO cancellations becoming the norm.

Coming out with the food trailer and sharing these meals, I've seen officers come up to the window and faces light up with many smiles. Sharing a meal allows our officers to put aside work and stress before the start or at the end of the shift. Eating together can improve your mood and mental health.

Feeding people can help a person emotionally and bring a group closer together. When you share food, it helps build trust.

Eating with someone can affirm the value of a person's dignity and worth. Being able to share food with our officers, some of whom I know well and others whom I really don't know at all, has been wonderful. I see how sharing food brings us together — it lightens the mood, creates camaraderie and strengthens morale.

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March 2020

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Patrick J. Cain	Officer	Unit 060	25

November 2020

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Steven M. Robbins	Officer	Unit 001	33

December 2020

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Debra A. Howard	Officer	Unit 002	25

2020

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Dan P. Lardino	Officer	Unit 020	22

March 2021

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Fred D. Davenport	Officer	Unit 353	22

June 2021

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Christopher D. Griggs	Officer	Unit 161	24

December 2021

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Thomas J. Walsh	Officer	Unit 019	22

January 2022

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Ricardo Suarez	Officer	Unit 017	27

February 2022

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Kenneth K. Kamien	Detective	Unit 620	22
Daniel J. Wimbley	Officer	Unit 050	31

March 2022

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Sonia Amezcuita	Officer	Unit 051	27
Andre B. Benford	Officer	Unit 003	21
Thomas J. Blatz	Officer	Unit 024	32
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Kevin P. Scott	Detective	Unit 620	32
Patrick P. Shannon	Officer	Unit 116	24
Michael A. Smith	Officer	Unit 169	22
Manuel C. Solis	Detective	Unit 601	28
Michael W. Vogenthaler	Detective	Unit 610	26
Franklin E. Wiggins	Officer	Unit 002	28

April 2022

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Kenneth K. Ortman	Officer	Unit 001	30
Necole Smith-Holmes	Officer	Unit 166	31

May 2022

Name	Rank	Unit/District	Years
Alton T. Brown	Officer	Unit 003	31
Robert E. Carter	Officer	Unit 022	23
Simon Cotton	Officer	Unit 004	28
Tina H. Covello	Officer	Unit 024	21
Paul B. Davenport	Officer	Unit 055	31
James De Cicco	Detective	Unit 610	26
Kevin J. Docherty	Detective	Unit 620	35
Kevin W. Duffy	Officer	Unit 018	21
Fernando Flores	Officer	Unit 541	31
Kevin E. Fron	Detective	Unit 610	28
Jesus Gonzalez	Detective	Unit 620	29
Miguel A. Gonzalez	Detective	Unit 604	27
Dennis M. Graham	Officer	Unit 050	35
Jeffery A. Haddon	Officer	Unit 003	26
Frederick Harges	Officer	Unit 211	25
William W. Hartz	Detective	Unit 620	26
Timothy J. Hayes	Officer	Unit 211	24
James P. Healy	Officer	Unit 050	31
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James M. Vins	Officer	Unit 193	30
Wanda Wlosek	Officer	Unit 184	20
Daniel S. Wyman	Officer	Unit 012	28
John J. Yniguez	Detective	Unit 640	30

Remembering Sisters and Brothers who have passed

Name	Status	Age	Date of Death
Joseph J. Laurie	Retired	74	Jan. 7, 2022
Judith L. Carr	Retired	70	May 18, 2022
Robert E. Quaid	Retired	74	May 18, 2022
James T. Funches	Retired	74	May 27, 2022
Thomas Mander	Retired	71	May 29, 2022
Robert Trumbo	Retired	85	May 30, 2022
Arlene Vana	Retired	70	June 1, 2022
Raymond Behnke	Retired	79	June 4, 2022
Adrian R. Garcia	Retired	74	June 4, 2022
Patrick Henry	Retired	74	June 5, 2022
Louis Litteriello	Retired	92	June 9, 2022
Thomas E. Farrell	Retired	74	June 12, 2022
Ronald Magro	Retired	83	June 13, 2022
John C. Thomas	Retired	72	June 19, 2022
Gregory A. Teamer	Retired	72	June 25, 2022
Patricia Swank	Unit 007	29	July 2, 2022



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Officers continue to bear the brunt of summer burnout



**PAT
FIORETTO**

As many of you may know by now, on June 28, an arbitrator decided that for the 2022 Memorial Day holiday weekend, the City did not violate a major term of the settlement agreement that the parties negotiated last year. Although the Lodge is disappointed, to say the least, we are committed to holding the City accountable to all the terms upon which the parties agreed in the pilot program.

The following day, the Lodge sent the City a letter demanding the parties return to the arbitrator to address the Juneteenth/Father's Day and July Fourth holiday violations. In our demand letter, the Lodge pointed to pages 10–11 of the award, in which the arbitrator specifically found:

However, this Arbitrator, as authorized by Paragraph 8, will assume jurisdiction as to the just completed Juneteenth/Father's Day holiday and the upcoming July 4th and Labor Day holidays so long as Union Councils, by letter to City Council with a copy to this Arbitrator request a hearing as to any of the holidays not addressed in the June 23, 2022 hearing setting forth the basis for the request. Upon receipt of the letter, this Arbitrator will proceed to establish a hearing date on an expedited basis consistent with schedules of the parties.

Moreover, the Lodge explained that it considers the City to be in violation of paragraph 9 over the Juneteenth/Father's Day and July Fourth holidays when it, once again, forced officers to

work more than 10 consecutive days. Paragraph 9 specifically states:

The Effective Notice referenced herein shall not require Officers to work more than ten (10) consecutive days, unless in good faith, at the time of the Effective Notice, the Department reasonably concludes that it requires Officers to work longer than ten (10) consecutive days.

The Lodge ended its arbitration demand as follows:

This letter serves to notify the City and the Arbitrator of the Lodge's request for a hearing so the Arbitrator can address ongoing violations of Paragraph 9, relating to both Juneteenth/Father's Day Holiday and the July 4th Holiday. It remains the Lodge's position that the City has forced and continues to force Police Officers to work more than (10) consecutive days over these two (2) holidays.

Further, it remains the Lodge's understanding that the Parties will follow the format set forth in the Award...

The Lodge offered eight dates upon which to conduct a new hearing in mid-July. This time, the format will be different. Indeed, the arbitrator specifically informed the City that the Department now has the burden of proof and must present "specific testimony and evidence to establish that the decision was made in good faith and based on a reasonable conclusion." For

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the Memorial Day holiday, the Lodge bore the burden (which the arbitrator found could not be met).

In his reasoning, the arbitrator noted that when the parties agreed to adopt the good-faith, reasonably general language without specifics, the Department could consider a number of factors in requiring officers to work longer than 10 consecutive days. However, he went on to note that paragraph 9, as interpreted by the arbitrator, is the “good faith mandate coupled with the reasonably concludes provision.” In essence, he held that in deploying officers during the four 2022 summer holidays when canceling RDOs, all factors involved in the Department’s consideration are subject to a challenge as to whether all applicable factors were applied in good faith. Specifically, he observed, “the agreed aim was not to have Officers working more than 10 consecutive days.”

Even though the Lodge could not prove a violation over the Memorial Day holiday, it could challenge the Department’s decision over other summer holidays. Significantly, the arbitrator explicitly invited the unions to return to him for alleged violations of the other 2022 summer holidays. In doing so, the arbitrator noted:

But this ruling as to Memorial Day 2022 is not a precedent nor does it set the standard by which the Department’s holiday deployment is to be reviewed in determining whether the good faith standard was followed when requiring Officers who are deployed involving the Juneteenth/Father’s Day, July 4th and Labor Day holidays and are required to work longer than 10 consecutive days as the Covid factor, due to the passage of

time, is no longer a persuasive argument.

He then concluded with a stern warning to the City:

What will be reviewed is the recognition that the Department and the Unions entered into a Settlement Agreement that each intended to follow and is not to be ignored; that at the time the parties knew that the Department had a shortage of Officers, particularly in the Patrol Bureau, suggesting that this is not a factor in evaluating good faith; that “good faith” and “reasonably concludes” are to be reviewed based on specific facts given the purpose and intent of the pilot Settlement Agreement.

In other words, the City cannot rely on “manpower shortage” as a basis to force officers to work more than 11 consecutive days.

Furthermore, he went on to opine that if he is called upon to review the decision of the Department as to future deployment of officers and he does find a violation, he “is prepared to provide an appropriate remedy.” What that remedy will be remains to be seen.

Finally, the Lodge also requested that the City produce any and all payroll records or other reports showing all those police officers who worked 11 or more consecutive days during the time period of June 1, 2022, through July 5, 2022. If you or any other officer worked 11 or more consecutive days, please reach out to the Lodge and offer to sign an affidavit, which the Lodge may be able to use in future proceedings.

As always, we will continue to keep the membership apprised of new developments.



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The impact of the Supreme Court's Second Amendment opinion



TIM
GRACE

The United States Supreme Court recently issued an opinion that provides significant protection to the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, the court held that the right to possess a firearm in public was a constitutionally protected right that cannot be prohibited except under very limited circumstances. While many of our fellow citizens will debate the wisdom of the opinion, much will depend on their views on gun rights. Many anti-gun pundits have tried to find an ally in law enforcement to promote more restrictions on gun ownership and have attempted to claim that law enforcement is, or should be, on their side of the debate. The hypocrisy shown by the people who have never cared about police officers' safety goes without saying; however, hypothetically, the ruling could result in more armed people. More armed people will produce more encounters with people with guns by our officers, and that is always concerning. It's a complicated question, but the end result is that there should be little to no change for Illinois police officers.

To understand the ruling, one must review where the law is on gun ownership and concealed carry. All rights to possess a firearm come from the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which unambiguously states that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." The language is quite simple, but it has spawned years of legal wrangling since its in-

ception. Did the Founding Fathers simply mean that the amendment allows the states to maintain a militia? Or did it extend the right to private ownership? And if so, to what degree (outside the home?) and to what kind (fully automatic weapons?).

Initially, there was very little regulation of firearms, but in the 20th century, laws began to pass that restricted the right to own and carry a firearm, claiming the Second Amendment did not apply to private ownership and thus could be restricted. Up until 2008, the essential rule was that the right to bear arms was not a constitutional right and could be prohibited or at least be subject to reasonable regulations. This all changed when the Supreme Court decided the landmark case *District of Columbia v. Heller* in 2008. In *Heller*, the Supreme Court stated for the first time that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia and to use that firearm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home. This ruling marked the first time that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of personal firearm possession and was the pivotal case that set the stage for an expansive reading of the amendment.

Due to the fact that Washington, D.C., is not a state and thus is governed by federal law, many states, including Illinois, took the position that the *Heller* opinion did not apply to individual states. In 2010, the Supreme Court then took up the matter in another historic case that should hit home for many of us. That case was *McDonald v. City of Chicago*.

Otis McDonald was a 76-year-old man who wanted to purchase



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a handgun for his protection, as his Morgan Park neighborhood had become crime-ridden and generally very unsafe to live in. Chicago had an ordinance that required all guns to be registered, and imposed a citywide ban on handguns. McDonald, a lifelong hunter, courageously agreed to be the lead plaintiff in a case that challenged the ordinance's constitutionality.

The case wound its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, and in a 5-4 decision, the court held that the *Heller* decision was not just applicable to the District of Columbia, but that the Second Amendment was incorporated under the Fourteenth Amendment, meaning the right to bear arms by a private citizen could not be infringed by state and local governments. With *Heller* and *McDonald*, the court essentially ruled that the ownership of firearms and possession outside the home are constitutionally protected rights, and although they may be the subject of reasonable regulations, they may not be infringed. The court specifically stated that "the Second Amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms for the purpose of self-defense" and that "individual self-defense is 'the central component' of the Second Amendment right" and that "[s]elf-defense is a basic right, recognized by many legal systems from ancient times to the present day."

One would think this to be very strong language that would put an end to the current argument on gun rights throughout the country, but one would be wrong. The anti-gun states held on tightly to the language in the opinions that spoke of "reasonable limitations." Statutes were passed by states that prohibited convicted felons from owning guns, put limits on magazine capacities and input background checks and mental health requirements. Many could argue such restrictions are reasonable. Many states, like Illinois, crafted concealed carry licensing prior to gun possession. Unlike Illinois, some of these states also set the bar extremely high to obtain the license, which brings us to the recent *Bruen* decision. The majority of the states' concealed carry laws are considered "shall issue" as opposed to "may issue." New York's state law requires that in order for a person to carry a firearm in public, he or she must show a proper cause or special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community or from persons engaged in the same profession. Hence, just because you are a jeweler in the Bronx and carry a lot of precious metals around, that is not enough, as you would need to show that you specifically have a demonstrative, nonspeculative need. New York was able to limit the number of concealed carry licenses. However, the Supreme Court, maintaining its expansive reading of the right to bear arms, found this requirement to be unlawful and that a "may issue" requirement is unduly burdensome, and the "shall issue" standard is more in compliance with the Second Amendment. Hence, more citizens will be allowed to own and carry a firearm throughout the United States and will make our jobs more unsafe.

This is not an argument that holds much water in Illinois. Illinois' concealed carry law has always been "shall issue." Illinois has always held that the decision by the Illinois State Police to issue a permit relies on objective criteria, not arbitrary criteria. Illinois reasonably looks to felon status and the mental health of the requester and allows for limited objections by the local police department. Illinois, unlike "may issue" states, will not be affected by the *Bruen* decision in spite of what anti-gun activists will tell you. No matter your position on gun control, the truth of how it will impact policing is important.



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Revenues dip, but bond ratings go up



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As of the end of June, the governor had acted on all but 10 of the 234 House bills and 176 Senate bills that passed both chambers during the 2022 spring session, issuing only one veto.

April revenues were up (more than double), while May revenues fell nearly 27 percent from a year earlier, which was expected given that the tax filing deadline in 2021 was delayed by a month, according to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. Because April is such an important month for tax revenues, budgeting is often delayed until after April. Many warn that a looming recession and a dip in revenues are on the horizon due to hyperinflation, soaring gas prices, the end of COVID-related stimuli, uncertainty over the future of COVID, Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, the war in Ukraine and an inflated housing market.

Since adjourning the spring session, we have also seen Fitch Ratings and S&P increase the state's bond ratings, which comes after a similar rate increase by Moody's last month. S&P Global upgraded Illinois' rating on its GO bonds from BBB to

BBB+ and upgraded Build Illinois sales tax bonds from BBB+ to A-. Fitch upgraded Illinois' rating on its GO bonds from BBB- to BBB+, a two-notch increase, and upgraded Build Illinois sales tax bonds from BBB+ to A. Moody's upgraded Illinois' rating on its GO bonds from Baa2 to Baa1 and upgraded Build Illinois sales tax bonds from Baa2 to Baa1. In the past 12 months, there have been six ratings increases.

On the election front, Democrats came out of session with what appeared to be strong headwinds moving toward the November election, primarily due to increased crime, COVID-related school closures, a Democratic president, rising energy prices and soaring inflation. However, the Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* may have blunted that headwind.

In the June 28 primary election, generally the more progressive Democrats won their primaries, while the more conservative Republicans won their primaries. In November, Governor Pritzker will face downstate State Senator Darren Bailey in what is expected to be an expensive race. In Chicago, where CPD officers Erin Jones and Carolynn Crump were running for office, both lost their bids.



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Carrying the burden called life



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We are all going through challenges in these most unprecedented times. One of our members asked me recently, "What do I say to a friend who is facing hard times? I am not a therapist." The answer is, "In life, sometimes the best therapy, the support one can give another, is your presence or your time, just to let them know they are not alone." It reminded me of the story "Carrying the Burden Called Life."

A girl named Jane had a pile of troubles, fears and woes stacked so high that she lost track of which was which and what was what. Her burden, called "life," was overwhelming. One day, she fell down, down so far that everything was shattered — her hopes, her dreams and her happiness.

A friend asked what was wrong, and it was someone Jane did not want to say anything to or dump anything on. Jane didn't tell anyone anything, wouldn't confide in anyone, just kept it all bottled up inside her without ever sharing her burden, her concerns, her pain.

"What's wrong?" asked another friend. "Nothing" was Jane's standard response. Others also followed that pattern, and all got the same response, all but one. This friend quietly slipped Jane out of the crowd and took her to a quiet place and simply said, "What can I do to help?"

"Nothing unless you can change the past," Jane replied. The friend said, "I can't change the past, I can't change circumstances, actually I can't change anything, but G-d can make change, and he cares and loves you."

That was enough to set Jane into an uncontrollable shock wave of pain, and her past flooded her. Her hurts and fears fell on her like a ton of bricks, and she cried herself into comfort. The friend hugged Jane, and instead of saying "Everything will be all right" or the classic "G-d never gives you more than you can handle," she just held Jane and cried with her. It was not what was said that gave the most comfort, it was just being there in time of need. End of story.

Let us remember, there are times when you don't need to ask questions and know all the details. It is just that the burden people are carrying gets so heavy that people feel they cannot go on any longer. They don't know where to turn or where to go or what to do.

Let us be like the friend in this story and just be there and cry with the person instead of telling people to get over it. Life can wound and scar, but life can also heal and our pain never be seen or thought of again. Sometimes you cannot understand certain things, but remember, certain things don't need to be understood. Our job is to be there for each other and be that source of strength for each other, and that is what makes our Lord proud!

Some points about life to ponder and make your heart smile:

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch with your loved ones.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- Cry with a friend or a loved one; it's more healing than crying alone.

- It's OK to get angry with G-d. He can take it.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- It's OK to let your children see you cry and be emotional, it's part of life.
- Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- Take a deep breath. It calms the mind and gives you a moment to regroup.
- Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger, or so they say.
- It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion; today is special.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
- What other people think of you is none of your business.
- Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
- However good or bad a situation is, it will change. The sun rises after the darkest part of night.
- Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- Believe in miracles.
- G-d loves you because of who G-d is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- Don't audit life, that is not your department. Show up and make the most of it now.
- Growing old sure beats the alternative — dying young.
- Your children get only one childhood. Let them enjoy theirs even if you had your challenges.
- All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere. Never give up!
- If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift, so enjoy your present!
- Find something to laugh about every day, even if you have to look in the mirror!

We close with a bit of humor from the Moshe Files: "Pregnant at 71."

A woman went to the doctor's office, where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was.

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Out and about with Father Dan



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In May, the South Elgin Police Department hosted an Officer Down Tribute. I had the honor of opening and closing the event, and CPD was well represented by the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society and our own Police Officer Kenyatta Gaines providing a musical tribute. After rain all day, God agreed that this event should go on, and we had a beautiful, dry, cool evening.

On June 3, Chaplain Hysni Selenica joined quilters in the 16th District community room for their monthly quilting session. These quilters make up the Chicago chapter of Quilts for Cops, a nationwide organization making custom quilts for police officers seriously injured in the line of duty. For more information about Quilts for Cops and to see some pictures of CPD officers receiving quilts, visit our website's "Photo Album" page.



If you happen to be reading this magazine before July 21, please feel free to join us at 6:30 p.m. that day for our Upper Room Club. We meet at Pizano's Pizza/Pasta at 21st and Indiana to enjoy a meal, drinks and a faith-sharing opportunity in good CPD company.

I hope to see you at Sunday Funday on July 31 at Dugan's, 128 S. Halsted. We'll have food and an open bar from 4 to 6 p.m. for those who make a donation to the Police Chaplains Ministry (benefiting, of course, our Gold Star Families!). Chances are very good that we'll stick around for a bit before 4 and after 6!



Here's a challenge: Last month I had dinner downtown with about 16 active and retired members of CPD. If you can identify the officer sitting to my right (where the "favorite disciple," St. John, sat at the Last Supper!), I'll send you a challenge coin. From the picture here, you'll see he has more hair above his upper lip than I have on my head! You may also know him as the CPD legend who was known to successfully de-escalate protests (even making friends with protestors) using his unique sense of humor. To claim your prize, simply email me this officer's name.

St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport is hosting a Blue Mass on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. This is the anniversary of Ella French's death, so we will offer the Mass for her. There will be refreshments in the parish hall after Mass. Regardless of your faith tradition, all are welcome!

And finally, planning way ahead, another Blue Mass will be hosted on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 12 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park. (Please note there will be no usual police Mass at Mercy Home that day.) Again, all are welcome.

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy!

Contact Father Dan Brandt, Directing CPD Chaplain, at 773-550-2369 or dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org.

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After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room. The older doctor marched down the hallway, back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard.

"What's the matter with you?!" the older doctor demanded. "Mrs. Terry is 71 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?"

The younger doctor continued writing, and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?" LOL!

On behalf of all your Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe. Should you need a shoulder to lean on or an ear to listen, or perhaps have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call. (I'm serious, lol. We're always looking for new roll call material.)

Contact Police Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf at 773-463-4780 or moshewolf@hotmail.com.

Your guardianship risk



TOM
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The typical moment the average person thinks about guardianship is when it is in the news, such as with Britney Spears or some other person the media chooses to report on. Unfortunately, that can give the impression it isn't an average person's issue. Guardianship is a legal proceeding people rarely understand fully and barely think about until it hits home. The reality is that every one of us is at risk of becoming a ward of the state — under order and control of the court system. Let's take a look at how that might happen.

What is a guardianship?

Guardianship results from the court process appointing a person in control over another person's person and/or property. The person appointed is the guardian, and the person determined to lack capacity is the ward.

If that sounds cold, it is. The property guardian controls your finances. The person's guardian makes decisions about medical treatment, residential placement, socialization, travel, etc. The process is often lifelong since judges can be reticent about lifting guardianship and being held accountable for the decision. It is costly and complicated — and you get the bill.

Any person over 18 not convicted of a serious crime can be appointed as your guardian simply by petitioning the court.

There will be a hearing, a public guardian ad litem is appointed to control you during the process, and you undergo a court-ordered medical assessment. There are over 2 million open guardianships in the U.S., with more than 200,000 guardianship petitions filed yearly.

Is a guardianship necessary?

That is the (insert your life savings amount) question. While certain guardianships are necessary to protect you in the event of your legitimate incapacitation, I can assure you that, in my experience, far too many guardianships over the elderly are about protecting someone's expected inheritance. And for control over your money.

You read about guardian abuse in the celebrity cases the media chooses to report, but it also frequently happens to ordinary people.

How do you avoid an unnecessary guardianship?

You avoid being taken advantage of by taking control of your finances now and having the necessary legal documents that appoint the person(s) you trust to take care of you and your finances, only under the circumstances you choose.

The first document is a power of attorney (POA). There are two POAs, one for healthcare and one for finances. If you are unable to care of yourself, your agent takes over. When that happens is up to you.

The other legal document is a living trust. A trust is not merely an estate plan but is also effective upon your family's physician-determined disability. It is private, and you predetermine your future care. You remove assets from your name now, with you as the trustee in complete control, removing the court from your life and keeping your affairs private.

My advice is never to leave the uncertainties of life to chance. Take control now. That choice can make all the difference in your personal freedom and financial security.

FOP living trusts and power of attorney

At the end of your life or at incapacitation, you risk probate if you have property, investments or bank accounts in your name.

- A will must be probated. The rule is that no one can legally sign your name. Therefore, all assets in your name are subject to the probate process, which averages 18 months and is costly.
- A living trust completely avoids probate.
- Your financial accounts, life insurance policies and deferred compensation accounts can name your living trust as beneficiary, subject to essential tax considerations.
- A living trust estate plan includes healthcare and financial power of attorney documents. It also consists of a last will and testament. A will is necessary for guardianship of minor children. It also transfers assets in your name out of probate.
- A living trust contains a no contest provision and beneficiary asset protection clauses.

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Distinguished Service Award

**Police Officer Hector F. Deleon,
Star #15156**

**Police Officer Nichole M. Garfield,
Star #16246**

**Detective Michael Rivera,
Star #20449**

Nominated by Police Officer Hector F. Deleon, Star #15156

On Sept. 23, 2021, 15th District officers arrived at the scene of a person shot at the location of 324 N. Lotus Ave. Once on scene, the officers observed the victim with two gunshot wounds to his face. The officers, fearing that the offender might still be close by, secured the area and observed a male



subject concealing an object inside a parked car.

The subject was detained, and while the officers reviewed video from a gas station, they observed a female subject remove the unknown object from the vehicle and flee from the scene. The female subject was subsequently placed into custody after it was discovered that she was attempting to remove a handgun from the scene.

The follow-up investigation was able to piece together the incident and collect the evidence to charge both offenders. The male offender was charged with attempted first-degree murder, and the female offender was charged with obstruction of justice/destruction of evidence.

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Distinguished Service Award

**Police Officer Justin Homer,
Star #10979**

**Police Officer Mathew Sieber,
Star #10163**

**Police Officer Arturo Fonseca,
Star #10739**

**Police Officer Maribel Cardona,
Star #5719**

Nominated by Police Officer Justin Homer, Star #10979

On Nov. 12, 2021, the officers assisted PH2 with a vehicle wanted for vehicular hijacking. The officers observed the wanted vehicle traveling northbound on Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Lake Shore Drive and exiting at Irving Park. The wanted vehicle continued northbound onto Marine Drive and then turned



westbound onto Bittersweet Place (yes, that street does exist at 4100 N. — verify on page 108 of your FOP book). The occupants bailed from the wanted vehicle and attempted to flee down a residential gangway but were unsuccessful. The officers gave chase and blocked the offenders' only avenue of escape. The offenders turned with weapons in their hands and faced the officers. The officers gave verbal directions, and the offenders dropped their weapons to the ground. Both offenders were placed into custody, and two Glock 22 40-caliber handguns were recovered. One handgun had a 50-round drum magazine, and the other had a 30-round extended magazine. The offenders were charged with aggravated vehicular hijacking and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon/person/No FOID/No CCL. The follow-up detective spoke with the victim of the vehicular hijacking, who did not want to prosecute or pursue charges.

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Chicago Lodge 7 Officer Awards



On March 2, 2022, at the location of the 6600 block of N. Oliphant Ave., Officer Gibbons was on his way home from work when he heard the screams of a distressed woman. Officer Gibbons further investigated and located the victim bleeding from her hands and feet. Officer Gibbons observed the glass on the victim's front door broken out, and he could see a man



inside the home. The victim, who was eight months pregnant, positively identified the man as the offender, who had forcibly entered her home and physically removed her from her residence. The victim informed Officer Gibbons that her two young children were still inside with the offender. Officer Gibbons, without regard for his own safety, announced his office and broke down what was left of the door. Officer Gibbons detained the offender until the 16th District arrived and placed the offender into custody. The offender was charged with home invasion.

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Life Saving Award

**Police Officer Enes Menkovic,
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**Police Officer Samer Ihmoud,
Star #17044**

Nominated by Sergeant
Syed Quadri, Star #2406

On Dec. 24, 2021, the officers responded to a person stabbed at the location of Winthrop and Thorndale. Upon arrival, the responding officers were met by the victim, who positively identified the offender. The offender, who was still holding the knife in



her hand, was ordered to drop the knife and immediately placed into custody. The victim was observed standing in a large pool of his blood while holding a hoodie over his arm. The officers rendered aid to the victim, who had a large arterial laceration to his arm and was bleeding uncontrollably even with direct pressure. The officers utilized their LEMART training and applied a tourniquet to the victim's upper left arm. EMS finally arrived on scene, and the victim was transported to St. Francis Hospital, where he was taken right into surgery due to the severity of his injury. These officers' quick actions were twofold: First, they saved the victim from bleeding to death; second, they saved their commander from additional aggravation at the year-end CompStat meeting, answering why his district had an uptick in the already record homicide numbers for that year.

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Embracing the celebration

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

Have to start with the hug. When Fernanda Ballesteros rolled out of the University of Chicago Medical Center on June 6, five days after being shot in the head, the mass of officers standing, cheering and saluting offered more pain relief than anything that occurred inside. To think that Ballesteros had only really started walking post-shooting the day before.

But as soon as she emerged through the exit doors, a brother who knew more than anybody how she felt immediately stepped forward to greet her. Carlos Yanez Jr. had come to pay it forward with some of the inimitable healing power he had felt the past nine months.

And oh how it works. When Fernanda saw Carlos, she popped up out of her wheelchair and into his waiting embrace. The hug extended 10, 20, maybe even 30 seconds or more. Long enough to squeeze some life back into Ballesteros.

The longer it lasted, the more it embraced the entire Department. Maybe the biggest group hug ever, and the most needed for Chicago Police Officers, who continue to brave the unimaginable violence that left three more of them shot as spring segued into summer brutality.

"I would call it a warrior's honor," described Lodge 7 Recording Secretary Rob Noceda, who joined the union's officers and much of its executive board among the hundreds of members presenting arms and greeting Fernanda upon her departure. "They both went to hell and made it out alive, and the raw emotion that was filled with love made you feel very, very proud. It's part of the healing process and part of the triumph within the tragedy."

On June 1, Ballesteros and her partner in 007, Eugene Young, had just left district headquarters when they made a traffic stop. (Yes, it does sound eerily familiar.) After Fernanda was shot, Young rushed her to the hospital.

He was also there to wheel his partner out of this hospital. Another moment reinforcing the triumph and love among Chicago Police Officers came from Fernanda via a video and went viral.

"Thank you to my partner who had my back and carried me to safety," she was shown messaging from her hospital bed. "I'm forever grateful for his quick thinking and swift response. You were my guardian angel that night. And this week has shown me and my family the true brotherhood of the Chicago Police Department."

As much as Ballesteros felt the power of the embrace from her sisters and brothers, seeing her released just five days after the shooting also seemed to inspire them. Looking at the faces of officers who formed the two lines that created a corridor for Fernanda to roll through, it's not hard to fathom what they must have been thinking.

"You kind of take a deep breath and breathe a sigh of relief," shared Lodge 7 Trustee Monica Ortiz, who joined the blue lines. "It wasn't sad. It was a very proud moment because the officers showed up to say, 'We got you. We're here for one another. And we're going to send you off to your home where you can heal.'"

All officers know how the dangers and conditions of the job in Chicago have become abominable. Nowhere is it more real than in Englewood and the 7th District, where Erik Moreno, who was shot just a few days after Ballesteros, also is on the beat.

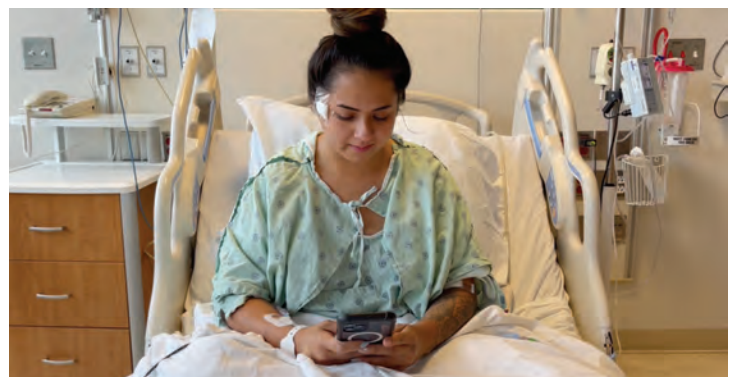
Michael Kearns, who works in 007 and has been on alongside Ballesteros since October, related how the prophecy recruits were given when he was in the academy four years ago has become fact.



As she leaves the University of Chicago Medical Center, Fernanda Ballesteros receives a hug from Carlos Yanez Jr.



The hundreds of officers gathered to greet Ballesteros present arms as she rolls through the blue lines of honor they formed for her.



From her hospital room, Ballesteros sends a message of thanks to her partner, Eugene Young.

At graduation, an instructor had stated that one recruit in the room would have to shoot someone, one would commit suicide and one would be shot.

"Some departments haven't had an officer-involved shooting in 10 or 15 years. We're lucky if we only have one every three months," Kearns articulated. "It's because you are in Chicago. The rates of the most traumatic shit you are ever going to see have tripled and quadrupled many times over just because you are here."

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They all came to lead a hero home

■ BY ESTHER GONZALES

Hundreds of Chicago Police Officers stood at attention outside the University of Chicago Medical Center on June 12. Anticipation filled the air for the triumphant moment when one of their own, who was victimized by the insane violence in the City, would leave the hospital.

They lined the doorway and both sides of the sidewalk. And when the hospital doors swung open, without skipping a beat, they saluted 7th District Officer Erik Moreno, who was shot in the line of duty on June 5.

A melodious rendition of the somber bagpipe tune “Balmoral” provided a fitting escort for Moreno. Though the song is often associated with memorializing the fallen, Chicago Pipes and Drums member Officer Esli Kilponen said she played it for a hero returning home.

Jose Velazquez, Moreno’s partner, followed closely behind as Kilponen played, and he navigated Moreno through this blue line that seemed to extend for one mag mile.

It was a moment of immense support and brotherhood from the multitude of members who came from across the City, one that no words could adequately describe. Officers wanted to show Moreno he was truly not alone and help lead him home.

“I was standing there in the middle,” related Kilponen, who works in the 14th District. “And you can definitely just feel ... it’s an indescribable feeling, I guess I would say, like they wanted to be there.”

Applause echoed through the crowd, and some members embraced Moreno. They wanted to create a lasting celebration to see their brother released from the hospital to begin his journey to recovery.

And let him know they would be there to support him each step of the way.

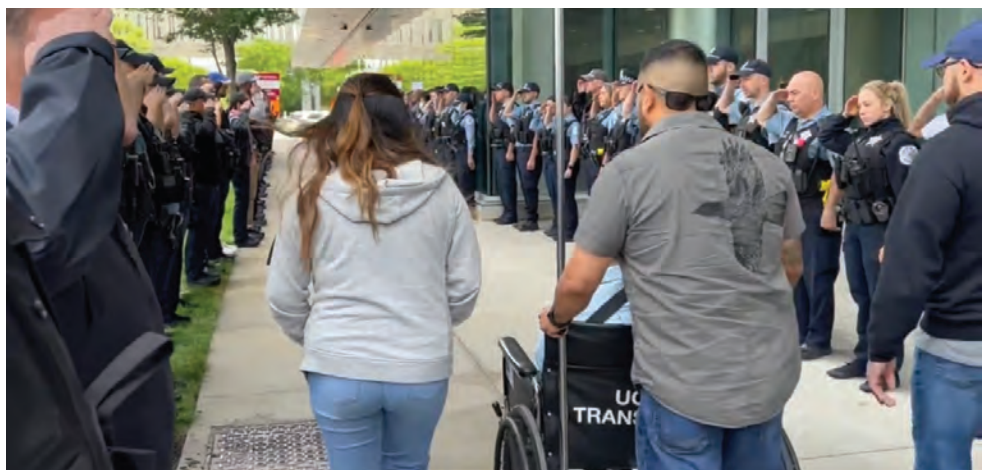
“Walking out those doors and seeing all that support for Officer Moreno, it was just a ...,” described Officer David Moore, who works in 007. “It almost brought tears to my eyes, knowing that he had the support and he still has to this day.”

As Kilponen led the procession, she confided that she tried to hold her feelings together.

“This heroic officer was behind me, and I was leading him home so he can continue his recovery,” Kilponen explained. “It was definitely a special moment for me and an



14th District Officer Esli Kilponen, a member of the CPD Pipes and Drums, leads the procession for Officer Erik Moreno as he leaves the University of Chicago Medical Center.



Hundreds of Lodge 7 members formed lines to salute and applaud Moreno.

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Lodge 7 President John Catanzara offers some words of encouragement to Ballesteros as she departs the hospital.



A large crowd, including many Chicago Police Officers, friends and families, gather to greet Ballesteros.

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It has hit the fan so much that the current Lodge 7 administration has responded to more officers being shot during the past two-plus years than the previous three administrations combined. But there is nothing more important than being there for these officers.

So when both Moreno and Ballesteros were being released from the hospital, President John Catanzara stepped out of his office and told the union officers, "Let's go." It's part of the fabric of not just the administration but the entire membership.

"It's the biggest respect and honor to have your brothers and sisters to say, 'Hey, we're all going to be here for you in your time of need, in your worst fear, in your darkest moment,'" Noceda commented.

Kearns confirmed that Ballesteros is one of those officers who will make a difference in the Department, somebody who is always there for whatever you need help with. Consequently, when she emerged from the hospital, it was nothing short of a celebration that she is coming back strong, starting with that hug.

Unbeknownst to Ballesteros, her brother arranged for a mariachi band to play at the release, the standard accompaniment for celebrations. In the Mexican culture, mariachi bands play at births, baptisms, quinceañeras, weddings and other big events.

For Chicago Police Officers right now, there is no bigger event than sisters and brothers like Ballesteros and Moreno overcoming the attempts on their lives. So there was every reason to celebrate.

"Let's put it this way: It makes your day," Noceda confirmed. "It helps your week along to know that she's going to be OK."

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honor to play this hero back home.”

Moreno had asked Velazquez to wheel him out of the hospital, and Velazquez embraced the opportunity to be there as partners always and unconditionally do for each other. But the scene of camaraderie and brotherhood from officers seemed to fortify him.

“When an officer gets hurt, or an officer gets shot, or an officer in the line of duty dies, everyone comes together. We all put our differences aside,” Velazquez related. “And having all those people there, it’s surreal. It’s a little overwhelming, and I don’t know if I should feel like I should be appreciated. I’m just doing my job, just like Moreno was. But it’s nice to have all those officers come out. The support from other outside agencies and even bystanders that were there applauding, it’s a really good, humbling feeling.”

As Moreno neared the end of the procession, Moore finally exhaled. Here were the first steps for Moreno to return to doing what he loved.

“For me, it was just a big sigh of relief, knowing that at some point he will fully recover and be able to return back to work,



In addition to officers from across the City, friends, family and members of the community came out to show their support for Moreno.

doing what he loves to do,” Moore reflected. “And that’s protecting the citizens of the City of Chicago and also working with his colleagues on a day in and day out basis.”

When they reached Moreno’s vehicle, Kilponen saw all eyes on them. And in that

moment, she could sense intense emotions from members wanting to do more.

“They were throwing emotion out into the middle of that,” Kilponen added. “And it was super powerful to feel these officers letting him know that we’re here.”



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Election Dissection

**Pulling back the curtain on the primary election shows what
Lodge 7 must do to further its political presence**

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL
■ PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES PINTO

No matter what the election results showed, this occasion called for a toast. So at about 8:30 p.m. on June 28 at the Lodge 7 results-watching party, members and friends gathered around Detective Erin Jones, candidate for state Senate in the 10th District, and raised their glasses. Shots of Lemon Drops, for the record.

About 30 minutes later, Officer Carolyn Denise Crump, candidate for state representative in the 6th District, walked into the FOP Hall looking radiant in orange and radiantly upbeat. Many of her colleagues from Unit 125 and officers who have worked with Crump in various districts had been waiting for Crump at the Hall and show-

ered her with compliments and thanks.

Despite what the election results documented, there were reasons to construe this event as a victory party. Neither Jones nor Crump prevailed in their primary elections, but they led a charge of action and effort for Lodge 7 that forged important steps in the union's plan to exert its political presence and influence.

Lodge 7 Political Director Mike Cosentino and Political Action Committee Co-Chair Brock Merck sat around a table with President John Catanzara, First Vice President Mike Mette, Second Vice President Dan Gorman and others, analyzing the election results. Much of the election reflection focused on low voter turnout. The abysmal 19.5 percent number was defeating in more

ways than one.

But the metaphors that made the rounds were certainly logical. To borrow one from the job, the first ones to breach the door risk getting bloodied. Or to put it in perspective given where the Lodge is coming from in its past political organization, this climb is like scaling Everest.

"Sometimes, you climb up a thousand feet and you take a breath, and you say, 'You know what, we need to rest this thousand feet because the organization really blossomed,'" Merck appraised. "We've taken on multiple candidates that our Lodge funded, presented them to the community, and they were very well received. We have an organization now. There wasn't an organization be-

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fore.”

Pundits, podcasts and political gurus advanced the primaries Jones and Crump were running in as very, very close. Pulling back the curtain on what they accomplished emphasizes that there is commitment and dedication to further get into the political arena and fight.

Fight for the opportunity to represent and make sure the state legislature doesn’t pass any more criminal justice reform that has made the job so dangerous. Fight for the opportunity to bring forth change and legislation that will actually reduce crime and violence in the City.

“We definitely want to thank both candidates for putting their lives on hold the past two months. They did a phenomenal job,” Cosentino praised. “They did everything they were asked to do, and we want to thank them for having the dedication to all of us. We will continue to build on what they accomplished.”

The way Jones hit the campaign trail is something to build on. Even on Election Day, she was on the trail at 5:30



Officer Carolyn Crump (orange top) enjoys a moment with friends and fellow officers at the Lodge 7 primary election results-watching party.

a.m. and visited all the polling locations in the 10th District.

When Jones arrived at the FOP Hall around 7 p.m., she was still fresh as a sunflower, casting her own brand of light on the night. Even when the results came in, Jones kept her head up, more than worthy of the slogans on the shirts her supporters sported on this night, including “A STRONG VOICE FOR OUR

COMMUNITY” and “First Responders for Erin Jones.”

All was not lost, according to this candidate.

“I think there’s a very unifying aspect to bringing a lot of officers together to come out and vote for the same cause,” Jones stated. “Obviously, it’s important that, as a police officer, you need to step up and be out there. It brought a lot of

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Detective Erin Jones, center, gathers with some of her dedicated campaign workers and supporters, who proudly wore their shirts at the Lodge 7 primary election results-watching party.

people together, and I think that was probably the most fulfilling part.”

After all the knocking on doors and meeting one-to-one with citizens, Crump’s success came from raising

awareness. She set out to make citizens understand that there is too much crime in their neighborhoods and that the current political leadership isn’t doing anything about it. She made them

aware that Chicago Police Officers do want to do something about it.

“A lot of people I met told me, ‘You’re

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the first candidate I've ever seen," Crump explained. "We wanted to incorporate change in these neighborhoods and help them realize that police officers' hands are tied, and they can't work efficiently and effectively in Chicago."

Cosentino noted that some cutting of the ties did take place through Lodge-endorsed candidates emerging victorious in the primary. He was encouraged by the judges who prevailed, including Raymond Mitchell in the appellate court, Thomas Nowinski and Elizabeth Ryan in judicial countywide races and Aileen Bhandari in the 11th Judicial Subcircuit.

But as the members of the Lodge roundtable discussed the results later into primary election night, they realized that voter turnout probably worked against them. With the 19.5 percent overall turnout – accentuated by the first time a primary was held during the summer – every vote mattered even more.

"It was an extremist election," Cosentino analyzed. "Extremist on the right and extremist on the left."

Lodge 7's campaign resources connected via telephone with more than

2,400 members who confirmed their support for their sisters running and the endorsed candidates. Several of those came out on Election Day to do some final stumping for Jones and Crump.

And that confirmed how important those boots on the ground can be. And will be in future elections, especially in the spring 2023 mayoral and aldermanic races.

More volunteers and voters probably would have come out if Chicago Police Officers actually had time to do so. But the ongoing cancellation of RDOs also severely hampered that availability.

"Everybody just needs a day to wash their underwear," Cosentino quipped about the cancellation complication. "We actually had some retired members step up, so I want to thank them. The key, though, is that we were completely outspent."

Jones' opponent, Robert Martwick, reportedly spent approximately \$800,000 on his campaign. Jones spent about \$80,000. Crump's opponent spent more than \$350,000 and outspent her by four to one.

The dues increase Lodge 7 members voted to approve in June will be a big boost to the FOP's ability to invest more significantly in upcoming elections.

Again, there is already an eye on spring 2023. And continuing to increase voter registration for members and their family members will be another key.

In the meantime, Merck advises members to begin storing the oxygen to continue the climb. It's not necessarily about reaching the summit, but having enough sustenance to protect members against ridiculous criminal justice reform, prolonged cancellation of RDOs, ineffective leadership in the City and the Department and policies and disciplinary action that further inhibit officer retention and recruitment.

"Chumps give up," Merck declared. "Don't be a chump. Keep fighting."

So the takeaway from the 2022 primary election is that Lodge 7 established its ability and desire to fight the good fight. The union has cemented some important political allies, like former Chicago Police Officer Anthony Napolitano, the 41st Ward alderman, and former Chicago Firefighter Michael Kelly, the state rep in the 15th Legislative District.

"We sent a message," Cosentino concluded. "We sent a message that you're not going to be able to walk over us. We had phenomenal candidates, and we raised the profile that the FOP is going to be a political player."


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Lodge 7 trailer serves up hearty meals and a whole lot more to members throughout the City

■ BY ESTHER GONZALES

Chicago Police Officers couldn't resist the alluring smell of spicy turkey chili wafting through the air on Father's Day. More than 200 members had gathered on 35th Street outside of headquarters when Lodge 7 came to serve up delicious dishes to the waiting crowd.

A similarly enticing aroma prompted more than 500 officers to try the savory tacos that Lodge 7 cooked up on the Fourth of July. During the holiday weekend, the Lodge once again brought out its mammoth trailer/mobile kitchen/movable feast to serve members fresh delicacies that they had prepared hours in advance.

When the 32-foot Lodge 7 trailer pulls up to a district and its windows open to serve up another meal, members' stomachs begin to rumble with excitement. For almost a year now, the Lodge has been making the rounds to all areas, districts and units with the trailer, which brings a full menu of nourishment and other forms of sustenance members truly crave.

After members have worked excruciating hours, been subjected to canceled days off, been separated from family members on holidays and faced violent crime throughout the City, the generosity of Lodge 7 has become a much-needed morale boost. And the Lodge 7 trailer has been a great way to show members just how much Lodge 7 cares about them.

"We're trying to just do something different to pick up the spirits and let them know we care," Lodge 7 President John Catanzara explained. "It gives them a half-hour, or whatever it is, break. And they don't have to worry about going out and getting their meal or dinner. It's there."

Since September 2021, when the trailer debuted in New York City for the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Catanzara and a team of volunteers have visited many districts to feed officers on duty. Many of these visits have come during holidays, when members miss their families the most.

When the trailer pulls up to a location, Lodge 7 board members who staff it are often asked how much something costs. And when officers hear, "There is no cost. This is your trailer. We're here to be here for you," their faces immediately light up.

It's a sight that leaves Lodge 7 Trustee Monica Ortiz speechless.

"I don't even think there's words to express what that feels like," Ortiz related. "And then I don't even know what that feels like for



those officers, because it's unexpected. And that smile that those police officers get when they see FOP and they get fed, there's no price you can put on it."

An inside look

When Ortiz first saw the massive size of the trailer, she joked that if you pulled up Google Maps, you could see Catanzara and the FOP trailer all the way from Mars.

With the capacity to cook enough food for 400 in the span of only two hours, the trailer has been given a few nicknames by Lodge 7, like "Duty and the Beast."

So let's take a tour to see what unique features the trailer has to offer:

The front of the trailer features two large walk-up windows, where food is served. A black-and-white-checkered border lines the top of the blue trailer, where a cursive font reads, "Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7."

To the right of the windows is the Lodge 7 logo and several other logos from law enforcement partners. These are agencies and FOP Lodges from throughout the state who have sponsored the trailer because it is used as part of the Illinois FOP's critical incident response efforts.

Inside the spacious trailer, where all the magic happens, four grills line one wall. Across from the grills, underneath the win-

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The Lodge 7 trailer features many amenities, such as four grills, ample counter space and a bathroom.

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dows, is ample counter space for prepping food. There is even a sandwich-making station.

Toward the back of the trailer is a significant addition, a bathroom for emergency use. Catanzara decided to have that built in to respond to situations like the 2020 riots, when officers had to stand on detail for up to 12 hours at a time and had no place for restroom breaks.

A special tribute embellishes the trailer's back door. Underneath the inscription "Always Remembered" is a photo of Ella French with her star number.

Since first bringing the trailer out on the road, Lodge 7 has seen



A special tribute to CPD Officer Ella French is located on the back door of the trailer.

how much of an impact its presence has had.

"It's the best thing that's happened," Lodge 7 board member Harold Brown remarked. "I give John Catanzara a lot of credit for getting it, and the board of directors, including myself, for OK'ing it. It's just a great job, and the officers need something like that."

What's on the menu

The Lodge 7 menu has included several tasty items that have made members' mouths water.

Besides serving his renowned spicy turkey chili, Catanzara likes to whip up his grandmother's zesty rice dish, which has quickly become a member favorite.

"It's like McDonald's," Catanzara explained. "There's been definitely a million of those servings. There's not a doubt. And it's been



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The Lodge 7 trailer is 32 feet long and can cook enough food for 400 members in two hours.

40 years of cooking that rice dish.”

Other items on the menu include crispy tacos, hearty Italian beef sandwiches and tantalizing Italian sausages with roasted peppers. Then there are the more classic items, like grilled hot dogs and juicy hamburgers, which are paired with a variety of fruits, like oranges and green apples.

As members enjoy these staple dishes, they take a break to catch up with Lodge 7 board members or others who come to support the effort.

“You see people you haven’t seen for years, which is awesome,” Lodge 7 Trustee Dave DiSanti expressed. “You’re just out there hanging out with the guys. They’re eating, you’re talking. And it’s a positive way to see people.”

On the road again

The appetizing flavors flowing from the Lodge 7 trailer quickly gained attention on Memorial Day in the 16th District. Residents of the community joined officers who stopped by the trailer. And they smiled when they were served at no cost.

And for Lodge 7, an open invitation is what it’s all about.

“Everybody gets fed,” Ortiz declared. “I don’t care what color of shirt you wear or what rank you are. We invite everybody. The jan-

itors that work in those facilities, we feed them. We’ve had citizens pass by that are down on their luck, and we feed them.”

When the Lodge 7 trailer appears, officers don’t just look forward to a warm meal. They are eager to have a listening ear. Many officers express their concerns about what is happening on the job.

And hearing what they have to say has been a highlight of the experience for DiSanti, because it enables Lodge 7 to know how to best assist them.

“I like getting out to talk to coppers and hear their concerns up close and personal,” DiSanti reflected. “I believe the police department is a family. I want to support my family members, and when they’re going through a rough time, I want to be there to help them.”

Standing at the trailer’s window, you might hear expressions of disbelief that Lodge 7 would go above and beyond for their members. Or you might hear remarks that the chili is too spicy.

But you will definitely hear members’ gratitude and appreciation.

“They love it,” Brown said. “They say thank you, and we say thank you for letting us be there. We’re there for the officers. They don’t work for us. We work for the members of the FOP, the police officers and their families. That’s what we’re there for.”



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Let There Be Ribs

Emerald Society hosts its Annual Rib Fest and Awards Night at FOP Hall

■ BY ESTHER GONZALES

Smoke rose high into the air from the grill sizzling with racks upon racks of ribs. And their savory presence set the table for something big at the FOP Hall on June 13. The Emerald Society of Illinois was preparing for its Annual Rib Fest and Awards Night.

Throughout the evening, more than 150 members enjoyed the endless amount of barbecue ribs and roasted sweet corn, along with the camaraderie of the brotherhood.

"It's an opportunity for our members to get together, sit down, enjoy each other's company and listen to some Irish music," Emerald Society First Vice President Jeff Lange commented. "And to honor some very brave brothers and sisters on the job that have done great and heroic things."

Members flooded the hall and overflowed onto the patio, where a tent was set up for additional seating. Lange expressed his gratitude for Lodge 7 President John Catanzara, who has had a long-standing relationship with the Emerald Society and often goes above and beyond to welcome them at their facility.

"Lodge 7 has been wonderful to the Emerald Society, without a doubt," Lange remarked. "John has bent over backwards with everything, with trying to help us continue our efforts, as well as his own Lodge."

The Larkin & Moran Brothers kicked off the evening by playing some lively tunes. And the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society Chicago Police Department entertained members throughout the night.

At the end the evening, the Emerald Society presented several Chicago Police Officers with awards for their heroic work in the line of duty, including the arrest of several violent offenders. As the officers accepted the awards, Lange reflected on just how important it was to continue honoring them.

"I think it's extremely important when these officers step off and go well beyond the call of duty, that they are acknowledged by their peers, other people that have done the job, who understand," Lange added. "We're here to recognize our brother or sister for what they did. And I think it's extremely important to continue it."



The Emerald Society of Illinois served it up for members at the Annual Rib Fest and Awards Night.



The evening was filled with lively Irish music from the Larkin & Moran Brothers and the Bagpipes and Drums of the Emerald Society Chicago Police Department.



Emerald Society board members prepared hundreds of barbecue ribs for members.



The Emerald Society presented awards to several Chicago Police Officers who went above and beyond in the line of duty.



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Best Wishes

6th District officers Make-A-Wish come true for KJ

■ BY ESTHER GONZALES

A dozen CPD beat cars lined up on South Canal on June 18 for the surprise of a lifetime. When 9-year-old KJ appeared from around the block, members of the 6th District flashed their lights and fired their sirens.

And when KJ realized these law enforcement officers were there for him, he couldn't contain his excitement.

This was his Make-A-Wish.

"He had no clue we were coming and then, once he realized, he was smiling," 6th District Officer Alvin Thompson explained. "It was a complete surprise and extreme excitement once we pulled up."

When members first found out their captain was visiting KJ, they made room in their schedules to visit him as well. More than 15 officers surrounded KJ, who was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, to give him high-fives and present him with a gift basket filled with items like a basketball, a small police car, a blanket and a police T-shirt.

Over a few hours, officers talked with KJ and gave him a tour of a squad car. They watched as KJ played with the sirens and talked over the megaphone.

The noise quickly attracted the attention of other families in the neighborhood, who walked out of their homes to see what was happening. And that gave members an opportunity to make connections with residents.

"Making his wish also gave us an opportunity to kind of bridge the gap between the police and the community," Thompson remarked. "It turned into almost a block event as opposed to just a single event."

The entire experience was emotional for many of the members.

"It was really awesome," Thompson reflected. "And it was semi-emotional because he's suffering and pretty sick at such a young age. So it was very emotional for a lot of us out there. We didn't really show it, but we just felt it. But it also just felt good being embraced by such a young kid."



Nine-year-old KJ was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.



Members of the 6th District granted KJ's Make-A-Wish.



Members presented KJ with a gift basket and gave him a tour of a squad car.



Seeing KJ's smile and the gratitude that he expressed to members struck a chord with Thompson, who had a wish of his own.

"I've been on for 10 years, and I've never participated in a Make-A-Wish event," he added. "And I just wish we could do more of it."

Members celebrate Juneteenth with residents in the community

On June 19, Chicago Police Officers celebrated Juneteenth with residents in the community. Members marked the special occasion by attending various festivals and events to celebrate the end of slavery in the U.S. in 1865.

Events included African dancing, food vendors and live entertainment. Here is a look at some of the districts that attended Juneteenth events:

12th District



In the 12th District, officers celebrated Juneteenth with foster children at the SOS Children's Village of Illinois.

4th District



On June 20, 4th District CAPS officers attended the Jeffery Manor Juneteenth Freedom Day event, where they engaged with members of the community.



6th District

On June 18, 6th District CAPS officers celebrated Juneteenth at the Unity Garden with members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference Organization.



11th District

Members of the 11th District attended the JLM Abundant Life Center Church on June 20 with Congressman Danny K. Davis.



22nd District

On June 18, 22nd District officers attended the Beverly Morgan Park Juneteenth Family Festival. The event included food vendors, African dancing and music.





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4th District officers feel the pride

On June 25, a CPD squad car rolled down the street with its brightly wrapped rainbow displayed as members of the 4th District attended the East Side Pride Parade. Also, the 4th District LGBTQ liaisons, CAPS officers and DCOs waved rainbow flags at the 2022 Chicago Pride Parade on June 27 to show their solidarity for the LGBTQ community.



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Boys (in blue) of summer keep things bright

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

With days off being canceled and other issues impacting player availability, CPD's two baseball teams — CPD Finest and Chicago Police Knights Baseball Club — have stayed focused when it comes to their respective goals on and off the field.

Boasting a division-leading 8-1 record in the Midwest Suburban Baseball League and maintaining a steady stream of community-based activities, the Knights have had a memorable summer already, with more big things to come despite a steady concern about being undermanned.

"Essentially, every game we have a different lineup based on availability," Knights President Eric Bermudez said. "That's a challenge I think we'll continue to face long term."

A Facebook post by the CPD Finest told a similar story in early June when it highlighted the need to call in some of the "old dogs" to help field a team at the last minute. A 7-3 win in that game is all the explanation needed for the smiling faces on players wearing mismatched uniforms in the photo attached to the post.

"The team is doing well. We haven't been able to field a full team all year due to the constant cancellation of days off, but we are making do," Finest Manager Vince Macias said, noting a roster of 33 players with seven rookies.

The Finest are gearing up for the annual showdown with the CFD Bravest at Guaranteed Rate Field on Aug. 10. The game always draws thousands of fans to the home of the White Sox for



the baseball action, but also for the pregame traditions honoring fallen and injured officers and their families.

"Winning three out of the last four years at the Police and Fire World Series has really set the tone as to where our expectations are. The fire department has a really good pitcher who stifled us for seven innings, so I don't think anyone will be lax coming into the game," Macias offered, adding that the game's goal is to raise \$200,000 for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

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the Knights remain busy, Bermudez noted. The team's annual Back to School Baseball Clinic at Little Cubs Field in Humboldt Park is set for August. Members of the team also turned out recently to support the daughter of Officer Joey Huerta on her high school graduation day.

"Our goal is to remain active in our communities, continue to bridge the gap between our City and law enforcement and trying our best to mentor our inner city youth," Bermudez explained.



Acevedo scores gold in San Diego

Detective Marco Acevedo didn't come home empty-handed from the 2022 U.S. Police and Fire Championships in San Diego.

Competing in the 50-to-54-year-old age group, Acevedo took a gold medal in the 100-meter sprint and long jump. With a sprint time of 14.01 seconds, he finally landed himself at the top of the podium in the event after scoring two silvers and two bronzes at the U.S. and world championships the past several years.

Acevedo repeated as the long jump gold medalist with a leap of nearly 13 1/2 feet. In a new event for him, Acevedo picked up the silver in the bench press for his age and weight class.

Since 2015, Acevedo has racked up 14 medals competing in the U.S. and world games, with his four golds coming in the last two U.S. championships.



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CPD Enforcers douse CFD Blaze

The CPD Enforcers closed out another successful season by extending their recent domination over the CFD Blaze in the annual First Responders Bowl.

The 45-0 win on June 4 at St. Rita High School marked the Enforcers' sixth consecutive win against the firefighters. The rivalry game victory ended 2022 on a high note but still left the Enforcers short of a championship game berth opportunity.

An April loss to the Tri-State Shields — only the second regular-season defeat for the Enforcers since 2017 — ultimately nixed the team's title hopes. Still, the Enforcers rolled to wins over the San Diego Enforcers (33-0), Charlotte Cobras (39-7) and the Blaze to send off head coach John Curry, who stepped down at the season's conclusion.

The 2023 season kicks off in March with a schedule that features a showdown against the NYPD Finest in Nashville in May.



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Never forgotten: CPD remembers Brian Strouse

It's been 21 years since Chicago Police Officer Brian Strouse was lost in the line of duty, but his legacy still goes on. On June 30, 2001, Strouse was conducting surveillance on a local gang when he was gunned down in an alleyway.

Officers gathered to honor Strouse on the anniversary of his death this year, standing united remembering his brave efforts.



4th District officers support battle against childhood cancer

Law enforcement officers may be used to ride-alongs, but the 4th District took it to the next level recently. On June 27, officers escorted riders on the Pat's Pedaling Pack bike ride.

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Four officers earn CPMF award for tackling vehicle theft ring

■ BY DAN CAMPANA

A vehicle theft ring targeting O'Hare and Midway parking lots drew enough attention with its pattern that multiple teams came together to investigate.

Four officers — Maricela Simon, Ruben Romero, Christopher Irlweg and David Olson — played key roles in apprehending one suspect and identifying two others, which earned the team the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's Officers of the Month Award in June.

Since November, police have identified numerous stolen Jeep and Dodge vehicles from each airport's parking lots as part of a sophisticated theft ring in the Chicago area that used reprogrammed key fobs to steal the cars and SUVs. Those vehicles then had fake VINs and stolen license plates attached to them.

In response, O'Hare's Security Operations Center and the O'Hare Tactical Team were involved in follow-up investigations. Simon, Irlweg and Romero were assigned to a detail focused on patrolling lots at O'Hare when information surfaced about a stolen orange Dodge Charger believed to be involved with the vehicle thefts.

The trio located the car and quickly determined the VIN and license plates with it were not registered to the Charger. Nearby, they found an Illinois license plate that did belong to the Charger. Olson immediately began to review video footage to determine who might have been driving the stolen Charger. As that was happening, dispatchers handled a call of two suspicious



males wearing all black with masks on who were seen walking around the O'Hare lots.

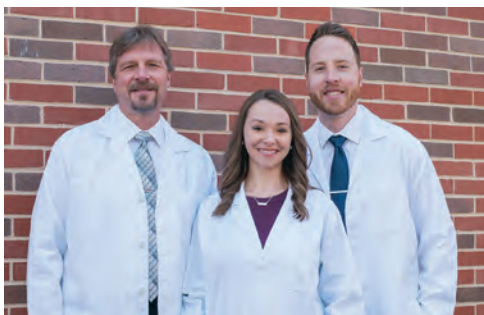
One of the men took off when officers spotted him, but he dropped a backpack that contained an auto key programmer, nine new key fobs, two crowbars and multiple out-of-state license plates. Other officers reported a man who matched the earlier description of the suspicious subjects asking for assistance in locating his orange Charger. He was taken into custody and, during questioning by Olson and detectives, admitted to his role in numerous vehicle thefts at both airports.



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Cops and the Community

Summer got into full swing during a warm June that marked the end of school and the return of many neighborhood events. Chicago Police Officers were a big part of it all by keeping a close eye on everything and connecting with community members across the city.

1st District



As summertime brings people to Lake Michigan in droves, 1st District bike patrol officers do their part on the lakefront path to keep residents and visitors safe.

Mounted Unit



Students at Immaculate Conception School got a fun surprise at their year-end block party when members of the mounted patrol showed up and gave everyone a chance to meet and pet the horses.

4th District



Officers in 004 made some new friends as they worked the 44th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Festival in Humboldt Park.



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ACTIVE CPD

5th District officers awarded for their service

On June 17, the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center honored and recognized eight 5th District officers at its 10th Anniversary Gala.

Chicago Police Officers Paris Thompson, Mari Holmes, Timothy Davis, Keisha Harris, Rachel Lawrence, Juan Jackson, Lauren Schnotala and Brandy Petite were presented with the First Responders Award for their dedication and service to the center.

"Anytime they call us for events, we go and help out," Holmes remarked. "So we go in there plenty of times to do permit checks and just to make sure they're OK. And it's just a camaraderie with my fellow brothers and sisters as we serve within the 5th District."

Standing with her fellow law enforcement officers to accept the award, Holmes seemed surprised. But she also felt grateful to be recognized.

"For me personally, it feels good to be rewarded," Holmes said. "A lot of times you don't get a pat on the back, but this is something I love to do. It's not something that I'm looking for. We were really excited and honored to even get an award."

The recognition members received only further motivated Holmes to continue serving her community.

"Every time I do something good, I do it because I love my job," Holmes added. "But when you are recognized about doing it, then, I mean, it just makes it a lot better."



Do You Believe in Magic? Officers in 019 do

On June 23, officers in the 19th District treated seniors to a magic show. But it wasn't just a magic show where rabbits are pulled out of hats; the senior citizens were given useful tips on how to avoid fraud from the Cook County Sheriff's Office.



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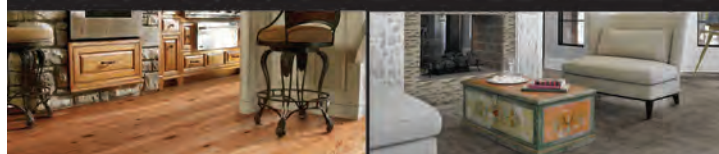
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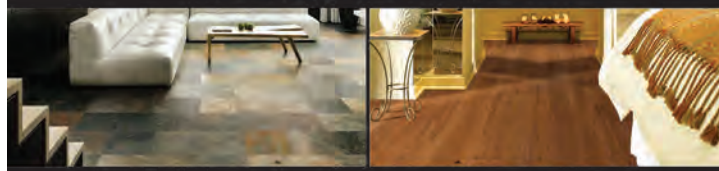
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The detective who took down the 'Bearded Bandit'

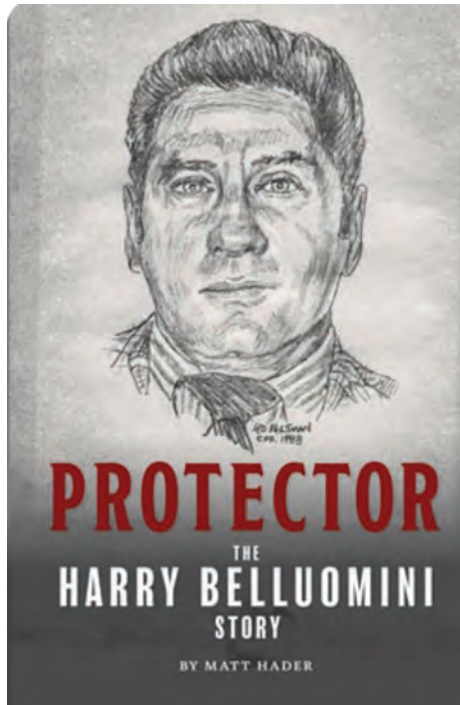
Amika Press has released *Protector: The Harry Belluomini Story*.

The book is about retired Chicago Police Detective Harry Belluomini, also known as "Harry Bell" by most detectives he worked with. On July 20, 1992, a bank robber known as the Bearded Bandit was in the process of being transported to the Metropolitan Correctional Center after the sixth day of his trial at the Everett M. Dirksen Federal Building.

While he was in an elevator headed to the transport van on the lower level of the building, the offender slipped out of his restraints, battered a U.S. Marshal and obtained her weapon. The offender then shot and killed U.S. Marshall Roy L. Frakes. And, as he was attempting to flee the garage of the Federal Building, he also shot Belluomini.

Detective Belluomini was able to return fire as the killer mortally wounded him. The rounds fired from Belluomini's weapon fatally wounded the killer. As he knew escape was futile, the Bearded Bandit fired his final shot into his head, and his murderous rampage ended on the garage ramp exiting to Jackson Boulevard.

The book is written by Matt Hader, who grew up in Park Ridge. Hader is a former 911 communications officer who worked in Evanston and Cincinnati, Ohio. Hader had contacted the Belluomini family in 2018 and expressed his interest in writing Harry's story. He re-



lated that this incident was always on his mind because Harry and his family resided in Edison Park on the northwest side of the City near Park Ridge. He also mentioned that a couple of movies were made about the killer, but his story wanted to focus on Belluomini and the heroic actions he had taken like so many other law enforcement officers.

The cover of this book is the amazing artwork of the late Leo Feltman, who



Chicago Police Detective Harry Belluomini

worked in the Department's graphic arts section. This sketch of Harry was one of the gifts he received at his Area 5 retirement party on Sept. 9, 1988.

July 20 marks 30 years since Harry Belluomini gave his life in the line of duty. The Belluomini family extends its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to Hader for the tremendous undertaking and research that was done for this book. The Belluomini family would also like to give heartfelt thanks to Lodge 7 President John Catanzara, the entire FOP Lodge 7 staff and to everyone who hopefully enjoys *Protector The Harry Belluomini Story*.



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Housing market predictions: 2022 to 2025



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I recently had a big meeting with the top 200 producers at my company @properties, and here's what I took away with me about what's to happen, especially in the Chicagoland area and beyond. What are the housing market predictions for 2022, 2023 and so on? This appears to be a frequently asked question. Everybody is talking about housing, but how is the market doing? Is the housing market ascending, or is it on the decline? If you're wondering how the housing market will fare over the next 12 months, especially if you're an investor, there's some good news for you.

As a professional, expertise matters, and here's what I see. Despite these early signs of a slowing market, it remains as hot as ever for homebuyers, with new records set for home-selling speeds and price increases.

Prices are rising due to a mismatch between supply and demand. This is something I follow regularly because it affects everything, but this is not a housing bubble. Many experts predicted that the pandemic would cause a housing crash on par with the Great Depression. That did not happen and is not going to happen. The market is in far better shape today than it was a decade ago. The housing industry has had a boom last year, with the largest annual gain in single-family house values and rentals, historically low foreclosure rates and the highest number of home sales in 15 years.

Here's what has affected the market over the past few years: Chronic underbuilding and the influx of millions of millennials into the homebuying market have resulted in a major mismatch in housing supply and demand. Despite the fact that mortgage rates are skyrocketing, housing prices are not expected to slow down any time soon. The most likely effect is a slower rate of appreciation.

The April 2022 housing statistics release from realtor.com demonstrates that housing demand has continued to moderate, despite rising property prices and mortgage rates. In April, the median list price of a home reached an all-time high, while the number of pending listings (those in the process of being sold) decreased.

Additionally, sellers have returned, and the number of newly listed homes has finally increased compared to the same period last year. In the following weeks, inventory is also expected to increase relative to last year, so buyers who are able to remain in the market this year may encounter less competition and more options.

Here's what experts predict will happen in the housing market in the coming months and years: Despite declining buyer optimism that now is a good time to buy, the number of households interested in becoming homeowners remains high. This is especially true for younger homebuyers, who likely are first-time buyers and struggling to save for their down payment because

paying the high rental price decreases their savings. Simultaneously, seller expectations for larger down payments appear to be increasing, fueled by a still-competitive housing market and repeat buyers with relatively more available equity.

The housing market is unlikely to shift from a seller's to a buyer's market anytime soon. Rising mortgage rates may take some of the steam out of the market, allowing inventory to rise slightly. It would also slow the rate of home price appreciation and reduce the possibility of a red-hot housing market resulting in an overheated market. The supply of available homes is so low that even a significant drop in demand due to higher interest rates will not turn this into a buyer's real estate market, according to industry experts.

Because there are not enough houses available to meet demand, home prices will continue to rise, but the combination of rising home prices and elevated mortgage rates means fewer people will be able to afford to buy. There would still be continuous price appreciation, scarcity of inventory and good demand. Some markets will experience lower appreciation rates than others, with the Sunbelt performing particularly well.

Home prices do not appear to be decreasing, and the Chicago area is still very affordable compared to other parts of the country. For example, according to realtor.com, in April, the largest year-over-year median list price growth occurred in Miami (+38.3 percent), Las Vegas (+32.6 percent) and Orlando (+30.7 percent). According to CoreLogic, these large cities continued to experience price increases in February, with Phoenix on top at 30.4 percent year over year. The second rank was held by Las Vegas with 26.5 percent year-over-year price growth, followed by San Diego (25.2 percent).

The overarching question is, will the housing market crash? The simple answer is that it will not crash in 2022, 2023 or even 2025. Rising rates aren't cooling the market as some expected. The current trends and the forecast for the next 12 to 24 months clearly show that most likely the housing market is expected to stay robust, with many of the trends that propelled real estate to new heights last year remaining firmly in place this year as well.

In recent years, the price of homes has climbed dramatically. Many prospective buyers, especially those with limited financial resources, are eager to hear whether and when home prices will become more accessible.

When demand is satisfied, prices fall. In many housing markets, there is an extreme demand for properties at the moment, and there simply aren't enough homes to sell to prospective buyers. Home construction has been increasing in recent years, but the numbers are far from catching up. Thus, to see significant declines in home prices, we would need to see significant declines in buyer demand.

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