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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By Robert Kirchner

Let me begin by thanking all of the members who voted in the recent special election for the office of President for our organization. I want to extend a special thanks to the members who showed their confidence in me with their votes and support. Unfortunately there was not a single candidate with greater than 50% of the vote. A runoff election between myself and Sgt Burke will be held soon. The totals were: Sgt Kirchner 325, Sgt Burke 263, Sgt Brown 195. As soon as the election committee has the dates set for the runoff election we will publish the information. I wish to thank Sgt Raimondo Brown for running a clean and professional campaign. Ray demonstrated a great deal of class.

Spring is now upon us and it is a time for renewal. We will soon be marching to honor all of our fallen brother and sister officers who have been taken from us too soon. Please join us on Sunday, May 02, 2010 as we participate in the Annual St Jude March at Memorial Park. On the same note, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is having their Annual "Run to Remember" race on Saturday, 01 May, 2010. Go to their web site and sign up to support this event.

I would like to thank all of the members who supported the St. Baldricks fundraiser. This event was a big success and Team CPDSGTS did a great job on this noble undertaking.

Our attorneys went into Federal court on March 31st and asked the Federal magistrate for a Temporary Restraining Order against the city. This is to prevent the city from making any additional promotions off of the current Lieutenant's list until the city provides their answers in the discovery phase of our lawsuit. We believe the city is again employing delaying tactics in failing to provide their interrogatories to the court. We are waiting for the hearing date to see if the injunction is upheld. In the meantime, due to our action in court, the department will not promote Lieutenants while the court is weighing in on the decision.

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Recently our members received a letter and instructions to complete an ethics statement from Cook County. We have completed these in the past but have not had to do so for several years. Our Association attorney has discovered that the city provided our names and information to the county. Although we are arguing that most Sergeants should not be required to complete this statement, we have to fill out the form this year due to the city providing the county with a complete list of Sergeants. We will keep you up to date on this matter.

All members should check out the website regularly as we are now posting more and more updates and information on a regular basis. The new member's only forum is also proving very popular.

Mark the date of Monday, 09 August, 2010 on your calendar. This is the Annual Sergeants' Association Golf outing. The funds raised from this event are used to support the death benefit that is provided to the family of any active duty Sergeant who should happen to die.

UPDATE

The election has been settled and we can begin moving forward. I want to thank all of the members for their support in this election. I would also like to extend an offer of thanks to both Sgt Michael Burke and Sgt Raimondo Brown. Both of these Sergeants demonstrated class and professionalism during this past election campaign. There was no name calling or mudslinging. The candidates stuck with the issues and want what is best for the Association.

We can now concentrate on the problems and issues at hand. The first order of business is to settle this contract.

I encourage all members to come to the meetings and stay informed. I also ask that everyone check with the website as we are posting more information than ever on our site.

Robert Kirchner

Robert Kirchner
Chicago Police Sergeants' Association

Election Committee Report

By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszyk,
Special Election Committee Chairman

On April 26th 2010, the Election Committee had it's final meeting at which time the 2010 Special Election for the Office of President was certified declaring Sergeant Robert Kirchner the President for the remainder of the current term.

Each member of the committee exercised a total commitment to ensure that every aspect of this election was just, and in accordance with the existing By-Laws. They conferred with both of our attorneys Sean Smoot from the state office of the PB&PA, and Edward Maloney who is the Association's attorney to ensure all actions taken by the Committee were proper and lawful. I would like to thank Mr. Smoot and Mr. Maloney for both their time and especially their patience.

A copy of the letter of certification is printed in this issue and was mailed out to each active duty member. The active Sergeants on this committee displayed a commitment which should provide an example for all other Association Sergeants to be a part an active part of their Association to ensure its strength and integrity. Committee Sergeants were: Sgt. David Catalano, Sgt. Patrick Donahue, Sgt. Christopher Pettis, Sgt. Nathan Silas Jr., Sgt. Robert Vanna, and Sgt. Ronald Watts.

Upcoming Meetings

GENERAL MEETING

There will be no General Meeting held in July. If anyone has any questions, please contact our office. The next General Meeting will be our annual "pizza meeting" and it will be held at Home Run Inn Pizza Restaurant located at 31st and Kostner. More information will be available as we get closer to September.

PENSION MEETINGS

The Pension Meeting is held the Fourth Thursday of Each Month.



CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

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TO: Members of PB & PA Unit 156A
DATE: April 26, 2010

The ballots for the election to the Office of President were counted on April 5, 2010. The results were:

Sergeant Robert Kirchner	325
Sergeant Michael Burke	263
Sergeant Raimondo Brown	195
Spoiled	6
Total	789

Article VIII Section 20 of the PB & PA Unit 156A By-Laws and Constitution state that for this election a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast to be declared the winner. A majority is defined as fifty percent plus one. Because no single candidate received a majority, the By-Laws require a runoff between the two candidates receiving the highest votes. The Election Committee consulted with PB & PA Unit 156A General Counsel Edward Maloney and PB & PA of Illinois Chief Legal Counsel Sean Smoot and they concurred that there needed to be a runoff between Sergeant Kirchner and Sergeant Burke. The Committee began the election process but just before ballots were to be mailed, Sergeant Burke submitted a signed Withdrawal of Candidacy to the Committee.

To be in the runoff, a candidate must have been one of the two highest vote receivers and that the withdrawal of one of those candidates does not elevate the next candidate to that position. The withdrawal of Sergeant Burke has left this Committee with an extraordinary circumstance which is not addressed in our current By-Laws. Consequently, this committee consulted further with Mr. Ed Maloney and Mr. Sean Smoot in regard to the next step in this election. This Committee has reviewed the legal opinion of "Odelson/Sterck, Ltd" and case law as it pertains to election law (*Cinkus v. Village of Stickney Municipal Officers Electoral Board*, 228 Ill.2d 200, (2008) and *Reed v. Kasper*, 154 Ill.2d 77 (1993)). The Election Committee has concluded that the language in our By-Laws should be interpreted as stated. Thus, the Election Committee has reached the conclusion that the runoff election need not continue with only one candidate unopposed.

The Election Committee has accepted this as the correct interpretation of our By-Laws and Illinois Election law and certifies Robert Kirchner as the winner of the special election for President of PB & PA, Unit 156A.

Sgt. Donald Januszyk Retired-Chairman

Sgt. David Catalano Co-Chairman

Sgt. Patrick Donahue Co-Chairman

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Sgt. Christopher Pettis Co-Chairman

Sgt. Nathan Silas Jr. Co-Chairman

Sgt. Robert Vanna Co-Chairman

Sgt. Ronald Watts Co-Chairman

Membership Report

By Sgt. Robert Kirchner

We had a decent turnout for the March meeting. There were 48 Sergeants in attendance. Thanks for coming out.

There are currently 1275 full dues paying members in the Association. Sergeants have not been retiring at the same rate as the other ranks. I am sure this will change once the contract is finalized and Sergeants are given the opportunity to retire at age 55 with paid health insurance.

The contract talks with the Federal Mediator were set for March 10th. While meeting with our attorney, the city's negotiator suffered a stroke and the meetings had to be postponed. We are now scheduled to meet on 23 and 26 April. We ask you to check the website for further updates as they become available.

The city is continuing to delay answering the discovery phase in the Lieutenants lawsuit. Our attorneys went into Federal court on 31 March and asked the judge for a Temporary Restraining Order to prevent the city from making any further promotions until the city's attorneys cooperate with the judge's order for discovery. As it stands the judge will temporarily prevent the city from making any further promotions off of this list at this time.

The alternate work schedule continues to expand and numerous additional units started the 4/2 schedule

on 04 April, 2010. The airports (050, 051), the Marine Unit (059), News Affairs (111), Central Control Group-Bicycle (216), Alternate Response (376), Evidence Technicians North and South (377, 477), Bomb and Arson –excluding bomb techs (603), and Major Accidents (608) along with all Area Chief Personnel (SAT, Gun, Gang Teams, etc. currently assigned to the 6/2 schedule).

The annual corned beef and cabbage dinner to honor our retirees was held on Thursday, 18 February, 2010. Almost 200 people were in attendance to honor our retirees. Everyone I talked to loved the event and enjoyed the nice spread of food that the European Chalet put out. Next year we will make sure there is black bread and Apple pie to go along with the great food.

The office is now taking reservations for the 2010 Annual Golf Outing. This year's event will take place on Monday, August 9th at Silver Lake Country Club. We look forward to seeing all come out and support this wonderful event. Raffle tickets will be also be available soon.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on 20 May, 2010. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. I urge all members to come out and attend the meeting. ⤴



Pension Report

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeant's Pension Representative

In 2009, only 262 sworn members retired. 2010 will see a huge increase due to the free insurance at 55. In April, more than 130 sworn members have "put in their papers" to retire. A staff member told me this is the most to retire in one month since January of 2000, when 135 retired (recall that in January 2000, mandatory retirement at age 63 was reinstated). I have seen numerous reports in the media that the Superintendent predicted one thousand Officers will retire in 2010. Poppycock! Roughly 260 Sworn that are eligible for the free health care at 55 will retire. As of this writing the free healthcare has not been granted to Exempt Ranks or Sergeants. My educated guess is that Approx. 450 sworn will retire in 2010.

Please bear with us!!

Due to the many people retiring, and the numerous people purchasing service credit through Pension Code-Section 214, credit for other service; the "Rosario" case and Portability, it is not feasible for the Pension staff to provide you with a calculation "work up" on the same day you request it. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for these calculations.

You will be receiving your personal statement of benefits letter in the last week of April (the letter that estimates your retirement benefit at ages 50, 55, 60 and 63). Please read the back page of this letter, which explains refunds and non-assign ability of benefits. Every day you work you are earning pension credit. If you are suspended, take an unpaid leave of absence, or are taking unpaid furlough days (as the exempt ranks have been), this is lost time to be made up toward service credit, unless you have more than the 29 years and a day required for maximum pension (75%).

The City of Chicago is self-insured, and uses Blue Cross Blue Shield to administer health care to all of the Approx. 25,000 retirees. All four pension funds (Fire, Laborers, Municipal and Police), along with the city, pay a fixed amount toward your health care premium, and deduct your premium out of your monthly annu-

ity. The Dept. of Benefits and Management administers health care matters, not the pension funds.

Once you retire, the Death benefit is \$6,000.00 and beneficiaries can be changed at any time. The death benefit can be left to a living Trust (we must have a copy on file); this is not a life insurance payout and is taxable.

For those retirees soon to be Medicare eligible (age 65)

Medicare coverage always begins the 1st day of the month you turn 65. If your 65th birthday is May 24th, Medicare would begin on May 1st. Please start the process 3 months before your 65th birthday and when you get your Medicare card both the Pension Fund and Benefits Management must have a copy on file. You can use snail-mail or fax copies to us.

Which one are you?

"The pessimist is the man who believes things couldn't possibly be worse, to which the optimist replies, "Oh yes they could." – Vladimir Bukovsky

"An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity; a pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity." – Anonymous

"The optimist sees the rose and not its thorns, the pessimist stares at the thorns, oblivious of the rose." – Kahlil Gibran



Caution Cell Phone Users

According to Illinois SB-72 (Public Act 096-0131), effective 01 January 2010, a person may not use a cell phone or any wireless device in any school zone or construction zone. It should be in the Illinois Vehicle Code, but I am not aware of the violation number. ⤴

2010 CPSA/PBPA Unit 156A's 48th Annual Golf Outing

This year's Golf Outing is on **Monday the 9th of August** at the Silver Lake Country Club, located at 14700 S. 82nd Ave. in Orland Park. Silver Lake Country Club has treated our organization very well, and we have had many compliments. The current fee is only \$100.00 per golfer, which includes doughnuts, goody bags, golf, a cart, and beverages on the course, snack at the 9th hole, dinner with free beer, wine and soda, door prizes, raffle and a great time. The \$100 fee also includes entry for both the longest drive and closest to the pin contests, this should eliminate the lines during check-in. It's a shotgun start at 0900 hours. This year the format will change slightly, we are going to have a "Texas Scramble." In our version of the "Texas Scramble" every golfer drives the ball and all four golfers continue from the best drive, from that point all golfers play their own ball. I am told this will speed up the game, if not we won't try it again.



Last year we had 288 golfers, which completely filled both 18 holes courses, so please make your reservations early. Reservations will be on a first come prepaid basis. Last year we received requests from people who do not golf and wanted to attend the dinner and raffle, we will be selling dinner tickets for \$50.00, which includes dinner w/ beer, wine and soda.

Raffle tickets will soon be for sale again, the tickets will be 7 tickets for \$10. Ticket books will be mailed to retirees and will be sold to active members by area representatives and other board members; we will also have tickets in the office. You can contact the office or Rick Wisner; if you need tickets, they will be mailed to you. The prizes will be as follows: one-1st place prize \$1000.00, two 2nd place prizes \$500.00 each, and three 3rd place prizes \$250.00 each.

Any questions can be directed to Rick Wisner at sgtatarms@chicagosergeants.org, mail can be sent to the office via US Mail: CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609. Mail can also be directed via department mail to CPSA Unit 545.

Remember all golf and raffle profits go directly to the Sergeant's Death Benefit Fund for Active Duty Sergeants. Hope to see you there! 🏠

2010 Golf Reservation Form (Please Print)

Golfer #1 _____
 Golfer #2 _____
 Golfer #3 _____
 Golfer #4 _____
 Contact Person Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

\$100 per Golfer/\$400 per Foursome. Make check out to "CPSA"
 Return To: Chicago Police Sergeants' Association, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609



Legislative Update

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro

New Bills Introduced in Spring 2010 Session

Bill (Sponsor) - short synopsis

HB 5059 (Joyce) - prohibits new investments in derivatives in off or non-open markets, divest current holdings within 1 year of passage

HB 5069 (Verschoore) - allows fund to charge for the first 50 pages of copying charges

HB 5286 (Lyons) - for employees hired on or after the effective date, annual salary would be limited to civil service rank salary

HB 5312 (Saviano) - raises minimums to widows and retirees, annual cost to fund approximately 875,000 estimated on 1450 minimum annuitants (51 of which are retired members, the rest are minimum widows).

HB 5317 (Joyce) - child's disability raised from \$100 to \$300, est. 140 recipients, total annual cost to fund \$336,000 per year, this is of course an unfunded benefit. Originally \$30 per month per child rose to \$100 per child on 7/12/2001.

HB 5318 (Joyce) - increases tax levy multiplier to 3.0 from 2.0. Last increase in 1982, from 1.97 to 2.0

HB 5366 (Burke) - removes the Sergeant's, Lieutenant's and other higher rank positions on the board, allows all police officers to vote for three active members of any rank and one retired spot. The active member can be from any rank but all police officers vote for three spots and the elected active trustees "shall" be detailed to the fund office by the Superintendent

HB 5389 (McAuliffe) - Credit under this section (214) may be granted only to a person who first became a participant in this fund before the effective date of this amendatory act of the 96th General Assembly

HB 5391 (McAuliffe) - Would allow for 75% of current pay for all duty disability benefits going forward. Right now they are awarded 75% of current

pay but will not receive an increase until 7 years on duty disability, at which time their benefit cannot be less than 60% of salary.

HB 5392 (McAuliffe) and **SB 3190 (DeLeo)** - Changes effective birth date for 3% COLA to 1/1/60 from 1/1/55.

HB 5393 (McAuliffe) and **SB 3189 (DeLeo)** - mandates fund reimburse member for legal fees and litigation expenses if Board reversed in administrative review on duty (inc. occupational) disability cases.

HB 5395 (McAuliffe) - Raises minimum to \$1500 per month for retirees, \$1200 for widows plus 100 more each year through 2014 to 1400 as of 1/1/2015. We have about 1425 widows at the minimum, meaning an additional \$1.7 million to minimum widows and we have about 430 potential retired members with base retirement annuities that would be eligible for at most a \$450.00 increase in the minimum, which could add no more than \$2.3 million annually

HB 5396 (McAuliffe) - Similar to HB 5391 above, only occupational disability would be kept at 65% of current salary going forward.

HB 5397 (McAuliffe) - Mandates retired CPD annuitant health care premium charged to retired members pay no "higher premium or other cost" than the active plan participants with the same Medicare status.

SB 3008 (Munoz) - Duplicates HB raising minimum for child disability, see above

SB 3009 (Munoz) - Public Safety Employees Benefits Act - removes the controlling effective for those officers catastrophically injured, so those members injured in such a way prior to 1997 could apply, if allowed, city pays health care for member, for spouse after annuitants death until re-marriage and children up to age 25

HB 5684 (Fritchey) - establishes a 3% COLA for all widows, retroactive to the effective date of a widows annuity



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Retiree Dinner 2010



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Supervisors Pension Rep Rights In Jeopardy

By Sergeant's Trustee Sgt. Mike Lazzaro

In the March FOP newsletter, on page 3, the FOP Legislative Agenda includes House Bill 5366, sponsored by Rep. Dan Burke. Mr. Donohue is trying very hard to pass this legislation. This bill calls for an at large election with no provision for a Sergeant or Lieutenant position on the Board. This effectively would allow all three elected Trustees to be Detectives or Patrolmen, taking representation away from Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains.

I have been a Trustee for more than four years and have observed certain FOP Board members attempting to control and manipulate the Pension Fund. Their actions have been detrimental to the Fund and this bill is a blatant power grab to deny all supervisors of repre-

sentation. The Pension Board is, and should remain a separate entity from the FOP.

On March 17th, Capt. Marc Buslik, Lts' Pension Rep. James Maloney, Sgts Jim Ade, Rick Wisner, P.B.P.A. Chief Legal Counsel Sean Smoot, our lobbyist Joel Brunsvold and I met with Rep. Burke in Springfield. We explained to him our concerns about the bill he sponsored. Rep. Burke agreed with us and said he would not "push" this bill any further unless there was an agreement between the PB&PA and the FOP. We will closely monitor this bill for the rest of the legislative cycle and make every attempt to prevent it from becoming law. 🏠

Legislative Update . . . cont'd from page 7

SB 3022 (Jacobs) - adds section 214.3 to section 214 to allow prior service credit for military service prior to CPD appointment. Calls for employee and employer contributions as well as the normal cost plus interest for the additional service accrual, maximum period allowed 2 years.

HB 2582 (McAuliffe) - adds "a law enforcement officer with any agency of the United States government that contributed to the Federal Employee Retirement System" as eligible for portability section 214.2

SB 3162 (Harmon) - requires the posting on our website of any contracts with fund of fund managers, including our hedge fund of funds.

SB 2525 (Martinez) - states each system "must" indemnify and protect trustees, staff and consultants against all claims & suits. Bill also amends PA 096-0006 with regard to the goals established for minority managers shall be based on the % of total dollar amount of assets to be managed for" and also allows for trustee or staff "acceptance of educational materials or other costs associated with educational purposes" 🏠

Interesting Websites

New CPR Method

www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5huVSebZpM

Flight on U-2 Spy Plane

www.wimp.com/breathtakingfootage/

Look Up Your Old Car

www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html

Escape From Zip Ties

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Retiree Report

By Retired Sgt. Don Januszzyk

I hope everyone enjoyed the Corned Beef Dinner honoring the 2009 retirees. This was the smallest group (20) of retirees in years. However, the attendance was great. We had 175 attendees total with the active members outnumbering the retired. This was the best crowd we have had in the last four years. The corned beef was not from Harrington's; however all being said, the food was great. Most people complimented the food except for two complaints. Unfortunately, Harrington's just priced themselves out of reach.

Last year our September pizza meeting was on the north side and attendance was down. We are going back to Home Run Inn on 31st street this September. The Annual Candlelight Vigil for the Police Memorial is being held on Tuesday, September 14th this year. The pizza meeting will not coincide with this annual event.

There were two bills introduced into the Illinois Legislature in the last session that directly impact Chicago Police Officers. One is HB 5286, which was introduced by Rep. Joseph Lyons. This would have eliminated pension benefits for exempt members which would also affect Detectives, ETs, B&A, etc. Rep. Lyon's office said the bill is going nowhere. Then there was HB 5366 that was introduced by Rep. Daniel Burke at the request of FOP President Mark Donahue. This Bill would have eliminated the positions of the Sergeant's and Lieutenants' representatives on the pension board. Rep. Burke told me the Bill was going nowhere, which was after the third reading. I have to ask FOP President Donahue why he would do this to us. He was sitting with us at the corned beef dinner. Could this be like Judas at the last supper? We will be watching both Bills closely and keep you informed of any further developments.

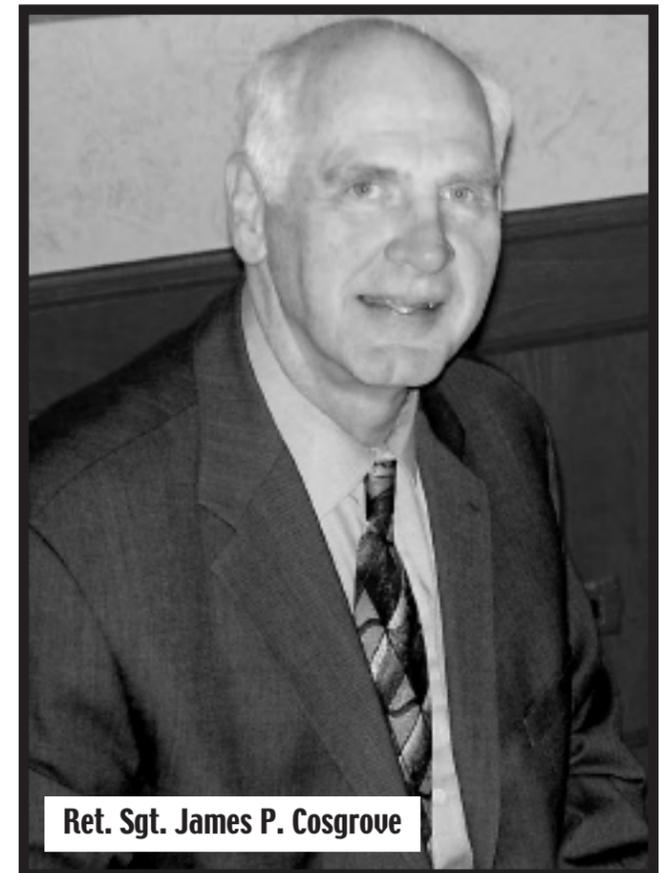
We again would like to remind all the active duty Sergeants and retirees to please advise us of any change of address, unit, or other information. Also Sergeants, if you are retiring, please call our office and let us know. The information, if we get it from the city is months late. Until later stay safe out there. 🏠

Cosgrove Pulls The Plug

Sgt. James P. Cosgrove retired on April 15, 2010 after more than 38 years on the department. Jim made Sergeant on December 1st, 1990 and joined the Board of the Sergeants Association as a Director At Large in 1998. Jim was the President from 2000 until 2006, and then held the positions of Recording Secretary, Sergeant At Arms, and was currently the Financial Secretary.

Jim's great grandfather, Peter Butterly, was a police officer back in the old days and was injured in the Haymarket Riots. Jim's brother, Frank Cosgrove, retired from the Youth Division, and his sister Patricia Cosgrove-Dyra recently retired from the 23rd District. Jim's son Pete is currently assigned to the 25th District.

Jim was instrumental in negotiating our contracts and was a wealth of information when any Sergeant called the office seeking advice. Jim will be missed, but we wish him the best. 🏠



Ret. Sgt. James P. Cosgrove

Retiree Roll

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
Sgt. Michael L. Kuber	1379		60	24	15 Feb 2009
Sgt. Edward Praznowski	2467	005	51	23	31 Dec 2009
Sgt. Susan Rashad	1816	005/166	51	28	Jan 2010
Sgt. Richard Aztlan	2694	701/702	63	63	25 Jan 2010
Sgt. Keith S. Mayo	883	018	63	40	18 Feb 2010
Sgt. James P. Cosgrove	1843	019/545	60	60	15 Apr 2010

In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. Please contact our office if you hear of any of our brothers or sisters passing on, we are not always notified in a timely manner.

<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>	<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Herman G. Horn	Retired	1990	John W. Cagney (90)	Retired	22 Mar 2010
Martin Tully	Retired	1999	Lawrence J. Ciessau (80)	Retired (TX&Chi)	24 Mar 2010
William A. Kilroy (82)	Retired	12 Feb 2010	Robert J. Doherty (78)	Retired	03 Apr 2010
Carlo P. Russo (82)	Retired	13 Feb 2010	John Brimer (75)	Retired	05 Apr 2010
Uless Hartford (71)	Retired	05 Feb 2010	Arthur McGovern (95)	Retired	20 Apr 2010
Alan J. Haymaker (56)	Active (023)	23 Feb 2010	Geraldine Sidor (60)	Active (002/166)	27 Apr 2010
Nicholas Rubino (77)	Retired	28 Feb 2010			

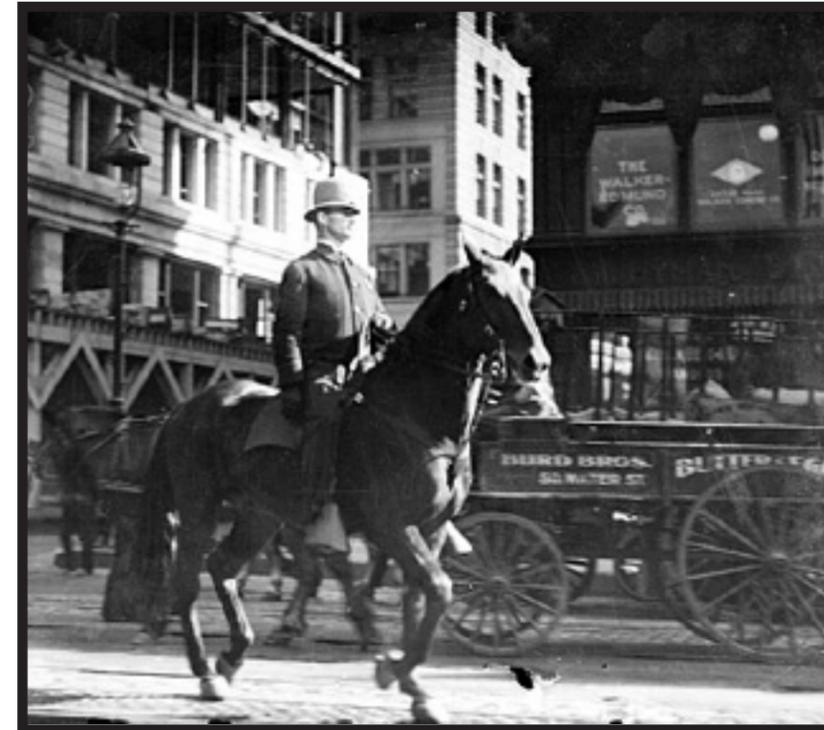
Reminder!

By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszyc

Your address is incomplete

The police department does not list your apartment or condo unit number on the information that is available to our unit. Therefore it is imperative that you inform us when your residence is in an apartment or condo unit.

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A look back to 1979...



Chicago Police Sergeant's Association recently honored 56 retired members, including four deceased officers at 14th annual retirement night. Some of those honored were, second row, from left, William Harrington, Edwin Kocinski, John Keane, James Fleming, Phillip Davis, Donald Fournier, John McNichols, James BesPalets, John Janninck, Robert Vaughan, Eugene Golden, Peter Lally; first row, Hugh Farley, Patrick Shannon, Sergeant Daniel Scalia, president of association, John Barry, Albert Appa, Louis Vitullo, Raymond Arndt. In foreground is Lawrence Turro.



Do You Have What It Takes?

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The phone rings in the office the other day, and the voice on the other end unburdened a heavy load. Then I was asked “Rabbi, how does one go on, when life throws those fast curved balls?” How should one react when things don’t go as planned? How should we react when G-d’s plan differs from our own?

It reminded me of the story “MAKING MUSIC WITH WHAT YOU’VE GOT”

On Nov. 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the famous violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Lincoln Center in New York City. If you have ever been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and has braces on both legs and walks with the aid of two crutches. To see him walk across the stage one step at the time, painfully and slowly is a sight. He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair.

Then he sits down, slowly, put his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extend the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up his violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play. By now, the audience is used to this ritual. They sit quietly while he makes his way across the stage to his chair. They remain silent while he undoes the clasps on his legs, they wait until he is ready to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap; it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what he had to do. People who were there that night thought to themselves: “We figured that he would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off the stage - to either find another violin or else find another string for this one. Or wait for someone to bring him another.”

But he didn’t. Instead he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again. The orchestra began, and he played from where he had left off. And he played with such

passion and such power and such purity, as they had never heard before.

Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, you know that. But that night Itzhak Perlman refused to know that. You could see him modulating, changing and recomposing the piece in his head. At one point it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before. When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. Everyone was on their feet, screaming and cheering; doing everything they could to show how much they appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet the audience, not boastfully, but in a quiet reverent tone:

“YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IT IS THE ARTIST’S TASK TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH MUSIC YOU CAN STILL MAKE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT.” ... End of story.

What a powerful line that is. And who knows? Perhaps that is the way of life – not just for an artist but for all of us... Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin with four strings, who all of a sudden, in the middle of concert, finds himself with only three strings and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that had ever made before, when he had four strings.

So perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live, is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left. Not always an easy task, but then again who said life will always go easy and smooth.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. AMEN. 🙏

