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# Chevrons

Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

*By James Ade President*

We are facing many challenges as we continue negotiating a successor collective bargaining agreement. Over the past couple of months, President Trump appointed Jeff Sessions as his new Attorney General. Within the early stages of his administration, Attorney General Sessions has made several statements regarding his aversion to Federal oversight and the consent decrees that regulate reforms of local police departments. What does all of this have to do with our contract? A consent decree was in the works after the Department of Justice investigation into the patterns and practices of the Chicago Police Department. This could develop into Federally enforced changes to some of our department policies that may affect some contract provisions. There is still some uncertainty where all of this is leading, which creates some delay in our negotiating efforts. We will continue to negotiate, regardless of what's going on away from the bargaining table. What remains most important to our Association and its members is the protection of our due process, wage increases, working conditions, and to maintain / enhance retirement contract provisions.

The Police Benevolent Labor Committee (PBLC), which provides our legal defense, has moved its offices and hired an additional attorney to handle matters for members of the Chicago PB&PA Units. Joe Andruzzi, who recently retired as the President of the Chicago Police Lieutenants' Association, will join Tom Pleines to handle our day-to-day legal needs. Joe will be a fine addition to the PBLC and a great benefit to our Association. The new office is located at 200 W. Jackson - Suite 1900. The Chicago PBLC Law Offices can be reached by calling 312-



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## President's Message

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453-7751. If you should need representation, call this office to make arrangements.

This year's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner honored more than eighty sergeants that retired in 2016. St. Ignatius College Prep was again gracious enough to allow us the use of their dining hall to provide an excellent venue for the annual event. Just under 200 Association members, both active and retired, attended and had a great time. Pictures of the event are available on the Association website.

Lastly, we have already started taking foursomes for the 55th Annual Golf Outing to be held on August 14th. Within the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving the raffle tickets for our Active Sergeants Death Benefit. Please support the outing and raffle by returning your ticket stubs as soon as possible. This is the only funding source for the Active Sergeant Death Benefit which pays out \$5000 to the beneficiary of any active sergeant that passes away while still employed as a Chicago Police Sergeant.

Enjoy the warmer weather and please remember to stay safe and take care of each other.

## Chicago Police Sergeants Memorial - Phase II Last Chance for 2017

Last chance for Phase II. Orders will be accepted only through June 30. We have room for an additional 35-40 personalized bricks to be added to the memorial this summer. If you missed the initial ordering, this is your opportunity to honor a friend, a career, a family, or anything that you choose to memorialize in this tribute to our fallen Sergeants. Please order your piece of Association history today. For more information visit the Association website at [www.chicagosergeants.org](http://www.chicagosergeants.org) or call 773-376-7272. Thank you for considering your donation to honor the men and women of the Association who lost their lives. We will never forget their sacrifice.



## Chicago Police Sergeants Association Golf Outing

Registration for the outing scheduled for August 14 is underway. Get your groups together and reserve your spot. Reservation forms and additional information can be found throughout this issue of the Chevrons. Also, you will be receiving the Death Benefit raffle books soon. Please take the time to return the stubs with \$10. Remember that the golf outing and raffle are the only funding for the Death Benefit for active sergeants. The Association pays \$5000 to the family of any sergeant who passes away while actively employed by the Chicago Police Department. Call the office at 773-376-7272 for more information. Thanks for your support.

**Vice-Presidents Report**

*By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

Let's talk about suspension. If you have been served with a suspension there is a limited amount of time per our contract, section 9.2 in which a grievance may be filed. Be aware of the contractual limitations and get your grievance filed in a timely manner. If you file late there is not much we can do to correct that error. The onus is on the individual that is facing suspension to get a grievance filed so the suspension can be challenged. Without the grievance the only choice left is for the sergeant to serve the suspension.

I have received several calls asking about the IG investigation into the Lieutenant Exam. We have inquired into the investigation with the IG as well as file a FOIA request. The IG will not comment on an active investigation. They are also exempted from answering a FOIA request on an investigation. The question was asked how this whole investigation started. It started with a letter. I came into work on a Monday morning and someone left a letter in our mailbox detailing a privileged study group at headquarters that was privy to exam answers. I forwarded the letter to IAD. Once IAD had the allegations the investigation began and it grew to where it is today. As of this writing the Inspector General has not released any results of the investigation. I along with everyone else urge the Inspector General to work quicker so that this investigation will conclude shortly.

**ATTENTION ALL RETIREES. 2<sup>ND</sup> NOTICE!!!!** Please call, mail or email the association and be sure that we have your correct email address as well as other pertinent information on file. I say this because by next January we will be transitioning copies of the Chevrons from US mail to email. This transition will be a huge cost savings in regards to savings on printing costs and postage costs. Unfortunately each time we send out the Chevrons we get several dozen copies returned to us because someone forgot to update their address with us. This gets very costly. If you have an email please be sure we have it. If you do not have an email let us know that as well and we will document that in our database. Those without email addresses and correct mailing addresses will still be eligible to receive the Chevrons via US mail. If you changed addresses please let us know that as well. If you are no longer interested in receiving the Chevrons let us know that as well.

I appreciate all that you do and I am thankful for the fantastic group of women and men that we have the privilege of working with in this department. Take care of each other and be safe.

**DISTRICT / FIELD**

**REPRESENTATIVES**

These members serve as Representatives of the PB&PA Sergeants' Association.

**John Slowinski 171**

**John McCarthy 601**

**Andy Dobda 003**

**004**

**Tim Szarzynski 005**

**Rich Bednarek 006**

**Ryan Brown 007**

**Mark Juska 051**

**C. Liakopolous 009**

**010**

**B. Topczewski 011**

**012**

**Tom Linnane 014**

**Danielle Barnes 015**

**Bill O'Reilly 050**

**Rick Nigro 017**

**Tim Flisk 018**

**019**

**Pat Donahue 020**

**Adam Zelitzky 022**

**Luis Gaytan 024**

**Mike Tantilla 025**

**Janine Hermann 121**

**Bob Wheeler 606**

**Upcoming Events**

Meeting Dates: May 18 at 1800 - CPSA July 20 at Noon - CPSA

Golf Outing: August 14 at 0900 - Silver Lake CC

## Recent Sergeant Promotions

Congratulations to the newest members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association that were recently promoted. We wish them the best of luck in their new assignments.

Henry Allen	Eyad Alnemri	Peter Amelio	Tim Balasz	Gabriel Barrera
Mark Baxtrom	David Benitez	Brian Berkowitz	James Berlage	Pete Best
Gene Bikulcius	Daniel Bohan	Stephen Boyd	Thomas Carr	Jesse Carreno
Pete Carroll	Frank Casale	John Cherup	Patricia Christian	Johnny Christian
Mike Chuchro	John Cleggett	Jeff Collada	Michelle Cook	Carrie Cooney
Jim Corcoran	Joe Corona	Lewis Courts	Tom Crain	Dan Cravens
Mark Czapla	Thurston Daniels	John Dattulo	JanAshley DeJesus	Arshell Dennis
Edmund Echevarria	Jose Esquivel	Jesse Farmer	Tim Fenton	Admira Ferizovic
Mike Fields	Natalie Fischer	Mark Foster	Tom Francis	Andrew Gasca
Tom Gaynor	Jim Gochee	Nelson Gonzalez	Jorge Gonzalez	Charlotte Gonzalez
Tim Gorzkowski	Jeff Gougis	Chris Grabowski	Steve Haltek	Jermaine Harris
Manuel Hernandez	Tom Herrick	Dave Hickey	Cathlene Hillman	Phil Hooper
Clyde Hudson	Nick Jackowski	Greg Jacobsen	Richard Jankowski	Todd Jaros
Steve Jarosz	Shantella Jenkins	Karla Johnson	Brian Kerstein	Evan Komosa
Karl Kruger	John Layne	Angeilly Lopez	Mike Ly	Rafael Magallon
Melissa Malm	Chris Maraffino	Michaelynn Martinez	Brian McEnerney	Andy McGlynn
Donald McLaurin	Joe Menoni	Cynthia Miura	Joe MontesDeOca	Mike Murphy
Elliot Musial	Mary Nanninga	Kevin Norris	Matt O'Brien	Mike Olbrich
Thom Olson	Oommen Sleebea	Robert Osborne	Juan Perez	Tordak Perkins
Mark Peterson	Mike Petraski	Pete Pietrusiewicz	Gina Piwnicki	Robert Pucillo
Sted Quadri	Kevin Rake	George Ramos	Christine Lode	Ron Reed
Ron Rewers	Bill Riga	Jorge Rivera	Ricky Rivera	Alan Rogers
Jose Rojas	Richard Rolon	Michaelene Johnson	Tim Ronneberg	Jeff Rumbaugh
Nick Rumsa	Anthony Sabella	Richard Salvador	Carlos Sanchez	John Sandoval
Ryan Schaffer	John Schaffer	Chris Schenk	Kevin Sellers	Salvador Serrano
Dan Skupien	Dan Sullivan	Mike Tews	Curtis Thomas	Nissa Torres
James Vasavid	Thelma Vega	Angelo Velazquez	Jim Vizzini	Vince Vogt
Curtis Wallace	Dwayne Walton	Brian Warchol	Chris Wertepny	Herbert Williams
Evan Yousif	Josh Zapata	Nick Zattair		

### Retiree Gatherings:

South Side Retirees meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Jedi Garden Restaurant 9266 S. Cicero Avenue

North Side Retirees meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. Lone Tree Manor 7710 N. Milwaukee Avenue For Info Call: John Zilinski at 773-259-1087

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization (OPLEO) meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia, Orland Park. Contact Don Ade at 708-408-9308 for any last minute changes.



**2017**  
**CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A**  
**55th Annual Golf Outing**



The 55th Annual Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 14, 2016, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Illinois. The cost of the outing will be \$125 for each golfer, and will include a gift bag, 18 holes of golf, a cart, beverages on the course, lunch on the 9th hole, and a buffet dinner with additional beverages. We will also hold the drawing for cash prizes (winner need not be present). This year we will be selling dinner tickets for the non-golfers for \$50, which includes dinner with beer, wine, and soda. Please call to reserve your ticket.

**Please note: All golf and dinner reservations must be paid for in advance by August 9.**

In addition to the cash prize drawing, there will be a bucket raffle at the event, which in the past has included such prizes as LCD TVs, I-Pods, GPS navigation devices, roundtrip airfare, travel certificates, etc. Join your Association for our only fundraising event of the year that supports our death benefit fund. If you cannot attend you can still support your Association by participating in our raffle.

Raffle tickets to support our death benefit fund will be sent out soon. The death benefit fund, available to active members, provides a check in the amount of \$5000 to the sergeant's named beneficiary to help the member's family at the time of their loss.

We have already started taking reservations. Send in the reservation form below, naming your foursome, along with a check payable to CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, IL 60609. Details are posted on our Web site at [www.chicagosergeants.org](http://www.chicagosergeants.org). Registration forms are also available on our site.

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**2017 Golf Reservation Form**

Golfer #1 (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #2 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #4 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Per Golfer \$125.00 / Foursome \$500.00  
Make check out to **CPSA** and return To:  
Chicago Police Sergeant Association  
1616 W. Pershing Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60609

## Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Dan Brandt Chaplain

The **Department of Justice** report that was rushed through just before January's change of presidential administration has brought about some discussion. Educated readers question if the study is worth the paper it was prematurely printed on. But I like to look at the positive: IF the report offers just *one* insight that might help CPD do its job even better than it already is, then we've profited.

The only item I took from the report is its reference to the number of suicides among CPD members. Suicide is an unfortunate reality that affects all of us. The DOJ states that Chicago suffers over 60% more police suicides than the national average (see page 123 of the report: "Officer Wellness and Safety"). Even if there is a hint of accuracy to this assertion, then it's something worth looking into seriously.

We HAVE, for many years, been doing *exactly* that. In fact, the Chaplains Section and a committee of CPD bosses--with the support of the **Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**--host annual (most recently, 30 MAR) **Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention seminars** featuring nationally-known experts. Additionally, available to our members 24/7 are your full-time **CPD chaplains**, the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**--our professional counselors, **CPD Peer Support**, and the **Chicago Police Survivors**. In the DOJ's haste to push the report through, they failed to mention all these other resources available to our officers in need of help. I have learned in my communications with police chaplains from around the country that some of these resources are unique to Chicago.

Perhaps the greatest resource we have is each other. Please don't EVER hesitate to pick up the phone if you observe something in one of your charges or coworkers that alarms you. See also our website's "Resources and Outreaches" pages for more information on this difficult subject. The DOJ report, despite its questionable legitimacy, prompted the difficult topic of police suicide to be written about here. So there's *one* positive that came from its premature release!

**Attention married couples**, active or retired: The Chaplains Unit is planning a **couples' retreat** to be held Sweetest Day of next year (weekend of 20-22 OCT 2017). If you and your spouse would be interested in attending, please email Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis at [Kimberly.LewisDavis@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Kimberly.LewisDavis@chicagopolice.org) or call 312-771-6638.

**Easter** is around the corner... On 16 APR (as on all holidays), the regular police Mass at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd.) is pushed up to 10:00 a.m. All CPD members and families

are welcome, regardless of creed. The police Mass is always kept under 30 minutes for those who would like to attend during their lunch break.

Planning ahead...**Mother's Day** is Sunday, 14 MAY. Bring Mom to the police Mass that morning (again noting the change in Mass time to **10:00 a.m.**). If Mom is no longer with us, let me know ahead of time, and we'll remember her in our prayers for the deceased that day.

Also...as always, we will celebrate a special

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**Chaplain's Corner (continued)***Fr. Dan Brandt Chaplain*

**Fathers' Day Mass** at Gold Star Memorial and Park at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 18 JUN. Being an outdoor venue, if the weather looks questionable, please call (773) 550-2369 that morning to make sure the Mass is on. You are welcome to bring folding chairs or a blanket.

While these special occasions warrant moving Mass up to 10:00 a.m., please remember the regular police Mass is offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls--1140 W. Jackson Boulevard.

I'd like to tell you about a police-loving auto service center on the northwest side: Bill Senchuk of **Cosmetic Auto** (6166 N. Northwest Hwy) has proven time and again--to me and many others--how much their shop appreciates CPD. Drop in with your personal car for a free wash and spring inspection. You can find this and many other police-owned and police-friendly businesses on our website's "Links" page. *We need to support those who wholeheartedly support CPD!*

Finally, a heartwarming true story from a recent experience... **Karolina Stepek**, a CPD member who contracted Leukemia while still a PPO, passed away last month after a long sickness. It was her supervisor, **Sergeant Jim Pera**, who placed her on my radar two years ago. Having had visited her in the hospital a number of times, I was given the honor of celebrating her funeral Mass. She was a Polish immigrant, and did not live in Chicago very long...so she didn't have much time to establish a strong support system here. Therefore I worried that there might not be a crowded church when her family arrived from Poland for her funeral. Well, word got out as it so often does, and there was a VERY full church that morning. After the funeral, which was on the north side, I asked a south-side member I bumped into if he had worked with Karolina. *His answer? "No. I've never met her. I just wanted to pray for her and have her family walk into a full church this morning."*

This is just one example of why I am so proud and honored to be a part of the CPD family.

God bless you and your vocation. Know always that you are doing God's work!

*Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain*

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### **VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

In an effort to keep you, the members, updated and to share information we have created a facebook page. This page is updated frequently by the Association and by the PB&PA of Illinois. If you do not follow facebook, simply visit our website at [chicagosergeants.org](http://chicagosergeants.org) and follow the live feed. We are asking that you "Like" the site and refer to it often. You can locate us on facebook at

### **Chicago Police Sergeants' PB&PA**

**Save The Date!!!**

**CPSA GOLF OUTING MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 0900 HOURS**

<b>Food for Thought</b>	<b>By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain</b>
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Isn't it interesting as to what makes the news these days, but the stories that should really be publicized seldom make it to the news. As your Chaplains we are privileged to witness some of the most sacred and noble moment of human kindness that seldom go public. Our Angles among us. For example our members responded to a well being check, a single mom, with 4 kids in the apartment, no heat and the kids are huddled around the stove to keep warm . After exchanging some pleasantries with the mom, our "Angels" left , went to area Walmart and bought sweaters for all the kids. Or the Officers in line at Jewel at the checkout, behind an old gentleman in tattered clothing, and when it came for the old man to pay for his groceries our "Angel" stuck his hand out and swiped his own credit card and paid for the old man's groceries. And the list goes on and on. So on behalf of all of us that know about all the acts of kindness that you do, we say THANK YOU for being G-d's presence out in the street, you do G-d proud, you do us proud and for that we say G-d bless you all. And as supervisors, NEVER underestimate the power of a pat on the back or a kind word, that you give your troops, they appreciate it more than you'll ever know. Don't stop doing the Holy work that you're doing on the street, our great City is indebted to you for all that you do. It brings to mind the story of ...

"The Surprise Visit"

*In a small neighboring village from where we live, is a woman whom we know by the name of Ruth. Ruth went to her mail box one morning to retrieve her mail and found an envelope. She picked it up, looked at it before opening, and then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, no return name or address, only her name and address. She read the letter, it said:*

*Dear Ruth: "I'm going to be in your neighborhood next Saturday afternoon, and I'd like to stop by for a visit, if that's okay with you"?*

*Love Always, The Lord*

*Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special; I don't bother anybody, I just live my quiet life." After a few moments she calmed down and thought , no problem but remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. ten dollars and forty cents. Well, I can get some bread ,cold cuts, and a bottle of pop, at least. She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving Ruth with grand total twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm. "Hey lady, can you help us, lady?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags. "Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're get-*

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could help us. Lady, we'd really appreciate it." Ruth looked at them both. The streets took a toll on them, Their clothes were dirty and tattered, and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart, how could she turn them away, when they have even less than her? "Sir, wait!", the couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food, I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag. "Thank you, lady", the man said, "thank you very much!" "Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering.

"You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you lady! Thank you very much!" the couple shouted. Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him. She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox. "That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She opened the envelope, and it read....

Dear Ruth: It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat. ....Love Always, The Lord . End of story.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, thanks to each of you for going out every day to do G-d's work and taking such good care of His children. You do you Maker proud and you do us proud!  
And now a little chuckle from the humor files...

"Mom's White Hair"

One morning, as little Hannah was sitting at the kitchen sink watching her mother wash and dry the breakfast plates, she noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair mixed in with her dark hair. Hannah looked at her mother and said, "Why have you got some white hairs, mummy?" Her mother replied, "Well darling, every time a daughter does something bad to make her mother cry or unhappy, one of her mother's hairs turns white."

Hannah thought about this information for a few moments then said, "Mummy, so how come all of grandma's hairs are white?" .....lol....lol

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains , may G-d bless you and keep you safe. Just as a reminder your Chaplains are available to you and the troops, 24/7, and we make house calls. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen or perhaps have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call.

Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: [moshewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshewolf@hotmail.com)

**Pension Report***By Brian Wright Pension Board Representative*

Many of you are savvy and engaged when it comes to the pension fund and the nuts and bolts that make it run. But, I wanted to break down the obligations and income of the fund in basic terms that all of us could understand.

The pension fund pays out about \$700 million dollars every year between annuity payments, disability payments, death benefits and administrative costs. We contribute as members approximately \$100 million per year. The City will contribute \$464 million in 2017 for a total of \$564 million. This leaves a shortfall of \$136 million to be made up in investment contributions. We currently stand at about \$2.4 billion in assets. Thus, to just break even for 2017, we need to make 5.7% in investment returns. This is not an unreasonable number and with conservative and vigilant investing strategies, we should be able to reach the 5.7%.

However, the 5.7% return and the monies contributed by the members and the City would only keep us from losing money and does not grow the fund. Therein lies the rub. We are in an upward cycle of the economy. The last significant bear market was in 2008. We are now nine years removed from 2008. Most of the time, the market has a seven year cycle. Thus, it stands to reason that we are due for a correction sooner rather than later.

The good news is that the City's contribution rises every year hereafter by law and then, in 2021, the City has to contribute the Actuarially Required Contribution, or ARC, payment. That means the City has to contribute the amount necessary to grow this fund to 90% funded by 2065. Now, 2065 is a long ways off, but as long as the fund is growing, that is all we could hope for.

The bad news is that we need a good investment return every year to ensure we are not at risk of losing any of our principal. The formula is simple: the more money we have, the more money we can make from our investments. That means that the City has to continue to increase their payment, as they are legally obligated to do, and we will be able to grow the fund. If there is another 2008, we will be in deep trouble.

The City was told time and time again to increase their pension payments to avoid this exact situation we are in. The law was changed in 2010 to hold the City accountable to us by requiring the ARC payment. The law was set to kick in in 2016. The City then pushed the ARC payment requirement back to 2021 by changing the law, but were still required to over double their payment (from 190 million in 2015 to 420 million in 2016). I have told a number of you to take a deep breath on this issue and keep an eye on the assets of the Fund. If the assets are increasing year by year we are in good shape. Even if the increases are not monumental. The key is to get the needle going up and keep it going up. We accomplished the first part, now let's see if we can accomplish the second.

**Membership Report***By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

As of this writing there are 1197 members in the 9171 pay code. The budgeted strength for our pay code is 1219 which leaves us 22 sergeants short at this time.

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**Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park**

**In Memoriam**

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

<b>Name (Age)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Passed Away</b>
Sgt. Edward W. Adorjan	Retired	00 Sep 2012
Sgt. John J. Mahoney	Retired	21 Aug 2016
Sgt. James W. Wright	Retired (Az)	00 Nov 2016
Sgt. Thomas J. O'Connor (73)	Retired	00 Dec 2016
Sgt. Patrick E. Cucci (84)	Retired	14 Jan 2017
Sgt. Mary L. Bernichio	Retired	21 Jan 2017
Sgt. Alphonso Montes Jr.	Retired (Nv)	16 Feb 2017
Sgt. George A. Kerbs (91)	Retired	17 Feb 2017
Sgt. Thomas Green	Retired (Tx)	25 Feb 2017
Sgt. Albert McCaffery Jr. (67)	Retired	28 Feb 2017
Sgt. James W. McDonough Sr. (82)	Retired (Fl)	30 Mar 2017
Sgt. Bruce Gyron (75)	Retired (Ind)	02 Apr 2017

**Recent Retirements**

The following have retired since our last Chevrons. These Sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Sgt. Robert Weston	2101	017	60	31	15 January 2017
Sgt. Athena Mullen	2618	001	54	29	15 January 2017
Sgt. Dwayne Johnson	1505	543	52	30	15 January 2017
Sgt. Matthew Brown	2378	121	61	29	15 January 2017
Sgt. Ruth Ronan	1024	017	51	26	16 January 2017
Sgt. Daniel Casey	1014	384	62	28	01 February 2017
Sgt. David Wright, Jr.	1336	620	61	29	15 February 2017
Sgt. Theresa Odom	2455	261	50	25	15 February 2017
Sgt. Roberto Gonzalez	1602	016	52	27	15 February 2017
Sgt. Eric Cato	1321	189	50	25	15 February 2017
Sgt. Kelly Lewison	1763	123	52	30	24 February 2017
Sgt. Paul Hagemann	2587	114	50	21	28 February 2017
Sgt. Vincent Morales	1388	004	60	30	15 March 2017

**Legal Defense Representation**

Police Benevolent Labor Committee

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**May 18th at 1800 - July 20th at Noon**

**CPSA 1616 W. Pershing Rd.**

## Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number? Make sure we know!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Star # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**I have moved.** My current address information is as follows

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (new) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**I have changed Units.** My current unit is as follows

Old Unit \_\_\_\_\_ New Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Day Off Group \_\_\_\_\_

**I have a new star number.** My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number \_\_\_\_\_ New Star Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**You may mail this form via Police Mail to: Unit 545 or U.S. Mail to:**

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