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President's Message

By Paul F. Bilotta President

I hope that all of you had a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year. As busy as everyone gets during the holiday season it always seems to go by very quickly. Now that the New Year celebration has passed and we have gotten back into our daily routine we can move forward into the New Year.

It is with heavy heart that I write this particular portion of the newsletter.

We lost a longtime Board member who upon retirement became our Northside Retiree Representative. Jacque Boyd had served this Association for many years. She was at each meeting and had attended all the North Side retiree functions to keep our retirees abreast of any Association news. We all had the good fortune of seeing Jacque at our last meeting on December 14. Unfortunately Jacque passed on 07 January. Services will held for Jacque on February 8 at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home from 3-8 p.m. The funeral home is located at 7812 N. Milwaukee in Niles. A funeral mass will held on February 9 at St. Juliana Church located at 7201 N. Oketo which is located at Oketo and Touhy. If you knew Jacque or were an acquaintance please stop at the services to pay your respect to her family.

Our last contract negotiation session had been cancelled by the city due to a city budget meeting being held the morning of our meeting. This meeting was scheduled just prior to the start of the holiday season. I have instructed our attorney to get future meeting dates from the city so we may begin meeting again as soon as possible. Quite honestly things have slowed down with the mayoral election looming in front of us.



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President's Message

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As you are reading this newsletter you should have your 2019 PBPA General Handbook. As is obvious the design of the book was changed. The new book now has a spiral binding instead of a glued one and is approximately a quarter of inch shorter to make it easier to fit into a pocket. This redesign is what caused the printing delay. We are confident most people are happy with the new look of the book. Now that the design has been finalized all books can be printed in a timely manner next year.

There has been another change with the New Year. The PBLC hired Donna Dowd as one of our attorneys. Our legal staff consisted of Tom Pleines, and Joe Andruzzi. Tom has been with the PBLC for several years now since he left the FOP. Joe was hired by the PBLC when he retired as a Lieutenant from the CPD. Donna will start with PBLC on January 14 as she will also retire from her position as Lieutenant with the CPD. Our attorneys are primarily used to represent our members for statements they give to either IAD or COPA. They will also argue on our behalf at all Arbitrations that we have throughout the year. In the past either Tom or Joe would accompany members to statements. Going forward our members will be accompanied by either Joe Andruzzi or Donna Dowd for future statements. Tom Pleines will remain on the PBLC staff but he will be working on our contract. Our attorneys schedule statements for their own calendars. If you are notified that an appearance for a statement is necessary you may call the attorney directly at 312-453-7751. The attorneys have their office at 200 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 720. Grievances, suspensions, contract violations and any general questions you may have will always be handled through our office. Please call us directly if you have any questions. Our office number is 773-376-7272.

Thank you for all that you do, be safe, and remember to take care of each other.

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 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

Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Challenge Coins

The CPSA is proud to offer a first edition challenge coin. They are available for sale at the CPSA Office 1616 W. Pershing Rd. and at any of the General Meetings. Cost for the inaugural coin is only \$10 and all proceeds go to the Active Sergeants' Death Benefit Fund.



Vice-Presidents Report

By Chris Pettis Vice-President

"In keeping with my promise to keep our membership informed, I would like to share a second message with you from a fellow Sergeant, Shawn Kennedy, regarding officer wellness. He is detailed to the Professional Counseling Division (unit 128) and stationed at headquarters, room 3060 NE. He can be reached at (312) 745-5692 or Pax 0256."

A Supervisor's Role (Part 2) – Officer Wellness

Since my last article appeared in the [Chevrans newsletter \(July 2018\)](#), the Chicago Police Department experienced the suicide of four sworn officers (July 8th, September 3rd, September 12th and October 28th). Three of these suicides occurred either on-duty or on police property prior to reporting to duty. I believe it is safe to say that this phenomenon was a wake-up call for all of us. It forced us to acknowledge the reality that an officer can actually get to a place in their life, where they feel there is no other option other than taking their own life. It forced us to think in hindsight, whether or not there were red flags that we missed or if there was something more we could have or should have done. We can never bring back those four officers, but we can learn from their tragedies by applying that knowledge moving forward, so that their deaths will not be in vain. We can put forth a concerted effort to be more diligent in the wellness of ourselves and of our officers. You may ask, "Why doesn't an officer simply ask for help?" The stigma surrounding mental illness, alcoholism, failed relationships, addictions and any other perceived weakness is **"real"**. Many officers will **never** reach out for help on their own, due to the fear of being labeled as "too weak" or "not being in control", and even the perceived possibility that their livelihood might be in jeopardy.

As Sergeants (frontline supervisors), we are responsible for all officers on our watch, not just those officers on our Supervisor's Management Log. Because we work so closely with our officers, we generally will recognize when something is wrong long before our Lieutenant, Captain or Commander will. These bosses depend upon us and expect us to be there for our officers. Most of your officers look up to you for guidance and have an expectation that you will have their best interest at heart. We have a moral obligation to keep our officers safe. Our new mantra should be **"Not on My Watch."**

So what are some of the things you can proactively do to ensure the emotional and mental fitness of your officers? First and foremost is to engage in open dialogue with your officers. Ask them how they are doing today. Ask about their family, about school, or their hobbies outside of the work environment. You may be surprised how quickly an officer may open

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DISTRICT / FIELD

REPRESENTATIVES

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

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John McCarthy 601

Emily Campbell 003

Martin Murphy 004

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Ryan Brown 007

Mark Juska 051

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Matt Augle 012

Joe Vanourek 014

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Tom Linnane 017

Tim Flisk 018

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Janine Hermann 121

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Homan Sq**

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

Mayor Emanuel spoke recently about the funding issues of the pension funds. He had several points he was trying to make, but I will only address three. First, he stated he wanted to open up the Illinois State Constitution to allow for the removal of the three percent compounding Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of the Municipal and Laborer's funds. We DO NOT have a compounding COLA. Our COLA is 3% of your original annuity starting at age 55. The problem with opening the Constitution and the pension protection clause it contains is that you cannot specifically target two funds. Once the Constitution is opened, everyone's fund is at risk. If, and when, this issue arises in the future, be sure to campaign vigorously against it. The Constitutional pension protection clause is the only thing that has kept the City from reducing our benefits. Let's keep it that way.

Second, Mayor Emanuel lobbied for a Chicago casino. What an epiphany!! We have been lobbying for a Chicago casino for ten years!! Now, on his way out the door, he wants to back a Chicago casino?!?!? Not that I disagree, but the timing is a joke. For the past eight years, when he has had the ability to do so, he never pushed for the casino. Now, when he will be out of office in less than six months, he wants to push for it?? My position is we need new sources of revenue. The original casino bill's language provided for direct funding to the Fire and Police pensions from the casino revenues. Seems like a win-win to me. Every day, gambling dollars leave the City for Hammond, Joliet, Des Plaines, Elgin, etc. And with the introduction of legalized sports gambling, those revenues are going to skyrocket. We need to get a Chicago casino ASAP, because every day our potential pension dollars are being spent elsewhere.

Lastly, the Mayor touched on the Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) again. These are basically a refinance of current debt. If the City can issue POBs at a lower interest cost than what's required for pension debt and uses all the proceeds from those POBs to pay down pension debt, the funded ratio of its pension systems would immediately increase, and the interest rate differential would save taxpayers money. The more money the funds have to invest, the more money can be made, and correspondingly, the higher the funded ratio gets. I am never going to tell the City we do not want an influx of money into the fund, especially in the multiple billion dollars range. But, we will have to see how this one plays out with the new mayor.

One Fund

I was recently with some of my classmates from my academy class celebrating our 20 year reunion (YAY!!). Anyway, during a discussion of the pension, a couple of them stated "well I bet you are going to make sure the Sergeant's fund is funded..." Their thought was that there are several different pension funds depending on rank. These are officers with 20 years on the job. I have heard this same refrain from a couple of other officers over the years and informed them accordingly at the time. But, it seems as though this is a wider ranging misconception than I realized.

To be perfectly clear – WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME FUND – There is no separate fund for Sergeants, or Lieutenants, or Captains or exempts, etc. All of the money is in one fund, and all of our annuitants are paid from that same fund. The confusion may arise since we have four different unions. Those unions were created for collective bargaining and the contract. They have no direct connection to the pension, other than to advocate for funding it properly. The pension fund is a statutorily based entity that has the sole obligation of taking in

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up to you if they feel you are sincerely concerned. If you happen to engage an officer and their erratic behavior or statements make you feel they might harm themselves, don't be afraid to ask them directly, "Do you want to hurt yourself?" or "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" These simple questions are probably the hardest to ask but necessary. If they answer in the affirmative, **DO NOT** leave them alone. Quickly reach out for help and call EAP at **(312) 743-0378** for an immediate intervention. Take ownership of the situation until EAP responds to the scene.

Secondly, try to be more empathetic when an officer comes to you regarding a personal emergency. Officers are human beings who have lives outside of the work environment. An officer is not going to be productive if they are worried about their child missing the school bus or the babysitter having to leave earlier than expected or a loved one needing to go to a dialysis appointment in the middle of the officer's tour of duty. This is also a safety issue because an officer's mind will not be focused on field duties if they are worried about a loved one.

Thirdly, take the time during roll call to navigate the new EAP website on The Wire with your officers; something they may not do independently. They need to be cognizant of the services and valuable information readily accessible to them.

Lastly, if you observe an officer having difficulty coping, address it to see how you may be of assistance. Turning a blind eye hoping things will work out on its own, should no longer be an option. We should no longer simply leave it up to chance. Rarely does a suicide just happen out of nowhere. It is generally the build-up of so many stressors that develop over a period of time. When another stressor is introduced or reintroduced, the situation can become so overwhelming that an officer may feel there is no other option other than to take their own life. As frontline supervisors, we **need** to intervene long before it gets to that point. If you are not sure how to approach a situation, simply contact the Employee Assistance Program for guidance at **(312) 743-0378**. EAP has clinicians, alcohol and substance abuse counselors, and peer support members available 24-hours a day to assist an officer in need. Sometimes the most important action we may take as a frontline supervisor is to make that call on behalf of an officer. EAP's Program Manager of the Peer Support Program can also be reached by phone at **(312) 672-9973**. Let us get it right this time and adopt the mantra "**Not On My Watch**".

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revenues, investment returns, etc. and paying its annuitants a pension check once a month. The contract is only relevant to the pension for its salary scale which is the basis for the exact pension amount of an annuitant. Hopefully, this clears this issue up – ONCE AGAIN – WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME FUND.

My condolences go out to the friends, family and loved ones of Commander Paul Bauer, Officer Samuel Jimenez, Officer Conrad Gary and Officer Eduardo Marmolejo. These brave officers will forever be in our heart.

Lastly, I wish everyone a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!!!

Food for Thought	<i>By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain</i>
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"I Wish You Enough"..... Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

At the time of this writing our police family mourns one of our own, Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, who lost his life in the line of duty, at the horrific shooting at Mercy Hospital . Sam, was loved by all and loved all. Sam always gave 200% of himself. You could always count on Sam in time of need. The world is a richer place because of Sam, and is now poorer because Sam is gone. Sam made a great reputation for himself, more in few short years than other people in a lifetime. Please keep the Jimenez Family in your prayers. I dedicate this month's column to Police Officer Sam Jimenez.....

I Wish You Enough.....

Recently while sitting at the airport waiting for my flight, I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together, saying good-bye to each other. They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She in turn said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy."

They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it might be forever?" "Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever goodbye?" I asked. "I am old and she lives much too far away. I have many challenges ahead and the reality is, her next trip back might be for my funeral," he said. "When you were saying goodbye I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means?" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with enough good things to sustain them through difficult times," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbye." He then began to sob and walked away. End of story.....

My dear friends, my blessing to you today is, "I wish you ENOUGH today's, so tomorrow comes with no regrets." P.O. Samuel Jimenez taught us a lesson, no one is guaranteed a tomorrow, and one's life can change in an instant. So take a moment reach out to your friends and

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Retiree Health Care Information

Retiree Health Insurance Considerations: *Review and Act Now!*

Are you covered under the best option? This is an important time of year to review your coverage if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan from Aetna, Blue Cross or Humana.

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period is January 1 until March 31, and during this window of opportunity, you can switch Medicare Advantage plans or disenroll and return to Traditional Medicare.

Considering utilizing the Traditional Medicare Supplement plans from United American (Group Plan) and Blue Cross Individual Medicare Supplement available through convenient pension fund deductions to maintain the Public Safety Officer tax deduction.

Are you turning 65 soon? Everyone needs to activate their Medicare coverage. If you are still under the Chicago retiree health coverage through your spouse, you need to enroll in Medicare at 65, to avoid any possible late Medicare enrollment penalties. The City plan then becomes your Medicare supplement.

Over 65 and never enrolled in Medicare because you didn't have enough Quarters? Everyone can join Medicare and pay an extra premium, even if they don't have 40 Quarters. The Annual Late Enrollment Period is open January 1 until March 31. Once enrolled, your Medicare coverage will be effective on July 1st. There may be late enrollment penalties for every year since you were first eligible for Medicare.

Important Checklist for Medicare and Social Security

Age	Actions / Considerations
62	Earliest age to apply for reduced Social Security retirement benefits, subject to earnings restrictions if working. Visit: SSA.gov for more information.
64	Start researching Medicare options. Visit: Medicare.gov for more information.
65	Enroll in Medicare. Those who claim Social Security benefits early are automatically enrolled in Medicare. Others need to enroll in Medicare during their initial seven-month enrollment period-which starts three months before their 65 birthday-or face lifetime late enrollment penalties.
66	Full Social Security Retirement age for people born from 1943 through 1954, gradually increasing to 67 for those born in 1960 or later, earnings restrictions disappear at full retirement age.
66+	Those who wait to collect Social Security beyond full retirement age earn delayed retirement credits of 8% per year through age 70. (Spousal benefit does not increase).

Note: Retirees receiving a public sector pension may be subject to the WEP and/or GPO provisions which will reduce the regular Social Security benefits.

Questions? Reach out to Mike Marron at 312-802-0587 or mike@mafcompanies.com

Mike has been serving Chicago Police Officers and their families for over 29 years, initially representing the Nationwide Retirement Solutions 457 deferred compensation plan, and later joining the advisory team at the Financial Planning & Education Center of the Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union. He is a frequent presenter at the Chicago Police Department retirement seminars and a valuable resource to our members.

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Retiree Health Care Information

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Monthly Premium

65-69	\$204
70-74	\$220
75-79	\$280
80 and over	\$304

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75-79	\$217
80 and over	\$241

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To enroll or for more information

Please contact Mike Marron at (312) 802-0587 or Health Insurance Services at (888) 344-2522. Please indicate you are a Chicago Police Retiree.

*We offer individual Blue Cross plans for family members under age 65.

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loved ones TELL them how much they mean to you. They say, "It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them." To our dear brother Sam we say, 'We salute you', 'Gone But Never Forgotten'.

On behalf of all the Chaplains, a special thank you to all the Bosses, members of the Chicago Police Dept, Chicago Fire Dept and all other members of Public Safety from the many agencies whose presence was a tremendous show of support and comfort to the entire police department and especially to the Jimenez family, through this most difficult time. You just 'being there' was appreciated more than words can say.

Please remember your Chaplains are available to you and your families 24/7. Should you need an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean on or would just like some company for a ride along, (or perhaps some good humor to share) please do not hesitate to give us a call.

As we celebrate the Holiday Season let us be mindful of all our disabled Officers, our Officers in the military and our Gold Star Families. Please take a moment give them a call or drop them a line, let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers, it is appreciated more than you know....And now a short humorous anecdote to finish your year with a smile....

"The Man In The Pit"

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

~ A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

~ An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

~ A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

~ A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

~ An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

~ A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

~ A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."

~ A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

~ An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

~ A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

~A Police Officer, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit...Way to go!!

As we enter this Holiday Season, please let us wish you and your loved ones Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a very Happy New Year.

May G-d bless you , and keep you safe, today and always. Amen

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

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Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Dan Brandt Chaplain

From Your Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Thanks to all who in recent months attended **Blue Masses** at Resurrection, St. Ita, St. Mary of Perpetual Help, St Thecla and St. Florian Parishes. On many occasions, the large civilian congregations offered prolonged applause and even standing ovations to our officers and you, their supervisors. It is evident the vast majority of good people appreciate the work you do and the sacrifices you make.



A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is currently being formed by some of our members' spouses. If your spouse would like to participate in this group, which will meet monthly in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch.

Have you and your family been affected by suicide? A police family resource group has been formed recently to provide support to you and your family! It's called **STAR...Suicide Trauma and Recovery**. The group meets monthly on the southwest side. If you're interested in joining, please contact Chaplain Bob Montelongo at 773-459-5089 or Robert.Montelongo@ChicagoPolice.org.

Chaplains Ministry **Challenge Coins** are still available...the most recent mint honors our fallen officers. See and order them online by clicking the "Merchandise" link at www.ChicagoPCM.org. The coins are also available at the FOP store on Washington Boulevard and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation store at headquarters.

When looking for a business to patronize, be sure to check out the "Links" page on our website. There you'll find many **police-owned and police-friendly businesses** who support you and would appreciate your support in return. If you have a suggestion for an addition to this page, please let me know.

On Friday, 16 NOV, **Lt. Tom Cronin, Deputy Chief George Devereux and all the chaplains** spent 12 hours serving sloppy joe sandwiches to the ALL watches in the 005th District and Area South. It was our honor to feed the men and women of 005 and A/S in light of some traumatic losses they've endured in recent months. Pictured here is **FTO Kempes Chambers (005)** and me enjoying a sloppy joe and receiving a dog tag from **Chaplain Bob Montelongo**.



The dog tag features the Blue Line Flag on one side, and on the other side, Matthew 5:9 ("Blessed are the peacemakers..."). If you'd like one of these dog tags, Chaplain Montelongo will be happy to send you one, free of charge. Just send him an email at Robert.Montelongo@ChicagoPolice.org, or call 773-459-5089.

For your last-minute holiday shopping convenience, take a look at the **"Merchandise"** page on our website. There you'll find reasonably-priced t-shirts, lapel pins, umbrellas, challenge coins, mugs and tumblers.

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Chaplain's Corner

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Finally, as we celebrate the holidays, let us be mindful of two members of our police family who will *not* be at the Christmas dinner table: **Commander Paul Bauer** (EOW 13 FEB 2018) and **Officer Samuel Jimenez** (EOW 19 NOV 2018).

If you would like a memorial card for either/both, let me know and I'll be happy to send them. **May Paul and Sam rest in peace, and may their families know of our love and prayerful support during these difficult days.**

God bless you, your family, and the troops you supervise during this holiday season!

Fr. Dan Brandt, *Directing CPD Chaplain*

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Membership Report

By Chris Pettis Vice-President

As of this writing there are 1276 active members of the Association. The 2018 budgeted strength for our rank is 1294 which leaves us 18 sergeants short at this time. Currently, we have over 1400 retired members of the Association.

Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Retiree Dinner

Honoring Over Fifty Sergeants Who Retired In 2018

Thursday, 21 February 2019 1800 Hours

St. Ignatius College Prep 1076 W. Roosevelt Road

Legal Defense Representation

Police Benevolent Labor Committee Chicago Law Offices

Attorney Joseph Andruzzi Attorney Donna Dowd

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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!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Mark McDermott	2457	020	56	27	15 Oct 2018
Sgt. Gregory Gilfillan	1228	016	61	26	15 Oct 2018
Sgt. Lisa Callahan	1717	050	59	21	15 Oct 2018
Sgt. Steven Witczak	2584	124	56	32	31 Oct 2018
Sgt. Elizabeth Joyce	956	020	55	27	31 Oct 2018
Sgt. Paul Toner	1260	701	55	32	15 Nov 2018
Sgt. Philip Paluch	2381	022	56	32	15 Nov 2018
Sgt. Anne Lewis	2256	022	55	32	15 Nov 2018
Sgt. Daniel McDonald	834	018	55	32	23 Nov 2018
Sgt. William O'Reilly	2391	050	55	30	05 Dec 2018
Sgt. Joseph Dickman	1805	121	58	21	31 Dec 2018

In Memoriam

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

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. Edward T. Moore	Retired	27 Dec 1998
Sgt. Donald A. Brown (90)	Retired (Fl.)	18 Aug 2018
Sgt. Phillip C. Cunningham	Retired	07 Sep 2018
Sgt. Lucius Moore (80)	Retired	18 Sept 2018
Sgt. Adolph M. Learas (91)	Retired	02 Oct 2018
Sgt. John K. Mullen (96)	Retired	12 Oct 2018
Sgt. Herman J. Fielman (87)	Retired	30 Oct 2018
Sgt. William C. Otte (80)	Retired (Az)	00 Oct 2018
Sgt. Hugh E. Carroll (88)	Retired (Az)	05 Nov 2018
Sgt. Leonard J. Wojewocki (90)	Retired	11 Nov 2018
Sgt. Joseph A. Sepulveda (74)	Retired	01 Dec 2018
Sgt. Christ Tsonkalas (51)	Active (121)	12 Dec 2018
Sgt. Eldge L. Walton (82)	Retired	22 Dec 2018
Sgt. Raymond C. Prybil (90)	Retired	28 Dec 2018
Sgt. Jacque Boyd (70)	Retired	07 Jan 2019

Member Info*By Jim Calvino Treasurer / Grievance Chair*

I hope everyone is having a happy and safe New Year. I would like to take a moment and ask every active member to verify their address with the City. The Union has received several pieces of returned mail that was sent to the address on file with the City. If you have properly requested the City to change your address and it has not, please document it in case a problem with them pops up at a later date. In every edition of Chevrons on the back cover is a change of address please print that out and send it to us at Unit 545. And if you live in an apartment building the City rarely includes an apartment number so please include it. I completed an audit of our Active Member Death Benefit and was astounded by the number of members, over 200, who had no info on file. I am in the process of sending Beneficiary Cards to those people. Also if you have had a life change please remember to update the info with us and verify who you selected as the beneficiary. Thank you and please be safe and look out for one another.

Chevrons Mailings*By Editor*

If you have received this edition of Chevrons in the US mail you need to send us a note to verify your address and let us know you would like to continue to receive Chevrons, please include a valid email address. Also due to the rising costs of printing and mailing we may in the future be forced to go to an all email distribution or find other possible methods of reducing costs. If we can start emailing Chevrons to you please let us know in your note. Thanks and have a great New Year.

Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**Thursday, February 21 @ 1800 - St. Ignatius College Prep****Retiree Gatherings:**

1st District Retiree Brunch is on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m., at the Southern Belles Restaurant, 6737 S. Archer Avenue (just East of Roberts Road), in Bridgeview.

8th District Retiree Luncheon (8 Balls) is generally on the last Wednesday of the month at Noon, at the Les Brothers Restaurant, 8705 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Contact Dorothy Piscitelli at 733-972-0139 for any last minute changes.

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.

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. Blossom Café 8349 W. Lawrence For Info Call: John Zilinski at 773-259-1087

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Upcoming Meetings: **17 January 1600hrs and 21 March Noon**

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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: _____

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