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President's Message

By James Calvino President

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and that 2022 is happy and prosperous for all.

Unfortunately the Retiree/Corned Beef Dinner that was scheduled for February 2022 had to be postponed. The decision was not made easily, many days I sat and thought how can we get this to be a go? But there were just too many negatives at having it in February. Hopefully we can push it back and the COVID case count falls and we can all enjoy each other's company again. I am trying to get a date in April. Please stay tuned to the website as when we get a date it will be posted.

We can see the Department picked up in 2022 right where it left off in 2021. Cancelling days off once again, really? With temperatures that make a polar bear grab a coat, we cancel rdo's. Is that the only play that is in their books? The Bears had a better season than this Department and you see where it got Nagy and Pace. How can you constantly disrupt the lives of so many? How can you look any Department Member in the face knowing you are the reason they are an absentee parent, spouse, or loved one? This would be different if it was a one off event. But it is not, it is every time they get the call from city hall. You want to be a Lieutenant again!? We ALL know what we signed up for. And this is NOT IT. I and the overwhelmingly vast major of the Members of this Department came on the job to serve the people of this City. Not to be used as political pawns or be worked in such an abusive manner. When will the "powers" realize Officers are at their breaking point? When I say Officers, I mean all non-exempt Members. We see Officers attempt to get their regular day

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off not cancelled by having to submit a to-from with a reason that is deemed sufficient. Is the reason I just need my damn day off enough???? Of course not! How about the reason I am trying to study for the Lieutenant exam? Nope, too bad. But I will be at a disadvantage to the people who did not have a weekend rdo and therefore didn't get a cancelled rdo. Oh well so sad too bad. Yep a lot of "too bad" going around. If this Department was a private company we would have shut the doors, boarded up the windows and sold everything in a bankruptcy auction. I know I am telling all of you, things you already know. I apologize for that, it is just disgusting at how you all are being treated and I just needed to vent a bit. If anyone ever needs a time-out or a friendly ear please either give the office a call or stop in for a bit. And please remember you are actually appreciated by many of the citizens of this City. They are now getting their eyes opened to how the Department and City treat and care for its Officers. And as the 5th floor resident has often used the words "a reckoning", yes there will be a reckoning, and it will come when the people soon show their dissatisfaction in the voting booths.

The COVID vaccine arbitration has been concluded and the briefs are due 25 January 2022. We expect that Arbitrator Roumell will issue his award very expeditiously. He is one of, if not the fastest arbitrator we use. Many issues were brought up in the arbitration, the Unions put on a few witnesses to refute the City's argument that the vaccine mandate is not only legal but needed for all. As soon as we receive Arbitrator Roumell's award it will be sent out to the Membership. I would like to thank the FOP, Lieutenant's, and Captain's Unions for everything that they contributed in our combined fight against the City.

I would like to now welcome and congratulate the 99 new Sergeants that received their stripes this month, you can see all those promoted on page 8 of this edition of Chevrons. To the new Sergeants, you will be a welcomed sight in the Districts. For all those who are fortunate enough to get a few of the new Sergeants, give them a helping hand in their transition. We were all the new guy, or girl, at one point in time or another. They received the academy teaching of how to be a Sergeant, now they need the street education of how to be a good supervisor. Treat them well and it will pay off for all. I would also like to congratulate the 44 new Lieutenants that were also promoted this month. The old Sergeant list is most likely gone and any future promotions will be off the new list. I hope they get another large class in soon as we are once again greatly understaffed both as per the budget and were it matters, on the street.

Consent Decree Section VIII. Supervision C. Staffing, Allocation, And Deployment 2. Unity Of Command and Span Of Control Pages 103-104 Paragraph 365. *By January 31, 2022, CPD will fully implement and maintain a staffing model that achieves unity of command and a span of control ratio of no more than ten Officers to one Sergeant for all field units on each watch in each of CPD's patrol districts. To achieve this objective, CPD will maintain, at a minimum, one Sergeant for each sector.* That seems pretty simple 10 Officers for 1 Sergeant; right? Well not in this Department. With that being said, it has come to my attention that there are Districts once again with one Sergeant working the street. I have set up a dedicated email for

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Vice President's Report *By Vice President Danielle Barnes*

The past couple of years have been very challenging for our members and the Department. We began this unfortunate journey in the early part of 2020 when the COVID-19 Pandemic began, coupled with unprecedented riots and civil unrest in our city. It's 2022 and I don't think any of us imagined we would still be in the midst of a pandemic and continuing to lose members and retirees to this illness. Our membership has been subjected to less than ideal working conditions throughout this process. RDO cancellations unfortunately have become the norm for our department. As we approach the end our contract which expires on 30 June 2022, it is important that we start prioritizing the issues that are of the utmost importance to the membership. The current language in our collective bargaining agreement doesn't do enough to protect the health and overall wellbeing of the membership. It permits the Department to cancel RDO's without regard to the negative impact it can have on its members.

I believe RDO cancellations is one of the key issues that must be addressed in the next contract. We reached a settlement agreement with Department in regards to the process of cancelling RDO's but it was for specific holidays (Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, & Labor Day). We believe the Department continues to violate the spirit of that agreement. As a result we continue to file grievances for all RDO cancellations. Additionally, we scheduled two hearing dates in February with Arbitrator Roumell who has jurisdiction over the settlement agreement. We are hopeful that some measures will be put in place to protect the wellbeing of the membership. Nonetheless this is definitely one of the keys issues that must be prioritized for the next contract. Please share any ideas or suggestions that you have with Jim or I. It is important that we get feedback from the membership. Please share other issues that are of critical importance for the next contract negotiations.

As always, please take care, stay safe and thanks for the opportunity to continue serving the membership.

**Next CPSA General Meeting
17 March 2022 at Noon**

CPSA DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

John Grib 001
Yolanda Walton 002
Jeff Aldrich 003
004
Thomas Davey 005
Aury Pickens 006
Matt McNicholas 007
008
Aquarius Leonard 009
Jennifer Bryk 010
Michael Kennedy 640
Gena Ontiveras 012
014
Assata Olugbala 015
016
Ronald Malczynski 017
Kris Rigan 018
Tom Surma 019
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Michaelynn Salvage 025
Antonio Valentin 059
Peter Kochanny HQ
Thomas Stoyias HQ
Kevin Graves Homan Sq
Carrie Cooney Academy

Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Dan Brandt - Chaplain

From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...Happy New Year! **GOODBYE 2021!!!**

If your New Year's resolution is to enrich your prayer life, then please take note:



Despite current circumstances, every Friday at 12:05 pm the Chaplains Section continues to facilitate a Bible study/prayer/faith-sharing group at the police academy. No matter your faith tradition, ALL are welcome to these brief Christian-based gatherings. As with our other offerings, we practice social distancing, etc.

A similar (though more intimate in size) non-denominational Christian prayer opportunity is offered every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the multi-purpose room at Public Safety Headquarters.

Muslim (Jumma) prayers are offered every Friday at 12:00 pm in room 202 of the academy.

And the regular police Mass is held every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 am at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (1140 W. Jackson Boulevard).

To confirm times, or if you'd like more information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org, Kimberly.LewisDavis@ChicagoPolice.org, or Hysni.Selenica@ChicagoPolice.org.

While these past two years have been marked by anxiety, illness and separation, there is (I pray!) light at the end of the tunnel. As we begin the new year, we bank on HOPE.

Some years back, during a Primetime Christmas special, Mr. Rogers focused NOT on gifts or even the birth of Christ (even though he served for many years as a Christian minister)...but on the importance of COMMUNITY. "I suppose the thing I'd like most to be able to give you is HOPE," he told viewers. "And that gift comes when we realize we are part of a bigger family...a community."

The CPD family is just that. Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters, active and retired, in your thoughts and prayers as we move into this new year.

A new year may also find us budgeting and (hopefully) reducing debt (and the stress related to debt). Nate James wrote a book about financial freedom...seen through the eyes of a debt-free Christian, husband, father, U.S. Marine, and police officer. It's a great read and available on kindle or in book form. I have a few copies, as well, and would be happy to share...just let me know. You can also find a link to Nate's website through our site's "Links" page.



Some of our brothers and sisters are serving in the military reserves right now. They were away from us for the holidays, but they certainly weren't forgotten. As is our long-standing tradition, we sent high-quality care packages to all forward-deployed members. One of them, a CPD sergeant, has already sent a thank-you email. Our brother Miguel, a US Army reservist/communications specialist, writes:

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the team who put together my care package. Receiving a Christmas gift from my brothers and sisters in blue means a LOT. Special thanks to Police Chaplains Ministry for sending the religious items. It's good that you're looking out for us. Be safe out there, and God bless you all!

I was SOOOO honored to spend an evening with PO's Josh Blas ...Continues on next page



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and Carlos Yanez at a recent Emerald Society dinner event. After what they went through, and considering our incredible loss (Ella, rest in peace!) on 07 AUG, it's good to see Josh and Carlos smiling. Thank you to the Emerald Society for a wonderful evening. Nobody left there hungry!!

On 02 DEC, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted our beloved Gold Star Family members at the annual pre-holiday dinner at Soldier Field. What a wonderful opportunity for us to thank these families for the sacrifice they endured, and to reiterate that their loved one who died in the line of duty will NEVER be forgotten! Thank you to all our supporters who make the evening possible!

Some sad news... I recently had the unfortunate honor of burying my dear friend Rudy Malnati. Whether you knew Rudy or not, you likely benefitted from his generous spirit. Rudy was one of CPD's biggest cheerleaders, always donating his delicious Pizano's Pizza to our events. He was a huge supporter of all CPD charities/organizations. May he rest in peace, and may his wife Annette and kids, Holly and Rudy Jr., be assured of our prayerful support.

Next month (13 FEB), we mark the four-year anniversary of **Commander Paul Bauer's** murder. As I stated at his funeral Mass (and since), Paul's life wasn't "given," as so many outlets stated. It was TAKEN. It was STOLEN from his family and us by a four-time convicted felon who should have NEVER been on the street.

The name of Paul's murderer has already been forgotten... and this coward will spend the rest of his miserable life in prison with no chance for parole. But Paul Bauer's name and legacy, along with his wife Erin and daughter Grace, will ALWAYS be remembered.

Memorial cards from Paul's funeral (and many of our LOD funerals) are available for download from our website (ChicagoPCM.org). If you'd like one mailed to you, just let me know...my contact info is below.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692) or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website.

Keep up with all of our happenings on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy! Know that active or retired, you're in our daily prayers.

Happy-holy-healthy new year,
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Food for Thought

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain

"Keeping Faith Simple"Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Welcome to a new year. New hopes, a new outlook, earnest prayers that the many unprecedented hardships that we witnessed the past 18 months are behind us. The question that keeps coming up, how does one keep their faith when faced with life's difficult challenges? How does one muster the strength to keep going when faced with some of highest mountains to climb? I don't think there is an easy answer. But I recently attended a seminar on faith that really put things in perspective. The message was, "that when it comes to faith, especially during difficult times, keep it simple, don't overthink it". Then we were given the following handout parable, that puts it all in the proper perspective....."The Phenomenal Power of the Human Mind"

"Accroidng to reasacrh taht was crraeid out by Cmabrigde Uinrevtisy, it deosn't mtttaer waht odrer the ltteres of wrods are in as lnog as the frist and lsat leettr of ecah wrod is in the rghit palce. The rset of the ltteers can be in any oderr and sitll be raed and intreprteed corrcelty by msot popele wtih a suripsirngly hgih lveel of accruacy.

The hmuan mnid deosn't raed ecah leettr of a wrod, but iestnad sikms oevr tehnm and raeds the wrod as a wlohe, as if it were a shpae or pttarn. The psoitoin of the frist and lsat ltteer are vatil in mikang a frmaewrok for the wrod's shape, but btween tehnm can be a cmeplote mses wothiut a lraige impcat on cemprehonsion.

And wlihe taht may suonnd cmoptelely amzanig, if you urdenstood all tihs tehn you hvae jsut jioned in privong the phemonanel pewor of the hmuan mnid.".... End.

Isn't it interesting as you begin to read the above paragraph, after the first sentence, it all kicks in and you can finish reading the story?

Now try reading it really slowly each word at a time and all of a sudden, our brain goes into a fog. So, to my dear flock, it is the same with faith.

Sometimes you just have to have simple faith and trust in the Lord that all will work out, and it usually works out just fine. But if you try to decipher every step and try to figure the exact ways of the Lord, your brain will go fuzzy, as in the above paragraph. Because when it comes to faith somethings are beyond our comprehension, you just have to trust in the Lord, as he leads you by the hand.

Some Important points to remember about life...

- 1) Just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.
- 2) That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
- 3) No matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.
- 4) You can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.
- 5) You should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
- 6) You can keep going long after you think you can't.
- 7) We are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.
- 8) Either you control your attitude, or it controls you.

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- 9)Heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.
- 10)Money is a lousy way of keeping score.
- 11)My best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.
- 12)Sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.
- 13)Sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel or do something that I will regret later.
- 14)Maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.
- 15)It isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others; sometimes, you have to learn to forgive yourself.
- 16)No matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn't stop for your grief.
- 17)Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- 18)You shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life Forever.
- 19)Even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength to help.
- 20) The people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

Last but not least.....The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything they are blessed with.

MAY 2022 BE ONE OF YOUR BEST ONES YET!!

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in His loving care. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, and ear to listen, or perhaps have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain

Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780

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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 8:00 a.m. Blossom Café 8349 W. Lawrence For Info Call: Ken Houser at 312-485-8388

Congratulations to the Newest Sergeants

Congratulations to the newest members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association that started their Sergeant careers in January. We look forward to working with them and wish them all the best in their new assignments.

Elizabeth Alaniz	Marco Gallegos	Brian McHale
Ignacio Alvarado	Kevin Gardner	Paul Meagher
Manuel Arroyo	Michael Gavin	Ralph Mionskowski
Randal Baker	Emerico Gonzalez	Sean Mulkerrin
Fernando Banda	Eric Gonzalez	David Neberieza
Terry Batey	Ricardo Gonzalez Jr.	Matthew Nelson
Anthony Berg	David Guzman	Casey Nolan
William Bokowski	Manuel Guzman	Mayda Nunez
Willie Bolanos	Morren Hanrahan	Thomas Oakes
Matthew Bouch	John Hendry	Jaclyn Obrzut
Thomas Bresnahan	John Henry	Anthony Onesto
Sandra Bryant	Errol Hicks	Rosa Pater
Myrian Bugarin	Tracy Hoover	Rachal Paulson
Kevin Carlquist	Treacher Howard	Jennifer Petrusonis
Matthew Carlson	Robert Kellinger	Rogelio Placencia Jr.
Steven Carroll	Patrick Kenah	Matthew Purches
Modesto Castellon	Milton Kinnson	Joshua Purkiss
Michael Chernik	Sherry Kotlarz	Michael Putrow
Bridget Conroy	Andrew Larson	Phillip Richardson
Dennis Conway	William Lepine	Matthew Rickher
Joseph Corbet	Noel Lopez	Juan Rivera
Matthew Darling	Daniel Ludwig	Julio Rodriguez
Miguel Del Toro	Joanna Lukasik Millan	Wasid Said
Nenad Dragojloich	Ralph Malczewski	Juan Salazar
Rene Duran	Jorge Martinez Jr.	Catherine Sanchez
Juan Sandoval	Christopher Stark	Cosme Velaquez
Michael Sardo	Eric Szwed	Tomislav Vidljinevic
Monica Scales	Delroy Taylor	Daniel Villa
Donald Schroeder	Shikema Teague	Mark Walsh
Andrew Schurman	Brandon Ternand	Vernon Watson Jr.
Madji Shalabi	Brian Thomas	Jesse Wells Jr.
Joanne Silva-Arreola	Elbert Thomas	Lonnie Young
Samuel Soto	Joseph Toner	Gregory Zaragoza

Membership Report

By Danielle Barnes Vice President

Taking into account the newly promoted and recently retired Sergeants listed in this edition of Chevrons, there are 1233 active Members of the Association. That number also factors in the loss of 44 Members who were promoted to Lieutenant this month. The budgeted strength for our rank is 1321 which leaves us 88 Sergeants short. Currently, we have over 1400 retired Members.

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, as we are not always notified in a timely manner of their passing.

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. Robert J. McFadden (76)	Retired (Arlington Hts.)	04 Aug 2021
Sgt. Simon E. O'Donnell (80)	Retired (Park Ridge)	29 Aug 2021
Sgt. James L. Henderson (75)	Retired (Beecher)	09 Oct 2021
Sgt. William F. Ogletree Jr. (80)	Retired	24 Oct 2021
Sgt. Maudessie Jointer (63)	Retired	04 Nov 2021
Sgt. Donald R. Vetrovec (73)	Retired	08 Nov 2021
Sgt. Charles R. Loftus (78)	Retired	19 Nov 2021
Sgt. Richard L. Green (78)	Retired	20 Nov 2021
Sgt. John Ciolli (65)	Retired	05 Dec 2021
Sgt. Anthony R. Alegretti (91)	Retired (AZ)	16 Dec 2021
Sgt. Philip A. Watzke (81)	Retired	17 Dec 2021
Sgt. Alan Houser (73)	Retired	25 Dec 2021
Sgt. Juan Ortiz (55)	Retired	06 Jan 2022
Sgt. Frank Cool	Retired	unk

Challenge Coins

The second edition of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association challenge coin has arrived. It is only \$10.00 and all profits go to the Death Benefit Fund. These make great trading items when meeting Members of other Departments and are a nice conversation piece. Stop by and grab a few.



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this, whenever you see a Sergeant supervising over the Consent Decree mandated maximum ratio of 10:1 please scan the sheet(s) and email them to staffing@chicagosergeants.org. I ask you not to send screenshots or pictures as sometimes they are not easily viewed on the email. All the Districts have a printer/copier capable of scanning and emailing. If you don't know how I'm sure there is someone who can assist. Thank you in advance. Hopefully with the new Sergeants hitting the streets on the 16th, we won't see any more of the 1 Sergeant to 25 Officers that has happened so often in the past.

The Lieutenant exam Part 1 is scheduled for February with Part 2 in March, I wish all those that are taking it good luck, and for those fortunate to get promoted, please don't forget where you came from. For those wondering how many signed up and payed the fee, it is 800 +/- a few. That is a large number as there were fewer than 1200 Sergeants at the time of registration.

We still do not have a date that the Me-Too retro check from the FOP contract will be paid. As soon as I get any info I will be sure to pass it on. To those Members that were promoted after July 2017, you received part of your retro. Any retro that you earned after promotion will be on a separate check. And please remember retro checks are taxed at a different rate than regular checks, most will have a higher tax rate. For those Members that retired and are due a retro check it will be mailed USPS certified mail to the address that the Department has on file. If you retired and moved ensure the Department has your current address. Checks cannot be picked up in person instead of being mailed.

It appears a few politicians are now having second thoughts on the "police reform bill" that was slammed through last year. Maybe now they will realize the Police are not the problem and start to pass real legislation that combats the violence we are unfortunately seeing on a daily basis. A great quote, Sheriff David A Clarke Jr. "A society that makes enemies of its police better learn to make friends with its criminals". It now appears society does not like its new friend's daily antics. Politicians, start standing up for your Police and fix the many problems you have created!

I'd like to close with well wishes for you and all of your Families in 2022. Please keep an eye out for each other. As we have seen in the past month or so the evil of this world has spread far and wide.

Legal Defense Representation

Police Benevolent Labor Committee Chicago Law Offices

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Pension Report*By John Lally Pension Board Rep***Election Results**

The Pension Fund recently held an election for two of the trustee positions. I would like to congratulate Mike Lappe on his re-election as the Retiree representative and welcome Wayne Metcalfe as the newly elected representative for active members below the rank of Sergeant. Wayne Metcalfe's election means the position of Fund President, previously held by Tom Beyna, is unfilled at this time.

At last month's board meeting, Mike Lappe and I nominated Mike Stiscak, the Lieutenants' representative, as the new president of the Fund. Wayne Metcalfe and I also nominated Mike Lappe to continue in his role as the Vice President of the fund. However, as the city trustees nominated fellow city trustee Stephen Skardon, to each of those positions, the votes for each position were deadlocked. Each of the police trustees voted for Stiscak and Lappe, while each of the city trustees voted for Skardon. I expect that another vote will be cast at the upcoming meeting and I will be sure to update all of you with the results. I believe it is important to have actual fund participants in these positions. Trustee Skardon has served the Fund well, but as city trustees come and go with no consequence, the financial future of each police trustee is tied to the health of the Fund for the rest of their lives, and often their families' lives beyond that. As such, I think it makes perfect sense that those positions should be held by active participants, the stakeholders of the Fund. The pension Fund was not properly funded by the city for decades, thereby creating the situation in which we currently find ourselves. It would be foolish to not do everything we can to hold the city accountable.

In 2021, the Fund gained 676 new retirees who have begun collecting an annuity. By comparison, the Fund saw 560 retirees in 2020 and 475 retirees in 2019. These numbers are historic highs and I expect that trend will continue. It is no surprise that we are seeing so many people leave the department as police are constantly demonized in the media and shortsighted changes in law and policy are instituted that further serve to make the career of a police officer so difficult to navigate. That's why it is so important for us to work together to insure that our Fund is properly looked after. I encourage everyone to visit the Fund's website at chipabf.org where you can find the latest news affecting the Fund, past years' audits, actuarial valuations, and financial reports. You can also find the Participant Handbook which is a well-organized and informative reference source for the Fund's participants.

As for the city's contributions for 2021, as of December, the fund had received \$712,578,000 of the city's required contribution of \$737,527,000, resulting in an outstanding liability of \$24,949,000, or approximately 3.4% of their outstanding liability. That percentage is in line with the amount of total city contributions that were outstanding as of this date last year. We expect that we will receive the remainder of the contributions in the first quarter of 2022. However, in the event that the remainder of the money is not received by that time, the Fund intends to file to intercept state funds if in accordance with Illinois Pension Code 40 ILCS 5/5 -168.

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Recent Retirements

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

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Therese Flynn	unk		63	24	26 Sep 2021
Sgt. Carlos Herrera	1766	124	52	15	31 Oct 2021
Sgt. Michael Cummings	1173	005	63	34	02 Nov 2021
Sgt. Mark Golosinski	1611	016	50	27	02 Nov 2021
Sgt. Michael D Andrea	1128	002	55	30	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. John Owen	2564	001	60	30	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. Woodie Gibson	1697	014	56	27	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. Germaine Du Bose	1984	223	55	26	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. Dennis Vale	1087	014	55	23	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. Michael Garvey	2537	171	56	23	15 Nov 2021
Sgt. Kris Evanoff	2100	171	51	30	18 Nov 2021
Sgt. Robert Beck	2118	620	55	31	23 Nov 2021
Sgt. Alexander Stinites	1075	102	55	31	15 Dec 2021
Sgt. Edward Heidewald	1160	007	56	30	15 Dec 2021
Sgt. Andrea Delaney	1510	005	56	27	15 Dec 2021
Sgt. James Pera	1853	167	56	20	15 Dec 2021
Sgt. Michael Miranda	1326	012	55	30	29 Dec 2021
Sgt. Rick Nigro	2377	050	57	27	31 Dec 2021
Sgt. Emmett McClendon	1467	193	57	27	31 Dec 2021
Sgt. Timothy Quinn	1305	121	50	25	05 Jan 2022
Sgt. Steven Petrowski	1947	121	52	21	10 Jan 2022
Sgt. Dawn Pecoraro	1285	163	51	29	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Leszek Dorau	983	171	50	20	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Regina Scott	1800	116	51	30	31 Jan 2022
Sgt. Stephen Coyne	2008	007	50	23	?? ??? 2021

Medicare Supplement Insurance Info

Annual Open Enrollment: January 1st through March 31st for Retirees over 65

Are you covered under the best option? This is a crucial time of year to review your coverage if you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan from Aetna, Blue Cross, Humana and others.

The Annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period starts January 1st and ends March 31st. During this window of opportunity, you can switch Medicare Advantage plans or disenroll and return to Traditional Medicare. The Traditional Medicare Supplement Group plan sponsored by the Sergeants Association Plan is open for enrollment ALL YEAR with no health questions!

Consider utilizing the Sergeants Association Plan F or Plan G from United American. Our Plan F is less expensive than many retirees current Plan F with other companies. The United American plan is eligible for the pension subsidy and the Public Safety Officer Federal tax deduction. We also offer Blue Cross Individual plans for those spouses who are not Medicare eligible.

Over 65 and never enrolled in Medicare because you did not have enough Quarters? Everyone can join Medicare and pay an extra premium, even if they do not have 40 Quarters. The Medicare General Enrollment Period starts January 1st and ends March 31st. 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. If you are a few quarters short of the 40 Quarters, please call me to discuss.

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

Mike has been serving Chicago Police Officers and their families for over 32 years, initially representing the Nationwide Retirement Solutions 457 deferred compensation plan. He has been a frequent presenter at the Chicago Police Department retirement seminars and a valuable resource to our members.

Traditional Medicare Supplement Group Plan

Open to ALL Retired Chicago Police Officers Age 65+

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Pay premiums from pension check using public safety officer tax benefit

Keep your Medicare card and choose providers/hospitals anywhere in the USA

Over 94% of providers and more than 99% of hospitals accept Medicare

No medical questions on the application and guaranteed renewable

Underwritten by A+ rated United American, rates starting at \$150/month

To enroll or learn more, call Health Insurance Services at (888) 344-2522 or our local broker, Mike Marron at (312) 802-0587.

CPSA's 2022 Scholarship

The Chicago Police Sergeants' Association – Unit 156A - has just created an educational scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of active duty Sergeants. Active duty Sergeants have the ability to apply to be a recipient of a \$250 youth scholarship if they have at least 1 child or grandchild in grades K-12 for the year of 2022. In order to enroll in the scholarship opportunity, a Sergeant must complete a "Chicago Police Sergeant Unit 156A Youth Scholarship Application" in its entirety and submit it to the Association prior to 17 March 2022. All applications will be entered to win and 8 random winners will be selected. There will be a maximum of 8 total scholarships awarded at the March general meeting. Neither the active duty Sergeants nor the youth scholarship recipients need to be present at the meeting to be awarded the scholarship.

The 8 active duty Sergeants that are awarded the youth scholarship must use the scholarship money for educational purposes for their child/grandchild. Additionally, by accepting the youth scholarship, the winning members are agreeing to send a picture and a few sentences of what the scholarship was used for to the Association. This must be submitted within 2 months of receiving the scholarship.

Please complete the form on the following page and return it to the Association. Best of luck.

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Finally, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Tom Beyna for his service to the Fund. Tom is extremely well-versed in finance and showed great dedication during his time on the Fund. He has been a great asset and his expertise will be missed.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at my department email address john.lally@chicagopolice.org or at jlally@chipabf.org

Take care and stay safe!
John Lally



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Up Coming General Meetings: 17 Mar Noon

CPSA Office 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:

CPSA/PB&PA Unit 156A, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609

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