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# Chevrons

Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

*By President James Calvino*

So where do I start this edition's President's Message? Our Mayor seems to think that we get an overabundance of time off. Really? This is as I constantly see RDO cancelation notices on the admin message section of the wire. How nice it must be to live in a bubble of denial. The continued pacifying of criminal behavior by politicians has brought this once great world-class city to nearly its deathbed. We can not continue to have the current culture of blaming criminals' actions on everyone except the actual perpetrator of those actions. We constantly hear about how we need new gun laws. Before we add more laws, we need to hold those committing the gun violence responsible instead of making excuses for them and treating them like they are the victim. Until we start holding individuals responsible for their actions we will never rid ourselves of such criminal behavior we are currently seeing on a near-daily basis.



As you will see later in this issue there are, as expected, a large number of recent retirees. While May normally has a higher than average number, this being due to 01 May being the first date for those aged 55 to 59 to retire with Retiree Health Care, this year saw more than normal. There are a couple of reasons for this in my opinion. First is the fact that many Members are maxing out due to the hiring blitz of the early and mid 1990s. That time period saw thousands of new recruits. It was a revolving door at the Academy, as soon as one class left another was walking in. The second and without a doubt the major reason is the current treatment of Police Officers. Even the most loyal of dogs will run away at the first chance if it is constantly beaten. While we do see some politicians standing with the Police, they are definitely in the minority. Some like to say that they are with us, until push comes to shove at which time they start to separate themselves from those of us in Blue. Where are all of the press conferences or press releases from our politicians on all the good work that the fine Members of this Department do day in and day out? The CFD has had the birthdate restriction for the 3% COLA removed for over a

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year now. On Pages 14 and 15 you will see letters that I sent to the Governor and Senator Martwick regarding the COLA issue. Sadly, but not unexpected, I have not heard anything from either person. Why are we not treated the same as our brother and sister First Responders? Oh yeah, that's right, we are the Police, the group where it's the "in" thing to hate and treat as second-class citizens. But who is out there every single day dealing with the nonsense of the streets? I don't need to tell you all, you are living it. The disturbances, scratch that, riots that have occurred numerous times this year are nothing but the result of our employer allowing them. Again, why do we have so many retirees and so few applicants?

While our rank is taken from within the Department, we still need to be concerned with the lack of people becoming Chicago Police Officers. Our City/Department needs to realize that the recruitment process is more than just going to schools, military bases, and job fairs. It also takes action from those who have a voice on the public stage. When all you see in the news, be it on TV, online, or for those who still read it, a newspaper are negative stories, why would anyone apply for this job? Free frozen custard at Culver's isn't going to cut it. Probably the best recruitment tool an employer has is their current employee base, well that is as long as they are treated properly. "This job is great you should take the entrance exam", is not a common statement from Members of this Department any longer. Treated right, they will be telling everyone to get on the job.

The turnout for this year's Police Memorial in DC was astonishing. At the services, Police Officer Ella French, who was taken from us nearly a year ago on 07 August 2021, was honored. National Association of Police Organizations, of which we are a proud member of, presents the TOP COPS award ceremony annually during Police Week. Two Chicago Police Department Members earned this prestigious award. They are Police Officer Joshua Blas and Police Officer Carlos Yanez Jr. for their brave and heroic actions during the incident in which we lost Officer French. This year was the first year since 2019 that saw the Memorial Service return to normal. The Memorial Service is bitter-sweet, to see all those in attendance supporting the families, friends, and co-workers of Officers that were taken from this world was awesome. But at the same, knowing they lost someone close for a horrible reason is awful. 2022 has already seen 128 line of duty deaths this year, 5 are from Illinois.

In closing, and I believe the most important part of my article, I would like to extend a personal Thank You to each and every one of you. Sadly, I think that is something many of you do not hear out there enough. I say Thank You not only as a fellow Sergeant but also a citizen of the city you all serve. I could not imagine where we would be if it was not for all of you out there battling the evil.

**Membership Report***By Danielle Barnes Vice President*

Including the retirees listed in this edition of Chevrons there are 1267 active Members of the Association. The budgeted strength for our rank is 1321 which leaves us 54 Sergeants short. We will be also losing 32 Sergeants who start their Lieutenant in-service training in July. Currently, we have nearly 1400 retired Members.

**Legal Defense Representation**

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**Vice President's Report**

*By Vice President Danielle Barnes*

I decided to write this article after I received a kind gesture from a fellow Sgt. He thanked me for helping him with a grievance and expressed his gratitude. To that Sgt. I want to say thank you! His gesture meant a lot to me and reminded me that we all need to thank and care for each other; especially during these challenging times. As I reflect on the most recent officer suicide I cannot emphasize enough the importance of self-care for all Department members. Many of us are feeling stressed, overworked, overburdened and alone. Everyone has their breaking point. It is critical that we check-in on and show appreciation and care for each other. No one knows the personal battles/issues that someone is struggling with. The simplest hello, smile or thank you can mean the world to someone that is experiencing a challenging time. Suicide is something that unfortunately has touched all of us. We all know someone or worked with someone that took their own life. It is important to recognize that many people suffer in silence. How many times has someone committed suicide and close friends and family had no idea that they were struggling? We all have to do a better job of caring for each other; the world is cruel enough without us contributing to it. That coworker, friend, family member or significant other that seems to always have it together needs love and support too. Everyone that needs helps doesn't always ask. Officers are conditioned to help others and not ask for it in return.

I personally have known people that committed suicide and it breaks my heart every time I hear about another one. When I heard about the most recent suicide I was heartbroken. To lose a young woman with so much promise is tragic. To those that loved and cared for Patricia Swank and those that cared for all the other department members that committed suicide please know that their lives were meaningful and they will be truly missed. My heart aches for them. One suicide is one too many. If you are struggling or know someone that is please seek help. **The Department offers resources through EAP (312)743-0378, the Police Chaplains Ministry (312-738-2831) and Peer Support. If you would like to reach out to a specific Chaplain their numbers are listed in our handbook.** Also you can utilize the resources that are available through our health insurance. Another resource is the **National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255.** Please seek help if you are struggling or be a resource to others that are in need of assistance.

As always be stay safe and thank you for the opportunity to serve the membership in this capacity.

<b>CPSA</b>	
<b>DISTRICT / FIELD</b>	
<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
John Grib	001
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Thomas Davey	005
Richard Bednarek	006
Matt McNicholas	007
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Aquarius Leonard	009
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Michael Kennedy	640
Gena Ontiveras	012
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Ronald Malczynski	017
Kris Rigan	018
Tom Surma	019
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Michaelyn Salvage	025
Antonio Valentin	059
Peter Kochanny	HQ
Thomas Stoyias	HQ
Kevin Graves Homan	Sq
	Academy

**Swimming Naked***By Doug Aller—New Concept Benefit Group*

**“After all you only find out who has been swimming naked when the tide goes out “  
-Warren Buffett 2015**

Since the start of 2022 it is fair to say that the tide is definitely “out “in terms of both stock and bond market volatility. Investing during times of market swings can be like driving during a winter storm. It is important to keep your eyes on the road. Your best plan of action is to focus on what you can control and keep progressing towards your destination. A well written financial plan can be thought of as a GPS system that you can rely on to keep you on track even when it's tough to see the path forward.

Here are five aspects of your financial plan that we recommend focusing on as we wait for this storm to pass ... and prepare to weather the next one.

**1. Your spending.**

The book *The Millionaire Next Door* studied the seven money habits of self-made millionaires. One of the surprising findings in this research was that the single biggest influence on the success of your financial plan has nothing to do with the markets. It's how you manage your household budget. As simple as it sounds, age-old advice like "live within your means" and "save more than you spend" really do provide a solid blueprint for building wealth and enduring market volatility. You cannot control the markets, but you can control how much you save and spend.

If you don't currently have a written budget, pay special attention to any recurring charges that you barely have used over the past year, like streaming services, 30-day free offers that you forgot to cancel, magazine subscriptions, or club memberships.

**2. Your debt.**

Are your credit card bills for the month a little higher than they usually are? As interest rates rise so can rates on credit cards. Review your household budget and look for ways to pay down those and other household debts rather than kicking the can -- and the growing interest payments - - into next month. Whether the market is up or down when your next statement rolls around, any charges you don't pay off this month are going to be waiting for you.

**3. Your automated plan.**

Deciding whether to invest when the market is slumping can be very nerve-wracking. In part, that's because trying to time the market is nearly impossible. A much more dependable long-term strategy is to make automatic contributions to your investment and savings accounts every month. “Dollar Cost Averaging” buying when the market is both high and low -whether it feels good or not- is a time-tested investment process that over the long haul should yield success. It forces you to stop paying too much attention to short-term market “noise” and take a longer view. Remember it is “Time in the Market not Market Timing” that dictates investment success over the long haul.

**4. Your cell phone.**

Just because you can check your account balances at all hours doesn't mean that you necessarily should. Likewise, constantly refreshing your social media and ... *Continues on next page*

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news feeds for the latest financial info and financial advice from pundits is only going to make normal market jitters feel like an earthquake.

In other words, market declines are rarely cause for alarm; they're just a part of investing. While past performance is no guarantee of future returns, what goes down tends to go back up, especially when you zoom out and take in your full financial planning timeline.

### 5. Understanding the difference between Risk and Volatility

Perhaps most important, focusing on a short-term loss inappropriately confuses risk and volatility. Understanding the difference between the two--and focusing on the former and not the latter--is a keyway to make sure you reach your financial goals.

As investors, it's helpful to create a mental distinction between volatility and risk. What are the key differences? For starters, volatility encompasses the changes in the price of a security, a portfolio, or a market segment both on the upside (see 2019, 2020, and the year to date) and for ill (see 2008). So, it's possible to have an investment with a lot of volatility that so far has only gone one way: up. Even more important, volatility usually refers to price fluctuations in a security, portfolio, or market segment during a fairly short time period--a day, a month, a year. Such fluctuations are inevitable once you venture beyond certificates of deposit, money market funds, or your passbook savings account.

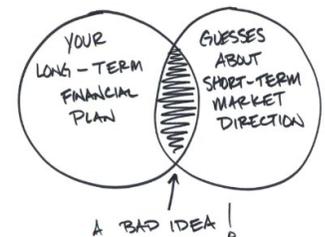
If you're not selling anytime soon, volatility isn't a problem and can even be your friend, enabling you to buy more of a security when it's at a low ebb. The most intuitive definition of risk, by contrast, is the chance that you won't be able to meet your financial goals and obligations or that you'll have to recalibrate your goals because your investment kitty came up short.

Through that lens, risk should be the real worry for First Responder investors; volatility, not so much. A real risk? Having to move in with your kids because you don't have enough money to live on your own. Volatility? Noise on the evening news, and maybe a frosty cocktail on the night the market drops 800 points.

As a first responder it is important to remember that you will retire with a pension. In most cases, a temporary decline in your deferred compensation account, IRA's, 401k's, or other investment account values are not going to force you to move it with your kids.

A solid financial plan should do 2 things. Build wealth and help you to live your best possible life at every stage of your journey. As your vision of the best life changes, your plan should be able to change with it, regardless of what's going on in the markets. Rather than worry about what may or may not happen on Wall Street tomorrow, you may want to spend time focusing on the life transitions you know are coming and the goals you want to achieve. The financial planning process (aka The Life Planning Process) can help provide you with focus in achieving your goals as well as prepare you for the next unexpected blip on your radar.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Dan Brandt - Chaplain

**From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...**

In May I had the pleasure of enjoying a beer with Chicago White Sox legend Ron Kittle. The venue was Horse Thief Hollow on South Western Avenue, a CPD-friendly brewery/restaurant. The event raised funds for police charities as bartenders tapped a special lager made just for the occasion. The unique and tasty beer, dedicated to our hard-working officers and their supervisors, was aptly named, "Cancelled RDO's."

As RDO's are canceled and extended days are required, morale among our members continues to decline. To combat this, I beg you, especially as supervisors, as you go about your daily routine to remember (and remind your charges): YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK...and our Creator smiles on you for it.



Remember this guy? Retired Sgt. Tom Costello is far happier spoiling his grandkids than watching over his previous charges...though he loves them, too! Tom, may God grant you many, MANY years of happy, healthy retirement!!

On 03 JUN, Chaplain Hysni Selenica (R) joined quilters in the 016<sup>th</sup> District community room for their monthly quilting session. These quilters make up the Chicago chapter of "Quilts for Cops," a nationwide organization making custom quilts for police officers seriously injured in the line of duty. For more information about Quilts for Cops, and to see some pictures of CPD officers receiving quilts, visit our website's "Photo Album" page.



St. Jude League stickers are available! You can support the St. Jude Police League by purchasing stickers from your district/unit representative. A donation of \$7.00 per sticker is requested. Buy some for your friends' and family members' cars! Funds raised benefit a host of worthy charities, and make possible the ministry of St. Jude Chaplains who lead prayer services at CPD family wakes/funerals. For more information about obtaining a sticker, or if you don't know who your rep is, please contact me.

A very new member to the rank of Sergeant is my dear friend Eric Davis. You'll do well to get to know him. Eric is one of the most faith-filled people I've ever met. I look forward to seeing him continue to advance through the CPD ranks. God bless you, Sgt. Davis!



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free to join us at 6:30 p.m. for our UPPER ROOM CLUB. We meet at Pizano's Pizza/Pasta at 21<sup>st</sup> and Indiana to enjoy a meal, drinks, and faith sharing opportunity in good CPD company!

I hope to see you at "Sunday Funday" on 31 JUL at Dugans, 128 S. Halsted. We'll have food and an open bar from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for those who make a donation to Police Chaplains Ministry (benefiting, of course, our Gold Star Families!). Chances are very good that we'll stick around for a bit after 6:00!

St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport is hosting a Blue Mass on Sunday, 07 AUG, at 7:00 p.m. This is the anniversary of Ella French's death, so we will offer the Mass for her. There will be refreshments in the parish hall after Mass. Regardless of your faith tradition, all are welcome!

And planning way ahead, another Blue Mass will be hosted on Sunday, 25 SEP, 12:00 noon at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park. (Please note there will be NO usual police Mass at Mercy Home that day.) Again, ALL are welcome.

Keep up with all of our happenings on our FaceBook page or website ([www.ChicagoPCM.org](http://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.

Fr. Dan Brandt, *Directing CPD Chaplain*

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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

**Important Dates***By Mike Marron—Integrated Financial Concepts***Who Recalls the Great Tunnel Flood of 1992?****Remember These Significant Retirement Plan Dates Too!****1982 457 Deferred Compensation Plan**

The Chicago Deferred Compensation 457 plan was first offered to City of Chicago employees 40 years ago. The Chicago Fixed Account interest rate was 15% and there were only 6 mutual fund options available.

**2015 457 Plan Loan Provision**

The Chicago 457 plan initiated a loan provision for active and retired participants. You are allowed to borrow up to 50% of the account value up to a maximum of \$50,000 whichever is less. All the principal and interest are paid back to your 457 accounts. The most widely used general-purpose loan is available with repayment spread over up to five years. Monthly loan payments may be paid from your personal bank or credit union savings or checking account.

When you retire, to qualify for the loan provision and other tax benefits, remember to maintain a balance in your 457 account; don't withdraw all of your assets.

**Age 55 Healthcare Coverage**

CPD retirees aged 55 or older qualify for healthcare coverage until age 65.

**Age 62 Social Security**

For those of you who qualify for Social Security benefits, consider if you should start drawing the benefit now, or wait? What about the effects of the WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) on your benefit or the GPO (Government Pension Offset) on any Social Security spousal or survivor benefits?

**Age 65 Medicare**

Enroll in Medicare Part A & Part B to avoid any late enrollment penalties. If you or your spouse are still under a group health plan at a large company, you may be able to waive Part B initially.

Note: The Sergeants' Association offers a group Medicare Supplement plan through the Pension fund. The United American plan is open for enrollment all year with no medical questions, with Guaranteed Issue and you lock in your age bracket for life. The new Plan F option is saving members money since many older plans are increasing their premiums. The Plan F is available to everyone 65 or older. The Plan G is also available, and all premiums qualify for the \$21 monthly pension subsidy. The premiums deducted through your pension also qualify for the \$3,000 Federal Tax deduction for Retired Public Safety Officers.

**Age 72 Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)**

Begin IRS Required Minimum Distributions from your pre-tax qualified retirement plans, including 457 and 401(k) plans.

Mike Marron has over 30 years of experience working with officers and their families. Since 1990, Mike has been affiliated with Nationwide Retirement Solutions, The Financial Planning Center at the Chicago Patrolmen's Credit Union and as a speaker at the Chicago Police Department Retirement Seminars. He currently administers the Sergeants' Association group retiree health plan

## Congratulations

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

Zaid Abdallah	Aaron Acevedo	Eric Acevedo
Jeremy Anderson	Darwish Arekat	Chris Bane
Dekoven Blanchard	Edgar Brown	Jose Castanea
Anthony Ceja	Martita Cervantes	Arshanette Chambers
Clara Cinta	Samatha Clarke	Michael Collins
Charles Cordin	Timothy Crawford	Eric Davis
Nakia Davis	Elizabeth Dawson	Vanessa Dominguez
David Dubois	Brian Duhig	Jim Duong
Juan Duran	Elvis Espinoza	Michael Ferguson
Ramiro Flores	Belinda Flores	Jason Fong
Daniel Goetz	Cornelius Greenwood	Nathalie Gregerson
Ryan Gubricky	Mark Gustafson	Daniel Guzman
Jonathan Guzman	John Hanlon	Steven Hardiman
George Hilbring	Carl Johnson	Ruth Johnson
Baz Khoushaba	Stacy Lewis	Joseph Linzeman
Miriam Lucena-Rivera	Carlos Mayas	Kevin McCann
Amy McDowell	Peter Medina	Yesenia Medina-Reighter
Nyls Meredith	Amy Mogelberg	LaShawn Moore
Jonathan Moy	Nathaniel Myles	Ana Nunez
Anthony Okon	Joseph Paoletti	Denny Perdue
Dina Powell-Ward	James Preusser	Kartik Ramakrishnan
Matthew Ramirez	Vanessa Rivera	Fernando Rodriguez
Tomas Rosales	Adam Rose	Anthony Rubens
Cindy Ruvalcaba	Arshad Sayeed	Daniel Schmit
Kristopher Schultz	Harvey Seals	Joseph Simpson
Brian Solava	Jennifer Soto	Frederick Sparano
Peter Stanton	Christopher Stawicki	Allison Stephens
Guillermo Tellez-Sandoval	Jayson Torres	Samantha Tovar
Norma Trevino-Duffy	Jasmine Tucker	Anthony Vaci
Kyle Varney	Michael Vasquez	Harry Vasquez Jr.
Sergio Velazquez	Partiece Walker	Daniel Warren
Renee Williams	Marchand Wright	Michael Wrobel
Kristy Yanny	Alice Yau	Joseph Zaccagnino
John Zinchuk		

**Golf Outing 08 Aug 2022 Silver Lake Country Club**

### 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. Jason K Blachut	1538	025	39	15	03 Mar 2022
Sgt. Philip R Banaszkiwicz	1695	016	52	27	15 Apr 2022
Sgt. Helana S Tsoukalas	1724	124	40	15	30 Apr 2022
Sgt. Thomas N Barker	1020	006	55	24	01 May 2022
Sgt. Louis K Danielson	1406	016	55	32	01 May 2022
Sgt. Sean M Martin	1099	189	55	30	01 May 2022
Sgt. Jack J Barron	806	015	62	37	11 May 2022
Sgt. Vance E Bonner	1906	606	59	35	14 May 2022
Sgt. Randall H Bacon	994	002	59	28	15 May 2022
Sgt. Gwana R Blanton	1231	171	55	28	15 May 2022
Sgt. Ronald J Blas	1248	610	55	30	15 May 2022
Sgt. Michael S Burnette	1688	006	55	31	15 May 2022
Sgt. Miguel A Gonzalez	2090	604	55	28	15 May 2022
Sgt. Velma Guerrero	2292	142	55	29	15 May 2022
Sgt. Andrea D Heard	908	123	55	31	15 May 2022
Sgt. David Heard	871	701	55	31	15 May 2022
Sgt. Alvin Jones	1791	376	55	26	15 May 2022
Sgt. Ruben Martinez Jr.	1789	145	55	26	15 May 2022
Sgt. William A Schield	946	057	55	30	15 May 2022
Sgt. Michael A Shemash	1002	715	56	32	15 May 2022
Sgt. Wanda I Torres	1507	167	55	29	15 May 2022
Sgt. Vincent P Viverito	2215	716	55	26	15 May 2022
Sgt. Kevin M Moriarty	1208	341	55	30	16 May 2022
Sgt. Debra L DeYoung	1256	Dis	60	34	19 May 2022
Sgt. Joseph Shevlin	1089	008	49	23	21 May 2022
Sgt. Aaron D Chatman	1245	223	56	31	15 Jun 2022
Sgt. Lori A Cooper	2450	441	55	29	15 Jun 2022
Sgt. Louis A Daray	1527	145	56	30	15 Jun 2022
Sgt. Gerard E Majerczyk	2201	010	58	26	15 Jun 2022
Sgt. Angela M Hammond	941	003	50	24	01 Jul 2022
Sgt. Armando Rosas	1481	018	55	27	05 Jul 2022
Sgt. Richard D Alvarez	1968	051	56	31	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Xavier Delgado	934	059	55	30	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Doreen M Velasquez	1114	620	55	30	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Monica M Davis	1410	543	56	29	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Todd J Sherman	1100	116	55	28	15 Jul 2022

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Sgt. Norman P Kwong	2514	017	51	24	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Anthony C Patrick	2111	012	56	24	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Ildefonso C Lara	1607	010	62	23	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Michael J Gallagher	906	168	47	23	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. John Siergie	1065	162	52	22	15 Jul 2022
Sgt. Patrick T Fleming	2130	610	42	20	17 Jul 2022
Sgt. Oneta S Sampson	1496	376	59	20	31 Jul 2022

**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.

<b>Name (Age)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Passed Away</b>
Sgt. Clifford W Martin Sr (56)	Active	10 Apr 2020
Sgt. Ronald C Nottelman	Retired (Orland Park)	14 Jan 2022
Sgt. Shirley M Blisset	Retired	00 Feb 2022
Sgt. William Johnson	Retired	00 Feb 2022
Sgt. Mel G Harte (83)	Retired (FL)	07 Feb 2022
Sgt. John J Jurius (90)	Retired (IN)	19 Feb 2022
Sgt. Nelson S Barreto (76)	Retired (FL)	21 Feb 2022
Sgt. Charles H Green (86)	Retired	22 Mar 2022
Sgt. Eddie J Green (86)	Retired	27 Mar 2022
Sgt. James T Clarke (88)	Retired	06 Apr 2022

Correction from the April Edition "In Memoriam" Retired Sgt. James A Smith was listed incorrectly as having passed. I am happy to report he phoned in to report that he indeed was still with us.



**Attention  
Active & Retired Sergeants**

If you become aware of a deceased Sergeant Member, please give our office a notification. Frequently a brother or sister Sergeant passes away and we are not aware of it. We would like to make sure that every Sergeant who leaves us is remembered in an appropriate manner.

<b>Food for Thought</b>	<i>By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain</i>
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**"Grandpa's Hands" Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf...**

One of the best lessons in life, I learned from one of our members on the street. They said "Rabbi, at times the responsibilities of this job gets me down, the constant changing of policies, getting the short end of the stick, and peoples attitude toward first responders. But rest assured we will not stop doing what we swore to do, cause that's who WE are". It made me smile and proud of my flock, it reminded me of the story of .....

"Grandpa's Hands" .....

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if he was OK. Finally, not really wanting to disturb him, but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK. He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking, he said in a clear strong voice. I didn't mean to disturb you, grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK I explained to him. Have you ever looked at your hands he asked? I mean really looked at your hands? I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story: Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I went to the military. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote the letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle. Yet, they were strong and sure when I dug my buddy out of a fox hole and lifted a plow off of my best friends foot. They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life. But more importantly it will be these hands that G-d will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of My Maker. End of story.

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember the day G-d reached out and took my grandpa's hands and led him home. When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children, wife or loved ones, I think of grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of G-d.

To my Brothers and Sisters who are out every day, to do G-d's Holy work of protecting His children and keeping our streets safe, YOU are the hands of our society. You are like Grandpa's hands in the story. Your work is scrutinized, you get yelled at, shot at, sometimes abused physically and verbally by the same people you are trying to protect, but you keep on giving of yourself, and giving of yourself, and for that we say, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,

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THANK YOU. Our society couldn't live without you! Without you we would be like a child trying to go through life without hands.

**Some points to ponder and keep you smiling.**

- \*) Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
  - \*) Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
  - \*) If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
  - \*) Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on.
  - \*) In life nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
  - \*) You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
  - \*) Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.
  - \*) We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
  - \*) Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
  - \*) 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.
  - \*) You should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.
  - \*) You can keep going . . . long after you can't.
  - \*) Either you control your attitude or it controls you.
  - \*) Sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.
  - \*) Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.
  - \*) It isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.
  - \*) No matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.
  - \*) The people you care about most in life are sometimes taken from you too soon. Remind them everyday how much they mean to you.
  - \*) Life is a journey not a destination, enjoy the ride even when the scenery changes.
- On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you, keep you safe, and always keep you in his loving care.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN FR. DAN BRANDT, CELEBRATING THIS MONTH 23 YEARS OF BEING ORDAINED. FEEL FREE TO DROP HIM A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE AT: [Dan.Brandt@chicagopolice.org](mailto:Dan.Brandt@chicagopolice.org).....Thanks!

Should you need a "shoulder to lean on" or an ear to listen or perhaps have some good humor to share, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Blessings for a healthy, enjoyable summer. Amen

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**Next CPSA General Meeting 21 July 2022 at Noon**



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In February 2019 as a then State Representative you introduced HB2451 PENCD-CHI FIRE-ANNUAL INCREASE. HB2451 easily passed both the Senate and House and eventually was signed into law by the Honorable Governor J.B. Pritzker on April 5th, 2021. This bill removed the birthdate restriction for the 3% COLA increase for Chicago Fire Fighters.

*Recording Secretary*

*Tiffany Santiago*

It has now been over a year since the Governor signed that bill granting the COLA increase to the Fire Fighters of the great city of Chicago. Members of the Chicago Police Department born after December 31st, 1965 are still without that same COLA increase. I would ask that you introduce a bill similar to HB2451 that grants the fine men and women of the Chicago Police Department who risk their lives day in and day out, the same benefit granted to Chicago Fire Fighters. We continually see Chicago Police Officers of all ranks sacrificing their own personal happiness and health for the citizens of Chicago. They have had their day-offs canceled on a scale like no time in the past. They deserve to be treated fairly. In a time when we are attempting to correct all of the past transgressions of not treating all people fairly, I feel it would only be right to show that the great State of Illinois treats all first responders the same. Leading by example is the greatest show of leadership one can offer. I again ask this for my Membership as well as every Officer that wears the Chicago Police uniform who serve and protect the citizens of Chicago.

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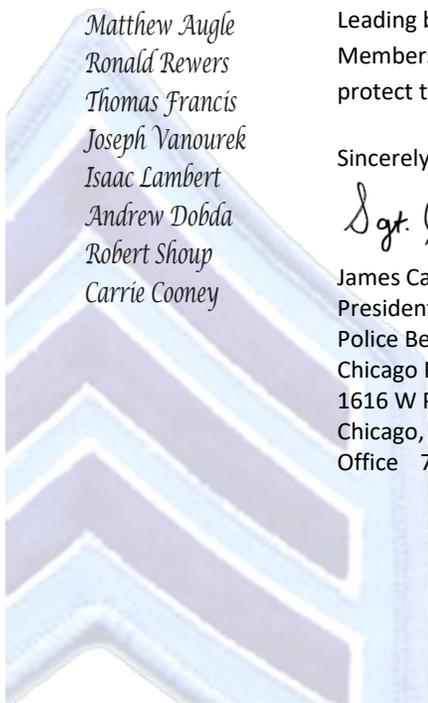
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Governor Pritzker I would like to start by thanking you for presenting and attending the Illinois Law Enforcement Memorial service on May 5<sup>th</sup>. As I am sure you are aware Chicago lost one of our own in 2021 due to the gun violence that has plagued our streets. The show of support from you and all of the others was truly uplifting. Thank you again for showing those lost will never be forgotten.

*Treasurer*

*Randolph Nichols*

On April 5, 2021, you signed HB2451 into law, granting Tier 1 Chicago Fire Department Members 3% COLA regardless of their birthdate. Unfortunately, Tier 1 Chicago Police Department Members were left off that bill. It has now been over a year since you signed that bill and the Members of the Chicago Police Department born after December 31, 1965, are still without that same COLA increase. I am aware that a Governor does not introduce legislation, but I am asking on behalf of my Members, Chicago Police Sergeants, as well as all the other Chicago Police Officers that you make it known that a similar bill addressing CPD Officers should be introduced. I would also ask that you make it known that you would sign such a bill when presented. In a time when we are attempting to correct all of the past transgressions of not treating all people fairly, I feel it would only be right to show that the great State of Illinois treats all first responders the same. Leading by example is the greatest show of leadership one can offer. I again ask this for my Membership as well as every Officer that wears the Chicago Police uniform who serve and protect the citizens of Chicago.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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