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*Sgt Alane
Stoffregen was
many different
things to many
people, but
she will be
missed by all.*

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news from the

CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

A Tribute to Sergeant Alane Stoffregen

By: Lt. Sharon Balcitis and Lt. Jean Pfeiffer

The family and friends of **Sgt. Alane Stoffregen** wish to express their sincere gratitude to the Sergeant's Association for their efforts to ensure that Alane received the honors funeral that she deserved. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the services.

Alane was a brave, spirited, animated woman. She was a gentle and loving sister, aunt, daughter and friend. Alane was extremely devoted to her family. She was the oldest of seven children and grew up in the Englewood neighborhood. She was a generous, favored aunt to her nieces and nephews. Alane was also an adored surrogate aunt to many of the children, nieces and nephews of her circle of friends. She was a loyal friend and never let a holiday, birthday, or special occasion slip by uncelebrated. Alane always had a dazzling smile and kind words for both friends and strangers.

Alane was artistic, energetic and creative. She was passionately enthusiastic about her hobbies. Alane was tall and graceful and was involved in dance and theater all her life. She taught dance classes and was a member of a dance troupe that performed at local theaters and in USO shows. Alane learned to paint, bake, cut stained glass and photograph. She was a great cook and famous among her friends for her diet brownies. She was also an enthusiastic photographer and always had her camera ready. We would grumble when she took it out, but were always pleased with the resulting photography.

Alane was very active in the Beverly Theater

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Sgt. Alane M. Stoffregen
25 June 1949 - 2 June 2000
Star #1203
Appointed to the
Chicago Police Department
27 February 1978

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Sergeants:

We are all saddened by the tragic death of

Sgt. Alane Stroffregen on 02 June 2000, while taking part in a training exercise. We extend our condolences to the Stroffregen family and we will remember Alane in our prayers.

As we move into the second year of our contract things are starting to fall into place. To date we have had two intra-district bid procedures and as of the date of this article we are about to have our second city-wide vacancy bid. This is a benefit we did not enjoy before June 1999 and as of January 2001 we will gain another bid spot on each watch in District Law Enforcement. Also, our grievance procedure is working and to date we have recovered 88 days of suspension time for our members. Remember, if you are going to file a grievance it must be done within the time limits set forth in section 9.2 of our contract.

The State Legislature has gone home for the summer so there will be no activity on any pension legislation until the Fall session. We will monitor any legislation affecting our members and report any gains in this area.

It is my pleasure to inform our members that an alliance has been formed among the following Unions: CPSA, Chicago Police Lieutenants Association, Chicago Police Captains Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7, and the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2. This group has chosen

the name "Alliance for Public Safety Professionals in Chicago." I believe that in joining together with these other Labor Unions we will be able to secure better working conditions and improved benefits in the areas that are of common interest to all of us.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer and I hope to see you at the September meeting. ⚡

James Cosgrove

Save these Dates!

Annual Golf Outing Rescheduled 21 August 2000



The golf outing has been rescheduled due to rain. Same time, same location — openings are available!

Contact the office at 773-376-7272

NOTE: Starting in September, ALL General Meetings will start at 1900 hrs.

General Meeting — 21 September 2000

Home Run Inn - 4254 W. 31st Street - 1900 hrs.

By popular demand, the September Meeting will be held at Home Run Inn Pizza

Please note the change in location!



General Meeting — 19 October 2000

Time: 1900 Hours

Location: To Be Announced

From the Editor's Desk

Crunch time has come and gone. Articles were submitted, reviewed, published and the whole package sent to the Printers. We hope that you find *The Chevrons* both informative and helpful. Please direct any inquiries regarding *The Chevrons* to me and I will attempt to respond promptly. If you would like to submit an article or a photograph that you feel would be of interest to the membership, please forward it to me at our office for review. Any material so submitted will become the property of *The Chevrons*.

Gordon Barnhill, Editor

Meet Your Board of Directors

In the last issue of *The Chevrons* we re-introduced you to the Executive Board of your Union. Now we would like to re-introduce you to the rest of your BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2000.

JOHN W. RIDGES Director At Large

Jack is a 32-year CPD veteran who has been a member of the Sergeants Association for 20 years. Currently he is in charge of the Central Homicide Evaluation Support Squad which is essentially a “Cold Case” Homicide and Serial Murder investigative unit. For the past 11 years he has been a Hostage Negotiator with the HBT response team. He is our PB & PA liaison to the National Association of Police Organizations, our parent organization. He is also on the Grievance Committee and the Legal Response Call Out Team. He has a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal and Social Justice from Lewis University and a Master’s Degree from the University of Chicago.

NANCY HIGGINS Director At Large

Nancy is a 14-year CPD veteran who was promoted to Sergeant in 1996. Presently she is assigned to the Major Accident Investigations Unit. Nancy has worked in the 21st, 005th and 22nd Districts, Gang Crimes West and the Alternate Response Unit. She has been a member of the CSPA for 4 years and in addition to her duties as a Director, she has been an active member of both the Promotion and Grievance Committees.

DONNA DOWD Director At Large

Donna joined the CPD in 1991, trained in the 19th District and was transferred to the 11th District. She worked in the 11th District until being promoted to Sergeant in 1994 and was then assigned to the 25th District. Currently assigned to the 23rd District since 1997. Besides her responsibilities as a Director, she is Assistant Editor of *The Chevrons*.

PATRICK J. FITZGERALD Director At Large

Pat is currently assigned to CTA Security Unit 702. He began his career with the CPD in 1971 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1986. He has served in 005, 002, 006, 701 and 702. Among his other duties, he serves as the Legal Committee Chair.

MICHAEL LAZZARO Director Area 1

Mike was appointed to the CPD in March of 1982. Prior to being promoted to Sergeant in 1996, he

served in the 021st and 014th Districts and did several tours with the Summer Mobile Unit. After being promoted to Sergeant he was assigned to the 002nd District where he currently serves. Mike holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the U. of I.-Chicago. He has been a Delegate to the State PB & PA Convention and is on the Grievance Committee.

DONALD JANUSZK Director Area 2

Don was promoted to Sergeant in 1977 after serving as a Patrol Officer for 7 years in the 002nd District. As a Sergeant he has been assigned to the 10th District, the Youth Division, and has spent 16.5 years in the 002nd District before being assigned to his present duties in Area 2 Youth. Don became the CPSA Area 2 Director in June 1999 and has participated in several committees. He also served as the Area 2 Representative for five years.

JAMES M. McMULLIN Director Area 3

Until his assignment to the CPSA Office, Jim, AKA “MOON”, served in the 018th District as a Beat Sergeant. He has been with the CPD for 30 years, 22 of which he has served as a Sergeant. Jim began his career in the 010th District and has worked most of his career in the Patrol Division. In addition to his duties as a Director, Jim was a member of the Contract Negotiation Team, is the Chair of the Golf Outing Committee and is our “catch-all” Board member – he takes care of all of the details. He has been a member of the CPSA for 22 years and served the organization in a variety of roles. Most recently he was a recipient of the prestigious 1999 TOP COPS AWARD and has received numerous accolades and honors in recognition of his service to the citizens of Chicago.

MICHELLE ENGSTROM Director Area 4

Michelle is assigned to the 012th District. She has been a member of the CPD for 14 years and was promoted to Sergeant in 1996. She has been in the Patrol Division for her entire career and has served in the 009th, 022nd, and 012th Districts. Michelle has a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance from the U. of I.-Chicago and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Illinois Institute of Technology. She is our Membership Chair and also serves on the Golf Outing and Corned Beef Dinner

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NAPO News

By Sergeant Jack Ridges, NAPO Chair

In May, NAPO, the parent organization of the IPB&PA, held a Legal Rights and Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. The Chicago Police Sergeants' Association was represented **Sgts. Nancy Higgins**, Director at Large, **Michelle Engstrom**, Area Four Director and myself, Director at Large and NAPO liaison.

The agenda included discussion of current Supreme Court and other cases of interest to Law Enforcement Officers; the Social Security Solvency Act (Mandatory Social Security); Public Safety Employer/Employee Cooperation Act (Collective Bargaining); Community Protection Act (Right to Carry); Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act (Bill of Rights); Protection Act (COPS Program); Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act (Public Pensions); Overview of Recent National Law Enforcement Officers' Rights Center Activities; First Amendment issues; Duty of Fair Representation; and Justice Department Lawsuits Against Law Enforcement Agencies.

There were several guest speakers including **Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr.** (D-DE), and **Stephen Worth**, Esq., Counsel for the New York City P.B.A., Criminal Matters.

One particularly interesting panel discussion was moderated by **Sean Smoot**, our chief legal counsel for the PB&PA of Illinois. His committee was composed of **John A. Lyons** of Troy, MI; **Everett L. Bobbitt** of San Diego, CA; and **Linda M. Cronin** of Lake Success, NY—all are attorneys who represent police labor organizations and their members. Their discussion focused on Duty of Fair Representation: What can go wrong and how to protect your organization. The topics covered were (1) Grievance Selection: Need for careful, prompt, and fair evaluations; (2) Difficulties in representing one member against another; (3) Problems in sexual harassment and racial or gender discrimination cases; and (4) Recovery of attorneys' fees and indemnification issues. This subject matter is extremely important for ensuring the performance of your union

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Over 160 uniformed Chicago Police Officers attended the 19th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Services in Washington DC



Sgts. Frank and Nancy Higgins at the U.S. Capitol

representation.

The CPSA attendees extended their visit to Washington by participating in the 19th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Services from 13 May through 16 May 2000. Thousands attended a candlelight vigil on Sunday night where the names of Chicago Police Officers **John Knight** and **James Camp** were inscribed on the walls of the Police Memorial at Judicial Square. On Monday, at the steps of the U.S. Capitol, President Clinton addressed throngs of police survivors and their uniformed police supporters. Labor and Management stood shoulder to shoulder to pay homage to our fallen brothers and sisters. By far, the best and biggest representation of any police agency across the country was from the Chicago Police Department. ⚔

Committees. As Membership Chair she is responsible for "tracking" all our membership statistics, keeping the enrollment updated and coordinating with the City. Michelle has been a member of the CPSA for four years and has attended the State Conference as a delegate.

GEORGE WHITESIDE Director Area 5

George is assigned to the 025th District. He has 33 years with the CPD and was promoted to Sergeant in 1977. He started his career in the 012th District, has worked in the 014th and 016th Districts as a Sergeant. George has been a member of the CSPA for 22 years and has served on the Golf Outing Committee, Corned Beef Dinner Committee and on the Grievance Committee.

CHARLES R. LOFTUS Pension Representative

Charlie began his career with the CPD in 1970. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1977 and served in the 002nd, 006th, 022nd Districts, the Training Division and the Auto Theft Section. Currently he is assigned full-time to the Pension Fund Office as the Sergeants elected Trustee to the Pension Fund. Charlie became active in the CPSA in 1982 and since then has served as President, Recording Secretary, Vice-President, Director At Large and Editor of *The Chevrons*.

MICHAEL STATHER Northside Retiree Liaison

Mike joined the CPD in 1966 as a patrolman assigned to the 020th District. He transferred to the newly built 019th District and served there until 1990 when he was promoted to Sergeant. He then returned to the 020th District and remained there until he retired in July 1998. He has been associated with and active the CPSA for many years serving on a variety of committees and continues to do so as the North Side Retiree Liaison.

GERALD SATERNUS Southside Retiree Liaison

Jerry started his CPD career as a Cadet in 1966. He was sworn in as a Patrolman in 1968 and has served in the 001st District, the Mayor's Detail and was promoted to Detective in 1980 and was assigned to the old Area 3 Property Crimes. Jerry was promoted to Sergeant in 1984 and has served in the 002nd District, Gang Crimes South and the Special Operations Section. He retired in April 1999 and presently he is the CPSA South Side Retiree Liaison. He too has been and continues to be active in a variety of committees. ⚔

Grievance Corner

by Sergeant Jeff Vana, Grievance Committee Chairman

Unfortunately we can't win every grievance we file; however our "winning record" is consistently growing. We have had several CR grievances completely turned around, having the suspension and lost pay returned to the Sergeant and their record expunged.

In addition we have had several CR grievances reduced in punishment due to Summary Opinion from an Arbitrator. Unfortunately we have also lost a few grievances. The hardest part of our job is writing the affected Sergeant that the punishment they received is not going to be expunged and/or reduced. However in the same breath, the nicest part of this job is writing other Sergeants notifying them of a reduced penalty or a change in the findings. As of today, we have had 88 days of suspension returned to our Sergeants! The most successful case we've had is a thirty-day suspension reduced to three days! The lucky Sergeant will be looking for his reimbursement check of 27 days!



Legal Benefit

One of the Union benefits is legal representation for appearances at I.A.D., O.P.S., and sergeant involved shooting incidents. For representation at I.A.D. or O.P.S., please call the offices of **Rick Reimer** - 312.332.4428. In the case of a sergeant involved shooting, please call the Union office at 773.376.7272.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- The grievance procedure is still new to supervisors. Read your contract, especially Article 9 pertaining to grievances. When in doubt, call our office for advice.
- Each Sergeant will be notified by U.S. Mail pertaining to the status of their grievance. If you have moved recently, be sure you update your departmental records so we can have your current address.
- If you've had a reduction of suspension, your reimbursement may take up to six weeks (however you will get it!).
- Even if you are going to retire soon, you can still grieve discipline. We had a recent case of a Sergeant filing a grievance and retiring prior to the grievance being settled. The grievance was resolved by a reduction of the suspension and the City has promised a check to the retiree! ⚡

P.B. & P.A. STATE CONVENTION 2000

When: Weekend of September 29, 30 & October 1

Where: Clock Tower Resort in Rockford

Cost: To Be Announced

Activities: Hospitality Rooms, Friday Night "Get Acquainted Dinner", Additional meals, informational sessions, guest program and entertainment.

A number of rooms have been blocked. Contact the Clock Tower Resort at (815) 398-6000.

Search and Seizure

By Edward M. Maloney, General Counsel CPSA

Whenever the United States Supreme Court issues a ruling in the always-fluctuating area of the law regarding search and seizure, police officers should take heed. Of particular importance, is a case coming from our own Department. Recently, the United States Supreme Court just overruled an Illinois Appellate Court and an Illinois Supreme Court decision, which suppressed the results of a search, which found a gun during a lawful stop and frisk.

On September 9, 1995, two Chicago Police Officers working as uniformed officers in the Special Operations Section of the Chicago Police Department were driving the last car of a four car caravan converging on an area known for heavy narcotics trafficking in order to investigate drug transactions. The Officers were traveling together because they expected to find a crowd of people in the area, including lookouts and customers. As the caravan passed 4035 W. Van Buren, one officer noticed a man standing next to a building holding an opaque bag. The man looked in the direction of the officers and ran.

The officers gave chase and eventually cornered him on the street. After conducting a protective pat down search for weapons based on their experience that it was common for weapons to be in the near vicinity of narcotics transactions, the officers found a .38 caliber hand gun with five live rounds of ammunition in the opaque bag. A Cook County Judge denied the defendant's motion to suppress finding that the gun was recovered during a lawful stop and frisk. The defendant was convicted of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. The Illinois Appellate Court reversed the conviction and the Illinois Supreme Court agreed. While not following the Appellate Court's logic, the Illinois Supreme Court determined that sudden flight in a high crime area did not create a reasonable suspicion justifying a

stop and frisk of a fleeing person. The Illinois Supreme Court based its decision on an earlier U.S. Supreme Court case that states that although police have a right to approach individuals and ask questions, the individual has no obligation to respond and may decline to answer and simply go on his or her way in the refusal to respond alone does not provide a legitimate basis for an investigative stop. *Florida v. Loyer*, 460 U.S. 491, (1983). The United States Supreme Court reversed that decision.

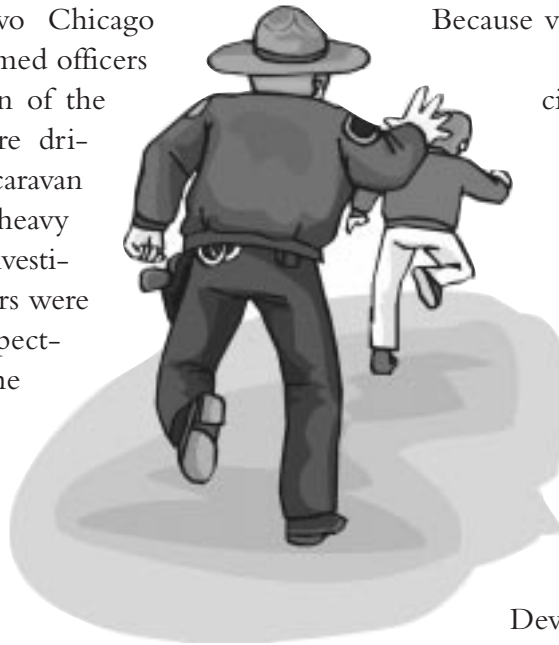
Because various State courts had differed on whether unprovoked flight is sufficient grounds to constitute reasonable suspicion (Wisconsin, Indiana, Georgia – Flight alone is sufficient; Nebraska, New Jersey,

M i c h i g a n ,
Pennsylvania – Flight is not enough) the United States Supreme Court granted Cook County States Attorney Richard A. Devine's appeal from the Illinois Supreme Court.

Cook County State's Attorney Devine was asking the Supreme Court of the United States to announce a "bright-line rule" authorizing the temporary detention of anyone who flees at the mere sight of a police officer.

The Supreme Court has long recognized that a police officer may, in appropriate circumstances and in an appropriate manner, approach a person while investigating possible criminal behavior even though there is no probable cause to make an arrest. A police officer also may make a reasonable search for weapons for the protection of the police officer when the officer has a reason to believe that the person may be armed and dangerous, regardless of whether there was probable cause to arrest the individual for a crime. An officer conducting such an investigatory stop must articulate a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the

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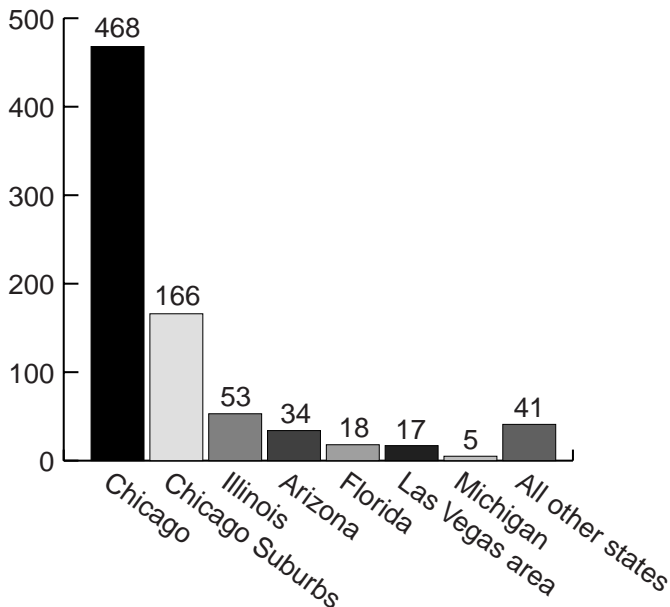


The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sergeant Mike Stather (Northside Rep.)
and
Retired Sergeant Gerald Saturnus (Southside Rep.)

Where are they now?

Below is a breakdown of where our 900 plus retirees are living:



Somewhat surprising results, but it's good to know you can be where you want to be, by your choice.

Move Recently?

If you have recently moved or know of any retired sergeant who has, please let us know so we can insure that the Chevrons and other items of interest will reach you. 🏠



We're looking

for former detectives with violent crime experience, interested in working on the legal defense team, particularly to handle call outs when sergeants are involved in shootings. Please contact the office at 773.376.7272. 🏠

Pension Report

By Sergeant Charlie Loftus, Sgts. Elected Trustee

The Policeman's Annuity and Benefit Fund, City of Chicago has gone "online." I am pleased to report that after many months of preparation, we recently joined the computer age.

Our website address is www.chipabf.org, and obviously is accessible to you at any time you wish to gain access.

When you gain access, you will be able to obtain the following information:

- a complete list of the investment managers our Fund uses,
- a list of the professional consultants our Fund uses,
- the scheduled meeting dates the Pension Fund trustees meet on,
- the quarterly published "Pension Advisor,"
- quarterly income tax advice,
- the Fund's latest published annual report (the Fund's 1999 report),
- the complete Illinois Compiled Statutes that govern our Fund (Illinois Revised Statute Chapter 40, Act 5, Article 5), and
- examples of annual pension calculations.

This website was established to provide you — the participant — with up-to-date information about your pension. We believe this will serve you better. If you have any questions, please call me at the Fund's office at (312) 744-3891 or Pax 0357. 🏠

Legal Defense Team

By Sergeant Patrick Fitzgerald

Membership Report

By Sergeant Michelle Engstrom, Membership Chair

Just a reminder! Don't forget about us. Please keep the union informed of any changes in your name, address, unit of assignment or detail, LOA, star number, beneficiary designees, etc. It allows us to serve you better by keeping accurate records. Call the office or use the handy coupon located in this issue. Thank You!!

In Memoriam

The following sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families.

Alane Stoffregen	Active
Frank Kajari	Active
Myron J. Conley	Retired
John Curran	Retired
Titus Dangerfield	Retired
Cornelius Deasy	Retired
Raymond Del Pilar	Retired
Robert E. Fitzpatrick	Retired
Earl Fournier	Retired
Willie Johnson	Retired
Raymond Kunkel	Retired
Michael B. Maloney	Retired
Edward A. Mas	Retired
Francis M. O'Grady	Retired
Richard L. Smiley	Retired

FYI:

Please remember to update your Benefits (Insurance, etc.) and Pension BENEFICIARIES information if

you have recently divorced, lost a loved one or had a "new edition" to your family. It seems that every year we hear about an officer who passed away without updating his information with tragic results for his present family members. Recently when one officer died, his family was surprised to find out that his listed beneficiary was his deceased mother. He had never updated his Beneficiary Information. Do your family a favor check your Beneficiary Information today.

Retiree Roll

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. Enjoy your "Golden Years!"

Name	Unit	Years of Service	Age
March – May 2000			
Brian DuFour	171	32	52
John Kolb	610	29	49
Richard Shanas	016	31	51
Allan May	016	30	56
Eddie Hicks	123	30	50
Joseph Brzana	057	31	52
Barry Mastin	022	32	52
Larry Hargrove	620	31	55
John Koclanis	050	32	56
Patrick McEnroe Jr.	015	30	50
Paula Tillman	007	26	50
Robert Casey	620	30	56
Charles Daly	019	30	52
Adrian Anczer	009	32	55
Thomas Barnes	057	30	57
Marie Bosky	015	23	53
Eugene Chaffee	715	39	62
John Ciszewski	005	34	54
Vernis Jones	650	32	57
Thomas Kocur	019	30	53
John McGivney	008	30	53
James Minogue	177	32	55
Maurice Sullivan	142	34	59
Dennis Valentine	075	31	53
Robert Wagner	701	32	52
Fred Bonke	610	35	56
Robert Bokowski	121	32	55
Ricardo Pina	004	30	56
Nicholas Nehoda	019	27	54
Jeri Lazar	148	24	49
Michael Rogers	050	32	53
Alan Thiel	023	29	54
Hugh Cahill	153	35	55
Kenneth Kudulis	124	n.a.	58
Lucious Moore	004	35	61
June 2000			
Milton Battle	149	33	63
Willie Anderson	192	33	57
Melvin Powell	002	30	60
James Hayden	024	29	52

Annual Tour Report

By Sergeant Jeff Vana



This year's tour brought us to the Canary Islands (just off North Africa) for a seven-day cruise, then to Madrid Spain. A good time was had by all!

Our annual tour for 2001 is sure to be a sell out! We anticipate a departure to Europe in the middle of May (the tour will coincide within a furlough segment). We begin in Berlin, Germany for three nights and then on to Dresden, Germany for a short tour, Prague, Czech Republic (three nights with all tours included), Brno, Czech Republic for a short tour, Krakow, Poland (three nights with all tours included) and finally, Warsaw, Poland for three nights.



Clowning around in Funchal, Madeira.



Retiree Sgt. Joe Adlesick with his wife Gerry and son Steve in Segovia, Spain. Joe retired 16 Sep 1981!

For those that wish to extend their stay for either visiting relatives in Poland or other independent travel, arrangements can be made. The final touches are still being made for this tour however if you wish to be on a mailing list once the tour is finalized, please contact Sgt. Jeff Vana in the 009th District, 3501 S. Lowe (312-747-0621).



A few of our group in Toledo, Spain.

N.A.P.O. Top Cops 2000

This year's recipients of the prestige's 2000 NAPO TOP COPS Award were honored at the 7th Annual Top Cops Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. We would like to recognize and honor these extraordinary individuals for their achievements.

ALASKA:

State Trooper Scott D. Quist
Alaska Department of Public Safety,
Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection

ARIZONA:

Deputy Richard Carmona
Pima County Sheriff's Department

CALIFORNIA:

Police Officer Cynthia French, Police Officer
Romik Keshishi, Sergeant Joan Leuck
Los Angeles Police Department

COLORADO:

Special Agent Blake L. Boteler
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

MISSOURI:

Detective Sergeant Joe Delia
Maryland Heights Police Department



"Moon" with presenter Yaphet Kotto-NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Street" at the 1999 Top Cops Awards.

NEVADA:

Police Officer
Dennis Devitte
Las Vegas
Metropolitan Police
Department

NEW JERSEY:

Patrol Officer Lee F.
Evans
West Windsor
Township Police
Department

PUERTO RICO:

Special Agent in Charge Michael S. Vigil
Drug Enforcement Administration,
Caribbean Field Division

UTAH:

Senior Special Agent Donald A. Daufenbach
U.S. Customs Service

WASHINGTON:

Deputy Joseph D. Craig
Sergeant Patrick A. "K.C." Saulet
King County Sheriff's Office

We would also like to congratulate two of our very own C.P.D. members . . . Lt. Dolores Deloughery, who received a Top Cops Honorable Mention Award for her outstanding community pride and humanitarianism. Lt. Deloughery is known for her participation in community policing, her volunteer work with youths and numerous projects within the schools and community. Congratulations to Sgt. James "Moon" McMullin, who was one of the 1999 Top Cop Award Recipients and Honored Guests at the 2000 Awards Ceremony. 🏠

**Congratulations to all of this year's
TOP COPS Honorees!**



An Open Letter to Speaker Madigan

In March, the Sergeants Association sent a letter to every member asking them to sign and mail an enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly, Michael J. Madigan. The focus of the letter was to ask Speaker Madigan to consider several pieces of legislation, including House Bill 3370 – the 3% COLA for retired Chicago Police Officers born between 1945 and 1950; House Bill 3369 – provides an increase in the retirement benefit formula and House Bill 3376 – provides retirement benefits based on the last 12 months of service rather than the last 48 months. The mass mailing was a proactive approach to let a powerful legislator know how our members/voters feel about pension legislation.

The mailing certainly had an impact on Speaker Madigan. He sent a response to the Association's office. The response was addressed to "The person Responsible for Mailing Letters to Speaker Madigan". Speaker Madigan stated "pension adjustments are negotiated between the City of Chicago and the appropriate employee organizations and after settlement of the negotiations the changes are enacted into law by the Legislature."

As members, we have seen many times in the past that we have not been able to negotiate a pension change with the City of Chicago. All changes in current pension laws are governed by the state legislature. Hopefully Speaker Madigan researches the applicable pension laws and more actively supports those House Bills currently pending. The Association will continue to actively pursue changes in the state pension laws that benefit our members. — D.D.



ST. JUDE USHERS 2000

*Front: (Lt-rt) Jeff Vana, Nancy Higgins, Gene Richmond
Rear: (Lt-rt) Al Piantkowski, Kevin Barry, Frank Higgins, George Whiteside, Don Januszyk*

The above Sergeants volunteered their time to serve as Ushers at St. Jude Parade. Many Thanks!

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Guild. She performed in numerous plays and musicals, her most famous part being the Irish cop in "My Home, My Heart, My Ireland." She also choreographed musicals. Alane was an integral part of many of the theater guild's productions. She acted as a seamstress, helped with the construction of sets, manned the lights and passed out refreshments. In 1999, Alane received their most distinguished member award.

Alane had always wanted to go scuba diving in Aruba and planned to go for her fiftieth birthday. The police department had other plans however, and promoted her to sergeant, canceling her vacation. Fortunately, two weeks before her death, she vacationed in Aruba and got the chance to dive at the wreck of the Antilles. When Alane arrived back in Chicago, she found out she had been transferred back to the Police Marine Unit. She was proud to be a member of the marine unit. It is a comfort to know that Alane's last few weeks on earth with us were truly happy ones.

Alane was a woman of indomitable good spirits and infinite kindness and generosity. She was a proud and loyal department member for 21 years and a dear friend. She will be missed. 🏠



Send your letters to:

Chicago Police
Sergeants Association
3637 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL. 60609

Or via Police Mail:
C.P.S.A. Unit 545

The Board of Directors P.B. & P.A.,

The family and friends of Sgt. Alane Stoffregen wish to express their sincere gratitude to the Sergeant's Association for their efforts to ensure that Alane received the honors funeral that she deserved. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the services.

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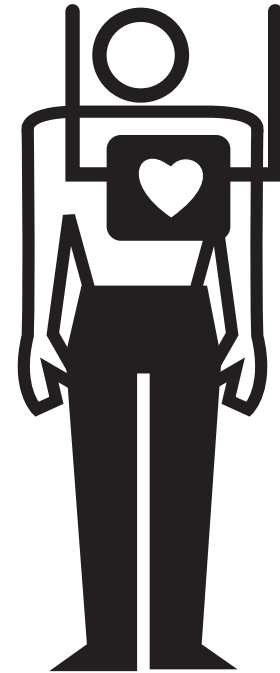
person of criminal activity.

In seeking this bright-line rule which would allow for an investigatory stop of a fleeing person, the U.S. Supreme Court listed a variety of reasons for which a pedestrian may break into a run, any of which just might coincide with the arrival of an officer in the vicinity. The Cook County State's Attorney argued however, that a pedestrian might also run because he or she has just sighted one or more police officers and the person fleeing may be an escapee from jail, wanted on a warrant, in possession of contraband, or someone who has just committed another type of crime. However, the decision stated that a reasonable person may conclude that an officer's sudden appearance indicates nearby criminal activity and where there is criminal activity there is also a substantial element of danger—either from the criminal or from a confrontation between the criminal and the police. Understandably, these considerations can lead to an innocent desire to leave the area immediately. Because of the number of variables involved, the Supreme Court declined to issue a rule that would always justify or never justify an investigative stop based on the sole fact that flight began after a police officer appeared nearby.

Instead, the United States Supreme Court determined that in this case, the Chicago Police Officers were justified in suspecting that the defendant was involved in criminal activity and therefore of investigating further. An individual's presence in an area of expected criminal activity standing alone is not enough to support a reasonable particularized suspicion that the person is committing a crime. However, officers are not required to ignore the relevant characteristics of a location in determining whether the circumstances are sufficiently suspicious to warrant further investigation. Here the fact that the stop occurred in a high crime area plus the unprovoked flight upon noticing the police were pertinent factors in determining reasonable suspicion.

Congratulations to the officers involved and to the Cook County State's Attorney Dick Devine's pursuit of this matter in clearing up a murky area of the law. 🏠

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