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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

## *Push Bars on Sergeants' Vehicles*

By Sgts. Don Januszyk and Jim McMullin

One of our Sergeants assigned to a district, informed the Union office that the Department was installing push bars on both the Sergeant's and the Lieutenant's marked squad cars. The Sergeant was concerned about the deployment of the vehicle's air bags, and if the push bar would affect the safety of the vehicle's occupants in the event of an accident.

Director Harley Schinker was contacted telephonically and this was followed with a written communication. Director Schinker stated on the phone that prior to the installation of the push bars, they conferred with Ford Motor Company, and Ford said that there would be no problems. Director Schinker was unable to recall who at the Ford Motor Company made this statement. Director Schinker in a responding report did state that the push bars are not mounted to the vehicle's frame or to the front bumper system, which is designed to absorb the impact of a minor crash.

Ford Motor Company was contacted by our Union. There spokesperson (Arpana) after conferring with Ford's engineering department, informed us that installation of push bars would compromise the safety of the occupants of the vehicle. The fleet inquiry number regarding this information is (1-7AQSP). When

asked for written documentation relative to this information, Ford referred us to the Owner's Guide Supplement for Crown Victoria Police/Fleet Vehicles. This manual is most frequently located in the vehicle's glove compartment.

Page seven in the fleet manual states "Contact during a crash with aftermarket equipment in a vehicle can result in a personal injury." The last page of the manual states "Without the benefit of crash tests on vehicles equipped with push bumpers (there are a number of different styles available), it is Ford's opinion that installation of some push bumpers **could affect the timing of the air bag deployments.**" A computer crash

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# President's Message



Dear Fellow Sergeants:

As the year 2001 draws to a close we have many events to reflect on. The most notable, of course, being the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11th. The great loss of life in the Fire and Police community is felt by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the people of New York City. On a tragic note much closer to home, we were all touched by the loss of Sgt. Hector A. Silva of the Special Operations Section on October 2, 2001 during a strenuous training exercise. The Sergeants Association wishes to extend our condolences to the Silva family.

On December 1, 2001 the Lieutenants testing process was completed. We wish you all good luck in the promotion process. Now maybe you can put aside your study materials for a while.

The last item I would like to discuss has to do with the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attack. That is the threat of the spread of Anthrax or some other poison or contaminate. Around September 15, 2001 the Department came out with an order directing Sergeants to pick up suspicious packages or letters called in by citizens and transport these items to a receiving point at Homan Square. The equipment provided by the Department for this task, was a pair of rubber gloves and a plastic bag, both of which are used in the lock up for processing prisoners. The training the Department claimed everyone had received consisted of viewing a video and some roll call training. It is the position of the Union that this equipment and training was inadequate to perform these dangerous duties. Doctors in the Haz/Mat field, whom we had contacted, reinforced this opinion.

It is the further position of the Union that the pickup, retrieval and disposal of POSSIBLE contaminates or hazardous materials is not the job of the Police Department. On October 19, 2001 the Union filed a complaint with the Illinois Department of Labor, Division of Safety, Inspection and Education. This complaint stated that a safety and/or health hazard existed on our job due to this new policy. We are awaiting the answer to this complaint.

A meeting with the Department was requested and subsequently held at the end of October. At this meeting the Union voiced our concerns and made proposals for better equipment and training to protect our members and limit the number of Department members subjected to possible exposure. The Union also stated our position that picking up and retrieving POSSIBLE contaminates or hazardous material was not the job of the Police Department. During this meeting the Department stated that they would continue to evaluate and improve the equipment and training regarding this issue. About one month later the Department requested a meeting to give the Union a progress report. This meeting was held on December 5, 2001. At this meeting the Department stated they have twice improved on the equipment available to Department members and had instituted a basic training program for our members. The Union reiterated our position that the retrieval and disposal of hazardous material or other contaminates was not the job of the Police Department. On December 10, 2001, the Union directed our Attorneys to file an unfair labor practice with the Illinois Labor Board because the Department has forced our members to perform a job or duty that previously was not the job of the Police Department. We will keep you informed of any future developments.

In closing, I would like to say I hope you all have a safe, happy and prosperous new year. 🏠

*James Cosgrove*



## *From the Desk of the Editor:*

The Board of Directors and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

This issue of the Chevrons is a little late, for which I apologize. Studying for the Lt's Test, a furlough and a successful hunting trip to Canada, a bout with the Flue (the week of Part II, Lt's Test), my appointment as Treasurer of our Association and trying to format the Chevrons kept me a little busier than usual!

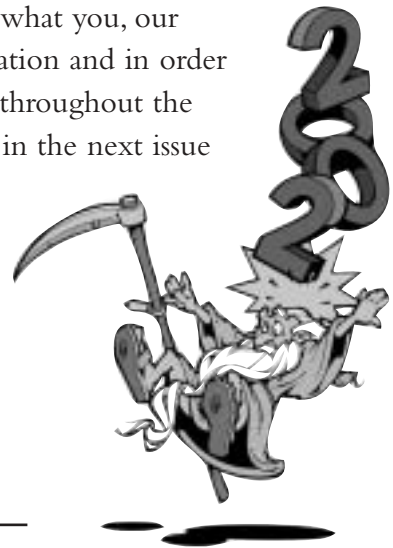
As you know the Arbitrator's decision regarding the City and The F.O.P. Contract will be forthcoming sometime in January, unless the Arbitrator requests an extension. Our current contract expires in 2003.

In the next issue of the Chevrons, we hope to have a questionnaire regarding what you, our members, would like to see added to our contract or changed. This is your Association and in order to serve you best, we need input from you. We have been identifying some issues throughout the past year that we wish to address in a new contract. Whether our questionnaire is in the next issue of the subsequent one, please take the time to complete it and return it to us.

The Hand-Book Co-coordinator has advised us that the 2002 Sergeants Hand-books will be slightly delayed due to "technical problems" in formatting. The books should be in your hands by mid to late January.

Again, wishing you the best of this Holiday Season,

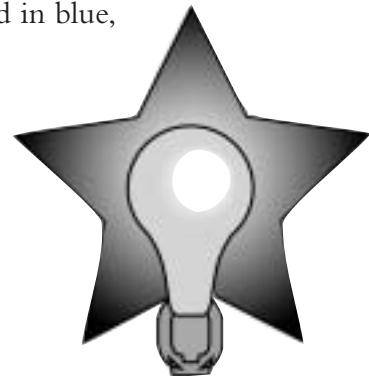
*Sgt Gordon Barnhill, Editor*



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## *Project Blue Light*

Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) is asking concerned citizens and law enforcement agencies nationwide to again support Project Blue Light during the upcoming holiday season. Several years ago, Mrs. Dolly Craig, the surviving mother-in-law of Daniel Gleason, a Philadelphia (PA) police officer killed in the line of duty in 1986, sent her Christmas message to the COPS National office. Her daughter Pam, the surviving widow of Officer Gleason, had been killed in a car accident in August, 1988, before the holiday season. Dolly wrote, "This holiday I'm putting two blue lights in my living room window. One is for Dan and the other is for Pam, who believed so much in the COPS organization." Dolly Craig is now deceased as well, but her idea is her legacy. Project Blue Light burns bright in the hearts of the over 10,000 surviving families who comprise the COPS organization, a national non-profit that assists the surviving families of officers killed in the line of duty as they rebuild their shattered lives. From a single blue porch light to entire shopping centers outlined in blue, thousands of blue lights shine nationwide during the holiday season to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in service to the profession. So this holiday season, when you are decorating your home, be sure to use at least one blue light to thank those men and women of the badge who continue to serve and protect their communities and who may not be able to spend the holidays at home with their families. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to to the same.



# NAPO Report

by Sergeant Jack Ridges

## **NAPO Urges the Use of Anti-Terrorism Legislation as a Vehicle for the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act (H.R. 1744/S. 899)**

Since the despicable attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the thoughts and prayers of the global law enforcement community have been with the family and friends of those murdered in Pennsylvania, New York City, and Washington, D.C. Tom Scotto, a New York City Police Detective and President of the National Association of Police Organizations, expressed comments akin to those in a NAPO Bulletin dated September 26, 2001. Scotto added that, "... We admire their heroism and mourn the loss of our members in the New York Police Department and in the Port Authority Police Department."

Ever vigilant in staying on top of all-important matters affecting police organizations across the country, our parent organization--NAPO, ensured that its representatives were invited by the Justice Department to a briefing on the Bush Administration's anti-terrorism proposal during the week of September 17th.


The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education.

Founded in 1978, NAPO is now the strongest unified voice supporting law enforcement officers in the United States. NAPO represents more than 4,000 police unions and associations, 225,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

The proposal, which was outlined to the House Judiciary Committee by Attorney General John Ashcroft on Tuesday September 25, would accomplish the following:

- ✓ expand wiretap authority to the individual, not just a phone line;
- ✓ allow a court-issued warrant to transcend jurisdictions nationwide;
- ✓ allow for wider access to personal Internet information;
- ✓ allow service providers to disclose Internet communication if a threat is foreseen;
- ✓ broaden the definition of "terrorist" to include those who give support to terrorist efforts; and
- ✓ lift the five year statute of limitations on terrorist crimes.

(More controversially, the proposal would allow foreign wiretap information in U.S. criminal proceedings and would broaden the ability to detain immigrants.)

NAPO has been working to ensure that these proposals include H.R. 1744/S. 899, the Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act, which would raise the base of the Public Safety Officers' Death Benefit to \$250,000. Through discussions with the Administration; the Department of Justice; Senators Leahy (D-VT), Biden (D-DE) and Hatch (R-UT); Representatives Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Ramstad (R-MN) and Kennedy (D-RI) and the House and Senate Judiciary Committee leadership, NAPO is doing everything it can to stress the importance of including these bills to support retroactively the families of these fallen officers. The NAPO Office tracks all legislation impacting law enforcement, and it continues to update us on the latest developments. If you have Internet access, go to <http://www.napo.org> for the latest developments. You are urged to contact your Congressmen and Senators and ask them to support a terrorism bill that contains this PSOB legislation. 

# Grievance Corner

by Sergeant Jeff Vana

# 2002 Tour Report

By Sergeant Jeff Vana

In our last issue of the Chevrons, we reported that a member had been denied legal representation involving a shooting incident. We are happy to report that immediately after our publication the grievance was “granted on its’ merits”.

As a result, the Management & Labor Affairs Section offered as a remedy the following:

1. No disciplinary action against the grievant will be forthcoming as a result of the Round Table held on 7 Mar 01.
2. Training shall be provided to Exempt Members regarding the Agreement with the Sergeants Association and the provision, which allows for representation of members during accounts of a shooting incident of which the member is a witness.

As of this publication we are unaware of any training that has been provided to Exempt Members of our Department. If it is not forthcoming in the immediate future, the Union will take additional action against the Department.

We have reached a new high for grievances filed in a year. Fortunately we have been able to reach an agreement on quite a few at the Step 2 level. In one of these grievances, a 20-day suspension was expunged and the grievant reimbursed for his lost pay and credited with the \_ hour rank credit for each day he would have worked! ⚡

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We will be flying to Copenhagen, Denmark on 2 Jun 2002



and after two days of sightseeing there, we will depart on the “Marco Polo” cruise line to begin our cruise. Ports of call are Tallin, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden. We have previously cruised on the Marco Polo when we visited the French Riviera and Italy in 1999 and found the cruise line to be excellent.

Unfortunately, the tragic events of 11 Sep 01 have had a slight impact on our upcoming tour. The travel agency has assured us that if, in the upcoming months, events change, that would jeopardize anyone, the trip would be cancelled. However we have also been assured that the particular area of the world we are visiting has been totally unaffected and in fact, most of the countries have been “neutral” in past wars.

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## 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. ⚡



simulation of a Ford police vehicle equipped with a Setina Body Guard 30.5 cm (12 inches) push bumper showed minimal effect. (Setina is the type the department is using) Use of a push bar of similar design should not have a **significant** effect upon air bag deployment. (Emphasis added).


OSHA was contacted and they informed us that since the department was under the jurisdiction of a municipality, our complaint would have to be made with the Illinois Department of Labor Division of Safety Inspection and Education.

The Illinois Department of Labor responded and in summary quoted the paragraphs in the Ford Fleet Manual. However, they left out the information, which stated that the timing of the air bag deployment could be affected, and that there would be no significant effect upon the air bag deployment. There opinion was that there was no need for any intervention on the part of their agency.

Information from other sources indicates that a Special Order is being prepared relative to the use of the "push bar", and that the district supervisors will be attending a driver's training session.

An attempt was made to determine why and the purpose of the installation and use of the push bars on department vehicles. There was no information available. It is to be noted that the department can call on Streets and Sanitation tow trucks 24 hours a day, E & R Towing is also available 24 hours a day, the CTA has a tow truck available, and the Chicago Police Department R-Truck has push bar mounted to the front of that vehicle.

The question is: **Why put department personnel at risk when there are multiple services available 24 hours a day?**

In the event a Sergeant is involved in a situation or accident using a department vehicle, which has been fitted with a push bar, it is requested that the Sergeant or a fellow Sergeant please notify the Union office as soon as possible with all the necessary facts. While at this time it appear we have exhausted all avenues of complaint, this issue is still of concern to your Union. 

# *Watch, Look, and Listen Carefully*

Compliments of your police chaplains.  
Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780  
or moshewolf@hotmail.com.

The man whispered, "G-d, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled "G-d, speak to me!" And, the thunder rolled across the Sky. But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "G-d let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not notice.

And, the man shouted, "G-d show me a miracle!" And, a life was born. But, the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me G-d, and let me know you are here!"

Whereupon G-d reached down and touched the man.


But, the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

As we come to an end of another year, lets take a moment to reflect. We had some great moments, and we had some not so great moments. We were given moments that left us shocked, pained and in grief. So we say thank you g-d for all the good times, and we trust in your judgment in those most difficult times.

On behalf of all the chaplains, may g-d bless you and your loved ones with a safe, joyous holiday season and a happy new year. Amen.

## **THE NAME OF G-D**

NOTE FOR THE CURIOUS ONES: I DO NOT SPELL OUT THE NAME OD G-D OUT OF RESPECT. WRITING OUT THE NAME AND THEN THROWING IT IN THE TRASH WOULD BE A DESECRATION OF THE NAME, SO I PUT IN THE DASH. THIS IS A RELIGIOUS CUSTOM I FOLLOW, AND PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED. THANKS. 

# The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sgts. Mike Stather (North Side Rep.)  
& Jerry Saternus (South Side Rep.)

Our retiree's count is now at 842, and we would like to thank those who called and asked what they could do to help the survivors of the 11 Sept. attacks. They were referred to the N.Y.P.D. fund

Along with the many bills and issues that are moving through the system, we are closely watching the issue of our health care programs, which are up for renewal (for all city employees) in June of 2002. We are attending the hearings, and letting the committee members know what a great concern this is to our members. And Tom O., we're not forgetting the retirees want to carry their guns again.

We would like to wish everyone a joyous and healthy holiday season and request you try to pass on a small act of kindness to those less fortunate. 🏠

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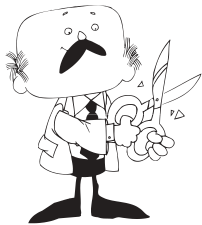
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In Memoriam



**Sergeant  
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Born August 4, 1965

Appointed to the Chicago Police Department – July 30, 1990

Died in the Line of Duty – October 2, 2001.

Our sincerest and deepest condolences to his Family and Friends, May he rest in peace.

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## *A Friend to Remember*

By Sgt. Jeff Vana

Joe Adlesick (retired 15 Sept. 1981) passed away this November, leaving his wife Geri of 42 years and sons, Steve, James and Joe Jr. (Detail Section, C.P.D.).

Upon his retirement Joe assisted in the development of the Armageddon Security Agency, working full time until his death. Joe's zest for life was evident. He was an acclaimed world traveler having ventured to nearly every corner of the earth. Joe's age never got in his way. For his 69th birthday, his son's treated him by taking him sky-diving! Not only did he jump out of the plane, he had the jump video-taped to prove to everyone that he really did it!

In 1999, when he was only 72 years old, Joe accompanied the Sergeants Association on their Annual Tour, which included Rome, Italy. A member of the group had been pick-pocketed and the thieves were running away. Joe's police instincts immediately came back to him as he, by himself, gave chase, caught the thieves and recovered the wallet!

Our hearts go out to his family. Joe will surely be missed. 🙏

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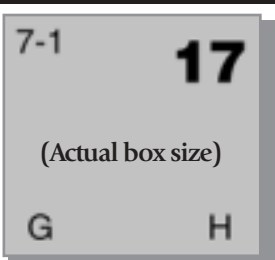
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