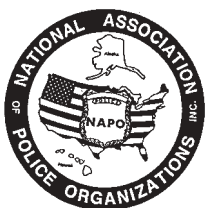




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Chevrons
 CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

House Bill 266 Passes Into Law Unopposed

By Charles Loftus

We are pleased to report that House Bill 266 passed the Illinois House by a 117-0 vote on February 7, 2001. This bill was then sent to the Illinois Senate on the same date. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2001 by a 56-0 vote. Governor George Ryan on July 12, 2001 then signed House Bill 266 into law.

This bill provides new pension benefits as follows:

- A 3% cost of living allowance (COLA) for police officers, who have been retired for one year, attained the age of 55 and were born prior to January 1, 1950. The 3% COLA will not be compounded.
- Removes the earning limitation on disability benefit payments
- Provides that if the Pension Board rules that the disability of a police officer is of such a nature as to permanently render the officer totally disabled for any service the duty disability benefit shall be 75% of the current salary attached from time to time of the rank held by the police officer at the time of removal from the police department payroll.
- Increases the child's duty disability pay-

ment from \$30 to \$100 a month.

- Raises the minimum duty disability provision from 50% to 60% of current salary and makes it apply to benefits that have been payable for 7 years (rather than 10 years). That is, you will receive a raise after seven years of being on duty disability instead of waiting ten years.
- Increase the child's occupational disease disability benefit from \$50 to \$100 a month.

House Bill 266 was co-sponsored by Speaker of the House Michael Madigan

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President's Message



Dear Fellow Sergeants:

Another season is gone in the blink of an eye. By the time you read this, the kids will be back in school and the Bears will be a hot topic of discussion. Speaking of hot topics, HB 266 (which your Union lobbied for extensively) the 3% COLA increase at age 55 after one year on pension for those born before 01 Jan. 1950 was signed into law by Governor George Ryan on 12 July 2001. This is good news for members born between 01 Jan. 1945 and 01 Jan. 1950.

On a sad note, once again another young aggressive police officer is taken from us in a senseless act of violence. On 19 Aug. 2001 P.O. Eric D. Lee was Killed in the Line of Duty while protecting the citizens of the Englewood community. The members of the Sergeants Association wish to extend our condolences to the Lee family.

As a result of this and other fatal assaults on officers, Alderman Thomas Allen has introduced a Resolution in the City Council calling for the Illinois General Assembly to amend the drug forfeiture provision of the Cannabis Control Act 720 ILCS 550/12 to allow for the distribution of 40% of all drug forfeiture funds to be diverted to a newly created police

officers family recovery fund. We are not aware of the particulars of any such amendment. However, I'm sure we would support any legislation that would aid the families of slain police officers. We will monitor any activity and progress regarding this proposal and keep you informed in future issues of the Chevrons. The Public Housing 10-hour shift pilot program issue for the sergeants has been resolved. The Union has negotiated an agreement with the City, which will allow field sergeants to work the 10-hour shift in Public Housing only. This negotiating effort was long and involved and myself along with the entire Board of Directors wish to thank the affected sergeants for their understanding and support.

The Lieutenants exam has been tentatively scheduled for September 2001. I would like to wish you all the best of luck on the exam.

As of the Chevrons going to press there still is no settlement in the contract negotiations between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7, Fire Fighters Local 2 and the City. The F.O.P. Lodge 7 negotiations have gone to arbitration and Firefighters Local 2 negotiations are still open. Once again we wish our union brothers and sisters well in their contract negotiations.

That's it for now; in closing I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy and safe fall season. ⚡

James Cosgrove

Save these Dates!

22 September 2001
Lieutenant Promotional Exam

20 September 2001
Annual Home Run Inn Pizza
General Meeting!
4254 West 31st Street - 1900 hrs.



15 November 2001
General Membership Meeting
Until further notice all General Membership Meetings will be held at the Quality Inn at Halsted and Madison
Meetings start at 7:00 PM
Refreshments served.



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. ⚡

The Gold Star Family Ride

The Chicago Police Bicycle Club (CPBC) has organized a benefit ride for the Gold Star Families and the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry. This is a non-competitive ride open to all who wish to participate. There will be both a 10 and 20 mile ride. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Gold Star Families and the Chicago Police Chaplains Ministry.



Date: Saturday, September 29, 2001

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location/Starting Point:
Gold Star Family Memorial Park
(Directly east of the south end zone of
Soldier Field at Waldron Parkway)**

The ride will begin with a blessing of the bicycles and proceed north along the beautiful Chicago lake-front. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.**

For specific details, registration forms
and fee information contact:

<http://members.core.com/~cpdbike/>

or

CPDBikeClub@aol.com.

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OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Benefit for

Sgt. Mary (McKendry) Darling, 001st District

Date: Saturday, 6 October 2001

Time: 6:00 P.M. – Midnight

**Location: Darius Girenas – Legion Post 271
4416 S. Western Ave.**

Please come out and show your support for Sgt. DARLING, a veteran of 16 years of service who has been stricken with Cancer.

Food – Refreshments – DJ. – Prizes – Silent Auction

Appearance by THE PIPES & DRUMS of the EMERALD SOCIETY.

**Contact the 001st District for ticket information:
745-4381/ 4299/ 4290**

From the desk of the Editor:

We would like to thank all those members who have contributed articles to the *Chevrons*. We realize that you have other obligations at work and in your personal life, and that it is difficult to take time out to put together a "report" for us. In this issue you will find articles dealing with your Pension, an article concerning a recent civil court case that adversely affected a Police Union and other items of interest and concern to you.

You do not have to be a Board Member to contribute an article to the *Chevrons*. If you have something of interest to share with your fellow sergeants, use your forum the *Chevrons*.

We would also like to wish all those sergeants who are taking the Lieutenants Promotional Exam on 22 Sept 01, **GOOD LUCK!**

Sgt Gordon Barnhill

Grievance Corner

by Sergeant Jeff Vana

Recently we have had a few inquiries requesting assistance with grievance preparations only to learn that the Sergeant had already requested and received a Police Board Hearing that had reaffirmed their suspension. Under **ARTICLE 9.1** our contract reads:

“The grievance procedure provisions herein and the Police Board procedure are mutually exclusive and no relief shall be available under both, etc.”

What this means is that you have a choice which route you want to take. If you are facing disciplinary action you can have a Police Board Hearing **BEFORE** any suspension. The decision of the Police Board is final. If you elect to take the Grievance Procedure, you can only file a grievance **AFTER** any suspension is served. The grievance procedure has four steps with which to resolve the Disciplinary Action. The choice is yours.

In the past few months we have settled numerous grievances at the Step 2 level. These have ranged from suspensions, which have been completely over-

turned too allowing a Sergeant to be recertified for the breathalyzer (who had been previously denied). Other grievances have not been resolved and have been sent to an Arbitrator for Summary Opinion.

THINGS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF:

Recently we have had a Sergeant receive summary punishment for taking excessive time with their assigned CR Investigation. When we requested all the pertinent reports, we found that the Sergeant had submitted CR Extension requests that were **not** denied. Our contention is that if an extension is not returned denied, it is approved. We expect to resolve this issue soon. To be on the safe side, keep a copy of all your extension requests.

In another matter, we are still attempting to resolve a grievance pertaining to the denial of legal representation to a Sergeant that was a witness to a shooting incident. The Union not only filed a grievance, but also had our attorney file an Unfair Labor Practice against the Department. Hopefully common sense will prevail and this issue will be resolved. 🏠

Mortgage News

In the past two years, Coyne Financial, a family owned and operated mortgage broker, has helped many Chicago Police families achieve the American dream of home ownership. As a police family ourselves, we at Coyne Financial have worked diligently to eliminate the confusion and stress related to the mortgage loan application process and can provide a variety of programs and the most competitive rates. Many of your constituents have used our services already and we hope the Sergeants feel welcome to contact us for their mortgage needs.

- 0% Down Payment Programs
- Investor Loans (10%)
- Bi-Weekly Payment Plan
- Refinance/Home Equity
- Construction Loans

Coyne Financial LLC
7789 West Talcott Ave.
Chicago IL 60631
847-384-8900

Illinois Residential Mortgage Licensee

NAPO Report: Louima Case Settlement

by Sergeant Jack Ridges

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.

Our Union, the Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association of Illinois -- Unit 156 -- Sergeants -- is one of those 4,000 associations. In past articles we reviewed some of NAPO's legislative achievements in recent years and cited examples of NAPO's interaction with the Supreme Court by way of amicus curiae briefs to influence decisions affecting law enforcement issues that occur on the national scene.

On 16 July 2001, NAPO President Tom SCOTTO faxed a memo to all NAPO Member Organizations. His comments pertained to an article from The New York Times which noted that probably for the very first time, a police union was held accountable for a police brutality incident involving one of its' members. Although there are appeals pending, the final outcome should make all police organizations aware of future possibilities. Of course the case in question is that of the mistreatment of Abner Louima in a Brooklyn police station in 1997.

After originally suing for \$155,000,000 in 1998, Mr. Louima agreed in July to settle his civil lawsuit against New York City and its' main police union, the Patrolman's Benevolent Association. The settlement called for the city to pay Louima \$7,125,000 and the union to pay \$1,625,000. Formerly Louima rejected the union's \$1.6 million offer in favor of a trial that would have focused on what he sees as the P.B.A.'s misconduct. The bulk of the \$8.7 million settlement will be paid to Mr. Louima and his wife in a lump

sum. Some will be dispersed in \$5,000 monthly installments over the course of at least 20 years. His legal team -- Sanford Rubenstein, Johnnie Cochran, Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck -- will receive about \$2,900,000.

According to Louima's statement about the settlement, money was not the object of the lawsuit. Rather, it was about changing, what the Louima camp considered to be, egregious police practices. Some of the policy changes that will go into effect include allowing a civilian panel rather than the department, to prosecute police brutality cases and beefing up training on the use of force. The union will also renegotiate the time period allowed before officers are required to answer questions when they are suspected of wrongdoing. Also, the union has hired a law professor to assist police officers who request legal advice but believe they may have a conflict of interest with other officers or a conflict with the P.B.A. itself.

Reportedly Louima's legal team had fielded numerous phone calls in recent months from police brutality victims across the country who were looking for advice on how to hold their local unions culpable in police attacks. Louima said that he intended to create a new organization for victims of police brutality.

Perhaps the settlement's greatest impact, however, was that the P.B.A., which was accused of conspiring in the Louima cover-up, was a party to the suit at all. At the trial a union trustee testified that he had visited roll calls at the station house, telling the officers, "Sit tight, don't talk about it. Don't talk to anyone unless something official comes down." This was interpreted as a conspiracy between the P.B./A. and the patrolman to cover-up the truth and, in a broader sense, of acting with the city to create an environment in which officers could act brutally with impunity.

In addition to these reforms, during the prosecution of the criminal case a federal judge issued a deci-

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(Dem/Chicago), and the Minority Leader of the House, Lee Daniels (Rep/Elmhurst). We thank both of these representatives for sponsoring this legislation for us. Both of these gentlemen were instrumental in passing this legislation through the House of Representatives. We would also like to thank the President of the State Senate, James Pate Philip (Re/Addison), and the Minority Leader of the Senate, Emil Jones Jr. (Dem/Chicago). Again, without the help of these two state senators, this legislation would not have passed. We also want to thank Governor George Ryan for his support of this legislation by signing H.B.266 into law on July 12, 2001.

If you have any questions concerning these new benefits, please call me at the Pension Fund office at (312) 744-3891.

The following is a summary of proposed pension bills in the 92nd General Assembly that will be in session for 2001 and 2002:

SB 332/HB 1860 - Widows Minimum

Annuity: Increases the minimum annuity payable to widows from \$800 to \$1200 per month.

SB 334/HB 1881 - Overtime Pay: Allow overtime pay to be included in the calculation of salary for pension purposes.

SB 335/HB 1880 - Retirement Benefit Formula – Mandatory Withdraw from

Service: A policeman who is required to withdraw from service due to attainment of mandatory retirement age and has less than 20 years of service credit may elect to receive an annuity equal to 30% of average salary for each completed year of service or fraction thereof in excess of 10, but not to exceed a maximum of 48% of average salary.

SB 338/HB 1857 - Pension Portability: Allows all officers to transfer law enforcement service credits from a downstate police pension fund (Article 3) to the Chicago Police Pension Fund.

SB/339/HB 1896 - Election of Trustees:

Stagger the terms of elected Members of the Board of Trustees.

SB 340/HB 1878 - Election of Trustees:

Provides that all active policemen may vote for all active police officer positions on the board, regardless of rank.

SB/341/HB 1874 - Service Requirement for Retirement: Permit retirement at any age with 25 years of service. Increase the retirement formula to 2.25% of average salary for each year of service.

SB 342/HB 1892 - Retirement Annuity

Calculation: Retirement benefits based on the highest 12 months, rather than the highest 48 months, of salary within the last TEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

SB 343/HB 1877 - Final Annuity Calculation:

Limit annuity calculation to that based on highest civil service rank (grandfather current exempt rank).

SB 345/ HB 1859 - Widows Annuity Increase:

Provides a compounded 3% annual increase in the surviving spouse annuity.

SB 346/HB 1858 - Retirement Annuity

Automatic Increase: Annual Automatic Increases in the Retirement Annuity raised to 3% per annum (compounded). Removes the 30% maximum increase limitation.

SB/HB 1898 - Funding Multiplier: Increase the multiplier from 2.0 to 2.26 for employer contribution to Pension Fund.

SB 349/HB 1863 - Retirement Benefit

Formula: Increase the formula to raise the maximum annuity from 75% to 80% of current salary.

SB50/HB 1879 - Widows Supplemental

Annuity: Increases the supplement annuity payable to ensure widow receives 75% of annual salary that the policeman would have received when he/she attained age 63. ⚡

Above & Beyond

2002 Tour Report

By Sergeant Jeff Vana

These four Law Enforcement officers recently participated in the MS-150 and raised over \$ 10,000.00.



Left to Right: Gail Paradise, Cook Co.Prob.Off., Sgt. John Stahl, 004 Sgt. Allison Schloss, 019 Sgt. Jim Glynn, 021.

The MS-150 is a two-day 150-mile bike-a-thon from Elgin to Lake Geneva and back to Elgin again. The Multiple Sclerosis Society recognized the three Sergeants at the halfway point for being “leaders in the fight against MS.”

Sgt. Glynn has successfully completed this ride for 9 years. Sgt. Schloss has participated in it for 4 years and Sgt. Stahl returned for a second year following a knee reconstruction approximately 20 months ago. All three are planning to participate in the 2002 event. Sgt. Stahl is the “Captain” of “The Force” open to all Law Enforcement Officers participating in the MS-150.

Congratulations on a job well done! 🏆



We are always hoping to offer “unique” tours and trying not to offer the same itinerary. We are excited to announce the **2002 TOUR**.

We are planning a Baltic Sea Cruise visiting the ports of call of Tallin, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden. There will also be a land-based tour in Copenhagen, Denmark. The tour is still in the development stage, but by the time this article is in print, we should have all the details worked out. Departure is expected to be in the first week of June 2002.

Our “kick-off” meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 25 Sept 2001, 7:00 PM at the Police Academy. Announcements will be made in the Police Bulletin. For further information, contact our office during normal business hours. Remember, everyone is welcome including friends, neighbors and relatives! 🏠

C.P.S.A. T-shirts Are Back!

The sale of CPSA T-Shirts has been an overwhelming success. At the present time the only Ts left in stock are a few Large and X-Large. The Henleys are all sold out! Thanks for supporting your Union! Don't delay order your T-shirt today!

All T-shirts (50/50 blend) are heather gray with a 3" X 3" Chicago Police Sergeants' Association logo and police star silk-screened in black on the left chest area.

Sizes: L or XL\$ 7.00

Place your order through our office during normal business hours. Can't pick them up and want them mailed to your home? Add 75 cents postage for each T-shirt ordered. We will be happy to ship any orders to our retirees out of state. 🏠



Which Are You?

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

A daughter complained to her father about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In one he placed carrots, in the second he placed eggs, and the last he placed ground coffee beans. He let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

The daughter sucked her teeth and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. In about twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them a bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her he asked. "Darling, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

He brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. She smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. She humbly asked. "What does it mean Father?"

He explained that each of them had faced the same adversity, boiling water, but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. But after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Are you the carrot that seems hard, but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength? Are you the egg, which starts off with a

malleable heart? Were you a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a divorce, or a layoff have you become hardened and stiff. Your shell looks the same, but are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and heart?

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean changes the hot water; the thing that is bringing the pain, to its peak flavor reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water gets the hottest, it just tastes better.

If you are like the coffee bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and make things better around you.

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg, or coffee?

May g-d bless you, protect you, and keep you safe, today and always. 🙏

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CPSA Star Offer

The CPSA tie tack/lapel pin is being offered for sale to our current and retired members. These pins are perfect for trading with officers from other law enforcement agencies or during the CPSA European Tour. The pin, as depicted in the accompanying picture, is a miniature replica of the CPD Sergeant's star and is gold in color with black printing. The pin costs only \$2.00 or 3 pins for \$5.00. CPSA members who want to purchase a pin (or pins) should send a written request with a check or money order payable to the CPSA. Include your name, address, phone and number of pins wanted in your written request and send it to:



Chicago Police Sergeants Association

3637 S. Halsted

Chicago, IL 60609

ATTN: Sgt. Jeff Vana

Those who wish to have the pins mailed to their home, please add 50¢ for postage for orders of six pins or less and \$1.00 for orders of more than six pins. 🙏

sion specifying that if a police officer reveals his misconduct to a union delegate or trustee, he can no longer expect that it will be kept secret from appropriate law enforcement agencies and state and federal prosecutors.

What communication is privileged?

From day one of our contract, the Chicago Police Sergeants, P.B. & P.A. has provided an immediate response call-out team of a sergeant representative and an attorney of the P.B. & P.A. for those members who are involved in shootings or other serious incidents. The sergeant is one who has had experience in the handling of police related shootings. This union representation is there to see that proper procedures are being followed and that your best interests are being respected, particularly **Article 6** of your contract: your Bill of Rights. He or she is also there to tend to your immediate needs. If you need to call a friend or family member, if you need some one to pick up your kids, if you need food, coffee, etc., whatever you need to be comfortable, the union will be there for you.. The P.B. & P.A. also will, in every case, dispatch an attorney from our legal defense team. Most police unions do not provide this service. The P.B.A. in New York doesn't; nor does the F.O.P. The lawyer is there to give you legal advice. **Attorney-client communications is privileged: anything you say to your union representative is not privileged.** Know your contract. Know your rights. Know the law. ⚡

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

We've been asked to announce that the Evidence Recovered Property Unit is looking for a "few good Sergeants." If you are interested, conscientious and committed, contact Sgt. Diane Thompson via PAX 4286 or Bell 746-6777.

Membership Report

By Sgt. Donna Dowd, Membership Chairman

Retiree Roll April - July 2001

Congratulations to all retirees! After much service and dedication, they have decided enough was enough! Enjoy your peace and serenity.

Name	Unit	Yrs. of Service	Age
Donald Barry	021	20	51
Robert Chernik	377	32	54
Patrick Clancy	008	32	52
Wayon Collins	765	35	54
Phillip Cunningham	701	33	56
Michael Curtin	701	28	51
Daniel Dettloff	024	28	49
Don Evangelista	630	30	52
Keith Fowler	024	28	52
Ermilo Garza	075	34	62
Davino Giannoni	020	20	60
Thomas Ginoza	001	31	51
Gerald Gulan	477	33	54
Peter Gutierrez	013	25	50
Robert Jacobsen	152/057	30	52
Sumner Jones	640	32	53
Oliver Kelly	050	20	56
Brian Lenzion	543	31	54
Richard Majder	121	32	54
Charles McCorkle	175	31	54
Jerrold Meriwether	005	33	63
Derrick Nelson	071	29	49
Marjorie O'Dea	111	27	56
William Patterson	715	28	51
Francis Pell	022	25	51
Kenneth Rose	701	31	53
Lawrence Strzechowski	019	31	56
Gerald Szymanski	701	28	53
Diann Tribble	006	25	56
Terrence Urbaniak	173	31	51
Richard Valentas	008	30	54
Russell Weingart	017	33	53

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and officers assigned to the 016th District on the death of Sergeant John Chaplin.



Sergeants' Annual Golf Outing



Checking in!



Wagons Ho! The AM attack on the links.



Closest to the hole.



Longest drive.



Retired Sergeants Dan Fournier and Ed McGuire lend a helping hand. This was Dan's 40th Sergeants Gold Outing!



A few practice putts.



Dinner is served!

The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sergeants Mike Stather (North Side Representative) & Jerry Saturnus (South Side Representative)

We hope you are all surviving the hot weather, and are probably glad you're not still pounding the beat or pushing the squad car around in it. Most of us will fondly recall the days of no air-conditioned cars or stations.

Quite a few retirees enjoyed a nice time at our annual golf outing, and several won prizes in the various raffles. Thanks for sending in the tickets, and participating. Don Fournier was honored for his 40th year of working the holes at the outing, along with Ed McGuire for his many years of assistance. Jim "Moon" Mc Mullin did his usual outstanding job of organiz-

ing the entire event.

We are still pressing the various congressmen, alderman, etc. to support the numerous bills that will benefit us.

Attending the various breakfast meetings, luncheons, etc., put on by various groups, is a lot of fun. Meet old friends, tell old lies!

On a sad note, we lost our most senior retiree, Dan Cribbens. 98 years old, 41 years retired. God Bless!

Take care of yourselves, drop us a note at the office and let us know what you are up to!

OUR ASSOCIATION IS GOING TO THE DOGS!

THE ONES AT THE WISCONSIN DAIRY LAND RACING TRACK THAT IS.

Late September or early October

We need to see how many of you would be interested!

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office

Via U.S.MAIL or POLICE MAIL to UNIT 545.

(Note: write "DOG RACES" on the outside of the envelope)

Initial plans are for a Modern Motor Coach (1 North Pickup and 1 South Pickup)

And Admission to the Track.

Active and Retired Members, Friends and Family are all Welcome!

TIME PREFERENCE:

_____ AFTERNOON

_____ EVENING

DAY PREFERENCE:

_____ WEEKDAY

_____ WEEKEND

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PLEASE REPLY ASAP, WE NEED TIME FOR PLANNING ETC.

Mike Stather, North Side Retiree Rep.



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

Jeff,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for the great work you and the Union did in regards to my grievance, which was filed earlier this year. I felt that my 3-day suspension was unjust, and filed as soon as possible. I have since had this CR# expunged from my record and I have been compensated for back wages lost as a result of OPS's ruling. Once again, I thank you for your efforts. You and Moon are both doing an outstanding job. I made the offer to Moon by telephone, and the same offer is made to you: I am willing to volunteer for whatever assistance the Sgts. PBPA needs. Feel free to call upon me anytime.

Sgt. John Franklin #2566
Unit 189

Aug. 14, 01

Dear Sgt. McMullin,

It was a great surprise and pleasure to receive the phone call informing me that I had won first prize at the Annual Golf Outing/Raffle. I appreciate so much this wonderful gift and would like to share some of the winnings with the Association. Thank You.

Tony Palka

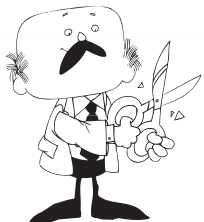
The Board of Directors PB & PA:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board, specifically, Jeff Vana, Jim "Moon" McMullin and P.B. & P.A. Attorneys, Rick Riemer and Tom Radja for their assistance with my grievance.

The incident in which I was injured occurred off-duty and was the first Medical (IOD) Grievance that the Union handled. It occurred in July 1998, shortly after my promotion to Sergeant. After several agreements had been reached with the "City" and then rescinded by the City for various reasons, the matter was finally resolved a few months ago, with my status reverting back to I.O.D. and issues involving bills being satisfied. Jeff, Moon, Rick and Tom were not dissuaded by the lengthy hurdles and obstacles placed in front of them in their negotiations with the City on my behalf.

Jeff & company, Thanks for your help!

Sgt. Gordon Barnhill
Unit 121




Editorial Policy

Any member, active or retired, wishing to submit an article for inclusion in *The Chevrons* can forward it to:

Chicago Police Sergeants Association/Chevrons, 3637 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL. 60609

All articles must be signed and unless specifically requested, said articles and photographs so submitted, will not be returned. The Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any material so submitted. The overall goal of *The Chevrons* is to provide the membership of the C.P.S.A. with informative and timely articles of interest and benefit to the membership. The Editor will reject any material that is found to be contrary to these goals or which may be offensive because of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, religion, age or veteran status.

Please remember, if we print any article or make an editorial comment on a topic that you do not like, one that you take as a personal insult, please bring us your copy of *The Chevrons*, and we will be happy to cut the offending article out of your copy! 

In Memoriam



**Police Officer
BRIAN T. STROUSE #15806**



**Police Officer
ERIC D. LEE, # 16947**

“In the Line Of Duty”

We wish to extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of two of Chicago's' Finest who made the ultimate sacrifice “In the Line Of Duty.”

We have learned that two convicted “cop-killers” are coming up for Parole Hearings in the next few months. Edward SEVERIN, the brother of slain SGT. JIM SEVERIN, has informed us that **Johnny VEAL, inmate # C-01600** is up for a Parole Hearing on 18 Sep 2001 at 0900 in Statesville. VEAL and Clifford KNIGHTS ambushed and killed Sgt. Jim SEVERIN and Officer Tony RIZZATO at Cabrini-Green Homes’ on 17 July 1970.

P.O. Daniel ABATE #3023 has informed us that **Joseph BIGSBY, Ind#C02290** is up for a Parole Hearing at Hill Correctional Center on 30 October 2001. BIGSBY shot Officer Edward L. BARRON in the face killing him instantly when he and his partner P.O. ABATE responded to a radio call of a “robbery in progress”.

Several petitions have been circulated throughout the Department requesting that their parole be denied. Please take the time to write a letter expressing your wish that parole not be granted to either of these individuals. Write to:

**PRISON REVIEW BOARD
Ref: (Johnny VEAL #C-01600 or Joseph BIGSBY #C02290)
319 E. MADISON ST., Suite A
Springfield, Illinois 62701**

Congressional Bill Can Restore Social Security Benefits Earned By Government Retirees

by Sam Cozzo, Patrolmen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Unit 156

Like most government employees, upon retirement we will receive pensions that we have worked for throughout our careers. Most government employees, for any level of government, have also worked in the private sector and have made enough contributions to qualify for Social Security. The Social Security benefits of government employees are significantly reduced because they receive a government pension (see: Government Pension and Windfall Elimination Provision). The Social Security benefits earned by people who have private pensions are not reduced. It is obviously unfair that government employees be treated differently or that any American citizen be denied benefits that they earned.

This law was snuck through by former Congressman Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois. When this treachery became known he was chased by hoards of angry citizens who used to be his most loyal supporters. The only thing missing from those scenes was tar and feathers. He was later convicted of theft and official misconduct in a scheme to bilk the government. Imagine the arrogance, to be surrounded by government employees, to cut the benefits they earned, and not expect that someone wasn't going to blow the whistle on his dirty little game with the Congressional Post Office. It galls government employees everywhere to know that he now collects his \$106,000 pension, and did so even while in jail! He was one of the last minute pardons by President Clinton.

There is a bill in the House of Representatives, HR 848, (see: Social Security Benefits Restoration Act of 2001), to eliminate this inequity. The last action on this bill was March 9th, when it was referred to the House Subcommittee on Social Security. Of the 435 members of Congress, 102 have signed on as co-sponsors of this bill. Of the 102 co-sponsors, 6 of the 20 Illinois Representatives, as diverse as William O. Lipinski and Bobby Rush are signed on. No member of the Illinois delegation is on the Social Security Subcommittee, but Representative J. Dennis Hassert is the Speaker of the House.

It is time to undo the damage and to regain all of what we earned. If you are a police officer and have the a Congressman's office on your beat, park the squad car in front and stop in. Our friends on the fire department should pull the rig in front, or the sanitation department the garbage truck, or the transit authority their bus and talk to these people; they will always act like they are glad to see you. Tell the Congressman that this bill is really important to you, your family, your co-workers and their families. You are only demanding what you paid for. Also get the ear of the Congressman's staff, after all, if they are paying into a government pension fund this will affect them. The congress-

man's staff people could be our best allies. Ask the Representative if they are a co-sponsor of bill **H.R. 848, The Social Security Benefits Restoration Act of 2001**. If he or she is a co-sponsor, thank them and ask them how soon they can get the bill out of committee and passed. If not, tell them this will be the most important issue when all of the people you know vote.

Make this a hot issue for your labor unions and get them moving on this. Have your union invite the Congressman to speak at a union meeting. After this bill gets passed by the House of Representatives, we can start working on the Senators.


As of July 10th, 2001 the scorecard for the Illinois delegation to Congress is:

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Rep. John Shimkus	20	Collinsville

To find out who your representative is look at your voter registration card, it will list your Congressional district number. To find out on line, go to **www.house.gov**, it will list most of their office addresses and phone numbers in Illinois and Washington D.C.. You can track this and other bills in Congress on the web at, **www.house.gov**, or, **www.senate.gov**. Social Security matters can be tracked at **www.ssa.gov**. 

Dear Representative _____

Like most government employees, upon retirement I will receive a pension that I have worked for throughout my career. I have also worked in the private sector and have made enough contributions to qualify for Social Security.

The Social Security benefits of government employees are significantly reduced because they receive a government pension. (See: Government Pension and Windfall Elimination Provision) This law was introduced by Dan Rostenkowski; do you recall the images on TV of him being chased by hoards of angry senior citizens. The Social Security benefits earned by people who have private pensions are not reduced. It is obviously unfair that government employees be treated differently or that any American citizen who has earned benefits be denied them.

There is a bill in the House of Representatives, **HR 848, (See: Social Security Benefits Restoration Act of 2001)** to eliminate this inequity. We are asking you to co-sponsor this legislation that would wipe out this injustice and get it passed into law. I thank you if you intend to support this legislative change. We will be watching for what progress has been made on this issue through our labor unions.

Sincerely yours,

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Member of: _____

Labor Union : F.O.P. Lodge PB&PA Unit , I.A.F.F. Local, A.F.S.M.E. etc.

PLEASE NOTE: I and others like me, will make this the #1 issue when we vote.

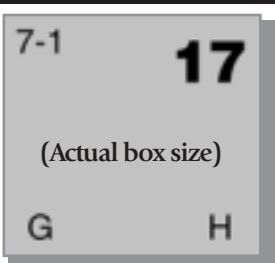
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