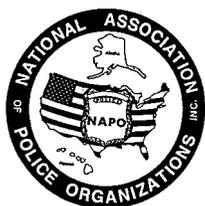




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news from the

CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

2005 PB&PA Officer of the Year

By Sgt. Gordon Barnhill

It was my honor and privilege to nominate Sgt. Richard Plotke, 020th District, for the 2005 Police Benevolent & Protective Association Officer of the Year Award. Sgt. Plotke was the co-recipient of this well deserved award which was also presented to a Chicago Officer, P.O. Andrew J. Hurman, 025th District (Nominated by CPD Sgt. Robert Delaney/016) for an unrelated incident. Officer Hurman fired upon and dispatched an offender who was struggling with another officer. The offender had obtained control of that officer's weapon and was threatening her life. The following excerpt is from my letter of nomination for Sgt. Plotke . . .

I would like to tell you about one of Chicago's Finest:

On January 21st, 2005 at 2907 W. Summerdale in Chicago, Sgt. Richard Plotke, star #1680, who is assigned to the Patrol Division, 020th District, assisted units from the Morton Grove Police Department who were seeking suspects in a recent armed home invasion in their town in which the victims were beaten about their heads.

The suspects were located and the necessary warrants were obtained. Sgt. Plotke, in full uniform, accompanied the Detectives to the suspect offenders' apartment. Both the entrance and the exit were covered. Sgt. Plotke knocked on the door loudly and . . . *continues on page 4*



Sgt. Barnhill & Sgt. Plotke
P.O. Hurman & Sgt. Delaney

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Dear Fellow Sergeants,

Now that the holiday season is upon us, it is the time of year when we reflect on our lives and count our blessings. The two most important being our families and our health. We hope that you and yours are well.

Election

The election for president is underway and the results will be announced on 13 December 2005, immediately after the ballots have been counted. The results will be posted on our web site immediately and sent to each Unit for posting. The new Officers and Board members will take office at the first meeting of 2006 (19 January).

Election II

Sergeant Michael Lazzaro 001 was elected to the Pension Board as the Sergeants representative. Congratulations Mike, best of luck in this very important position.

Contract/Arbitration

After a request from the Arbitrator for additional information from both sides was met, our contract is now in the hands of Arbitrator Elliott H. Goldstein. We believe that the arbitrators intent to have a decision by Christmas, or sooner, is on schedule.

Payroll

The Department continues to have problems with the new payroll system initiated on 01 July 05. If you have any problems, discrepancies or questions regarding your paycheck contact the Finance Division and the Union office.

On January 18, 2006, I will complete my second term as President of PB&PA Unit 156 A/CPSA. It has been my honor and privilege to serve our organization for

eight years, the last six as president. I am very proud of the achievements of our Board over the last six years. I wish the incoming Board good luck and continued success in leading our Union into the future.

I would like to wish all our members, active and retired, and their families a happy holiday season and a safe and healthy new year. 🏠

James Cosgrove

***Stay Safe this
holiday season!
Wear your
seat belt!***



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
1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609**

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. 🏠

From the Desk of the Editor



*Seasons Greetings to you and yours.
May the coming New Year be both Healthy
and Prosperous for you and your loved ones.*

As this issue of the Chevrons goes to press we are still locked in the Arbitration Process. We are hopeful that Arbitrator Goldstein will proceed in an expeditious manner in rendering his decision. We can not give you an exact timeline for his decision but remain hopeful that the Arbitration Process will be concluded by year's end.

By the time you read this, the results of our Presidential Election should be posted. I would like to thank all our members who participated in the electoral process. To all, have a safe holiday season. 🏠

Sgt Gordon Barnhill, Editor & VP

Mark Your Calendar!

**ANNUAL
CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**
Honoring Our Retirees
Thursday, 16 February 2006 (DOG 2 & 3)
Location: European Chalet
5445 S. Harlem
Doors open at 6:00 PM



**CPSA 44th ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING**
Monday, 14 August 2006
Silver Lake Country Club
147th & 82nd Ave
Orland Park
Details TBA



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 **Robert D. Kuzas - 312.629.1400**. In the case of a sergeant involved shooting, please call the Union office at 773.376.7272. Remember to identify yourself as a member of the Sergeants' Association, PBPA Unit 156 Sergeants. Ask for Attorneys **Bob KUZAS, Hugh GORMAN, or Richard BLASS.** 🏠

News from Coyne Financial

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We are now licensed in Wisconsin. Call us to see how we can help you get that retirement or vacation home of your dreams. Also ask about our current promotion – a Free Weekend Getaway with every closed first mortgage (purchase or refinance).

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Election News

*Election Committee: Ret. Sgt. Kevin Barry,
Ret. Sgt. Don Januszyk, Ret. Sgt. John Mahon,
Ret. Sgt. Ted Raab, Ret. Sgt. Jerry Saturnus,
Ret. Sgt. Mike Stather*

When reading this article, all active duty Sergeants in good standing should have received their ballots to vote in the election. The only office in contention is that of the President.

Petitions for other positions on the board have been received and approved by the election committee. No Sergeants have submitted petitions for the offices of Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Area One Director. According to the By-Laws the new President may appoint individuals to these positions with the approval of the Executive Board.

There were 1,217 ballots sent out. 🏠



Officer of the Year . . . cont'd from page 1

announced his office repeatedly.

There was no response from inside, but the officers could hear furtive movement within the apartment.

Sgt. Plotke affected a forced entry, leading the officers into the apartment and was immediately confronted by the first suspect in the hallway. Sgt. Plotke grasped the gun-hand of the first offender and struggled with him as gunfire from the suspect erupted. Sgt. Plotke fired, striking the first offender as they struggled. The Sergeant called for a cease fire as additional shots rang out. The second suspect had opened up from the kitchen where he had hidden.

One of the Detectives weapons had jammed and he was forced to retreat. The second Detective took a round in his protective vest and fell back. Sgt. Plotke stood his ground and provided covering fire, striking the second offender and disabling him.

The first offender was D.O.A. and the second offender succumbed to his wounds shortly thereafter. The Detective's vest had stopped the round from penetration and he was only bruised. The second Detective began to experience chest pains and was treated and released from a nearby hospital.

Due to the heroism, quick thinking and his courageous stand, no other officers or citizens were injured and two armed and dangerous felons' careers in crime came to a final and abrupt end.

Sgt. Plotke, we salute you! 🏠

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Newsletter Email: chevrons@ameritech.net

FYI: Visit our websites

www.chicagosergeants.org

www.pbpa156a.org

also check out:

www.pbpa.org

Pension Report

By Sgt. Timothy Brophy, Sergeants Pension Representative

Here's a hot topic that has the phones ringing at the Pension Fund Office. The topic is outlined in Department Bulletin #2004=04, Office of Legal Affairs. **Changes in Conceal and Carry laws: Retirees and Out of State Officers.** Pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, qualified current and former law enforcement officers are exempt from Illinois Laws regarding the carrying of concealed firearms. This law allows for the carrying of concealed firearms by a "qualified law enforcement officer" and a "qualified **retired** law enforcement officer". After completing and forwarding all application forms to the Pension Fund Office, retirees will be sent a new form authorizing the Personnel Division of the Chicago Police Department to release information to the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund to verify applicants' status at the time of their retirement. This new form must be filled out and submitted to the Personnel Division of the Chicago Police Department before the application process can be completed. Once the application process is completed, retirees will be notified of the results.

Here are a few more questions that I am frequently asked.

Q. An officer, retired for a few years, asked how much his spouse would get if he died?

A. Your spouse will get an annuity equal to 50% of what you were getting at the time of your death. So, any 3% COLA raises that you have received are included in calculating your spouse's annuity. Unfortunately, your spouse does not receive any COLA raises after that.

Q. An officer on disability for a few years asked how his average salary would be calculated if he retired?

A. A pension is calculated on the highest four consecutive years out of the last ten. Usually the last four are the best. When an officer who is on disability retires, his average salary is based on what he would have been receiving if he were working as an active officer up to his retirement date.

So, to make this a little clearer here's an example. Two officers came on the job together and are making the same salary; one of the officers becomes disabled and receives disability benefits. If both officers retire on the same date, they both will receive the same amount in pension.

Q. After an officer retires when does he start receiving a "Cost of Living Allocation" or COLA?

A. If an officer is 55 years old and born on or before January 1, 1950, he would begin receiving the 3% COLA the month after he was retired for one year. So, if the officer retired on 15 Sep 2005 he would begin receiving the 3% COLA as of 1 Oct 2006.

BILLS INTRODUCED by the PBPA for ...

CHICAGO POLICE

SUPPORT Senate Bill 3074! Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code to base benefits on the salary on the last day of service or during the last year of service, whichever is greater for persons retiring after December 31, 2004. Also, increases the maximum pension for persons who retire after December 31, 2004 from 75% to 80% of salary.

SUPPORT Senate Bill 2992! Amends the Chicago Police Article of the Pension Code to provide a compounded 3% annual increase in surviving spouse annuities.

POLICE PROMOTIONS (CHICAGO PD)

SUPPORT Senate Bill 3073! Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, providing that the City of Chicago's duty to bargain collectively includes negotiating promotional issues with the certified representative of any peace officer bargaining unit to which promotions will be made.

For information on additional Statewide bills visit www.pbpa.org and click on the Legislative Issues Link. 🏠

The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sgts. Don Januszyk (South Side Rep.) & Michael Stather (North Side Rep.)

Northside Retiree Report

I would like to thank all of you who responded to the call of assisting the many police officers who became victims of the various storms. It's hard to imagine coming home and finding your home is no longer there, and you have no idea where your family is.

I attend the North side Retiree breakfast (1st Wednesday of every month, 0700-1000 hrs.) at the Lone Tree Inn 7800 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles. It's a good breakfast, and you'll run into someone you know or worked with. John Grizzoffi and Joe Nalepa do a great job of running it.

The Retiree gun issue is still up in the air over several issues, and won't be resolved until they figure who will take the blame, who will be responsible, etc. etc. **DO NOT SIGN UP TO GET QUALIFIED BY VARIOUS FOLKS WHO ARE ADVERTISING THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED, AND CAN QUALIFY YOU. USE CAUTION!**

The COLA bill (Pension increase) should be signed this month. Everyone is in agreement on it.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season, and a Happy Healthy New Year. Please try to pass on some help or assistance to those who desperately need it, and have no way of helping themselves out, and are not responsible for the situations they're in.

Fr, Tom Nangle and the C.P.D. Chaplains always take care of our own at this time of the year, call 312-746-8458 ask them what's needed. Thanks!!!!

Mike Stather, Northside Retiree Liaison 

Southside Retiree Report

I'd like thank all of the retired Sergeants who turned in their raffle tickets. It was a great turnout and several of the retired Sergeants won prizes. Take the time to check out the articles on the Department Id Cards, and also on the Retirees Right to Carry.

The Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be on the south side this year. Our old place no longer exists and we are currently making plans for a new location.

The South Side Retirees still have breakfast at the Jedi Restaurant 9266 S. Cicero in Oak Lawn on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1000 hours.

If you hear that one of your fellow Sergeants is not receiving *The Chevrons* please notify our office. Also, if you don't notify us of an address change after you retire we won't be able to keep you abreast of what's going on.

Don Januszyk, Southside Retiree Liaison 

New CPD ID Cards for Retirees

The Chicago Police Dept. now has new ID cards available for retirees if you want one. The new cards have your date of retirement on the back. The cost of this ID is \$10.00 in either a money order or a Bank Cashier's Check made out to the City of Chicago. Cash or personal checks ARE NOT ACCEPTED. If your card was lost or stolen, then the fee is \$15.00 dollars. The Personnel Dept. is on the 2nd floor at 3500 S. Michigan. Stop at the main desk on the first floor if you need help. Parking is not easy. I would suggest you go there after 1230 hours, and they may let you park in the lot. Your picture will be taken.

Retirees' Right to Carry

By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszzyk

This is for any retiree interested in applying for the right to carry a firearm. This certification is for one year only, and individuals on a disability pension are not allowed to apply.

The forms are available on the internet at www.ptb.state.il.us then click onto the link that states IROCC. At that site click onto Application on the left side. All of the forms are there including the one you need to send to the Chicago Pension Board. You can also call the IROCC at 217-726-9537 and they will send you the forms, but it may take awhile.

When you fill out the form for the Pension Board, you must send a copy of the front and back of your Chicago ID card. They will accept either the new or old ID card. In the middle of this form there is a line for an expiration date. Make it at least 4 or 5 months. All of these applications are currently backed up at the Board. (There is a problem with the CPD releasing information. Please refer to Sgt. Tim Brophy's Pension Report in this issue of *The Chevrons*.) If this form expires, you will have to start the process all over again. When you get this approved form back you send it in with the other 2 forms along with your check, and a copy of the front and back of your FOID card.

You may qualify with either a revolver or an automatic weapon. After you are certified you may carry any of these types of weapons. The course is similar to the CPD's, and it is timed, however you will NOT need a speed loader and will have ample time to complete the course. Your card of certification may either be a printed card or one with a photo. This has not been determined at this time. This information is from Mr. Forest Sawlaw at the IROCC.

Note: The State is not making this procedure easy or cheap. Additionally, the City is not in agreement with the Application Process. Therefore, for retirees in Chicago, the "Retirees' Right to Carry" is in a state of limbo. When we have additional information we will share it with you on our website as well as in *The Chevrons* newsletter. 



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Message from the CEO

As we begin the final quarter of the year, there are many reasons to be grateful. One of our greatest blessings during 2005 has been the opportunity to participate in and contribute to the success of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Many of our employees and members have contributed their time, resources and talents to further the cause of the Foundation, and I would like to thank every one of you.

Many of you are aware of what credit is, but really—how important is it? Well, it's extremely important. How you pay your bills impacts what interest rates you receive for mortgages, auto loans, consumer loans, and credit cards. It can also affect how much you pay for your homeowners and auto insurance premiums.

Now is the time to obtain a copy of your credit report. Your credit report contains a lot of information that makes up your credit score. It's a good idea to get your credit report to verify the information that is in it.

You are entitled to receive a free credit report from each of the three credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian) by contacting www.annualcreditreport.com or calling 877-322-8228. Please note, if you wish to obtain a credit score there is a charge for it. If you are unaware of how to read and understand your credit report, contact Gwendolyn Hawkins, Member Relationship Manager at Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union at 312-499-8813. There is no charge for this service to credit union members.

Retiree Roll

By Sgt. Michael Dejanovich, Membership Chairman

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

| Last Name | First Name | Unit | Star | Age | Years of Service | Retirement |
|-------------|------------|------|------|-----|------------------|------------|
| SAGE | Timothy | 702 | 2385 | 53 | 31 | 10 Jun 05 |
| WAGNER | William | 020 | 1278 | 58 | 32 | 15 Jun 05 |
| ERICKSON | Kent | 019 | 2085 | 52 | 27 | 15 Jun 05 |
| MARSHALL | Kevin | 169 | 849 | 53 | 29 | 15 Jun 05 |
| HENNIGAN | Thomas | 008 | 1036 | 53 | 32 | 16 Jun 05 |
| VETH | Edward | 024 | 1094 | 60 | 34 | 11 Jul 05 |
| JACONETTI | William | 017 | 944 | 62 | 37 | 15 Jul 05 |
| BIEBEL | Joan | 606 | 1545 | 54 | 29 | 31 Jul 05 |
| MORLEY | Patrick | 009 | 2536 | 3 | 12 | 27 Jul 05 |
| LANE | Frederick | LOA | 2228 | 38 | 15 | 02 Aug 05 |
| KULEKOWSKIS | Jame | 008 | 1323 | 60 | 35 | 15 Aug 05 |
| VALAITIS | John | 018 | 1189 | 60 | 37 | 15 Aug 05 |
| SCHAEFER | Robert | 007 | 1091 | 57 | 28 | 15 Aug 05 |
| TAYLOR | Abraham | 189 | 1184 | 55 | 35 | 20 Aug 05 |
| PALMER | Ronald | 123 | 1075 | 56 | 2 | 16 Sep 05 |
| DUHIG | Lawrence | 019 | 801 | 62 | 34 | 15 Sep 05 |

In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. Please contact our office if you hear of any of our brothers or sisters passing on, we are not always notified in a timely manner.

| Name | Status | Passed Away | Name | Status | Passed Away |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| James NORCOTT | Retired | | Charles JACKSON | Retired | 11 Jun 05 |
| Thomas WALLER | Retired | | Richard McKELVEY | Retired | 16 Jun 05 |
| Joseph GIGILO | Retired | 25 Dec 99 | George SPILA | Retired | 30 Jun 05 |
| Francis REGAN | Retired | 30 Jul 00 | Monroe VOLLIK | Retired | 26 Aug 05 |
| William HARRINGTON | Retired | 15 Nov 00 | Anton GRISZ | Retired | Sep 05 |
| Irving GREENSPON | Retired | 02 Oct 02 | Robert SCOTT | Retired | 03 Sep 05 |
| John BIEGUS | Retired | 18 Jul 04 | Vernis JONES | Retired | 20 Sep 05 |
| George COLEMAN | Retired | 20 Sep 04 | Charles McCAULEY | Retired | Oct 05 |
| Robert WILKINSON | Retired | 25 May 05 | James L.LEWIS | Retired | 05 Oct 05 |
| Eleanore KERNAGHAN | Retired | 10 Jun 05 | Jack HARRIS | Retired | 12 Oct 0 |
| Lewis SMITH | Retired | 10 Jun 05 | Norman WIEST | Retired | 24 Oct 05 |
| Edward WATERS | Retired | 10 Jun 05 | George PAPAGIANNIS | Retired | 24 Oct 05 |

2005 PB&PA State Convention

by Sgt. Gordon Barnhill

The 2005 State Convention was hosted by Rockford Unit #6. The event took place at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford on October 7th, 8th & 9th.

This year's agenda included the election of State Executive Board Officers and a vote on two By-Laws proposals dealing with the Scholarship Program and the Election of Executive Board Members.

The current President, "Skip" Berneking turned the "gavel" over to Von Young, Jr. on Sunday morning



020th District Sergeants Jeff Sacks (Delegate) and Richard Plotke (Officer of the Year)



Outgoing Pres. Berneking & Pres. Von Young Jr.

as Von was elected President.

The By-Laws proposal regarding the expansion of the Scholarship Program was approved and passed. This will allow the Executive Board & Scholarship Committee to create a few additional Scholarships for the families of our members.

The second By-Laws proposal dealt with restrictions on the requirements to be elected to, and hold the office of President. It also placed restrictions on anyone retiring during his term office as President. This proposal was defeated.



Awards Dinner

The following comprise your State PBPA Board for 2006-2007.

President: Von Young Jr./Champaign

1st Vice President: Richard Gillespie/Alton

2nd Vice President: Rich Holman/East Moline

Financial Secretary: Terry Peterson/Rockford

Treasurer: Jim Genz/Elgin

Recording Secretary: Gordon Barnhill/Chicago

Youth Activities: Troy Hogren/Danville

Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Fisher/Peoria

Sgt-at-Arms: Amy Strawn/Springfield. ⚡

Chaplain's Corner

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

“How Big Is Your Frying Pan?”

Traditionally, the month of November has a day dedicated to give thanks to the Lord for all his kindness bestowed upon us. Some of us have more than others for what to be grateful. Some have had moments that have really challenged our faith, it is in those moments that we need to take a step back and reflect, as in the following parable ...

Two men went fishing. One was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the inexperienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back.

The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing the man waste good fish.

“Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?” he asked.

The inexperienced fisherman replied, “I only have a small frying pan.”

Sometimes, like that fisherman, we throwback the big plans, big dreams, big opportunities that G-d gives us, why, our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who couldn't figure out that all he needed was a big-frying pan, yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith? Whether it's a problem or a possibility, G-d gives us all trials and tribulations, opportunities and challenges, it is up to us to walk confidently with G-d to trust and have faith. And when we feel weak, it is up to us to muster the strength to handle a larger frying pan.

REMEMBER: Stop telling G-d you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a BIG G-d. ... so as we sit down to the thanksgiving dinner, let's take a moment to reflect and pray ...

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord that I have the strength to rise and have employment. There are many who are bedridden and many unemployed.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our dinner table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord for the food we have. There are many who have little or no food.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

And please Lord; remind us daily to count our blessings. Amen.

May G-d bless you keep you safe, and always keep you in his loving care. 🙏

Education Opportunity

*Are you considering returning to school?
A degree is closer than you think!*

Saint Xavier University offers a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) and Undergraduate Degree Completion program. Certificate programs are also available. These programs are offered at the Education and Training Division of the Chicago Police Department.

Program areas include Management, Training and Performance Management, Public and Non Profit Management, and Financial Fraud Examination and Management.

Benefits of participating in this program offered for employees of the Chicago Police Department include:

- Deferred payment plan complying with CPD tuition reimbursement (no initial payment required)
- Free textbooks delivered to the classroom
- Waived registration fees

Our next term begins January 10, 2006.
Please consider joining us!

**To request more information
about these programs please call :
Kate Watland, (773) 298-3680 or
Steve Hallenbeck (773) 298-3836.**

Visit our Website!

**<http://www.sxu.edu/gsm/> and look for the
Chicago Police Department link! ⚡**

Update Your Records!

Are your records up to date?

We have received a fairly good response from our active member sergeants with respect to updating their beneficiary cards.

If you have suffered a loss or have been divorced recently, please remember to update your beneficiary information with the City, your Sergeants Association and with any individual insurance programs that you may have.

If you have had a recent birth in your family, if you have adopted or married, remember to update your Medical and Insurance information.

If your information is not current and you should pass away, your loved ones may suffer the consequences and end up in a protracted court fight. ⚡

Legal Defense Team

By Sgt. Patrick Fitzgerald

Due to recent retirements and promotions, we still have a few vacancies on the Shooting Team. We are looking for former detectives with violent crime experience, who are interested in working on the Legal Defense Team. Your primary duty is to respond to call-outs when sergeants are involved in shootings. If you are willing and able to assist your fellow sergeants in this capacity, please contact the office at 773-376-7272. ⚡

2005 Annual Golf Outing & Death Benefit Raffle

The Golf Committee, Mike Stather, Don Januszyk & George Whiteside

Getting to the point, the net profit for this year's benefit was \$5,750.00. We exceed last year's profit because of Sgt. Al Piantkowski 18th Dist., & Sgt. Mark Vanderploeg 10th Dist. Al won the \$500 cash prize and donated half of it back into the Death Benefit Fund. Mark won the Cubs tickets and returned them to us to re-raffle for a profit of \$202 dollars. We thank them both.

This year we tried one tee off time and it worked out great. There were 231 golfers, 32 more than last year. There were 206 door prizes, and 30 raffle prizes. An interesting point, there are approximately 1250 active duty Sergeants, however only 115 of them returned the raffle tickets that were sent out to them. Last year it was 153. This Death Benefit is for THE FAMILIES OF ACTIVE DUTY SERGEANTS.

First we would like to thank all of those who helped out which is our own Executive Board. Tim Brophy, our Pension Rep did one heck of a job in bring in Hole Sponsors, followed by John Pallohusky our Treasurer. This year we had 36 Hole Sponsors compared to 24 last year. Also thanks to our Board members who brought in door prizes John, Mike, Gordon and the rest.

Again thanks to our veteran retirees Don Fournier and Ed McGuire on the north money hole, Ted Raab & Joanne Anaya on the south money hole, then there were Jackie Boyd, Mary O'Toole #2, and Don Berry. Special thank to Debbie DeYoung for keeping Don sane at the check in.

We can't forget Sgt. George Whiteside for bringing in 40 golfers. Dana and John with the rest of the staff at Silver Lakes were awesome.



This is a list of the raffle winners:

\$500 Prize: Sgt. A. Piantkowski - 018

ATA Airlines: Sgt. J. Matishak - 022

Southwest Airlines: Shawn Marks

Westin Hotel: Sgt. R. Darlin - 002

Wilson Driver: Lt. Maloney - 650

B&D Drill Set: Sgt. D. McDonald - 018

Graphite Driver: Sam Barbaro

Westin Hotel: Ret. Sgt. T. Ware

Graphite Driver: Sgt. Mostek - 189

Hilton Hotel: Ret. Sgt. P. Watzke

Graphite Driver: Sgt. Struke - 015

\$500 Vegas Trip: Ret. Sgt. J. Small

Digital Camera: Sgt. B. Wheeler - 003

Wilson Golf Bags: Lt. Al Nagode - 001

Wilson Golf Bags: Sgt. K. Burke - 184

Wilson Driver: Sgt. Mike Lazzaro - 001

\$50 ABT Certificate: Lloyd Ott

Intercontinental Hotel: Ret. Sgt. F. Holan

Giant Lava Lamp: Ret. Sgt. J. McManus

Kerry Wood Ball: C. Lash

B&D Cordless Tool Kit: Ret. Sgt. P. Parizanski

\$50 S&F Liq.: Ret. Sgt. J. Berry

\$50 S&F Liq.: Att. Ed Maloney

\$75: Ret. Sgt. J. Rubel

\$75: Att. Ed. Maloney

\$50: Sgt. Bruce Rapa - 020

\$50: Brian Alberts

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