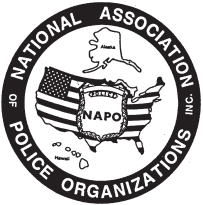




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Chevrons

news from the

CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By Robert Kirchner

The contract is now in effect and a number of Sergeants have put in their retirement papers to take advantage of the age 55 health care benefit. Congratulations and good luck to all of the members who are choosing to retire. We wish you the best. With the number of Sergeants we anticipate retiring in July we will be down to 1240 active Sergeants. We certainly expect a large crowd at the Annual Corned Beef Dinner to honor our retirees.

Summer is upon us and it is going by so quickly. So I encourage everyone to take advantage of the warm weather and enjoy this beautiful season. With that in mind I want to remind everyone that all Sergeants now have six (6) Personal Days that can be used. Personal days are worth a tour of duty if used. It does not matter if you are on the nine (9) or ten (10) hour day. If you choose to sell the Personal days back they are worth eight (8) hours each. There are only certain dates when the department can refuse to honor your Personal Day request. The dates for 2010 are listed inside this issue.

Everyone should have seen their pay raises on the 16 July paycheck. The retro-pay check will be issued on 09 August, 2010. We worked with and encouraged the Finance Division to get Sergeant's retro-pay checks out along with those to the Patrolman. These checks are coming at time when a lot of our members are looking to pay tuitions.

Our attorneys have informed us that depositions for our Lieutenant's test lawsuit will begin this summer. We are happy to finally see some movement on this issue.

You will see some new articles in this issue of the Chevrons. Each issue will contain some articles from Board members regarding information for our members. This issue will include a description from the Treasurer regarding some of the safeguards that

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have been put into effect to protect our money. The next issue will have the political endorsements from the PAC committee for the November elections. We are also going to be making some changes to the Chevrons. Starting in 2011 we hope to have this magazine going electronic. There will be more information on this in the next issue.

The by-law committee is looking for members who wish to assist with the re-writing of the Association's by-laws. Any member who wishes to be considered should call the office and give us your name. The by-laws have not been updated in years and some changes are in order.

Don't forget the Annual Golf Outing. This year's event is planned for 09 August at Silver Lake Country Club. Call the Association or E-mail your reservation in as the courses are filling up quickly. There is a link on the website that will take your reservations.

I hope to see all at the Pizza meeting on 16 September, 2010. This year it is back at the original Home Run Inn Pizza at 4254 W. 31st street. Please note the new starting time of 1800 hours. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Robert Kirchner

Robert Kirchner
Chicago Police Sergeants' Association

Upcoming Meetings

GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be our annual "pizza meeting" and it will be held at Home Run Inn Pizza Restaurant located at 31st and Kostner. This will take place on Thursday, September 16, 2010. Please note the NEW start time for the meeting. This meeting starts at 6:00 pm.

PAC News

The PAC committee will be meeting soon and the list of endorsed candidates will appear in the next issue of the Chevrons. We will not endorse any candidate that supports lowering our pension benefits. We anticipate that after the November election that the Legislators will look at pension reform measures again. We ask all retirees to forward the office your e-mail address so we can alert you to call or e-mail your elected officials in the event that any pension legislation is introduced.

NORTH SIDE IROCC LOCATION

We were alerted by Retired Lt. Fred Bosse, that IROCC now has a north side qualifying location. It is the Lake County Sheriff's Range. We have been waiting for this for a long time. They are located just off I-94 just short of the Wisconsin border. You exit at mile post #1, Russell Road, go east about 1/4 mile, and then north about another 1/4 mile. This information should be in the packet you receive in the mail when you initiate the qualifying process. **BE AWARE THEY ONLY QUALIFY ONCE A MONTH.**

By-Law Committee Is Looking

The By-Laws committee is looking for Sergeants who wish to assist in re-writing the current By-Laws. Meetings will be held later this year and we hope to have the By-Laws completed by early next year. If you are interested please contact the office to express your intent in participating on this committee. Sgt Mark McDermott the Area 3 Director has been attending meetings on the State PB&PA By-Laws committee. The state PB&PA is also currently updating their By-Laws.

Membership Report

By Sgt. Robert Kirchner

At the time of this writing there are currently 1254 active members in the Association. With the number of Sergeants taking advantage of the age 55 health care benefit this number will be down to 1240 before the end of July. Congratulations to all the members that are retiring.

There are still openings for the 2010 Annual Golf Outing. Silver Lake Country Club is again the site for this year's event. They really do a great job for our Association and the course is beautiful. We look forward to seeing all come out and supporting this wonderful event. Raffle tickets are also available.

We have seen how the politicians in Springfield quickly passed pension reform for teachers in one day. With this in mind we would like to start a database to obtain the e-mail addresses of all retirees. We will set up an alert system to notify all retired Sergeants with an e-mail blast in the event that any other legislative proposals which may affect our pensions come up. This will allow retirees to be instantly informed and asked to flood the legislator's offices with phone calls and e-mails. All active Sergeants can be notified using the Department's e-mail system. Please contact the office with your e-mail address and we will set up this system.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is the September pizza meeting. This will take place on Thursday, September 16, 2010. Please note the NEW start time for the meeting. This meeting starts at 6:00 pm. There will be a guest speaker from the Police Memorial Foundation. I urge all members to come out and attend the meeting. ⚡



Vice President Report

By Sgt. James Ade

Membership Benefit

One of the benefits that the association provides to its members is a suspension reimbursement. Each and every full member of the association is eligible to take advantage of this benefit once per calendar year, provided that the member files a grievance in a timely manner. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, members will receive \$75 per day for up to five (5) days of suspension for which a financial loss was realized. The Board of Directors is currently considering an increase to this amount. If a member was granted options to suspension and opted to forfeit compensatory time, personal days, or baby furlough days, he/she is still eligible to take advantage of this benefit. This is due to recent gains in the collective bargaining agreements that allow for the sell back of those hours or days. In order to be considered for this benefit, the member must...

...be a full member at the time of the incident that gave rise to the suspension.

...be a full member at the time that the suspension is served.

...complete a Suspension Reimbursement Form (available on-line on CPSA web site).

...provide a copy of the department suspension notice.

...agree to refund the reimbursement upon a positive outcome through grievance procedure.*

*Due to the recent successes through arbitration and summary opinion resulting in members having suspensions reversed.

The benefit is not available for suspensions stemming from a violation of residency rules, vehicle licensing rules, failure of drug and alcohol testing, indebtedness, or criminal charges. If you have any questions about this or any other benefit that the association provides, please call the office during normal business hours. ⚡

2010 CPSA/PBPA Unit 156A's 48th Annual Golf Outing

This year's Golf Outing is on **Monday the 9th of August** at the Silver Lake Country Club, located at 14700 S. 82nd Ave. in Orland Park. Silver Lake Country Club has treated our organization very well, and we have had many compliments. The current fee is only \$100.00 per golfer, which includes doughnuts, goody bags, golf, a cart, and beverages on the course, snack at the 9th hole, dinner with free beer, wine and soda, door prizes, raffle and a great time. The \$100 fee also includes entry for both the longest drive and closest to the pin contests, this should eliminate the lines during check-in. It's a shotgun start at 0900 hours. This year the format will change slightly, we are going to have a "Texas Scramble." In our version of the "Texas Scramble" every golfer drives the ball and all four golfers continue from the best drive, from that point all golfers play their own ball. I am told this will speed up the game, if not we won't try it again.



Last year we had 288 golfers, which completely filled both 18 holes courses, so please make your reservations early. Reservations will be on a first come prepaid basis. Last year we received requests from people who do not golf and wanted to attend the dinner and raffle, we will be selling dinner tickets for \$50.00, which includes dinner w/ beer, wine and soda.

Raffle tickets will soon be for sale again, the tickets will be 7 tickets for \$10. Ticket books will be mailed to retirees and will be sold to active members by area representatives and other board members; we will also have tickets in the office. You can contact the office or Rick Wiser; if you need tickets, they will be mailed to you. The prizes will be as follows: one-1st place prize \$1000.00, two 2nd place prizes \$500.00 each, and three 3rd place prizes \$250.00 each.

Any questions can be directed to Rick Wiser at sgtatarms@chicagosergeants.org, mail can be sent to the office via US Mail: CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609. Mail can also be directed via department mail to CPSA Unit 545.

Remember all golf and raffle profits go directly to the Sergeant's Death Benefit Fund for Active Duty Sergeants. Hope to see you there! 🏠

2010 Golf Reservation Form (Please Print)

Golfer #1 _____

Golfer #2 _____

Golfer #3 _____

Golfer #4 _____

Contact Person Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

\$100 per Golfer/\$400 per Foursome. Make check out to "CPSA"

Return To: Chicago Police Sergeants' Association, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609

Treasurer's Report

By Sergeant John Stahl

Since taking over the finances of the Association since November, the Board of Directors has taken steps to ensure your Association's money is safe and secure. As posted on the Members section of the Sgt's website, some major points are re-covered here.

1. All checks issued by the Association require 2 signatures.
2. Collection of membership dues has been made a direct deposit into the Association account.
3. A computerized accounting program has been installed to track income and expenses.
4. As part of the Treasurer's Report, a transaction register is presented to the Board of Directors monthly, detailing where all monies were spent.
5. Members are eligible to view the books with scheduled appointment. (I'm not in the Assoc. office daily)
6. A daily printout is filed showing bank account balances.
7. The format for submitting reimbursement requests has been standardized.
8. An outside audit is being conducted, by the accounting firm approved by the Board.
9. Bills are being paid on time.
10. An annual budget is being created.

To keep closer tabs on your money, the Board of Directors has established a Finance Committee made up of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

As part of their duties, the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors will be meeting to discuss the following items:


1. All checks issued by the Association require 2 signatures.
1. Is the Association getting the best return on it's assets under our current set up with CHASE?
2. Making certain we continue to pursue forfeiture proceedings against the former president, in an attempt to recover misappropriated assets belonging to the association.
3. Work with the accounting firm to determine amount of estimated loss.
4. Make a proposed budget to maintain and control Association spending.
5. Continual review of checks and deposits to Association accounts.

Members wishing to contribute their time to the Finance Committee, should contact Treasurer, John Stahl by e-mail at CPSATREASURER@CHICAGOSERGEANTS.ORG or call the Association at (773)376-7272. 

Cell Phone Users Beware

By Retired Sgt. Don Januszyk

I mentioned this item in our last issue, but this is an expansion of law. Usage of cell phone in any school zone is not permitted. Additionally, cell phone use is not permitted in CONSTRUCTION ZONES. According to the law, a hands

free device is permissible. This law was enacted in January 2010 which had to do with texting and driving. For those who would like to enforce it or have knowledge of it, the Illinois Vehicle Violation is 625-12-610.1.E 

Pension Report

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeant's Pension Representative

Thanks and farewell to Mr. Reuche

This May Pension Board meeting was the final one for the longest serving board member, Robert Reuche. Mr. Reuche was appointed to the board in 1991 and was the Board President for the last several years. He retired from Northern Trust in 1990 after a very long (40 years) and successful career. He radiated polish and optimism; he will be missed.

Mr. Michael Conway was appointed to the Board by Mayor Daley to replace Mr. Reuche and he attended his first Board meetings in June. Mr. Conway has worked for more than 24 years with Combined Insurance (now part of Aon).

In the June meeting, the Board elected Ken Hauser (previously the Vice-President) to be the new Board President. Lt. James Maloney was elected as the new Vice-President.

Changes in Investment Consultant

Every large pension fund uses investment consultants that help the fund develop an overall investment policy and monitors its operation. The fund's primary consultant since 1983 has been Ennis-Knupp (EK). Ennis-Knupp's consulting for the fund was terminated at the June Board Meeting by a 4-3 vote. I voted to retain EK. I want to thank all of the people at EK for the good work they have done. I especially want to thank P.J. Kelly, who was the lead consultant for the fund. P.J. is a hard worker who cared deeply about the police pension and all of its participants. The fund's real estate advisor, Courtland Advisers, was also terminated at the June meeting. New England Pension consultants were hired to replace both EK and Courtland.

Pension Legislation

The Illinois Legislature has adjourned until the veto session in the fall. The Illinois Legislature website states the veto session will begin on the 16th of November.

S.B. 3022 was passed. This bill allows prior service credit for military service prior to CPD appointment. Veterans may now buy up to two years of service. Purchasing this service credit is similar to portability in that it is very expensive.

H.B 5366 did not pass. This was legislation that would have removed the representative form supervisors to the Pension Board and replaced them with Patrolman.

H.B. 5873, a downstate pension bill was also stopped. This would have created a two-tiered pension system. The PBPA, FOP, and Fire Local 2 worked hard to stop the bill and should be congratulated.

Information from the Funds' Actuarial Valuation Report for 2009

Actuarial Liability	\$8,900,901,485
Assets-Market Value.	\$3,326,050,754
Unfounded Liability	\$5,574,850,731
Funded Ratio	7.37% (2008-34.68%)
Investment returns	21.50%
	(net of expense of \$9,801,489)

INCOME – 2009

Police Officers' Contributions	\$95,614,390
City Contributions	\$180,510,851
Inv. Income	\$567,314,390
Misc. Revenue	\$799,364
Total Income.	\$844,239,428

COSTS

Pension, disability, & death benefits . . .	\$499,249,553
Healthcare Premiums	\$9,266,431
Refunds	\$6,193,872
Administration	\$4,477,199
Total	\$519,187,055
	(City & P.O.s' Contributions—Approx. \$276 M)
	\$243 M of Investment Income used to pay bills

Information on free insurance for those who qualify and retire at 55 and at 60 years of age

The free insurance is the exact same insurance that active members have. It includes vision and dental insurance, and you can make changes during open enrollment to add on a new spouse or child to the policy.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Softball Game

Location-TBA

CPD & CFD vs. Chicago Blackhawk Alumni-Sunday

September 12, 2010 3 P.M.

It will be a great Family event, and some active players will be there to sign autographs. Proceeds will benefit Police & Fire charities.

Special Pension Seminar

The second annual pension seminar will be held on October 7th, 10 A.M. at the Police Academy on 1300 W. Jackson. The guest speaker will be Arthur Tepfer of "Tepfer Consulting Group." This is your chance to learn more about your pension and get the answers straight from the primary source. Please call me if you are interested in attending, and let me know what topics you would like to be addressed. ⤴

Personal Days

The department has listed the dates that Personal Days MAY not be scheduled. These dates are:

1st Watch

- 26 November 2010 (After Thanksgiving)
- 26 December 2010 (After Christmas)

2nd Watch

- 14 August 2010 (Bud Billiken Day)
- 07 September 2010 (1st Day of CPS)

3rd Watch

- 14 August 2010 (Bud Billiken Day)
- 31 December 2010 (New Year's Eve)

For Sergeants not assigned to a Watch (MSF, TRU, Tactical, Etc.) the dates are:

- 14 August 2010 (Bud Billiken Day)
- 31 December 2010 (New Year's Eve)



Retiree Report

By Retired Sgt. Don Januszynk

Back in April of this year I had the opportunity to talk to Attorney Clinton Krislov who was the lead attorney in the Korshak case. Mr. Krislov was a speaker at the meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association's May meeting. In summary he related that the Korshak decision represented those who retired in and before 1989. Those who retired after 1989 were more or less grandfathered into the decision. By order of the court this decision must be revisited by the court in June of 2013, and Mr. Krislov is the attorney that is recognized by the court as representing the retirees.

It has been frequently stated by some individuals that there is nothing to worry about because the City will not take away our health benefits. To a certain degree that may be true, however what will you have to pay for those benefits. Do you trust the City??

It was Mr. Krislov's thought that there should be a more recent group of retirees and actives who should be represented before the court. Whatever happens in June of 2013 will affect not only retiree, but active duty officers who anticipate retiring in the future. Also, there will be a new judge assigned to the case as the current judge is being promoted, and at this time there is no indication who the judge might be.

I am planning to have a meeting in the near future to discuss the 2013 issue as well as benefits that are not currently available to retirees and their spouses. Remember 2013 is just around the corner. ⤴



Retiree Roll

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!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
Sgt. Donald W. Larisey Jr.	1074	701	62	41	03 Mar 2010
Sgt. Albert Taylor	1877	002	62	29	15 Mar 2010
Sgt. Brian S. Degenhardt	2110	018	42	15	25 Mar 2010
Sgt. James J. Keating	1921	020	63	42	31 Mar 2010
Sgt. Susan J. Mackrola	971	014	62	20	31 Mar 2010
Sgt. Ralph C. Archulita	2160	050	60	38	06 Apr 2010
Sgt. Teresa I. Biebel	1164	016	60	20	15 Apr 2010
Sgt. Christoher P.Ferraro	952	377	50	20	15 Apr 2010
Sgt. Jeff K. Yoshimura	2183	005	52	20	15 Apr 2010
Sgt. Ralph S. Sikorski	2209	630	63	37	15 Apr 2010
Sgt. Tony Rizzo	2136	630	55	23	12 May 2010
Sgt. Ricardo Rivero	880	123	51	27	15 May 2010

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.

<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>	<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Albert Heitman	Retired	Unk	George Sarkisian (78)	Retired	05 May 2010
Andrew Rodriguez	Retired	19 Mar 1998	John J. Rubel Jr. (66)	Retired	11 May 2010
Alvin Davis	Retired	29 Nov 2006	Wendell R. Byrne (87)	Retired	29 May 2010
James Apostol	Retired	2008	Robert Hugh McMaster (89)	Retired (Ga)	15 Jun 2010
Donald Cummings	Retired	23 Nov 2009	Richard E. LoIacono (76)	Retired (Wi)	28 Jun 2010
Kenneth J. Baker	Retired	23 Feb 2010	Virgil E. Lowell (76)	Retired (Fl)	30 Jun 2010

Retirees, Want the Chevrons Mailed to You? Make sure we know!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____

Live A Life That Matters

Food for Thought from your Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf • 773-463-4780 • moshewolf@hotmail.com

I just returned from the Holy Land, where I was privileged to go, to attend the Memorial Service held for my beloved Mother. Words cannot adequately express my thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you that had a part in making this trip possible. Your kindness, friendship, support and overwhelming generosity will always be remembered. Thank you, Thank you. I am honored, humbled and privileged to be able to minister and serve to the men and woman of the one finest Police Depts. in the world.

On May 20th 2010 the CPD lost one of their dedicated and devoted brothers P.O. Thomas Wortham . His life was taken from him in a senseless and cowardly act. He was loved by all who knew him . A true gentleman, a true public servant. His service to our city will never be forgotten.

A special thanks to all our brothers and sisters who came to P.O. Wortham's visitation, wake and funeral. Thanks for your support, it was most appreciated by the Police Officers family and friends. Because in life there are times, that there are few words that give more comfort than our mere presence, thank you for being there

As we were huddled in the funeral home teary eyed, standing in silence, it brought to mind the following poem...

“Live a life that matters”

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten,
will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and prestige, will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, mean spirit and jealousies
will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.
The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade
away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the
tracks you lived, at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.
Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter?
How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought,
but what you built;
not what you got,
but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success,
but your significance.
What will matter is not what you learned,
but what you taught.
What will matter is not what you gave in to
but what you stood up for.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage,
love
or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged
others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence,
but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew,
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories,
but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered,
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance,
but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters...

P.O. Thomas Wortham made a difference and will
never be forgotten.

On behalf of all your Chaplains," Thanks for all you
do". May G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen.



Police Chaplains Ministry

June, 2010

Dear Friend,

I'm uncomfortable writing this letter, and it's the first time in 40 years I've had to do this, so let me come right to the point. The Police Chaplains Ministry (a 501c3 not-for-profit) has provided chaplain services to the C.P.D. thanks to **the strong support of Chicago police officers** and a very few civilian donors. One of those very generous civilian donors had a recent change in the religious make up of their board of directors, and our Ministry lost more than half of our funding. That's life. Some charities send out weekly or monthly requests, but because of that one exceptional donor I only had to come to you 2 or 3 times annually for support. That's changed.

A businessman looked at our numbers recently and commented, **"You're a very lean operation."** True. There's no fat here (except me): No cell phones, travel, entertainment, meals, gifts, etc. Because we're low key, **some folks confuse us with other organizations, but your Police Chaplains Ministry is independent (which is why we've lasted so long).** Every cent of what you give stays in the police chaplaincy and our most recent audit shows over 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to our work. **We neither get nor give any funding** to the Archdiocese of Chicago, Mercy Home (they've given me free office space for decades, though), Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (superb!), St. Jude League (no connection at all), or the Gold Star Families (we've proudly hosted first class events for over 25 years).

When I was in the seminary in the 1960's we were taught to never "trumpet your good works." So the work of police chaplains here remains mostly invisible, except for the individual officers we care for. We understand life in the police world far better than the local clergy do. We know the work of the street copper has moments that make God proud of the human race. And we know how messy police work is. You need chaplains when life gets tough, so (here comes the trumpet) we spend a lot of time at wakes, funerals, emergency rooms and on the phone with those in a stormy time. We stay in touch with those few imprisoned (who'd probably not be there if they hadn't decided to become the police), those who are in the last weeks of life, those who are trying to ride out a serious illness or divorce, those who've lost loved ones, and those who find life confusing and painful. We are often the first phone call for help from an officer in pain.

We make regular referrals to counseling pro's. **We've given over \$300,000 during the holidays to needy Chicago police families here, spent over \$300,000 helping pay officers' bills** for addiction treatment, sent over 300 excellent 'care packages' to our CPD officers in the military (Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom), opened and furnished St. Michael's House (now CPD's EAP) and put on seminars on stress, losing a child, surviving divorce, effective parenting, etc.

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Police Chaplains Ministry

We provide thousands of respectful memorial cards (most recently for P.O. Thomas Wortham IV, R.I.P.) at the funerals of all C.P.D. line-of-duty deaths (instead of the generic funeral home cards). We ride the streets with you, respond 24/7 to critical incidents, celebrate Sunday Mass 'for police only,' and write for the F.O.P. newsletter (trying to tickle the police soul and remind you of who you really work for). From PPO's to those with 'C.P.D. retired' after their name, we're available. We even send CPD sympathy cards across the nation to every department that has a line-of-duty death and get some moving thank-you's in return. **Could the officers of the C.P.D. survive without their police chaplains? Of course.** But I like to think that the C.P.D. officers are the stew and the chaplains are the salt and pepper...coppers are the coffee, chaplains are the cream and sugar. **We make it better . . . I hope.**

Sometimes people think I sit around and wait for the next notification from Operations Command: "Father, we've got a police officer shot..." Yep, that's the ultimate critical call for any police chaplain and it's always upsetting and infuriating. But in between those rare moments, I laugh at life with you. I hug and get hugged. I hold hands. I give bad news. I listen. I weep. I get angry and disgusted. I wait. I drive with you from the hospital to the M.E.'s back door. I give good news. I defend you. I tell of your heroism and competence. I am with you. No one expects a 66 year old priest to sometimes be there on hot calls but that's still where all the fun is for The Real Police, so I go if I'm close, and it's still fun for me, too! And I've never stopped being proud when I see you in action. Only you and God know how good you really are, and that's sufficient. If the citizens, the polls and the media never get it, too bad for them. My two partners know you and believe in you: Fr. Dan Brandt, presently the pastor of a south side parish, has been working with me to learn the police world. I invited him aboard; Cardinal George went along with my choice. My partner, Rabbi Wolf, says we are the luckiest guys in the world, because we get to spend our days and nights with you. The three shepherds agree: We've got the best flock anywhere.

Our next event will be at the end of July . . . we'll take about 80 members of the Gold Star Families on a lunch cruise on the Odyssey liner on Lake Michigan, all expenses paid by the Police Chaplains Ministry as we've done for the last 15 years. I hope you'll help us.

We've gotten this far with your strong, generous donations 2 or 3 times a year. Now I'm uncomfortable because I will have to come to you more often due to the loss of that one big donor. Police work is a matter of the heart and soul, and so is your police chaplaincy.

I hope and trust you'll help us continue this long-time pastoral work with a tax deductible donation (who doesn't need that?) to the Police Chaplains Ministry. Your generosity will help us continue to be the cream and sugar in your coffee for the next 40 years. And your donation will stay right here in the police family (active and retired) as it always has. Please continue to help us out.

Respectfully,

Fr. Thomas R. Nangle, Chaplain

P.S. Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to **Police Chaplains Ministry and mail to: 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607** and we are grateful.

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Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number? Make sure we know!

Name _____ Star # _____ Unit _____

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____ Apt./Unit _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (new) _____

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit _____ New Unit _____ Day Off Group _____

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number _____ New Star Number _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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