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Unit 156A

Chicago Sergeants



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President's Message

By James Ade President

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. Since the last edition of the Chevrons, the city council ratified our contract per the decision of Arbitrator Steve Bierig. As of December 1, we are operating under the new contract. The full contract will be posted on the website as soon as I receive the signed copy from the department. Should you have any questions regarding the contract, please contact the office. We were notified by the department that the three contractual pay increases should all be realized on the January 16 pay check / deposit. Retroactive pay is being calculated and should be available at the end of January / early February.

Congratulations to the 30 newest members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association that started their training on December 30. We look forward to working with them in the near future. With the addition of this group, we currently have 1098 sergeants in our rank. With the promotion of 16 lieutenants that was announced recently, that number will drop to 1082, which is still far below our budgeted strength of 1190. I look forward to meeting with Superintendent McCarthy and his staff soon to discuss the manpower shortages in our rank.

The Association filed a class action grievance regarding the District Station Supervisor position. We strongly believe that Special Order 03-03 violates our collective bargaining agreement as the order attempts to establish that the Out-Of-Grade provision no longer applies to Sergeants assigned to perform the duties of the DSS. We further maintain that these orders are an attempt to circumvent the award issued by Arbi-



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trator George Roumell in our last grievance on this issue. We are attempting to advance this grievance as quickly as possible. The Out-Of-Grade pay from Arbitrator Roumell's award should be paid on January 22 or February 22.

After several sergeants who retired without the enhanced health care (Korshak) were inquiring about optical and dental insurance, and worrying that they would be forced into the public insurance exchange under the Affordable Care Act, the Association took on the task of finding an alternative to the current offerings of the city. Paul Bilotta and I met with several insurance experts and carriers. After extensive leg-work, we partnered with the PB&PA of Illinois and InsureX Solutions to provide a private insurance exchange to meet the needs of these retirees. There is more information about this program in this issue of the Chevrons.

The Annual Retirement Dinner featuring Harrington's Corned Beef will be held on Thursday, February 27, at St. Ignatius College Prep located at 1076 W. Roosevelt Road. The Association will be honoring over fifty sergeants that retired in 2013. Please make an effort to attend and pay tribute to these sergeants and their careers.

On a personal note, I can hardly believe that it has been 15 years since we lost Police Officers John Knight (022) EOW 1/9/99 and Jimmy Camp (021) EOW 3/9/99. I often think about how their sacrifices affected their families and policemen everywhere. Please continue to keep John and Jimmy, and all who have given their lives for us in your thoughts. Remember to stay safe, take care of each other, and ensure that the job gets done.

Hope to see everyone at St. Ignatius on February 27.

Chevrons Additions

If you have any items of interest that you would like to see added to the Chevrons publication, please submit them to jade@chicagosergeants.org. Your submissions will be considered by the Chevrons Committee depending upon space and content.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vice-Presidents Report

By Paul Bilotta Vice-President

In the last news letter I spoke about the golf outing and the amount of money raised which was \$8199.92. This outing is tremendously important since the money raised is used to fund the death benefit. Much of that money raised is due to the contributions of our retirees. They have become a very integral part of that effort. The goal of all of us is to join that coveted rank of retiree someday.

Jim Ade and I discussed what we at the association could do for our retirees to make their lives somewhat easier. That being said we decided to research getting the benefit of dental and vision made available to all retirees at a reasonable rate. After many telephone calls, hours of research, and meetings with brokers we attained that goal.

But it did not stop there. We found that we could also offer those with a need the availability of insurance without going through the government public exchange. We were able to set up a private exchange for all PBPA members regardless of rank. This exchange, with the assistance of our legal counsel Sean Smoot, has been set up statewide. Any retired member can access this website at www.policeinsuranceexchange.com.

As of this writing which is early January vision is not yet on the site but we have been assured by the provider that it is forthcoming and should be available within the next several weeks. Once again our goal was to make this site a one stop shop for retirees that had the need for such products without the hassle and aggravation of using the government public exchange. I hope this product proves beneficial for all retirees that need this coverage and I hope that you are happy with this service.

Again, thank you for your fantastic support of our golf outing and we look forward to seeing everyone again this year.

Membership Report

By Paul Bilotta Vice-President

At this time there are 1067 members in the 9171 pay code. With the addition of the 14 new sergeants in the academy (30 were promoted but 16 sergeants got promoted to lieutenant leaving us a net gain of 14) our total will be 1081 in the 9171 pay code. The budgeted strength for our pay code is 1190 which leaves us 109 sergeants short at this time. We are now 9 more short than the last newsletter which was sent in October. As of this writing we are scheduled for a meeting with the Superintendent next week to discuss manpower issues. We are confident that these issues can and will be rectified.

DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

These members serve as Representatives of the PB&PA Sergeants' Association.

- Scott Slavin 145**
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- Robert Goode III 003**
Milan Vujic 004
Jim Calvino 005
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Kris Rigan 007
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- Jerry Negrete 010**
Adam Zelitzky 011
Mark Juska 012
Tom Linnane 014
Jim Raffae 015
Bill O'Reilly 050
- Michelle Rubino 017**
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Angelo Hitiris 019
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- Tim Szarzinski 022**
Dawn Jackson 024
Mike Tantilla 025
Saadia Carter 142
Bob Wheeler 606

Retiree Roll

RETIREE ROLL

Congratulations to all of our retirees. The following have retired since our last Chevrons. These Sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Ray M. Ramirez	976	012	50	27	15 Sep 2013
Sgt. Lawrence Foley	1426	014	62	38	27 Oct 2013
Sgt. James C. Caldwell	1776	384	63	30	31 Oct 2013
Sgt. Russell L. Willingham	956	145	55	26	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Thomas P. Toner	1526	701	55	27	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Nicholas Stasinopoulos	808	353	62	37	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Laurence Robinson	2628	051	55	27	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Eugene T. Richmond	1560	018	62	33	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Gary E. Ohlson	2057	019	55	25	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Francisco J. Luera	1305	008	57	30	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Thomas M. Lenihan	1781	148	56	26	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Daniel J. Knezevic	1768	004	56	28	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Dennis D. Hinkson	1846	001	58	36	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Kathy D. Cunningham	2341	001	55	27	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Nanida M. Cleveland	1156	123	55	23	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. George A. Bicknell	2283	019	62	31	15 Nov 2013
Sgt. Allen D. Cain	1029	008	44	22	11 Dec 2013
Sgt. Benjamin R. Moreno	1955	701	57	26	15 Dec 2013
Sgt. Deborah A. Gold	804	630	55	31	15 Dec 2013
Sgt. Anthony Callaghan	1373	016	55	27	15 Dec 2013
Sgt. Tony Brown	916	620	55	28	15 Dec 2013
Sgt. James G. Rowan	1111	121	55	31	20 Dec 2013
Sgt. Elizabeth M. Nolan	1217	171	55	22	21 Dec 2013
Sgt. George G. Pawlak	934	012	55	27	30 Dec 2013

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Get Affordable Dental & Vision Insurance

The Illinois Police Insurance Exchange, powered by InsureXSolutions® provides active and retired Chicago police officers with a new and easy way to access dental and vision insurance.

Available through the Illinois Police Benevolent and Protection Association (PBPA), this insurance resource was built to help you find affordable coverage that meets your personal needs.

We offer dental from the following insurers:



BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois

Vision plans are also available from:

Humana.

Get free dental insurance quotes now:

Visit policeinsuranceexchange.com

Get free vision insurance quotes now:

Call 855-455-9932

Retiree Report*By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison***Attention 2013 Retirees**

If you have retired during the year 2013 you will be honored at our annual February 27th Corned Beef Dinner. Letters were sent to you in early January requesting a confirmation of your address and a request to contact the Sergeant's office to advise us if you will be attending the dinner.

If you did not receive a letter, it is in your best interests to immediately contact the Sergeant's office. The reasons would be that we did not receive notification of your retirement or our contact information is incorrect. Retirement stars are not prepared until a retiree has contacted the office.

In Memoriam**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, as we are not always notified in a timely manner of their passing.

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. George Saich	Retired (Ind)	Unk
Sgt. George Gramm	Retired (Ind)	23 Dec 2009
Sgt. Bradley C. Hockett Sr. (89)	Retired	26 Oct 2013
Sgt. Nicholas Baffa	Retired (Nev)	16 Nov 2013
Sgt. Richard G. Cervenka Jr. (62)	Retired	25 Nov 2013
Sgt. Lawrence Sneed Jr. (59)	Retired	25 Nov 2013
Sgt. Robert G. Merk	Retired (Mi)	26 Nov 2013
Sgt. Thomas K. Brand (51)	014--DPR	05 Dec 2013

CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

In an effort to keep you, the members, updated and to share information we have created a facebook page. This page is updated frequently by the Association and by the PB&PA of Illinois. If you do not follow facebook, simply visit our website at chicagosergeants.org and follow the live feed. We are asking that you "Like" the site and refer to it often. You can locate us on facebook at

Chicago Police Sergeants' PB&PA

Chaplain's Corner*Fr. Dan Brandt*

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOLY NEW YEAR! If your New Years resolution is to get some regular "Churchin' up," then please know you're most welcome at the **Police Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday**, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd). While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome! Bring your family.

You might also consider joining us for an **evening retreat for first responders: Wednesday, 29 JAN**, at Mayslake Ministries...450 E. 22nd Street, Lombard. Register at www.MayslakeMinistries.org or by calling 630-268-9000. Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis and I will be co-facilitating this evening for YOU involved in first response. Please consider taking two hours out of your schedule to enliven your soul.

Here's a new year's feel-good story for you... Recently, the 009th district locked up two low-life thugs who robbed an elderly priest living at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 48th and Damen. They had been harassing him for years and even vandalized his car. A Good Samaritan, Bill Senchuk, who owns an auto body shop in Norwood Park, came forward and offered to fix Fr. Jack's car, free of charge. A generous \$1,500 worth of body work was done for free! The car, which was heavily damaged by these clowns, now looks brand new. So if you ever need auto repairs or body work, please keep **Cosmetic Auto** in mind: 6166 N. Northwest Hwy / 773-763-7400. Bill and his crew take very good care of the police.

By the way, nice job to the 009 district and detectives involved in this case!

In recent months, we've been busy with Department-wide coat and food drives, a wonderful pre-Christmas dinner for Gold Star Families on the Club Level at Soldier Field, packing and sending care packages to our CPD troops serving in Afghanistan and elsewhere, resurrecting the CPD Survivors Group, and taking care of the day-to-day crisis ministry and pastoral care of the Department.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to CPD members or families, please don't hesitate to call on us:

Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089)

Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780)

Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (773/251-5351)

Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684)

or me (773/550-2369).

All of these numbers receive text messages. You can also email each of us through the chaplains' website.

God bless you and your family in the new year!

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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1140 W. Jackson Blvd. | Chicago, IL 60607

dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org | www.ChicagoPCM.org

Recent Promotions

Congratulations to the newest members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association. Best of luck in your new assignments!

Antonio Alvarez	Richard Alvarez	Michael Anderson
Monica Davis	Andrea Delaney	Ryan Doherty
Dan Durst	Xavier Elizondo	Brian Forberg
Luis Gonzalez	Francisco Gutierrez	Dora Hindman
Debbie Iza	Elizabeth Joyce	Matthew Kasput
Shawn Kennedy	Colleen Konagel	Peter Kontil
Cliff Martin	Jim McCarthy	Jim Mullins
Keith Olson	Ron Pellonari	Jimmie Smith
Marilyn Uldrych	Amanda Vanek	Marc Vanek
Sarah Vanthof	Stanley Williams	Arthur Young

Also, congratulations to Chicago Police Sergeants' Association members that were recently promoted to Lieutenant.

Dave Betz	Matthew Cline	William Clucas Jr.
Michael Fine	Kevin Gyrion	Gloria Hanna
Dany Helwink-Masters	Kenneth Johnson	Harry Jozefowicz
Timothy G. Kennedy	Mike Partipilo	Melvin Roman
Cindy Sam	Daniel Simon	Jason Vucko
	Wayne Wiberg	

General Membership Meeting Schedule

<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>January 16</i>	<i>1800 Hours PB&PA Hall</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>March 20</i>	<i>1200 Hours PB&PA Hall</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>May 15</i>	<i>1800 Hours PB&PA Hall</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>July 17</i>	<i>1200 Hours PB&PA Hall</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>September 18</i>	<i>1800 Hours Home Run Inn Pizza</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>November 20</i>	<i>1200 Hours PB&PA Hall</i>

Other Events

<i>Annual Retiree Dinner</i>	<i>February 27</i>	<i>1800 Hours St. Ignatius College Prep</i>
<i>52nd Annual Golf Outing</i>	<i>August 11</i>	<i>0900 Hours Silver Lake Country Club</i>
<i>Awards Dinner</i>	<i>September 18</i>	<i>1800 Hours Home Run Inn Pizza</i>

Food for Thought	<i>By Rabbi Moshe Wolf Chaplain</i>
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How big is YOUR frying pan?

Two men went fishing. One man 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 this 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 throw back the big plans, the big dreams, the big jobs and the big opportunities that G-d gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, G-d will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything G-d brings our way.

Stop telling G-d you've got big problems. Tell your problems you've got a big G-d!" .AMEN

As we enter a New Year , let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for all of our blessings of the past and pray that we continue to merits G-d's blessings. The following are some thoughts, to make you stop for a moment and reflect.

Some Thoughts To Live By...

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special. Don't take for granted the things close to your heart, cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless. Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future, by living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life. Don't give up when you have something to give, nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. Don't be afraid to admit that you are less perfect, It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other. Don't be afraid to encounter risk. It is by taking chances that we learn to be brave. Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find, because, the quickest way to receive love, is to give love. The fastest way to lose love is to hold too tightly, and the best way to keep love is to give it wings. Don't dismiss your dreams, to be without dreams, is to be without hope. And to be without hope is to be without purpose. Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been but also where you're going.

LIFE IS NOT A RACE, BUT A JOURNEY TO BE SAVOURED EACH STEP OF THE WAY.....

May G-d bless you and keep you safe, and may 2014 be one of your best years yet. AMEN!

Compliments of your Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Benefit Information

Recently, an audit of our Death Benefit Beneficiary Card file was conducted. This audit revealed that nearly half of our active members do not have a card on file. Without beneficiary information, payouts to the family of a deceased active member could be delayed by several months. This situation could also cause no payout at all. Please, if you don't remember filling out a card or may have a change in order, complete the card below and send it to the office via police mail to Unit 545 or to 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609. For further information, call the office at 773-376-7272. Remember, this is a benefit for your family and loved ones. Please, take the appropriate action as soon as you can.

CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION DEATH BENEFIT FUND BENEFICIARY CARD

Members Name: _____ Star: _____ Employee: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Contact Phone: _____ Social Security: _____

Beneficiary

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security: _____

Additional Beneficiary

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security: _____

Active Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2014 CPSA Calendar Books

In the past years, the calendar books issued to active duty Sergeants were made available to retired sergeants at no cost. Due to the increased costs of printing and postage, the Board has found it necessary to request a fee for any calendar book mailed to a retiree. The Association is asking for a fee of \$5.00 per calendar book. This amount just barely covers the cost of the book, the envelope, and the postage. Any retired sergeant requesting a calendar book is asked to submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$5.00, made out to "CPSA", and mail it to our office at 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago Illinois 60609. Please make sure to include your name and return address. We thank you for your support.

Did You Know?

From the PB&PA

In case you were wondering what the **MOST STRESSFUL job in America is** - - - - -

1. First Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

Stress tolerance: 94

Consequence of error: 71.5...

Time pressure: 76.3

Average annual salary: \$78,270

What they do: Directly supervise and coordinate activities of members of the police force.

This is according to: [The 14 Most Stressful Jobs in America](http://finance.yahoo.com) finance.yahoo.com

We all think our jobs are stressful, but having a job on the extreme end of the spectrum can mean strict deadlines, brutal criticism, and even regularly having other people's lives in your hands.

Police Benevolent Labor Committee

One of the benefits of membership in the Police Benevolent Labor Committee is legal representation for appearances at the Internal Affairs Division and the Independent Police Review Authority. When you receive notice as an accused, call the office of Robert D. Kuzas, Ltd., at 312-629-1400 so an attorney can be scheduled. If you receive notice to give a witness statement, legal representation is usually not necessary. However, if questions become accusatory in nature, you have the right to stop the interview and request another date so that you can have an attorney with you. Call the Law Offices of Robert D. Kuzas, Ltd. at 312-629-1400 to schedule an attorney.

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Save the date!

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: _____

**You may mail this form via Police Mail to: Unit 545 or U.S. Mail to:
CPSA/PB&PA Unit 156A, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609**

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