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## President's Report, By Mark Donahue

### Officer Jose Vazquez

Our deepest condolences go out to the family and co-workers of Officer Jose Vazquez. On behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police, your Board of Directors dedicated reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killers. Since that time, commitments of reward monies have been coming in including one from our Brothers in the Jacksonville, FL Lodge. Also on your behalf, the Lodge underwrote a luncheon held for the family after Officer Vazquez was laid to rest. I want to thank all of the many Officers who worked with Jose in both the 025th District and in Special Operations who extended themselves to the Vazquez Family over these last few weeks. This service, the kindnesses you showed to your brother's family, is the finest way to honor Jose.

### Parole Board

Many of you may be aware of the recent parole of the killer of Chicago Police Officer John Tucker. This was characterized as a "mercy release." It was anything but merciful to the families and coworkers of Officer John Tucker. This parole was one of a recent string of inexplicable paroles approved by the State of Illinois' Prisoner Review Board. The Lodge participated in a press conference convened by States' Attorney Dick Devine, which was aimed at

informing the media of what kind of people were being released before having served what we considered the almost universally inadequate sentences they had received. At the press conference, a family member talked about "rehabilitation." He stated that his sister's killer was likely to seem rehabilitated, "as long as there were secure doors surrounded by ten foot high fences with armed men patrolling the guard towers, but after his release, what exactly did rehabilitation mean without those boundaries?"

I make contact with the Parole Board regarding every hearing that they convene for the killer of a Chicago Police Officer, the same as Bill Nolan did before me, and John Dineen before him. The Superintendent's Office has assigned personnel to keep abreast of these cases as well. We will be asking for your help in the future to make an effort to keep these killers where they belong, either in confinement or where they truly deserve to be.

### Politics - Legislation

With the Municipal Elections now behind us, we look forward to working with the new City Council to address the concerns of our members. Prior to the elections we made clear that our intent was to have them become more engaged in our agenda including fostering a greater expediency to our contract resolution. Since then, resolutions have

been entered on our behalf dealing with pensions and a Retiree Health Care issue and this office has been contacted in regards to expanding set asides in residential construction for our members. We also have a meeting set with the City Representatives in early March over a number of Bills that have been introduced in Springfield. Our entire agenda for the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is located in this issue of the newsletter and on our web site. To follow the progress of our initiatives as well as to follow those issues that we are going to oppose, such as the Representative who introduced legislation that allows inmates in correction facilities free and unfettered use of condoms and another who desires to give preferential testing points to inmates who are discharged from prison under certain circumstances, go to our web site and that of the Illinois General Assembly at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov). HB and SB 750 have once again been introduced which proposes to raise the State Income Tax from 3% to 5% and would also tax pension if your gross annual income were \$75,000 or more. Everyone needs to jump on this bandwagon to ensure they do not pass by calling your State Rep and Senator often to let them know of your opposition.

The Civic Federation has posted its list of Legislative Priorities and many of them can impact us, some favorably, others not. Several proposals

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deal with Public Employee Pensions. Included in their proposals are: to reduce benefits for new employees thereby establishing a two-tiered system [FOP will oppose]; prohibiting any new benefit enhancements for plans that are less than 90% funded [FOP will oppose]; permit benefit enhancements only if those enhancements will be fully covered by increased employer and employee contributions [exactly what the FOP attempted to do during the last contract negotiations and was denounced by the City]; requiring employer contributions to relate to funding levels by requiring additional contributions when funded ratios drop below 90% [FOP would back]; adjust property tax multipliers for employer contributions every three to five years to reflect actuarially determined funding needs [falls in with our legislative attempts to raise the

multiplier from 2.0 to 2.26]. We will deal with these obstacles and the many others that have been laid in front of us in seeking pension enhancements, even those with no costs to the Fund or the City.

The National FOP conducted the annual "Day on the Hill" in Washington to promote our National legislative agenda. I along with Trooper Lodge 41 President Buddy Parker and State Lodge 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Bill Mehrrens [who is also a member of the National Legislative Committee], represented Illinois along with almost 200 other FOP members from across the country. We walked the halls of Congress to increase support for the initiatives of the FOP and Law Enforcement. Although the weather hampered the travel plans of State President Ted Street and myself, it is felt that due to the efforts made, Illinois once again is poised to

have unanimous support from our legislative representatives both in the House and Senate. The major issues that were addressed were the: Social Security Fairness Act, HR 82/S 206; the Public Safety Employee-Employer Cooperation Act, HR 980; and the State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act, HR 688/S 449. HR 82 after the efforts of Day on the Hill, now has 219 co-sponsors, which represents a majority in the House. As National President Canterbury put it, "this milestone just five weeks into the first session of this General Assembly is a tremendous achievement". The companion bill S 206 currently has 14 cosponsors and that is expected to climb due to our efforts and will also get more senate attention as the House Bill gains momentum in moving into and

out of Committee. A complete listing of the bills being proposed and opposed can be found on the National Lodge web site at [www.fop.net](http://www.fop.net).

### Negotiations

We had our first meeting with the Lodge Negotiating Committee on February 7<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, the members were given copies of the proposals that had been submitted to us on the web site as well as a lengthy introduction to the processes and objectives of bargaining with the City. Our Labor Attorney Joel D'Alba and in-house attorney Tom Pleines made this presentation. The team members were charged with reviewing the proposals and preparing to present them in level of importance. Our next meeting will take place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the objective of being ready to negotiate with the City after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## First Vice-President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*

### Prudential Beneficiary's

Many of our members have not sent in beneficiary forms for their \$25,000 Life Insurance Policy with Prudential Insurance, per Section 25.1 of the contract. When the city switched from Banker's Life to Prudential Insurance, new beneficiary forms were sent out to our members. You must send in a form in order to have a beneficiary listed. These forms are available at the Lodge, on our website at [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org), or you can call Prudential at 1-800-778-3827 to check who you have listed as your beneficiary or request a form.

### How To Access Your Medical History?

You can access your medi-

cal history on the CPD Intranet. Click on Clear Applications and login with your PC number and password. Go to the Personnel Suite Box and click on Medical Timekeeping. Then go to the General box and click on Day Count Summary, enter your Employee number and click SEARCH. Click on SELECT, click DETAILS (for those with extended medical roll use) and then click on PRINT and you should have a copy of your medical day count.

### Extensive Waiting Time For Medical Services Section to Authorize Surgery or Tests

We are starting to receive more calls regarding officer's

waiting weeks to receive authorization for IOD surgeries/tests from the Medical Services Section. No officer should have to wait weeks to

receive authorization for surgery or tests. If you are having a problem, call the Lodge and we will get it resolved.

Police Benefit for Metra Police Officer  
**Thomas A. Cook, #976**  
 Killed In The Line Of Duty On 27 September 06.

\$20 Admission Includes Food, Draft Beer, Wine & Soda.  
 (Adults Only Please)

**Friday, 20 April 2007, 1500—2300 hours**

Music By the Ray C. Basement Band & DJ

**115 Bourbon Street**  
 3359 West 115th Street, Merrionette Park, Illinois

Donations can also be sent to the Thomas Cook Benefit Fund c/o MB  
 Financial Bank, 475 West 162nd Street, South Holland, IL 60473

## Second Vice-President's Report, By Frank DiMaria

### Uniform Resale

The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge#7 Semi-Annual Uniform Resale will be held at the FOP Hall on Wednesday, 18 April 07 from 1300 hrs until 1800 hrs. Officers take advantage of this event if you are looking to purchase an additional uniform item or to sell those uniforms that are no longer worn. Officers wishing to sell their uniform items need only to come into the Hall and set up on one of the tables, which the Lodge provides before the start of the resale. Officers who wish to donate their uniforms for the Lodge to sell need only to drop these uniforms off to

the Lodge Office up to the day of the sale.

### Safety Issues and Filing Safety Complaints

Safety Issues are addressed in the contract under Article 15. The issue of Safety is referenced in a broad manner as described below:

Toxic Materials; Prisoner Facilities; Vehicle; Unit environment; Health; Miscellaneous or Other Complaint; Equipment

1. If there is a Safety Complaint, complete a Safety Complaint Form.
2. Contact the Unit Commanding Officer and make an attempt to resolve the reported complaint.
3. Prepare one (1) copy of

the complaint and give it to the Unit Commanding Officer

4. If the issue is resolved please indicate in bold letters "RESOLVED" on the face of complaint, and prepare a brief summary on how the complaint was resolved.

5. If the issue remains unresolved, then prepare a brief summary of your actions and attempts to resolve the complaint.

6. You will then prepare two (2) copies of the complaint and any actions to resolve it. Forward the original to FOP, give one to the complainant and retain one for your records.

7. Please complete the above within five (5) days. If no resolution at your level, then

forward the original Complaint to FOP, give one (1) copy to the Unit C.O, one to the complainant and retain one for your records.

8. In all cases please give a copy of the Complaint to the Complainant and to the Commander.

9. Take all complaints and handle appropriately. Follow up on all complaints. Do not take for granted that some type of action has been taken.

The information regarding Safety Complaints can be found on Pages 146 & 147 of the 2007 FOP Handbook.



### Retirees Breakfast/Luncheon

#### North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am  
**Lone Tree Manor**  
 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles  
 Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:00 am  
**Dappers Restaurant**  
 3131 N. Thatcher Ave, Chicago, IL  
 John Sweeney @ 630-690-0409

#### South:

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Jedi's Garden Restaurant**  
 9266 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL  
 Don Januszyk @ 708-364-9903

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am  
**Pancake House**  
 700 East 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois  
 Ulysses Campbell @ 773-471-0911

#### 8th District – 8 Balls

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon  
 Al Bilecki @ 773-767-1885

#### Survivors Lunch

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Beverly Woods Restaurant**  
 11532 S. Western, Chicago

#### Active/Retired Mobile Unit & ET's

1st Tuesday of Month 12:00 noon  
**Maplewood Restaurant**  
 115th & Pulaski Road, Alsip, Illinois  
 Al Klaeser @ 773-646-3808

#### Arizona Retirees

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am  
**Hometown Buffet**  
 1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Ed Plawinski @ 480-502-1630

#### Arkansas Retirees

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon  
**Elks Lodge**  
 Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR  
 Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

#### Las Vegas Retirees

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am  
**The Willows Restaurant**  
 2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV  
 Joe LePore @ 702-407-5230

#### Florida Retirees

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm  
**Cop Shop**  
 4403 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL  
 Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7876

## Disability Report & Veterans Corner, By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino

### Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the F.O.P. office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. website for beneficial information.

[www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org)

**Relocation Policy** – The Disability Committee has received the policy from the Pension Board for disabled officers relocating. The Pension Board requests to be notified in writing of a relocation request from a disability recipient. The reason(s) for relocation must be clearly stated. The Board is charged with monitoring its

disability recipients on an annual basis. Though the Board no longer “approves” such relocation requests, it is necessary to remember to report it to the Fund office. Thank you John J. Gallagher, Jr., Executive Director.

**Education Scholarship** – Scholarships up to \$500 per year for up to four years per college-bound student are available for duty disabled officers and their sons and daughters. For enrollment and application information you may contact National Association of Chiefs of Police, 6350 Horizon Drive, Titusville, FL 32780. Call 321-264-0911 or

check the web site at [www.aphf.org](http://www.aphf.org).

**Officers on Disability** – 274 Duty Disability, 71 Heart Disability, 36 Ordinary, 20 Permanent & Total.

### Veterans' Corner

**Operation Enduring Freedom** - Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving our country in the military.

**St. Leo Campus for Veterans** is open offering 141 beds at 7747 S. Emerald for homeless veterans. **Beverly Clinic** will be relocating late spring 2007 to 7731 S. Halsted. CPD 6<sup>th</sup> District is around the

corner at 7808 S. Halsted. Don't Forget – **Illinois Income Tax Return** – Step 10: Donations, Military Family (g) and IL Veterans' Home (i). Any amount will be appreciated.

**April 26-29** Vietnam All Veterans Reunion, Melbourne, FL 321-632-4928

**April 27-29** 174<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter, Fort Walton Beach, FL 423-538-9003

*Heroism is endurance for one moment more. ~ Unknown*

Airborne Sal

## Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test “SMARTS.” Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending this workshop and taking a practice ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare the children of “F.O.P., LODGE #7” members for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has invited

COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be “test smart.” The Lodge

encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Friday, March 16, 2007.

Ensure that your child has a seat at this important educational event that might very well effect his or her future.

## College Visions, ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies

**Session Time:**  
Sunday, 3/25/07  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Location:**  
Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7  
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

**Registration Fee:**  
\$25.00

Please return this registration form and your fee (cash or check payable to **College Visions**) to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, 3/16/07.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ /City \_\_\_\_\_ /State \_\_\_\_\_ /ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ /Year In School: \_\_\_\_\_ /Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ /Check: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

### FOP 2007 Picnic

The Picnic Committee has selected Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest, Illinois, as the site for the 2007 FOP Family Picnic. Logistics are currently underway for providing our membership a grand picnic. The date for the picnic is July 11th. Gates will open at 10 a.m. This picnic (as in the past) is for FOP Members and their families only. Members will be asked to show their FOP I.D. card to enter Gaelic Park. Free Parking will be available to Lodge Members. The Picnic Committee looks forward to providing the same type of picnic with amenities as we have in the past; please send any comments you may have regarding the 2007 Picnic to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Frank DiMaria or Recording Secretary Sid Davis.

### Staying Informed

There are eleven ways of receiving and being informed of F.O.P. Lodge business: (1) F.O.P. Website at [www.chicagoofop.org](http://www.chicagoofop.org); (2) Hotline at 312-733-2101; (3) F.O.P. Newsletter; (4) F.O.P. News brief; (5) Watch Representatives, (6) Unit Representatives, (7) Trustees; (8) Board of Direc-

tors, (9) Attending Board Meetings; (10) Attending General Meetings and (11) F.O.P. Bulletin Boards.

### Recognized Watch Vacancies

Under Section 31-5 of the contract, Filling Of Vacancies, if and when the employer decides to fill a recognized vacancy by bid, such vacancy to be bid shall be posted on the seventh calendar day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> period (March 7<sup>th</sup>), the sixth period (May 30<sup>th</sup>) and the ninth period (Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>). The posting shall remain up for seven calendar days. The most senior qualified officer shall fill the vacancy. If no such qualified officer within the unit bids for such vacancy, the Employer may fill the watch vacancy by reverse seniority. Watch Bids open on March 7<sup>th</sup> and close on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Fishing Tournament

Applications for the 2007 Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament are now being accepted. Lodge Members can find an application on the last page of the FOP Newsletters starting with the February 2007 issue. The Fishing Committee looks forward to

seeing old anglers as well as new ones. If you are a fisherman and have never fished with us, come on out and have some fun. We provide music, refreshments, food and prizes (one per boat), not to mentioned cash for the top ten anglers based on weight of the fish to include the largest fish. It's a day for bragging rights and camaraderie. Location will be the Chain Of Lakes near the Wisconsin border. Contact the committee for directions. See you out there!

### Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Each month (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) the Board of Directors conducts their monthly meeting. Starting time is 10 a.m., with time certain at 12 p.m. (noon). Time certain allows Lodge members the opportunity to address the Board of Directors with questions (any subject) including current discussions taking place. Lodge Members are encouraged to attend.

### Daylight Saving Time

It's that time of the year again; on March 11<sup>th</sup> don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

### Behavioral Intervention System

Lodge Members are again reminded that upon receiving notice of being placed in the program (paperwork in your hands) the clock starts ticking for you to request a hearing (Appendix J, page 111 – FOP Contract Book). You have 7 working days to request such hearing. Immediately contact Sid Davis (FOP Lodge) to secure a hearing request. Additional information will be provided to you regarding the chain of events that must occur to have you remove from the program.

### Military Reservist

Lodge members who are active reservist should contact me at the Lodge when activated for any type of training or missions including Annual Training. There is a wealth of information you need to know prior to departing your unit, including the proper submission of your Par Form. The publication "Army Times" is available for reading by reservists by contacting the Lodge.

### Weapons

Such a simple task it is, and many of us fail to do it on a routine basis. That task is cleaning your weapon. As you are reading this article, secure your weapon (unload it), do you see lint, dust, dirt down the barrel. Do you see rust spots? When is the last time you applied gun oil to the weapon? That weapon could save you and or your partners life one day, will it work when needed?

### Departed Brothers And Sisters

Thomas H. Randell, Age 60  
 Henry Y. Mason, Jr., Age 62  
 Martin J. Riley, Age 83  
 Anthony Vicari, Age 84  
 John A. Oplawski, Sr., Age 82  
 Stephen R. Karpel, Age 56  
 Arthur J. Tassone, Age 71  
 Ronald R. Norris, Age 62  
 Willie L. Wheaton, Age 83  
 Robert Ortiz, Age 54  
 Juanita Cipun, Age 49  
 Allen E. Leonard, Age 45  
 Martin P. Garrity, Age 57  
 Roy L. Williams, Age 59  
 Jose Vasquez, Age 34  
 Robert Shuksta, Age 78

### Michael P. Gordon Memorial Foundation

#### 3rd Annual "Roof Raiser"

**Saturday, April 14, 2007  
 Noon—Game End**

**Chicago Cubs vs Cincinnati Reds**

**\$105 per person includes admission and all food and beverages.**

**For more info or to make reservations  
 E-mail [mpgfund@comcast.net](mailto:mpgfund@comcast.net) or call  
 Heather at 708-574-4609**

## LODGE 7 AGENDA FOR THE SPRING 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

House # Sponsor	Senate # Sponsor	Bill Description
934 Joyce	1741 Delgado	<b>Pension Portability</b> -- Provides for some officers with other sworn law enforcement service in Illinois to buy back service from those agencies for credit with the CPD.
1669 Joyce	1507 DeLeo	<b>Widows -- married less than one year</b> -- Provides that the Board shall have the authority to grant a widow an annuity if special circumstances exist. Retroactive to 01 Jan 2006.
972 McAuliffe	1193 DeLeo	<b>Health insurance</b> -- Provides that retiree members of the city health care plans shall pay no higher premium, and shall receive no lower benefit than active Chicago employees with the same Medicare status.
968 McAuliffe	1198 DeLeo	<b>Retirement benefit bill</b> -- Increases the formula to raise the maximum annuity from 75% to 80% of average salary.
933 Joyce	1740 Delgado	<b>Retirement annuity automatic increase</b> -- Annual automatic increase in the retirement annuity raise to 3% (compounded). Removes the 30% maximum.
970 McAuliffe	1196 DeLeo	<b>Minimum annuity bill</b> -- Increases the minimum monthly annuity payment to \$1,250 for any policeman, and increases the minimum widow's annuity to \$1,200.
931 Joyce	1513 Raoul	<b>Widows increase</b> -- Provides a compounded 3% annual increase in surviving spouse annuities.
930 Joyce	1743 Martinez	<b>Retirement annuity calculation</b> -- Retirement benefits based on the highest 36 months (rather than 48) of salary within the final 10 years of service. Effective 31 December 2007.
974 McAuliffe	1186 DeLeo	<b>Occupational disease disability benefit</b> -- Provides that the occupational disease disability benefit shall be equal to 65% of the current salary attached from time to time to the rank held by the officer at the time of his/her separation from payroll.
973 McAuliffe	1185 DeLeo	<b>Duty disability</b> -- Increases the duty disability benefit to 75% of the current salary attached to the rank held by the police officer at the time of separation from payroll.
992 Brady	449 Millner	<b>Arbitration – residency</b> -- Amends section 14 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/14) to expand the scope of an arbitration decision to include residency requirements in municipalities of one million or more
971 McAuliffe	1192 DeLeo	<b>Administrative review</b> -- Provides that if any policeman whose application for either a duty disability benefit or an occupational disease disability benefit has been denied the by the retirement board brings an action for administrative review challenging the denial of disability benefits and the policeman prevails in the action in the administrative review, then the prevailing policeman shall be entitled to recover from the fund, court costs and litigation expenses including reasonable attorneys fees as a part of the cost of the action.
932 Joyce	1748 Martinez	<b>Funding multiplier</b> -- Increases the multiplier from 2.0 to 2.26 for employer contribution to pension fund.
929 Joyce	1514 Raoul	<b>Real estate property tax exemptions/reduction</b> -- Amends the property tax code. Provides that the corporate authorities of a home rule municipality with one million or more inhabitants, by ordinance, may order the County Clerk to abate any percentage of taxes levied by the municipality and any other taxing district on each parcel of certain qualified residential property within the corporate limits of the municipality that is owned by the surviving spouse of a fallen police officer or rescue worker.
969 McAuliffe	1197 DeLeo	<b>Widows remarried</b> -- Amends the Pension Code Section 5/5 -- 147 to be consistent with 5/6 -- 145 (i.e., widows annuity is no longer subject to termination or suspension if remarriage occurs).
1445 McAuliffe	1506 DeLeo	<b>Child's annuity</b> -- Provides that, for the purposes of child's annuities, no age limitation shall apply to a child who is so physically or mentally handicapped as to be unable to support himself or herself.
1634 McAuliffe	1505 DeLeo	<b>Medical testing</b> -- Criminal code. Provides that when a defendant is convicted of battery or aggravated battery, the defendant shall undergo medical testing to determine whether the defendant has any sexually transmissible diseases.

*To see the full text of the bills, or to view their progress through the legislative process log on to [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).  
Unless otherwise noted, bills become effective after passage upon the signature of the Governor.*

### October 2006 Retirees

The following member was left off the October Retiree list.  
Sorry about that!

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Pinkiewicz, George A.	Detective	650	20

### December 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Crocker-Pearson, Mary A.	Officer	123	15
Pavich, Michael J.	Officer	LOA	27

### January 2007 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Benjamin, Loretta B.	Officer	004	21
Bransford, Stevie D.	Officer	007	25
Brice, Kevin	Officer	018	20
Callaway, Gregory E.	Officer	001	20
Carlson, Wayne G.	Canine Officer	153	29
Cordes, William G.	Marine Officer	059	30
Dawson, Monte	Exp. Tech	603	24
Frias, Rafael F.	Officer	008	20
Geraghty, Michael G.	Officer	050	37
Giralamo, Jr., Anthony J.	Detective	630	22
Gutierrez, Mary Lou R.	Officer	013	25
Holliday, Calvin B.	Agent	121	24
Hughes, Michael T.	Officer	140	34
Joyce, James E.	Officer	025	28
Kelley, Judith M.	Officer	002	17
Ladendorf, Leroy W.	Officer	701	32
Lynch, Maryellen E.	Officer	013	26
Maloney, Robert E.	Officer	025	34
McNamara, Barbara A.	Officer	023	20
Miedona, Richard E.	Officer	050	38
Morris, James T.	Officer	023	37
Mulvihill, Michael	Officer	050	29
O'Marra, James W.	Officer	701	32
Paulson, John J.	Forensic Inv.	177	39
Perovich, Vladimir	Officer	013	21
Pieruccini, Glenn	Officer	640	29
Raducha, Raymond A.	Officer	001	39
Sandow, Catherine A.	Officer	025	20
Schedore, Carl M.	Officer	701	33
Vantrepotte, Filbert A.	Officer	050	20
Williams, Lee A.	Officer	004	30
Willis, Thomas A.	Officer	008	35
Wilson, Roger D.	Officer	020	39

Congratulations go out to four special members and friends of the FOP. In November of 2006, at the Rivera Hotel in Las Vegas, NV, these officers competed in the World Association of Bench Pressers and Dead Lifters World Championships. Proudly we announce the results: (pictured left to right)

**Detective Alphonso Kennedy, 2nd Place**

**PO Tommy J. Harrison, Jr., 1st Place and World Record with 760 lb bench press at 266 lbs**

**PO Kira Carter, 1st Place and World Record with 249 lb bench press at 145 lbs**

**PO Anton White, 1st Place with 418 lb bench press**



### National Police Paintball League (NPPL)

**The National Police Paintball League Is Recruiting New Members! Anyone Interested In Joining The NPPL Should Call Ron At 773-576-5135 or E-mail at [cgofiveoh@yahoo.com](mailto:cgofiveoh@yahoo.com)**

### Address Change Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Star Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## I Wish You Enough..., *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

As this goes to print, The Chicago Police Department mourns the loss of one of our own, P.O. Jose Vasquez, the victim of an apparent armed robbery. Jose was the perfect gentleman and a friend to all. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Please keep Jose and the Vasquez family in your prayers. I dedicate this month's column to P.O. Jose Vasquez.

Recently, a Police Officer working at the Airport overheard an elderly father and his daughter conversing in their last moments together. They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She in turn said, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad." They kissed and she left.

He walked over toward the window near the Officer. Standing there, the Officer could see the dad wanted and needed to cry. The Officer didn't want to intrude on the man's privacy, but the dad welcomed him in by asking, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it would be forever?" "Yes, I have", the Officer replied.

Saying that brought back memories the Officer had of expressing his love and appreciation for all that his dad had done for him. Recognizing that his days were limited, he took the time to tell his dad face to face how much he meant to him. So, he knew what this man was experiencing. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a

forever goodbye?" the Officer asked.

"I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead, and the reality is, her next trip back most probably will be for my funeral", he replied. The Officer continued "When you were saying goodbye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?" The dad began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from three generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." The dad paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more.

"When we said, 'I wish you enough', we want the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued. Turning toward the Officer, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

"I wish you enough sun, to keep your attitude bright."

"I wish you enough rain, to appreciate the sun more."

"I wish you enough happiness, to keep your spirit alive."

"I wish you enough pain, so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger."

"I wish you enough gain, to satisfy your wanting."

"I wish you enough loss, to appreciate all that you possess."

"I wish you enough 'hello's', to get you through the final 'goodbye.'"

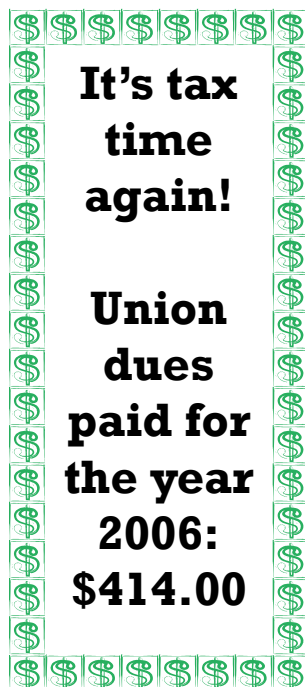
He then began to cry, and walked away....end of story.

That's what it felt like on that cold, snowy night, that our brother P.O. Jose Vasquez was shot. Standing there in the crowded Stroger Hospital emergency room filled with police brass, members of the FOP

board, peer support and officers from all over the City, very little talking, a lot of tears, a lot of hugs, thinking to myself...what can one say...nobody's guaranteed a tomorrow, so make the most of today..... 'I wish you enough today's, so that tomorrow comes with no regrets'. Thanks to each and every one of you, for just 'being there' for each other.

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care. Amen.

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780 or [moshe-wolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshe-wolf@hotmail.com)


  
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## Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

### Arbitration Results

The Lodge just received an arbitration award from Arbitrator Perkovich. The issue in this arbitration was whether the Department had just cause when it refused to permit an officer to return to pay status, after he presented a court order regarding a gun restriction that had been placed upon him as a condition of bond in a criminal matter not relating to his work.

The situation that led up to the gun restriction was that the officer was involved in an altercation with his girlfriend and charges of domestic battery were then pressed against him. As a result, he was arrested the following day and appeared in bond court. At that time one condition of his bond was, that he surrender any and all firearms in his possession to the Department, while the case was pending. The officer reported the matter to the Department and in compliance with the condition of bond surrendered all of his firearms to the Department. He was then informed that unless the gun restriction was removed he would remain in a non-pay status. He was also informed however that he could use compensatory time during that period, as opposed to a non-pay status.

The officer appeared in court to have the gun restriction removed. After explaining to the court that the officer could not work with a gun restriction in place, the court issued an order that read in relevant part "the condition of bond, surrender or not possess any firearms until further order in this

case is hereby removed as a condition of bond." The court also provided however that all other conditions of the bond shall remain in full force and effect. Two of those additional conditions were that the firearms "shall remain in the possession of the Department until further order of this court, and that the officer was forbidden from obtaining any other firearms, other than those already surrendered to the Department.

After the court issued the order, the officer presented the order to the Department and requested to be placed back on duty. The Department felt that the order was inadequate because of the two conditions described above. The officer returned to court and obtained another order from the court providing that the officer's firearms "are in the possession" of the Department, rather than "shall remain within" the Department's possession. The officer again brought the court order to the Department and requested to be placed back on duty. Again the Department refused to reinstate the officer, because in the Department's view the order did not definitively remove the gun restriction. The Department's refusal to honor the court order caused the officer to use eight days of compensatory time, until the case was dismissed in court.

The officer filed a grievance stating that the Department did not have just cause to compel him to use 64 hours of compensatory time, and that this was in fact discipline by the Department. The Lodge was unable to reach a settlement with the Depart-

ment, and proceeded to arbitration.

Several issues of this case were addressed at arbitration. We believe the most important issue in this case was the fact that on two prior occasions officers obtained court orders with the exact same language, and were reinstated by the Department. The Arbitrator stated, "However, I am troubled by the Employer's approach to the issue of the adequacy of court orders lifting gun restrictions. It is true that in at least nine instances the court orders in question were the same as the first that the Grievant obtained and they were deemed acceptable because they did not contain the other language described above. Had the record evidence not included other cases, described next, I might very well find for the Employer. However, in two instances the officers in question obtained court language that was identical to that obtained by the grievant in the second order and those orders were deemed adequate, yet the Grievant's was not. Because I view this matter as discipline, it is imperative that the Employer act consis-

tently not only so that employees who are similarly situated are treated similarly, but also so that employees will be on notice as to what, in this case, type of court language will be acceptable and what will not. In light of the record evidence described above I must find that the Employer acted disparately. I do not doubt for one minute that the Employer has a legitimate concern whether language in a court order adequately lifts a gun restriction. However, the basis for its conclusions when such language is or is not adequate has not sufficiently been communicated to employees. Therefore, as is true of any rule of conduct imposed by an employer that rule, although otherwise reasonable in other respects, cannot be enforced."

The grievance was sustained in full by Arbitrator Perkovich. The Department was ordered to restore 64 hours of compensatory time, and make the grievant whole for 8 days of lost pay.

### The Family Auxiliary will host its Annual Lunch With The Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 31, 2007, Noon-3:00 pm

POP Hall  
1212 W. Washington Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois



Tickets cost \$5.00 each and everyone attending must have a ticket to enter.

For more info or to purchase tickets, please call Angie Haynes at 773-334-5718



## Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Training, *By Bill Burns*

I had the opportunity to attend C.I.T. training in October of 2006. C.I.T. is Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team Training. The training consists of 40 hours at the Academy. 235 officers have been trained in C.I.T. as of October 2006. A class was held in December 2006 also.

The C.I.T. program started six years ago. N.A.M.I. of greater Chicago at 1536 West Chicago Avenue is Chicago's voice on Mental Illness. Districts 7 and 23 were the pilot districts on July 1, 2005. 575 C.I.T. interventions have been completed. This involves

taking the subject to the hospital for evaluation and treatment. The City of Chicago is funded to train 500 officers. Superintendent Cline has the desire and vision for the program. When you get people into treatment, fewer arrests are made.

A C.I.T. team includes a sergeant with a taser, and two police officers. One officer is the interviewer; the second officer defends the first officer. Over 3,000 recruits have been trained for eight hours. C.I.T. officers are trained in de-escalation techniques. Courses include Mental Ill-

ness – Signs and Symptoms; Legal Issues; Risk Assessment; and Crisis Intervention Skills; and two days of role-play scenarios. A score of at least 80% on the final written exam is required to become C.I.T. certified with the state. The course is conducted by Lt. Jeff Murphy, a police veteran with 37 years on the job, who has been with the program since its inception; and Sgt. William Lange of Research and Development. You can obtain an application over the Department Intranet under Automated Directives and fax a copy to Unit 127. If you have any questions, please call 1-312-745-6071.

C.I.T. Training does work.

Just last week, my partner and I were assigned to a mental disturbance. A female informed us that her 25 year old son was off his meds and was acting crazy. He was 6' 4" and over 300 pounds. He stated to us he was not going to the hospital. After using C.I.T. techniques, telling him we were there to help him, and not to hurt him, the son went willingly to Northwestern Hospital.

Thank God for C.I.T. that nobody got hurt and the mental subject got necessary evaluation and treatment.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from March 07 thru April 8, 2007. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776 or log onto the FOP Website at [www.chicagofop.org](http://www.chicagofop.org)

- 07 March 07 Watch Bids Open
- 07 March 07 Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
- 09 March 09 Recognized Vacancies
- 14 March 07 Last Day to submit for Watch Bids
- 14 March 07 Last Day to submit for Unit Duty Assignments
- 10 March 07 FOP/Illinois State Lodge Crime and Fire Prevention Night/Chicago Wolves vs Milwaukee Admirals/Pre-game fireworks
- 11 March 07 Daylight Saving Time/Ahead One Hour
- 17 March 07 St. Patrick's Day Party/FOP Hall
- 20 March 07 FOP/General Meeting/7 p.m.
- 21 March 07 First Day of Spring
- 22 March 07 Stress Management Classes
- 23 March 07 Stress Management Classes
- 29 March 07 4<sup>th</sup> Period Begins
- 01 April 07 Palm Sunday and April's Fool's Day
- 03 April 07 FOP Board Meeting/10 a.m.
- 04 April 07 Unit Duty Assignments Bidding
- 05 April 07 Master's/Augusta, GA/5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
- 06 April 07 Recognized Vacancies
- 08 April 07 Easter Sunday

## Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

### Tax Time

You may have seen, in previous issues of the Newsletter, the tax information box, which states that active officers have paid \$414.00 in union dues for the year 2006. If you took every check stub and added the union dues you would come up with \$438.00. The \$24 difference is because one dollar of every check goes to the Legal

Defense Fund. So when you, or your accountant, are processing your income tax forms, use the \$414.00 amount for union dues.

### 2006 Audit

The audit of financial records for the year 2006 is completed. The results will be published in a future issue of the FOP Newsletter.

### The Chicago Police Association of Nevada Host



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Ladies Light Blue 3/4 Jacket With Polar Fleece Lining In Sizes Large And XL Only This Is A Beautiful Jacket And Was Priced At \$32.95. **Now On Sale For Only \$26.95**

Mens V-Neck, Navy Blue, Polar Fleece Shirt In Sizes Medium To 2XL Was Priced At \$22.95. **Now On Sale For Only \$18.95**

Field Jacket With Liner In Black With CPD Star In Sizes XL To 2XL (limited quantity) Was Priced At \$64.95/\$67.95. **Now On Sale For Only \$54.95/\$57.95**

CPD Star Stickers, Patch Shape With American, Irish, Mexican And Italian Flag Colors With CPD Star In Center. For Inside Or Outside Use. Only **\$3.95**



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**T-Shirt Of The Month**

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Med—XL, **\$8.36**  
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Irish Double Candle Ring With Candles Was Priced At \$7.95

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Irish "Puff" Soft Stickers Set of 4

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In Time For St. Patrick's Day, Green Hoodie Sweat Shirt With CPD Star In Shamrock Logo.

Small—XL **\$23.95**  
2XL **\$25.95**

**Don't Forget Something For The Easter Baskets:**

CPD Teddy Bear In Uniform, **Now Only \$7.95**  
Corvette CPD Squad Car, **Now Only \$9.95**

"Magicrayon" T-Shirt, Sizes 2/4 to 14/16, Color The Shirt, Then Wear It! **Now Only \$9.95 All Sizes**

Ladies Angle Fleece V-Neck Top In Red, Navy, Purple. Medium to 2XL. Was Priced at \$26.95

**Now On Sale For Only \$20.95 Each**

Time To Replace The Broken Vehicle License Plate Frames With Chicago FOP #7 Frames **Now Only 2 for \$5.00**

Motorcycle Frames **\$2.50**

All online orders for March are 10% off. Excludes sale items.

Use code "Mar01" when ordering.

**New Items:**

FOP #7 polo shirt, black with grey trim or CPD logo polo, light blue, navy or yellow. Small—2XL **\$19.95**, 3XL (navy only) **\$20.95**

Ladies black, French, terry, fleece pants. Small—2XL with pink CPD star on leg.



**Turn Out For Tony**

Please join us as we raise funds to assist the Delcorse Family with financial burdens brought on by medical expenses.

Tony Delcorse was diagnosed with leukemia at the early age of 16. With many medical procedures and treatment, Tony has now developed a chronic case of Graft vs. Host disease, which is even more life threatening.

We appreciate your support!! The Delcorse Family are good friends of the staffers of the FOP and really need your help. Join us.....

**Saturday, 14 April 2007**  
1300 – 1800 hours

**115 Bourbon Street**  
3359 W. 115th Street  
Merrionette Park, Illinois

\$20 Ticket/Admission

[www.turnoutfortony.com](http://www.turnoutfortony.com) or call Kathy Moore at the Lodge 312-733-7776.

**14th Annual Police/Fire Charity Hockey Game**

**WHO:** The FOP Stars Hockey Team faces off against the Chicago Fire Department

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 24, 2007 @ Noon

**WHERE:** United Center, 1901 S. Madison, Chicago, Illinois

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at the UC Box Office. Children 12 and under are free, but must have a ticket to enter the building. Enter gates 2, 3, 4, 6, or 7. Doors open at 1130 hours. Park in lots C or K.

Donations to benefit the FOP Disability Fund.

The Stars lead the series 7-5-1

**Website Committee Report By Rich Aguilar, Chairman**

Most of the forms, brochures, and documents on the F.O.P. Website are displayed in an Adobe PDF format. This format allows anyone to view these documents using Adobe Reader software that is available via a free download from the Adobe website.

While most internet providers now offer some sort of a broadband connection, I realize that some users still use slower dial-up connections. The F.O.P. Website will require that users upgrade their Adobe Reader software to at least version 6. This will allow files to be almost half their current size which will allow for speedier download times. The free Adobe Reader software can be downloaded at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). Users will need to download and install this software by 15 March 2007.

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### THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 13th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 23, 2007. All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

#### THE BASIC RULES:

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam. Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

#### NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE.

We'd like everyone to have a fun time. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Active: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

If youth, age \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7, Attn: Frank DiMaria  
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