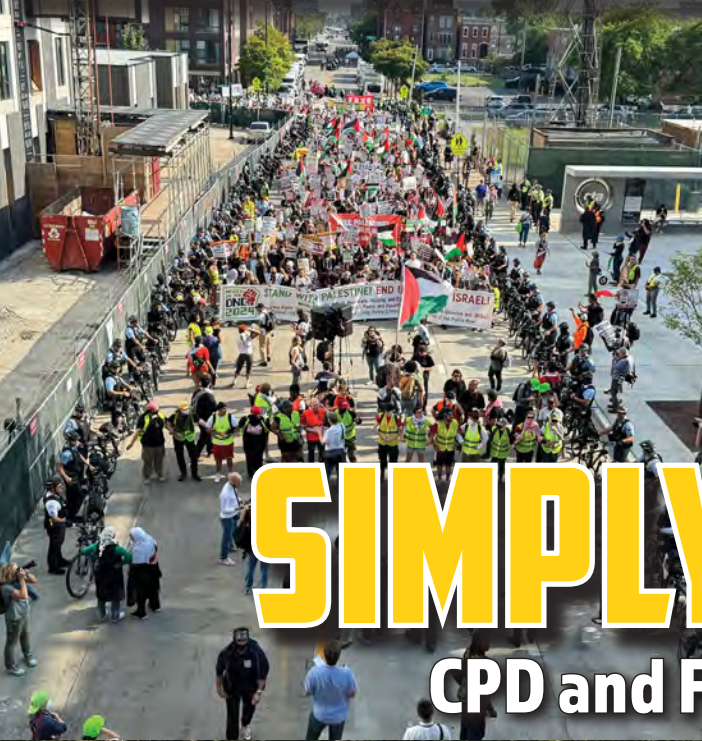




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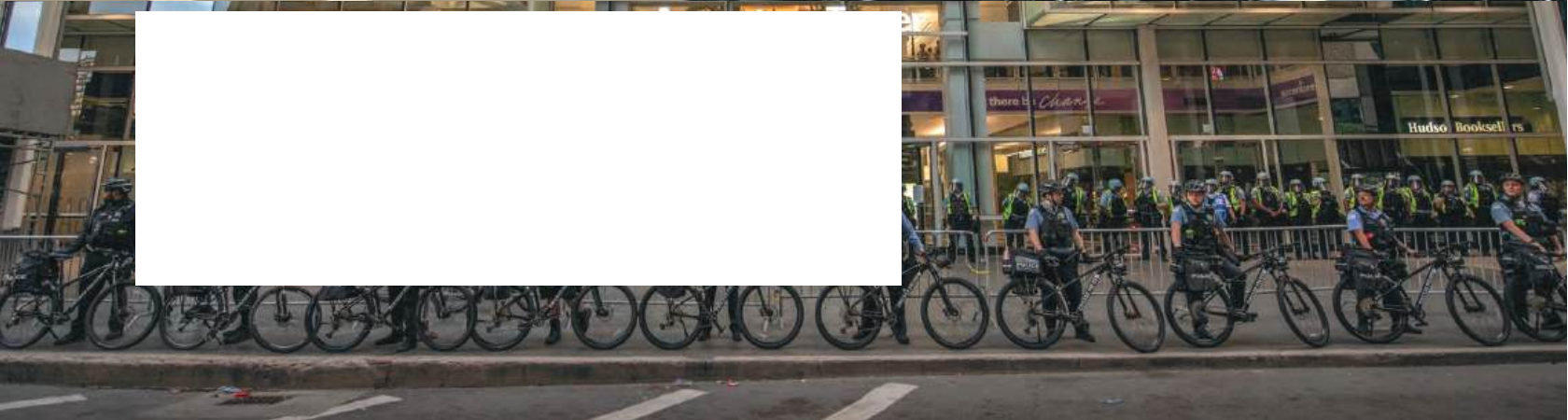
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Week Moments

Anticipation and concern about Democratic National Convention week in August quickly gave way to exaltation and respect for Chicago Police Officers. With leadership from the Department that has not been seen in years, almost incident-free policing during the week and rousing support from Chicago Lodge 7, the DNC really was the finest hour for the City. While Lodge 7 cooked up 24/7 support, members not only showed the world why they are the best of the best but also had a chance to experience a newfound connection to their union.



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President's Report



Convention Attention



**JOHN
CATANZARA
JR.**

Well, it was a long week, that's for sure. But here's the scorecard from the DNC:

Thousands of meals served to members working the continuous 12-hour tours from our food trailer at Guaranteed Rate Field command center, our support at the Malcolm X College right by the United Center and, of course, cooking it up at the Lodge 7 hall.

Thousands of members who never really had the chance before saw their union working for them, and many of them had a chance to visit the Lodge for the first time.

More elected officials than we could count came out to help us cook and serve meals and express their appreciation for members, who showed they are the best police officers in the world during the week of the Democratic National Convention.

Zero incidents of overuse of force against protesters, even though the news media came out in force hoping to expose excessive policing. With the entire world watching what was happening, the week in Chicago never became as tumultuous as the media or as many people anticipated.

Yes, there were some logistical challenges during convention week, but we adapted. We're all pretty much police, and we're used to adapting on the fly and improvising. Which we did to accommodate as many officers as we could, despite getting different information from the Department and the City about the deployment plan. Logistics-wise, trying to plan for X when you're getting Y becomes difficult, especially when you're talking about trying to acquire provisions and supplies every day to support the troops.

Other than that, the week was extremely rewarding with the level of gratefulness from the members, whether they were CPD blue shirts, white shirts, or even outside agencies and municipal workers from other agencies that came to eat. Everybody was super thrilled. They were getting something different than the box lunch with sandwiches and snacks.

Bringing in volunteers from downstate FOP Lodges, the Illinois FOP Labor Council and suburban departments that supplied a handful of members all four of the days was huge. It's easy to plug and play and put people into spots to succeed because we do have a refined system now so that we could theoretically feed 3,000 people in a day if we had to.

The operation at the Lodge was a little bigger of a challenge because we were under the impression we were getting a small detail — like we did during the 2020 riots — to be in-house at all times, providing security from the expected protesters. I don't know if it's because the intel showed that they weren't going to have the mass numbers that originally were anticipated or that there would be no need to have a contingent at the Lodge.

We didn't have one, so we audibled again to account for protection of the building. First Vice President Mike Mette took on the role of leading that, and we had a handful of board members and employees ready to make sure that if something did materialize, we could call for help and try and defend the building as best we could until help arrived. But because the mayor gave the protesters a permit right down the block at Union Park, we had members consistently coming in and out Lodge and thankfully, because they needed restroom facilities more than anything else. So it was a simple one-block walk over to the Lodge.

Mike did a great job with the security team. Dave DiSanti, the chair of our Lodge 7 trustees, was phenomenal. He was everywhere all week long, getting as much food as we could to the members who were coming in and out, never knowing how long they were going to be in the building. I mean,



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it could have been five minutes or an hour before they were called to saddle up.

I know that members finally got to see en masse firsthand about how we pledged and promised to them four years ago that we would be there for them. This week even more so than during the riots. We were three weeks into our administration back then. Now, we know what's needed and how to make it happen.



All hands on deck

There are a couple of takeaways from this week. One that struck me as important was Superintendent Larry Snelling actually putting hands on an offender and helping effect an arrest, along with Deputy Chief Chris Papaioannou. I think that really kind of set a tone for the members, who got to see the boss now having to do a TRR and not be afraid to get his hands dirty.

And it was a little bit different than the NATO Summit version of it in 2012, when a lot of people said Gary McCarthy did it basically for a photo op. I don't think anybody thought Larry did that for a photo op. He showed everybody that it's OK to use force and make an arrest when it's necessary. And I think it put a lot of members, at least those on the front lines, at ease and feeling that "Hey, he's got our back."

Part two of this was the effort of Mike and Mike — Mette and Cosentino, our Lodge 7 field rep and political director who was absolutely my right arm this week. If I got hurt or had to walk away, Cos wouldn't have missed a beat. Cos really understands the trailer and everything that goes into it.

We probably put in 90 hours during this week. We had two extra days we were not anticipating, the Saturday and Sunday before the convention that we knew nothing about until Friday afternoon. Again, we audibled and made whatever we could happen possible on Saturday and Sunday. Cos was there every step of the way, every hour, every minute. That's one of the clearest examples of what our Lodge 7 team is all about. I can't do what I do without them. And I keep telling them, "This isn't the John show." All you have to do is look at the hours and effort that Mike and Mike put in. It was the Mike and Mike show.

Our mornings started between 4 and 5 a.m. every day. By the time we cleaned up, it was well after midnight. We would go home, get in bed about 1 a.m. and wake up again at 4 to do it all over again.

Also, props to the Labor Council. They said they were going to supply manpower every day, and they did. We had at least four Labor Council members helping us out throughout the day, which was much appreciated. So thanks to Executive Director Shawn Roselieb and Assistant Director Mike Powell for setting that up. State Lodge President Chris Southwood and Secretary Ike Hackett also came up from Springfield and worked two-and-a-half of four days with us.

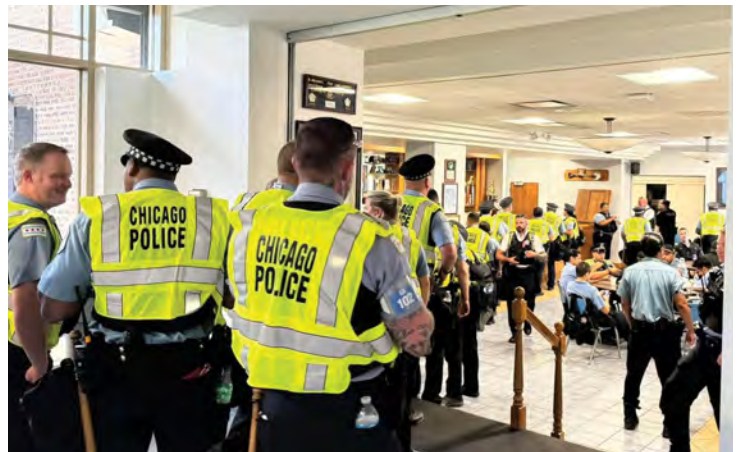
And then there was State Lodge Trustee Phil Tenerelli, who's been around the FOP forever, working the overnight shifts. Obviously, it's not much fun staying up that late, and you're dog-ass tired because you still have to clean up after you're done. But yeah, Phil, Jimmy Jaktavich, our Lodge 7 financial secretary, and Scott Ward from Illinois State Corrections Lodge 263 were doing everything we needed, just killing it.

Politically correct

There's a lot of congratulations and thank-yous to go around, that's for sure. Including, even, politically speaking. We made a concerted effort to reach out to our supporters, politically speaking, in Springfield and Chicago, to give them an opportunity to basically come say thank you to hundreds of officers at one time. They were able to see these deployments going out and have the opportunity to shake hands and say, "Thank you for saving the City, and thank you for stepping up and doing this job."

And whether it was from Springfield or the alders from City Council, they all came out, including the leadership. Chris Welch, the speaker of the Illinois House, was there for nearly an hour on the last day of the DNC, shaking hands, speaking to the 3 p.m. deployment. We have a lot of good pictures with him and Superintendent Snelling speaking to the members.

It was pretty amazing. We had alders working, cooking, passing out meals. Ray Lopez and Anthony Napolitano were making sandwiches for the members. Silvana Tabares jumped in there. State Rep Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar helped serve the meals that she secured for the midnight shift from a local restaurant.



It was a culmination of all the political relationships that we have been building. The countless hours we have been working — Cos specifically — to form and solidify our connections with elected officials paid off this week. And when you get these politicians coming out at your request to have an opportunity to help out, it shows how Lodge 7 is building its presence, which helps all members.

They all jumped at it, saying, "Absolutely, I'll be there." One after another, they couldn't say enough good things and were in awe seeing these hundreds of officers getting ready to go out and make sure the City was secured. And just the inspiration they drew from that, just the picture of it all and that experience, left me in awe.

So it was a culmination of a lot of efforts all into one little six-day window. We can say that Lodge 7 has been delivering and supporting members in everything we can over the past four-plus years. But if members did not believe us, all they had to do was see what happened during this week.

COPA Comeuppance

The suit by the Chicago Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability is huge. As is COPA being referred for to an investigation by the Inspector General.

We approached the commission early on and let them know our problems with COPA. Lodge 7 Second Vice President Dan Gorman and I sat down with them and gave example after example of the unfairness.

Now that the commission has become a permanent board, so to speak, it provided a little more authority to look into things a little deeper. Thank God they did.

Our problem is more specific to the recommendations, rather than the investigations. Even after we filed a complaint about the

original increase in recommendations, they just doubled down and made it even worse.

Superintendent Larry Snelling's back-and-forth with COPA Executive Director Andrea Kersten I think highlighted the need to take a deeper look at what she's doing at COPA. It almost seems like she thinks she's bulletproof and beyond reproach.

I think the commission might understand that there's no accountability on her end. She's in charge of, supposedly, police accountability. But who is she accountable to?

I don't expect anything to happen with this until maybe the end of the year. But maybe by then there will be more accountability there.

Joining the 'Vice' Squad

I wanted to run for the position of State Lodge First Vice President at the state conference in July primarily to encourage President Southwood to finish the remainder of his term, which ends in 2026. With three terms, as he is doing, you kind of burn out at the end. And with family obligations starting to pop up — grandchildren and stuff — he should be able to walk away.

So I thought, by running for that spot, it would kind of help him out with the contacts I have made throughout the state. For better or for worse, being able to now travel the state as a board member makes a difference. It's going to make the State Lodge stronger, especially legislatively, because things that Lodge 7 fights for already encompass the State Lodge.

If there's specific legislation to speak about with legislators we

have built phenomenal relationships with, that will be beneficial. Even though it might not be specific to Lodge 7, if it's a State Lodge issue, we can get it addressed with friends in the room.

In reality, with political action, at least for law enforcement in this state, it is Lodge 7 taking the lead. Now we can help accomplish goals easier with me being on the State Lodge board and being able to say, "I'm not just Lodge 7's president now. I'm the state first vice president also."

Chris and I have such a great relationship that I don't have to necessarily check in with the state president on every single little thing that I may be doing on behalf of the State Lodge because we're very symbiotic in what we believe in.

Beyond the Call of Duty

Special recognition came on the third anniversary of losing Ella Grace French in the line of duty on Aug. 7, 2021.

It never gets easier for Elizabeth French, obviously. It gets different for the rest of us. And this year's Beyond the Call of Duty Ride came on the day after Ella's anniversary with the Ella French dedicated motorcycle.

She now has a place of honor all across this country, wherever that memorial goes. And wherever it goes, that motorcycle is there with the windshield sleeve that goes over it with Ella's picture and Ella's story for everybody to see.

I want to give credit to Beyond the Call of Duty as they take their memorial truck across the country every year showing the officers who have been killed in the line of duty. As a sponsor for the past several years, we asked for the Ella French bike. So I'm grateful they acknowledged that request and did that for the family.

It was an honor to have Elizabeth ride with me, leaving Chicago, going up to Milwaukee PD, on the Ella French bike. When the Ella bike is ready to be cycled out and replaced because of mileage, I want to buy that bike, so I can ride it in police memorial rides around the Chicagoland area.

Also as part of honoring Ella, our wonderful Sergeant Syed Quadri, who's now Lieutenant Quadri and received an award from the State Lodge for the work of his Robbery Team on the North Side, helped organize a luncheon for the 7th and 8th District officers to memorialize Ella's death.

He's such a great guy. Between his hard work with that 2406 Robbery Team in Rogers Park, all the effort to solve crime up there, and just the understanding that officers come first, that memories come first, and the concern for the officers who responded that night to that tragedy, he is now going to be leading them.

Lieutenant Quadri understood that he was walking into a station coming up on an anniversary, and without even being told, had the foresight to do something special for those officers. That's the kind of leadership this department needs more of.





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Honoring the Fallen: The Beyond the Call of Duty: End of Watch Ride

MICHAEL
METTE

Hello, everyone. I would like to introduce to you a group of wonderful people from the Beyond the Call of Duty. This is a group that goes above and beyond to recognize our fallen brothers and sisters through their End of Watch Ride. The Beyond the Call of Duty: End of Watch Ride is more than just a motorcycle journey across the United States – it is a powerful and emotional tribute to our brave men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This bi-annual event brings together

a dedicated group of riders who travel thousands of miles to honor the fallen, provide support to their families, and raise awareness of the ultimate sacrifice made by these officers.

Founded by Jagrut “JC” Shah, a retired police officer, the Beyond the Call of Duty: End of Watch Ride began as a way to pay tribute to officers who died in the line of duty. Shah, along with a team of riders, set out to visit the departments and fam-

ilies of fallen officers, offering support, comfort, and recognition for the sacrifices made. The ride aims to ensure that the memories of these officers live on and that their families know they are not alone in their grief.

The ride is a monumental undertaking. Covering over 20,000 miles and visiting hundreds of police departments across the country, the riders travel for weeks on end. They stop at each department to present a plaque and a personalized flag to honor the fallen officer. These presentations are often deeply emotional, with both the riders and the families of the fallen feeling the weight of the loss and the importance of remembrance.

For the families of the fallen, the Beyond the Call of Duty: End of Watch Ride is a poignant reminder that their loved ones’ sacrifices are not forgotten. The visits from the riders provide a moment of solace and recognition, bringing together communities in shared grief and remembrance. The ride fosters a

sense of unity and support, offering families the reassurance that their loss is acknowledged and honored by the broader law enforcement community.

For those looking to support the Beyond the Call of Duty: End of Watch Ride, there are many ways to get involved. Donations to the cause help cover the costs of the ride and contribute to supporting the families of fallen officers. Additionally, volunteers are always welcome to assist with organizing events, providing logistical support, and spreading the word about the ride's mission.

Since 2022, John and I have been able to join the group for a brief time while they were on their way to and from Chicago to honor our fallen officers. It is truly a humbling experience. I have made new friends with the amazing group that has been on most of these miles each year. Allison, Jason, Damian, Richard, and of course Shah are dedicated to keeping the memories of our fallen alive and well for years to come. It has been an honor to be able to partake in the memorial services with

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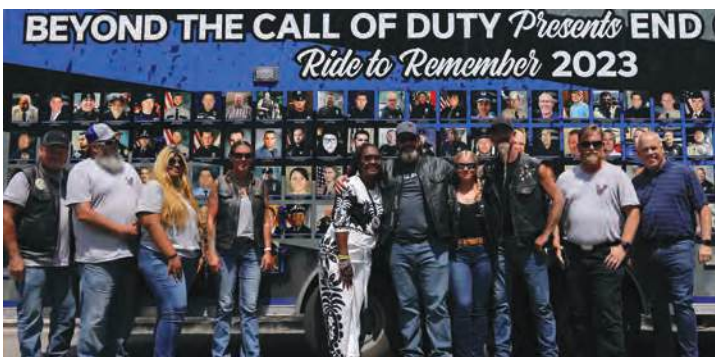


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the families and friends of the fallen officers. If you would like to support or ride with the group in 2025, please reach out to them via their Facebook page.

In closing, I would just like to say how proud I am of all our active members. You all did a great job handling the DNC and deserve a huge round of applause from our city. I am so proud of you for enduring the long hours and nonsense of the protestors in and around Union Park. You acted professionally and honorably while representing this department. I would like to send out a huge thank you to all. I would also like to recognize the men and woman who made sure the rest of the city didn't go up for grabs while short handed and working 12-hour days. Another big shout out to all our wonderful men and women in the districts! Great job!

As always, please stay safe and healthy!



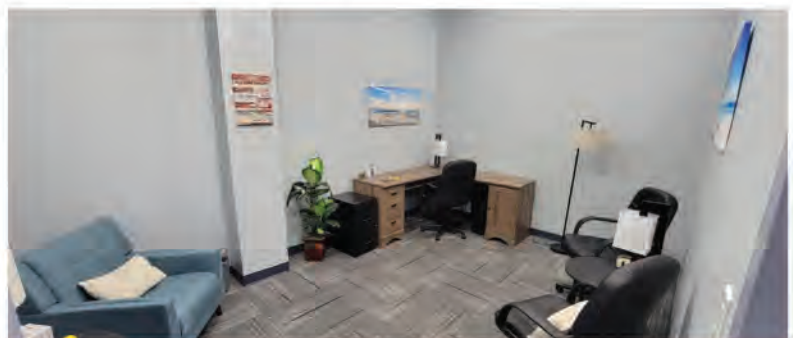
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A Report on Discipline Briefs



DAN GORMAN

Part of my report given at the monthly general members meetings include examples of arbitrators' decisions issued at binding summary opinion (BSO) arbitration hearings. Every investigation has its own individual circumstances, and in most cases, there are multiple allegations and redundant alleged "rule violations" (usually piled on by the investigators). However, below are examples of relatively simpler CR investigations and recent dispositions that have been awarded by the binding summary arbitrators. The following discipline briefs only provide a generalization of the allegations that were sustained in the CR investigation.

General Summary of Allegation	Original Recommended Penalty	Arbitrator's Award
Unjustified stop, and no BWC	10-day suspension	Violation noted/No discipline
No BWC (2018 incident)	5-day suspension	Violation noted/No discipline
No BWC, and fail to notify OEMC of an escapee	7-day suspension (2x's)	2-day suspension (each officer)
Disobey direct order to complete online training while on the Medical roll	4-day suspension	Violation noted/No discipline
Misuse of workplace address/forward material of a harassing nature	3-day suspension	1-day suspension
Discard two bags of cannabis into sewer, no ISR	5-day suspension	3-day suspension
No BWC	3-day suspension (2x's)	Violation noted/No discipline
Fail to create an event for an alleged missing habitual run-away teen	Reprimand	Upheld

QUOTE BOARD:

To add context to some of the above listed dispositions, below are just a few notable quotes taken directly from the arbitrator's written awards/decisions.

An honorable mention: As you will find below, Commander Joyce's non-concurrence was recognized by the arbitrator which ultimately benefited the accused officer(s).

Quote from the 13-page arbitration decision re: Unjustified stop, and failure to activate BWC

"Further, I agree with Commander Joyce that Officer Harnedy did have cause to stop [the complainant]. I find that based on the evidence in this matter, the City has been unable to prove that this charge should have been sustained. Further, as to the BWC violations, in light of the totality of the circumstances, particularly the chaotic events that transpired and the time that the events took place in relation to the issuance of BWCs, I find that the only appropriate penalty is a Violation Noted."

Quote from the 5-page arbitration decision re: Failure to activate BWC (in 2018)

"I have also reviewed all the factors in aggravation and mitigation. In mitigation, I note that while the incident occurred on March 9, 2018, COPA did not conclude its Investigation until August 29, 2022, over four years later. It wasn't until over one year later that Officer Enahora was issued her 5-day Suspension. There is nothing in the record that explains this delay." "Therefore, based on the totality of the circumstances, I find

that the penalty in this matter is excessive."

Quote from the 9-page arbitration decision re: Fail to active BWC, and fail to notify OEMC of escaped prisoner

"While I find the unexplained 2-year delay in the BIA's Investigation to be a significant mitigating factor, I do not find that it alleviates the Officers from all culpability. I recognize that the Officers had less than four years of experience at the time, and neither had prior experience with an escaped detainee; however, this does not excuse their failure to immediately notify OEMC that a prisoner had escaped. As for their respective failure to activate their BWCs at the beginning of the encounter, I have consistently held that a first such offense warrants a limited penalty."

Quote from the 5-page arbitration decision re: Disobey direct order to complete online training while on the Medical roll

"Finally, the Union argues that Officer Zulfic was in Ambulatory status, and E03-01 states that Officers "... in Ambulatory Recuperation status will complete their eLearning training within the required time frame or within 96 hours of notification that an eLearning training module is past the deadline." However, in aggravation, it is clear that Sgt. Griffin gave Officer Zulfic a Direct Order to complete his Ethics Training no later than [date]. It is fundamental that Officers must comply with Direct Orders. When unable to comply, the Officer must notify a Supervisor. In the instant case, there is no evidence that Officer Zulfic notified a superior Officer that he was unable to comply with Sgt. Griffin's Order."

Quote from 8-page arbitration decision re: Sending co-worker harassing material, and misusing workplace address

"I find that Officer Nunez's willingness to take responsibility for her actions, along with Wood's letter retracting her complaint are significant mitigating factors, but they do not entirely absolve her of her actions."

Quote from the 7-page arbitration decision re: Discard two bags of cannabis into sewer, no ISR

"Having found that Officer Lopez committed the relevant errors, I must determine whether the 5-day suspension was appropriate under the circumstances. I must first consider the seriousness of the violations. It is clear that Officers are required to follow the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department. In the instant case, Officer Lopez did not comply with the Department Rules specified above on October 5, 2021. Officer Lopez failed to prepare an ISR and discarded the evidence into the sewer. The destruction of evidence is a serious consideration."

Quote from the 8-page arbitration decision re: Sending unwanted text to non-department member from an alleged "concealed" number:

"After a review of all the evidence in this case, while I find that Officer Jonesx did engage in the inappropriate activity, I do find that the 25-day suspension was too severe under the circumstances and should be reduced to 15 days. I make this determination based on the delay of the Investigation by COPA, Officer Jones' prior record, and the severity of the recommended penalty."

Quote from the 5-page arbitration decision re: Fail to create an event for an alleged missing habitual run-away teen

"I note that while the record shows that there were other Department desk personnel on duty at the time in addition to Officer Figueroa, it was Officer Figueroa who handled the call from [the caller] at 0115 hours. I also note that the relevant section of the Special Order states, "When District desk personnel receive a telephonic request for police service regarding a missing person, desk personnel will ..." (emphasis added). The fact that there were other personnel, including a Sergeant, on desk duty along with Officer Figueroa, and that she told others at the desk that the juvenile had run off, does not exonerate her failure to have ensured that a PCAD event was immediately created."

Understanding How Retirement Impacts Your Benefits



MONICA ORTIZ

At FOP, we are here to support you. We often receive questions from officers who retire and realize that certain benefits have been impacted. I, too, have gained a better understanding of these topics and want to share this knowledge with you. While I may not be an expert, I will provide information that could be helpful. I will also provide you with the names and numbers of individuals in the department you can contact for assistance, so you can be reassured that support is always available.

Flexible Spending Account

Use it or lose it. When you retire, your flexible spending account will end. You'll be reimbursed for any eligible expenses incurred before your retirement date. Any remaining funds in the account will be forfeited and returned to the employer. It's important to note that costs incurred after your retirement date are not eligible for reimbursement under the flexible spending account. This means you should plan your expenses accordingly to avoid losing funds. The IRS requires that any money left in your account at the end of the year be forfeited after a grace period. For 2024, the grace period ends on March 15, 2025. You'll have until March 31, 2025, to submit your 2024 expenses.

Medical coverage when relocating out of state

For members moving out of state, please call benefits management and Blue Cross Blue Shield to ask questions about coverage when you have an HMO. If you have an HMO and plan on being a snowbird temporarily living out of your home or leaving the state,

please call Blue Cross Blue Shield to verify your coverage out of the state of Illinois. Consider switching to a PPO plan. The benefits service center at 1-877-299-5111 can help you with coverage inquiries. If you have questions about coverage, you can also call BCBS at 1-800-772-6895 for PPO coverage or 1-800-730-8504 for HMO coverage.

Submitting a PAR form for Retirement

It's important to note that your PAR form must be submitted by midnight on Sept. 30, 2024, to retire in 2025. This ensures that your retirement process is on time. If you are choosing to retire at age 55 to 59, members MUST select staggered payments for compensatory time to qualify for the insurance at 3.5 percent of your annuity. For members retiring at the end of the year, keep in mind that you must retire no later than Nov. 29, or you will lose a COLA. Officers retiring on the 15th will receive their first pension check in approximately six weeks, and officers retiring on the first of the month will receive their first pension check in approximately eight weeks from the date of retirement.

Go to The Wire for more information on retirement and the retirement process. Under the human resources division, you will find this information. I've covered only a couple of points. If you have more questions, contact benefits management, human resource division, or Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund.

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DNC

Now that the DNC is over, we can get back to our regularly scheduled program (kidding). I have to mention a few different things regarding the DNC. This membership is, as always, a top-notch, first-class membership. The membership showed on the national stage what it is to be "City of the Big Shoulders." I have heard from so many civilians that they were so proud of their Chicago police officers. You still make the city's heartbeat.

I have to mention the cooking and fraternalism that we did to serve the membership. This is one of the most humble and grateful acts we can do to serve the members. Each time we were able to feed hundreds of officers before their long tour. A hot meal and some good conversation can go a long way before hitting the streets for 12 hours. Thank you for allowing us to serve you in each capacity whether it's contractually or fraternally.

Labor Front

On the labor front, I am currently in discussions with the department on ways to improve the 11th district's decaying building. I have been in talks with them for quite a while now. It appears that the city will not replace this building, which is the most logical thing to do. So, the fight continues on.

I have also been in talks with getting CPD vehicles back to the districts faster. It seems that not having enough cars in the

district is getting much worse (not a shocker, I know). So, I will keep you posted on this consistent issue as it goes.

Attrition Rate

I have talked about attrition for years. Serving in the military for many years, I understood this on a very personal level. As of the month of July, we have had 367 new hires. This year we also have 398 retirees. This has been the city's and CPD's constant struggle for years. We have averaged around 547 retirees per year since 2019. From 2014 to 2018, we averaged 429 retirees. That is a telling number. In 2019, we had 13,353 sworn members. That number at the end of 2023 was 11,850. When you lose anywhere from 12 percent to 15 percent of your workforce, work doesn't go too well.

Big Surprise

My fiancé and I went to a place to do some hiking and enjoy the nature scene here in Illinois. Well, my vehicle started acting up and to my surprise it stalled on us right on the ramp. So, I am attempting to push the vehicle to the nearest gas station, which is not far off the ramp, when all of a sudden, I look up and there are about 10 people asking if I need help. By that point the vehicle finally started, and my fiancé drove to a gas station. I could not help but think of how nice people really are. **JUST REMEMBER, BECAUSE ITS EASY TO FORGET IN OUR PROFESSION, PEOPLE ARE STILL GOOD.**

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CPD 16" Softball Championship Trophy Returns Home to South Chicago



JIM JAKSTAVICH

Hello again officers, both active and retired. I recently had the pleasure of meeting up with the 004th District CPD Softball League champions at Reilly's Daughter to celebrate their victory. The 004th District Team, led by their gallant and intrepid leader, Tact Lt. Martin Loughney, defeated the Area South Team in the playoffs with ease. The other playoff bracket was the Illinois State Police Team (ISP) who played the Intelligence Section Team (IS). The ISP team went on to beat the Intel Team in the playoffs. What appears to be a longstanding rivalry between 004th District, and the Intel Team prompted some conspiracies of whether the 004th District team had a few "ringers" that weren't even coppers. The 004th District Team, unrattled by the taunts of "he's on CFD, he's a f@%&*# fireman" maintained their composure as if they had ice running through their veins and went on to a trouncing championship victory over the Illinois State Police Team (ISP). The final score being 11 - 4.

Lt. Loughney was presented a victory cigar in the beer garden at Reilly's Daughter by his team. The 004th District team mentioned to me that this victory over ISP for the champi-



onship made it six in a row for them now. They likened themselves to the Chicago Bulls Championship team of the 1990s. They attributed their team's success to their cohesiveness, youth, Twisted Teas, and Commander Keith Milmine! They did mention to me that if anyone wanted to visit the CPD 16" Softball Championship Trophy, it will be proudly displayed in the 004th District, again!



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Working with Rep. Mary Gill and Sen. Bill Cunningham, we have passed House Bill 4460, which will uniformly require marriage or couple counseling as an insurance benefit. It will impact every level of policing, including municipal departments, sheriff's departments, the Illinois State Police, and more. Firefighters and paramedics employed by fire departments will also receive the benefit. HB 4460 received bipartisan support and was recently signed into law by Governor Pritzker. HB4460 takes effect Jan. 1, 2025.

"Our first responders and their families experience significant stress every day due to the unique nature of their work," Gill said. "It's critical that they can access a support network that promotes their well-being and is beneficial for their health in the long term. This measure will help more first responders receive that support."



Pictured are Representative Gill, Mary, Kathleen McShane, owner of Begin Within Therapy Services in Chicago, and Senator Cunningham.

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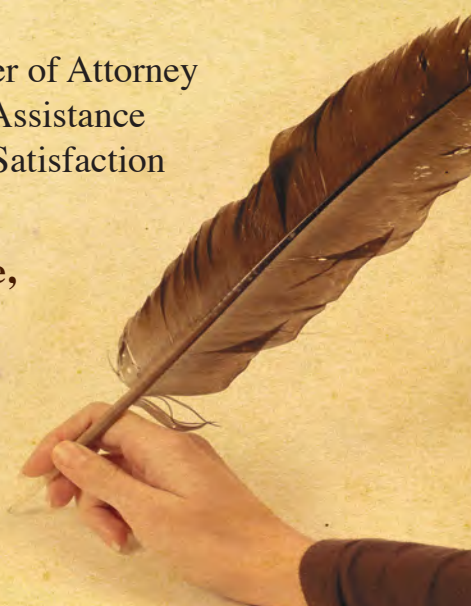


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Make Time for Rest and Recovery After the DNC



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I must say, it was good to see the City's organizations come together to make the craziness of the DNC tolerable. Your FOP staff, Illinois FOP, CPD, CFD, EAP, CCSP, CCDC, streets and sanitation, and others worked with the cohesive purpose of providing our troops with avid support to ensure they were cared for while they protected our city.

Some politicians made it a priority to stop by and say hello. I saw state Sen. Wille Preston (D-16), the stylish state Sen. Kambium Buckner (D-26), and state Rep. Mary Gill (D-35) Aldermen Peter Chico, Anthony Napolitano, and Silvana Tabares rolled up their sleeves and personally served our members from the Lodge 7 food truck with President Catanzara. Sen. John Curran (R-41) sent us cookies. Everyone was in on the mission! Even Tom Ahern did more than his media relations work. Tom, we saw you assist our members, and we appreciate you. Special thanks to the Army National Guard for their protection assistance.

Now it is time to shake off the DNC residue and get back to operations. Be sure to make time for your physical health. After weeks of stress, canceled days off and extended work hours your body needs rest and recuperation. Have an ache with a cause that you can't pinpoint? It's likely stress. Getting adequate rest will allow the body to repair and recover. Rest helps muscles heal, reduces inflammation, and boosts overall physical recovery. Relaxation can help reduce stress levels, alleviate anxiety, and improve your mood. Relaxation also gives the mind a break from constant stimulation and pressure, like what most of you experienced during the DNC. Taking time for rest and relaxation is a form of self-care. It allows individuals to prioritize their well-being and recharge their emotional reserves. Therefore, find time to re-energize so that you have the motivation to effectively tackle the tasks and challenges our profession requires. As always, stay safe!

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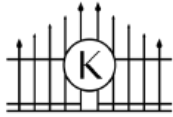
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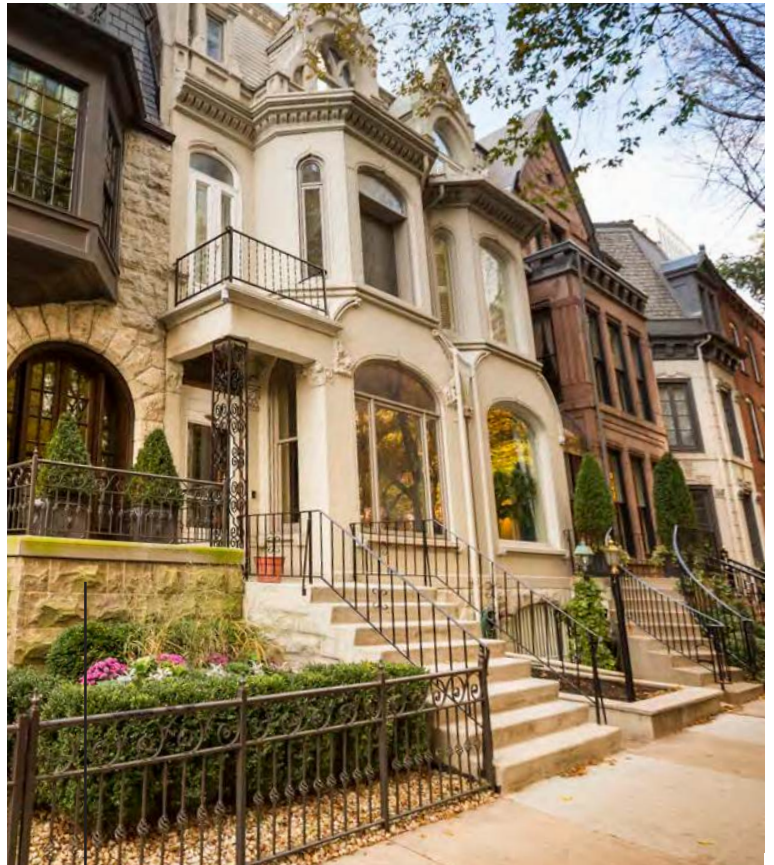
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Enough is Enough



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As many of you who read this magazine know, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) has been running wild over the past several years, especially under the control and leadership of Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten. Instead of complying with its mission statement, Chief Administrator Kersten and her cohorts have intentionally and systematically conducted unconstitutional, biased, and untimely investigations, and various Chicago Police Department Superintendents have accepted the recommendations from such unconstitutional, biased, and untimely investigations. The city of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department are well aware of this conduct. Instead of correcting COPA's behavior, the city has condoned it.

Let's first review what COPA is legally authorized to do. Initially, as stated in the ordinance, COPA's overall purpose is as follows:

The mission of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability is to conduct investigations within its jurisdiction with integrity, transparency, independence, and timeliness. The goal of every COPA investigation is to determine whether allegations of misconduct are well-founded, applying a preponderance of the evidence standard; to identify and address patterns of police misconduct; and, based on information obtained through such investigations, to make policy recommendations to improve the Chicago Police Department and thereby reduce incidents of police misconduct.

Next, a significant public policy of the ordinance is to provide a "just and efficient means to fairly and timely conduct investigations within its jurisdiction."

According to COPA's Rules and Regulations, investigators are required to remain "independent" when performing their duties. Specifically:

COPA strives to conduct investigations with the highest level of integrity and independence in order to make findings based on a thorough review of the evidence and accurate legal analysis, without regard for political influence.

After years of leadership under Chief Administrator Kersten and countless arbitration awards in which COPA's actions and the city's subsequent disciplinary actions against police officers have been found unlawful, the lodge had no choice but to take action.

On Aug. 18, 2024, the lodge, along with many individual officers, filed a Section 1983 lawsuit not only against COPA, Chief Administrator Kersten, and several of her staff members, but also against the city of Chicago, the Chicago Police Department, and various superintendents. The lawsuit alleges that all the "defendants" have violated police officers' federal civil rights, which are guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The defendants' individual and collective conduct have resulted in unlawful violations under color of state law of police officers' individual and collective constitutional rights not to be deprived of their life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

In essence, each of the named police officer plaintiffs allege that COPA conducted untimely, biased, and unfair investigations, which the police department (acting through its superintendents) then used to uphold excessive disciplinary recommendations. Further, COPA publishes the results (or its "final reports") of such investigations on its portal to the detriment of the police officers. Once the final reports are uploaded, they become accessible to the public and are never revised—even when ordered to do so by various arbitrators.

The complaint sets out in detail numerous examples of how COPA's investigators engage in the knowing and unlawful practice of fabricating facts to support their findings. Often, the fabricated facts have been contradicted by the actual evidence ascertained during the investigation, which the investigators and, ultimately, Chief Administrator Kersten and the superintendents, ignore.

Among its failures, as alleged in the complaint, COPA has: failed to investigate allegations of misconduct sufficiently; failed to record witness statements promptly or preserve evidence; failed to interview the suspected officer promptly; recommended excessive discipline of officers where the complaint is sustained; fabricated evidence in order to sustain allegations; disregarded and/or concealed exculpatory evidence which exonerates the officer; and ignored or dismissed evidence which discredits testimony of complainant or witnesses to sustain allegations.

Litigation will be a long and drawn-out process. The lodge is committed to ensuring that the named-plaintiff police officers, as well as those other officers who have been impacted by COPA's actions, are protected.

Personally, we would like to thank the brave police officers who have agreed to be part of this lawsuit. The lodge could not have been able to file this cause of action without them.



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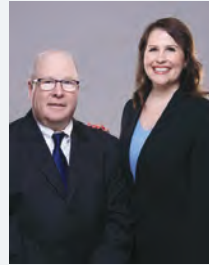
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Investigatory Stop Reports



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The level fixation that COPA can have on things is unlike a teenager falling in and out of love. It seems like every month they find a general order that is so perfect in their minds that it must be found to fit into every complaint filed. It seems they have recently targeted the Investigatory Stop Report or ISR. The ISR has become all the rage at 1615 West Chicago. We all know it must be completed but in the world of busy days and all that is important, it can be missed. While most working cops know that it is a report that must be filled out sometimes, we get forgetful. But COPA doesn't see it that way, and what used to be a reprimand, or one-day suspension is turning into a regular 15-to-30-day suspension. It's all fun and games until you must give the city of Chicago 30 days of your paycheck. There is no reason to give them this advantage as it is a self-inflicted wound. Always remember that COPA does not believe that officers just miss things by accident, but rather every minor violation is a coverup of some great conspiracy. There is no medicine available to fix or abate their paranoia, but we can protect ourselves.

As always, you must know and understand what an ISR is. The ISR can be found at S04-13-09. The ISR is not some revolutionary Fourth Amendment interaction. It has been around and used by law enforcement for 60-plus years. The investigatory stop is what came from the famous United States Supreme Court case of Terry v. Ohio and is commonly referred to as a Terry Stop. There are three types of encounters a law enforcement officer can have with a citizen. The first is consensual in which the person is not detained and can simply walk away if they so desire. An officer in this type of encounter has no authority to detain them without running afoul of the Fourth Amendment. The second encounter is actual probable cause. That person is essentially under arrest. The third, and what the ISR speaks to, is reasonable articulable suspicion. The order states that an ISR is "the temporary detention and questioning of a person in the vicinity where the person was stopped based on Reasonable Articulable Suspicion that the person is committing, is about to commit, or has committed a criminal offense." The magical words are reasonable articulable suspicion or "RAS." The first thing you need to look to is the "A" or articulable. Articulable means you can actually state a fact, not a conclusion. The person matched the description of the assailant, the person has the imprint of a gun in his pocket, or the person is in a poorly lit area behind a closed building concealing them-

selves. These are facts you can state that a court would grant you the right to make a detention. Reasonable, which defines almost everything in the law, is based upon what is considered just, rational, appropriate, or ordinary under the circumstances and all logical people of similar experience would agree with. Suspicion is the totality of what you see and what you know as a law enforcement officer. It looks to the reasonable facts and inferences that support the belief that the person was or is about to be involved with a crime. It is a little more than a hunch but less than actual probable cause. Obviously, you cannot use race or any other illegal criteria to come up with RAS. It is kind of like how the United States Supreme Court identifies pornography - you know it when you see it.

If you have RAS you may investigate which allows you to briefly detain the person to either alleviate your concern or to confirm that you should continue your investigation and detention. Under Terry, if you have established RAS, you can conduct a quick protective pat down for officer safety if you feel that the subject is or could be dangerous and thus possess a weapon. You can also briefly handcuff the person or control their movements during this encounter. Once your investigation has ended and you have eliminated any of your beliefs, the person is released or allowed to go on their merry way. This encounter will require you to complete the Investigatory Stop Report. You can complete that on the scene or at a time in the future before the end of your shift. That is where the problem occurs as some officers will forget and thus not complete the form or document the stop. Don't forget the ISR receipt. According to the special order, "upon the completion of an Investigatory Stop that involves a Protective Pat Down or any

other search, sworn members are required to provide the subject of the stop a completed

Investigatory Stop Receipt." Any investigatory stop that leads to an arrest requires the completion of the ISR. One of the pitfalls that officers are falling into is the "subject refused the ISR receipt." That is fine, but you better make sure you have that on BWC. COPA is digging through the BWCs and will look to see if it was offered before the refusal. Tactically, they don't understand that some of these persons are upset and become aggressive. The last thing you want to do is to prolong the encounter as nothing good can come from the continuation. However, nobody ever claimed that COPA would ever view things through safety and reasonableness.

What I find interesting is the entire idea of the ISR. The ISR system is the child of the old "Contact Card." The con-

tact card, which many of our newer members have never heard of, was born of a system to help solve crimes. To try and find known associates, where people hang out, and to find patterns. It was a real good tool for investigations for law enforcement. COPA has taken this tool to use it as a basis to discipline and to ding officers. If you are a working officer, you will briefly detain people. It is your job to be nosey. COPA doesn't care about crime solving. Their concerns are to find misconduct and thus they align themselves, intentional or not, with the criminal element. To that we say, fine, enjoy your perceived mandate. However, we do not want to give them our hard-earned money. So, remember those ISRs, and you can keep every penny.



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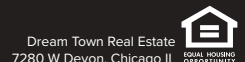
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An Update from Springfield



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Now that the governor has acted on all bills from the spring 2024 session, here is an update from around the state leading up to veto session, which is scheduled for the two weeks prior to Thanksgiving week. The state fair and all of the politics of Democrat and Republican day, as well as the RNC and DNC are behind us, which leads to a final march to Election Day on Nov. 5, 2024. We were pleased that so many legislators took time to visit police officers

in the parking lot of Comiskey during the DNC to thank the police as they protected the city. We had a few dozen senators and representatives stop by including House Speaker Chris Welch and Senate Republican Leader John Curran.

Both chambers are scheduled for session from Nov. 12 to Nov. 14 and Nov. 19 to Nov. 21. Additionally, legislators have been directed to keep Jan. 2 to Jan. 7 open for possible lame duck session dates. As a reminder, on Jan. 1, the voting requirement for immediate implementation of statutory changes becomes only a simple majority vote, rather than a three-fifths majority. The inauguration ceremony for the 104th General Assembly is set for noon on Jan. 8, 2025.

COGFA's June briefing included: FY24 general funds totaled \$52.589 billion, which is nearly identical to COGFA's most recent forecast and \$545 million below the FY23 total.

Despite the weak receipts in May and June, the state's general revenues still overperformed the original FY24 revenue estimate by \$1.96 billion, for a final total of \$52.589 billion for the year compared to \$50.611 billion, which was the revenue forecast adopted in May 2023. This final total is also \$350 million higher than the governor's office's February 2024 revised estimate. The FY25 budget assumes \$53.1 billion in general fund revenues, which is \$511 million, or just shy of a 1 percent increase from the final FY24 total.

After a long wait, Illinois signed a partnership agreement with the federal government allowing construction of the \$1.15 billion Brandon Road Inter-basin project to begin in 2025. The inter-basin project will become the last line of defense to stop invasive silver and bighead carp from making it into Lake Michigan. The federal government will pay 90 percent of the costs associated with the project's construction. The House Health Care Licenses Committee heard testimony regarding whether to allow pharmacists to test and treat patients. Language expanding the scope of practice for pharmacists was not approved by the committee but included in the Medicaid Omnibus bill and became law. The language permits pharmacists to test and treat SARS-CoV-2, respiratory syncytial virus, strep, and lice. The committee also met in July to discuss the topic of pharmacy benefit managers. In other news, the Senate Transportation Committee is currently holding a series of hearings on state of public transit. Future hearings are

scheduled for: Aug. 28, Sept. 18, and Oct. 16.

The Chicago Bally's Casino is also on track despite rumors that the project was in trouble. Illinois also expanded the Production Tax Credit Program to cover unscripted TV formats in hopes of luring in more talk show and game show productions to the state. The new law allows national talk shows, contest-based shows and other non-scripted shows to earn the Film Production Services Tax Credit. An economic impact study by the Illinois Production Alliance determined the tax credit generates the state's economy \$6.81 for each dollar in tax credits. Illinois generated more than \$3.6 billion in economic activity from 2017 to 2022.

IL EPA Director John Kim announced his departure from the agency. Director Kim has been an asset in Illinois since he started his career with EPA in 1994 and led the agency since 2019. The current Deputy Director, James Jennings, will serve as interim director. In addition, the EPA approved over \$43 million in principal forgiveness loans for 17 individual communities to replace lead service lines, and over \$32 million in no interest loans to replace lead service lines in the following communities: Batavia, Brookfield, Elgin, Lincolnwood, Rockford, and Waukegan. While the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced \$18 million in funding for the fourth round of the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program to provide training opportunities and boost diversity in the construction industry and building trades. The Illinois Pollution Control Board (PCB) received a rule making proposal from several environmental organizations requesting the PCB adopt three California vehicle emissions regulations, specifically the regulation that prohibits the sale of gas and diesel motor vehicles. The Board ordered a hearing on the requested rule, and asked DCEO to provide a study on the economic impact of the potential rule by the end of August. The IL Department of Labor conducted its prevailing wage survey and posted new rates on July 15. Now that the prevailing wage rates have been posted, anyone had an opportunity to object in writing by Aug. 14. Every objection filed will be heard before an administrative law judge. After a series of ICC decisions in 2024, largely denying gas company rate increase requests, the commission continues to engage in proceedings on the future of natural gas. These public hearing continue through 2024.

After securing \$500 million in the budget, the state signed the Quantum Research MOU. Illinois and the U.S. Department of Defense's Advanced Research Projects Agency signed an MOU to establish a program to test quantum computing prototypes in Illinois. The IL Attorney General Kwame Raoul has also been hard at work securing two recent settlements: CVS pharmacy benefit manager has agreed to pay Illinois \$45 million in a settlement over allegations it failed to pass along drug rebates, and an \$86 million settlement with opioid manufacturer Indivior for an \$86 million settlement.

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On Dec. 22, 2022, 022nd District officers assigned to first watch responded to a call of a “person shot” at the location of Halsted St & the I-57 expressway. Calls were made by passersby that a man was shot in the neck, and he was sitting on the Halsted ramp at I-57. The officers located the victim lying next to his vehicle, bleeding profusely from his neck. The officers notified EMS and sprang into action calling on their LEMART training. The officers immediately improvised by utilizing a shirt they retrieved from their squad car and placed it over the victim’s injury to curb the bleeding. As the officers assisted the victim he began to go into shock, shaking and

losing consciousness. The officers repositioned the victim and continued talking with him to help maintain his consciousness. CFD Ambulance No.72 finally arrived on scene and transported the victim to Christ Hospital. The victim’s life was spared due to the officers quick thinking and resourcefulness. Since this incident happened on the expressway and ISP handled the paper, this did not increase the decrease in the uptick in violent crimes reported in Chicago.

It is with great appreciation that Chicago John Dineen Lodge #7 presents these officers with the Life Saving Award.

Chicago Lodge 7 Awards



On Sept. 5, 2021, officers aware of recent gang activity and ShotSpotter reports in the area responded to an on-view gang disturbance at the location of Diversey and Milwaukee avenues. The officers observed a male offender put on a ski mask and exit the vehicle he was sitting inside. The offender began asking a group of nearby pedestrians if they were “GD or Royals.” The male offender was positioned in a stance as if he was armed with a handgun. As R/Os approached, the offender looked in their direction and fled back into the vehicle and the three pedestrians fled from the scene. The officers were able to curb the vehicle at which time the offender did not comply and show his hands, only stating “shoot me, shoot me,” to the officers. The offender was finally placed into custody without incident and a loaded Glock 26 9mm handgun was recovered from an area of control of the offender. The offender was transported to 014 and charged with armed habitual criminal but quickly released on bond.

Due to this never-ending gang violence the FBI Task Force began monitoring the Spanish Cobras street gang under Project Safe Neighborhoods, charging local gun arrests federally. On Feb. 28, 2022, this same offender, now out on bond, was escorted from Swedish Covenant Hospital by security when he stated, “I got something for you.” The offender fired several rounds at the direction of the security staff. The offender was caught by 020th District officers and charged with aggravated assault, reckless discharge, and armed habitual criminal. Although no weapon was recovered at the time of the offender’s arrest, the federal task force utilized the federal statute of felon in possession of ammunition with the spent shell casings recovered at the scene, and the offender was charged federally for his crimes.

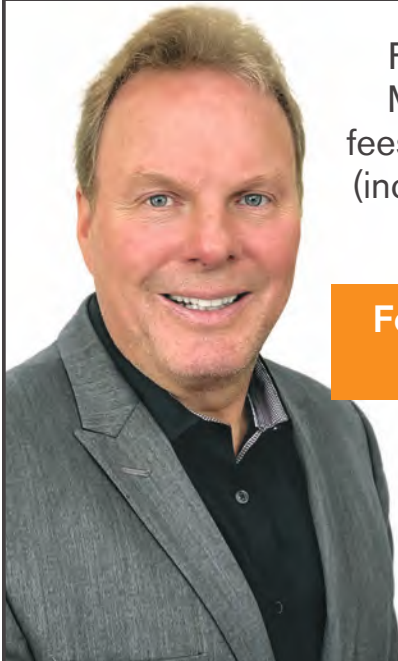
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It came and it went, the DNC is over. What a great job by all! Thank you! Your chaplains were out there with you on the front lines, and stood with you. We are honored and blessed to have each of you in our flock. A special thanks to your families for their love and support. Some of you missed some special moments with your families, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, and other moments that will never return. For that we say thank you for your sacrifice and may the good Lord reciprocate to you and bless you! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

So how many times has this happened to you? You wake up in the morning to the news from the clock radio and pull the blanket over your head and say to yourself same news another day. Politicians fighting with each other. Overseas, terrorists are bombing each other and there's violence on our own streets. This all makes us ask, "Is this happening here?" Then we get out of bed, get a cup of coffee, and open the newspaper and it's Groundhog Day all over again. The crime, violence, and challenges of life kind of make you want to climb back into bed. Then you ask yourself, "Can I, as one person, make a difference?" Can one person make a difference in this big world? The answer came to me the other day, as I was visiting one of our members in the hospital. She said to me "Rabbi, a person should never get discouraged with all that happens around them." The important thing is to remember, that each of us CAN and DO make a difference. She continued, "Let me share with you the following story and please share this with your flock."

"The Daffodil Principle"

Several times my daughter had telephoned me to say, "Mother, you must come visit and see the daffodils before the season is over."

I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Chicago to Wisconsin. "I will come next Tuesday," I promised, a little reluctantly, on her third call. Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised that I would visit, so I drove to Wisconsin.

When I finally walked into my daughter Betsy's house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren, I said, "Forget the daffodils Betsy, it's too rough to travel, the road is invisible in the clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!" My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in these conditions all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home," I assured her.

Betsy said, "I was hoping you'd take me over to the garage to pick up my car."

"How far will we have to drive?" I asked? "Just a few blocks" Betsy answered.

After driving for several minutes, I had to ask, "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!"

"We're going to my garage the long way," Betsy smiled. "By way of the daffodils."

"Betsy," I said sternly, "please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about 20 minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road, and I

saw a small farmhouse. On the far side of the house, I saw a handwritten sign that read, "Daffodil Garden."

We got out of the car and each took a child's hand, and I followed Betsy down the path. Then, we turned a corner of the path, and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons, and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon, pink, saffron, and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"But who has done this?" I asked Betsy.

"It's just one woman," Betsy answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home."

Betsy pointed to a well-kept a-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster, "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Going To Ask," was the headline. The first answer was a simple one, "60,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain. The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

There it was, "The Daffodil Principle."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than 40 years before, had begun, one bulb at a time to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had changed the world. This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of ineffable (indescribable) magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught, is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time – often just one baby step at a time – and learning to love the doing, and learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We CAN make a difference in our small world.

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Betsy. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal 35 or 40 years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years. Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way.

"Start tomorrow," she said. "It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays."

End of story.

The way to make learning a lesson of celebration, instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

We ALL have our challenges, trials and tribulations, but the question is, how can we go forward and make a difference? The answer is, stop waiting for the "Until".....

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Until summer, until spring, until winter, until fall, until you die.

There is no better time than right now to be happy. Happiness is a journey, not a destination. So, work as if you don't need the money. Love as if you have never been hurt. DANCE! - as if no one is watching. Sing as if no one is listening and live like it's heaven on earth!

Thanks for going out there every day and doing G-d's work, it's Holy and noble. Our city is most grateful and appreciative to each of you, for your dedication and devotion, our city couldn't survive without you, each of you make a difference.

And before we close a bit of humor from the "Moshe files" to keep you smiling.

The Speeding Driver: A man is speeding down a highway when he gets pulled over by a cop. The officer comes up to the car and says, "Do you have any idea how fast you were going?" The man replies, "I'm sorry officer, I was rushing to a lecture about the negative impacts of alcohol abuse and the importance of staying within the law." Intrigued, the officer asks, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man smirks and says, "My wife."

The Optimistic Son: A man was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another worm in a glass of whiskey. The worm in the water lived, while the one in the whiskey curled up and died. "All right, son," asked the father, "what does that show you?" "Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you will not have worms."

Remember Moshe's rule, "find something to everyday to make you laugh, even if you have to look in the mirror!"

On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care. Amen. Should you need an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean on, (or perhaps have some good humor to share, I know you have some good jokes, send a copy my way) please do not hesitate to give us a call. Available 24/7, all of us are listed in your FOP book. And don't forget to visit our website: www.chicagopcm.org

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FATHER DAN BRANDT

Our other chaplains and I were out during last month's Democratic National Convention, where we witnessed first-class policing by well-trained professionals. I was proud of you in the field and enjoyed being in your company each day, handing out water and Gatorade and reminding you as often as I could that YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK! Here, I had a chance for some rest with officers at the IBEW Local 134 union hall in Bronzeville.

Looking ahead: On Saturday, Sept. 21, the Brotherhood for The Fallen's annual Blue Tie Gala takes place at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont. Get your tickets before they sell out (available on the Brotherhood's website). This year I again have the pleasure of co-hosting the event with my dear friend Suzanne LeMignot from CBS Channel 2.



I'll be celebrating a Blue Mass on St. Michael's feast day on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island and later that day at noon at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Orland Park.

On the following Sunday, Oct. 6, at 10:30 a.m., I have the honor of celebrating Blue Mass at "Chicago's Mother Church," Holy Name Cathedral downtown.

For many years, this has been an annual tradition at these parishes and dozens of others throughout the city and suburbs.

We remain grateful for their support of — and prayers for — the law enforcement family!

As always, ALL are welcome (no matter your faith) to join us in praying with and for our officers at these Blue Masses. You can find more information about them on our website's home page.

Please join us for an upscale afternoon happy hour event at Orso's (1401 N. Wells Street in Old Town) on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A \$100 donation to Police Chaplains Ministry gets you three hours of open bar and "heavy" appetizers — in other words: DINNER! Tickets are limited and can be purchased on our website.

Finally, if the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your FOP directory under "Chaplains") are cellphones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website. As is the case with EAP, you can be assured of our non-judgmental confidentiality.



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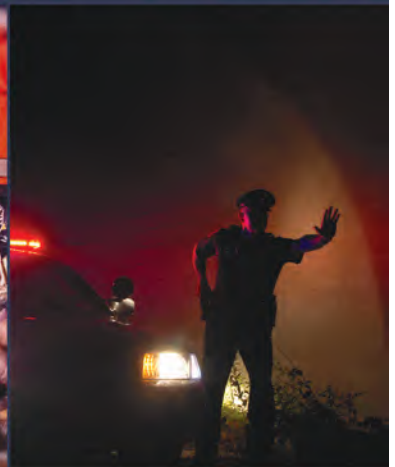
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DNC week shows the best of the best from Chicago Police Officers and Chicago Lodge 7

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As Chicago Police Officers neared completion of a DNC week that showcased their unparalleled prowess and professionalism, an almost unprecedented show of support could be heard. Near Chicago Lodge 7's respite hub, set up 24/7 near the CPD command center at Guaranteed Rate Field, Superintendent Larry Snelling conveyed a dramatic message.

"I heard a roll call where he told all the bosses, 'This has nothing to do with you. This has to do with the men and women,'" related Mike Cosentino, the Lodge 7 field rep who helped man the service station at the park. But it was the next statement from the supe that truly defined the success of this incredible week.

"And you better make them happy," Cos reported that Snelling ordered. And he said the supe continued, "Because that's your job as a supervisor. Not to fuck them over, but to make them happy."

With the world watching and a swarm of international news media waiting to report the slightest hiccup, if not a f---up, from Chicago Police Officers, they were flawless during the week of the Democratic National Convention. Worthy of praise and recognition that came even from Democrats speaking from the podium at the DNC.

Snelling's we've-got-your-back statement also acknowledged the magnitude of a week that included the supreme support system Chicago Lodge 7 has built for times like these. With hubs set up at Guaranteed Rate Field, Malcom X College right next to the United Center, which housed the DNC, and the Chicago FOP Hall, the Lodge's devotion to the well-being of members featured five services a day of meals, starting at 10 a.m. and ending around midnight.

As well all-day and all-night rest stops, refueling with coffee, snacks and you name it, and even restrooms members working the string of 12-hour tours on the convention front lines couldn't otherwise find. In other words, the nonstop small stuff that made a big impact.

"Getting stuff lined up, provisions, there was always something to go shopping for supply-wise. And then all the prep time," Lodge 7 President John Catanzara detailed about the endless 14-hour-plus tours he and the FOP team worked during DNC

week. Executive board members, trustees and staff relentlessly fulfilled the commitment that has been the standard for Lodge 7 the past four years.

If officers have their RDOs canceled, the Lodge team cancels theirs. If officers are assigned to 12-hour tours, the Lodge team members go 12-plus. And members saw that and felt it full force during the DNC.

"Most of us up here, we're street coppers. We don't mind getting our hands dirty," related Lodge 7 First Vice President Mike Mette, who led ops at the FOP Hall. "We might not be on the front lines with you, but we'll be rolling, doing whatever we can to make sure you guys are taken care of."

Week moments

On Aug. 16, the Friday before the official start of the DNC, intel spreading through the City indicated that up to 100,000 protesters might show up in Chicago. Other forecasts speculated about whether this DNC could turn into something like the riots, confrontations, injuries and ugliness of the 1968 DNC in Chicago.

But Mette reported that only a couple of thousand protesters mustered inside Union Park right near the Lodge.

"The good majority of them were actually people who just wanted to air their grievances. So it wasn't that bad," he added.

And aside from the ruckus outside the Israeli consulate on Tuesday night of convention week, there was no chaos. As anybody watching saw, the only incident remotely approaching out-of-control came when protesters took down a piece of fencing on the convention perimeter.

In fact, Cos said the only instability came with federal agencies moving things around the first few days and changing the number of officers and agents in the deployment.

"The bosses did a real good job for the late notice of being able to deploy these people," he observed. "Yeah, it was chaotic, but you know what? Everybody came together, everybody handled it. These guys, these policemen, are dog-ass tired, but the troops were fantastic. Everybody made it through. Everybody did a great, great, great, great job."

Mette concurred, adding only that he noticed that working 12-hour days for a week straight was grueling for members. David DiSanti, chair of the Lodge 7 trustees and the FOP man about

town working at the hall and the Guaranteed Rate command center and being Catanzara's wingman at Malcom X, confirmed that he didn't hear one complaint.

"The motivation, the morale, was beyond belief. To a man, people had the right attitude," DiSanti confirmed. "I mean, the officers were beyond professional."

Week links

A view of the way Chicago Police Officers excelled during the DNC came from what Mette saw when protesters made their move. They emerged from Union Park, marched toward the United Center and aired their feelings with some volume.

But when protesters came back to the park, several hundred officers met them with a stance indicative of their approach to this week. Mette characterized it as a presence that let protesters know that if they wanted to start something, the force was ready.

"I was joking with some of the officers that night saying, 'CPD won the stare-down contest.' They all left peacefully, and it was a good night," Mette continued. "Tuesday night, obviously you had your fights downtown by the Israeli consulate. Even then, we outnumbered the protesters and especially the bad ones."

And although the incident in front of the Israeli consulate led to some physical contact and some arrests, Mette noticed that the media reported not seeing anything egregious. And that reporting included almost textbook language about the use of force as being necessary to effect the arrests.

"It was like they read some TRRs," Mette quipped.

DiSanti wanted to accentuate how important that night and the entire week were to the public view of Chicago Police Officers.

"We treated people with respect, and we showed what it means to be a police officer in the 21st century," he declared. "That night at the Israeli consulate... I can't think of any metaphor to truly explain how proud and how professional the Chicago Police Department handled themselves that night. I mean, the superintendent being on the front lines, that was huge."

Ah yes, the superintendent. Lodge 7 leaders gave Snelling equally high performance marks, especially with the way he set the tone for the entire white-shirt brigade. This was particularly impactful for the large contingent of young and new members on the job, perhaps even heralding a new way of policing for the Department that can ease the feeling that officers always need to



be leery of their every move.

"For the first time in a long time, there was leadership," Cos accentuated.

Mette said he sent Snelling a message the day after the DNC ended that might be valuable for members to hear about how the supe made a lasting impact.

"I think it was uplifting to see him on the front lines with officers during times that the protesters did try to get a little bit violent, including on day one, when they popped the fence," Mette shared. "Just to let everybody know, 'Hey, if you have to put hands on somebody, you have to put hands on somebody. It doesn't mean you have to beat the crap out of anybody, but you can't be afraid to take people into custody.'"

Week in

The world was not alone in watching all that went into the week that was. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) had a tent set up on site, apparently ready to respond to those fateful incidents.

They never came, of course. In fact, the final number of complaints, according to Mette, was less than 10. Which he hoped sent another message.

"To have that many officers involved and having so few complaints, it's job well done all the way around," he explained. "And it would be nice for COPA to take a step back and realize just how wrong some of their ideas are about what this Department is."

City Council and many state elected officials watched up close. Lodge 7 put out a call to the politicians to join Lodge 7's support system, and Cos related that the phones were ringing off the hook asking what they could do to help. Two of the mainstays from the council, of course, were Chicago Police Officer



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Peter Chico and retired Chicago Police Officer Anthony Napolitano, who joined Alder Silvana Tabares in cooking and serving food at the Guaranteed Rate hub.

The roll call of others on site included Alders Matt O’Shea, Jim Gardner, Brian Hopkins, Marty Quinn and Debra Silverstein. Alderman Ray Lopez called Cosentino to ask if anybody would be coming to meet officers working the midnight watch, and when he heard that nobody was, Cos said he told him, “I’ll be there.”

Cos also shared a story about one elected official whose name he wanted to keep confidential.

“He just looked over at me and said, ‘You know, Mike, I’ve been dealing with the police my entire career. But looking at the hundreds of these people that are about to go put their lives on the line to make this event a safe event? This is touching.’”

Illinois State Senate Majority Leader John Curran came in from DuPage County, and Illinois State Senator Seth Lewis came in from Roselle to show their appreciation. And the support from the politicians culminated when Illinois Speaker of the House Chris Welch spent nearly an hour shaking hands with officers and thanking them.

“He said it was one of the proudest days of his life,” Cosentino revealed.

Week out

If it was a week of finely tuned tactical operations, Lodge 7 ops picked up on the beat. Catanzara praised the Lodge team for knowing what the mission is, not needing a giant, pre-event planning session and, in the president’s words, knowing how to get shit done.

The cavalry at Guaranteed Rate also included Third Vice Pres-



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ident Monica Ortiz, Financial Secretary Jim Jakstavich, Recording Secretary Rob Noceda and trustees John Capparelli, Tom Lornegan and Keith Carter. They all worked 12-hour days. At least.

DiSanti estimated that the call of duty hit 14 hours on most days. Cos submitted that there was really no sleep at all.

Especially for him. After leaving Guaranteed around midnight, he would make the rounds to the three bakeries that filled the Lodge bread order needed to provide the Italian beef and Italian sausage sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs that were part of the more than 2,000 meals served during the week to members. Then, at 5:30 a.m., Cos made the rounds again to pick up the bread.

Officers eating, relaxing and joking during breaks at the Lodge support hubs arrested the craziness for a few minutes. DiSanti said that it reminded him how the first word in FOP is “fraternal” and how that brought home that the Department will always be a family.

Mette noted the virtue of having younger members realize that the Lodge is not just there for legal defense or for when members get in trouble. And that created another of the lasting messages from DNC week.

“I mean, just the coppers relaxing at the hall,” DiSanti cheered. “Some of these police officers had never been in the union hall before. They didn’t know where the bathroom was. I was proud to be able to show them, ‘This is your house.’ It was truly the CPD’s and the FOP’s finest hour.”



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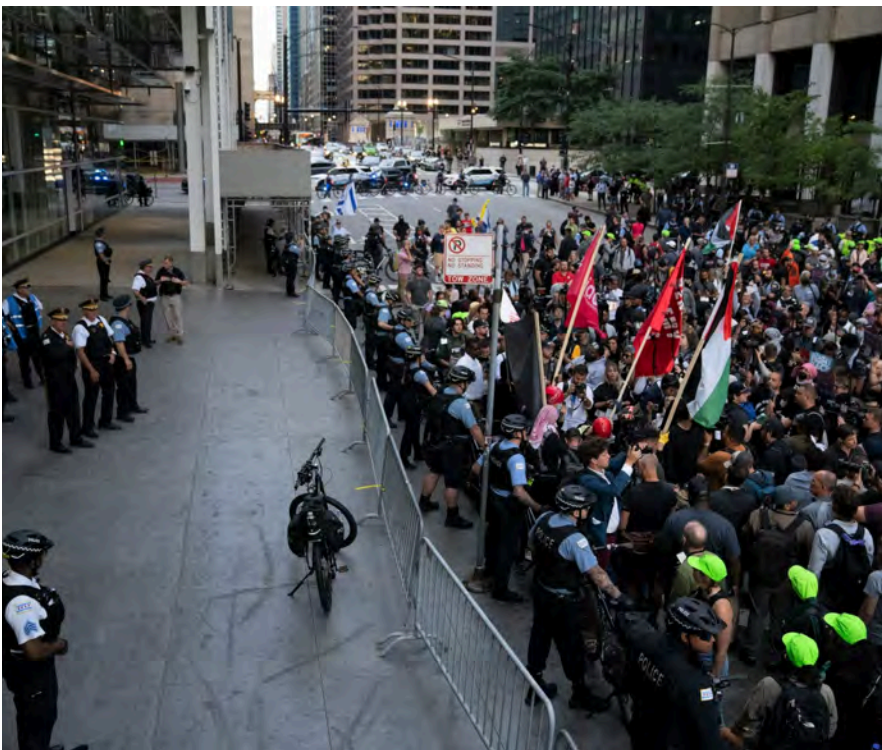


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There Is Justice

New book from retired judge and esteemed author makes a statement about the corruption of the movement to overturn wrongful convictions

■ BY MITCHELL KRUGEL

Strange bedfellows of truth and fiction, or Kim Foxx and real crime-fighting, converge in the tale of prosecutor Marisol Cuelar. She has been ordered to facilitate the exoneration of a man who has been in prison for nine years, wrongfully convicted of the murder of a young girl. Exoneration will enable this criminal to recover millions of dollars for the wrongful conviction.

At first glance, the exoneration case seems straightforward. But while preparing for the court hearing, the prosecutor makes a startling discovery: The evidence is overwhelming that the murderer is indeed guilty. Armed with this information, she shocks everyone at the hearing by calling key witnesses and bringing forward evidence of corruption at the top of her own office and beyond.

Fiction is as earth-shattering and as strange as truth, detailed here as the plot of the latest riveting novel from retired Chicago criminal court judge Larry Axelrood. *Stealing Justice*, published in September 2023, has become a bestselling, critically acclaimed statement on the wrongful conviction scheme that has fingered many cases involving the Chicago Police Department and coerced millions of dollars in settlements.

And with the police teaming up to protect the prosecutor in the end, this is a well-conceived and well-argued case from the author about how the criminal justice system should work in the City. An Amazon bestseller in the “hard-boiled mysteries” and “legal thrillers” categories in February, *Stealing Justice* was also named a finalist in the 2024 American Legacy Book Awards by American Book Fest in April.

“I clearly wanted to speak up for cops on this book because it’s just a raw deal,” Axelrood explained. “Kim Foxx is a disaster. Just a disaster. What she’s done is, together with Toni Preckwinkle, [they] have gotten people killed.”

Judge Axelrood not only writes from experience in *Stealing Justice*, but also with authority. He served as a Cook County state’s attorney from 1985 to 1989, then did some work on the defense side before coming on the bench, where he served for 14 years. Nine of those were in the criminal division, with his last assignment working at the Daley Center doing civil jury trials in the law division.

“Writing this book was very cathartic for me because I’m so fed up with what’s going on in the universe,” he continued. “I am center left. I’m not a hardcore guy. I started in veterans court. I started a mental health court. I’m a big believer in treatment, but personal accountability is essential.”

Stealing Justice certainly hits close to home. The attorneys representing the murderer are the partners in the fictitious firm Berman and Baroni, who try to steal justice just like lawyers Chicago Police Officers might know with the way the wrongful conviction movement has turned into a cottage industry.

But a great plot twist comes from how readers, especially those on the job, are drawn to root for Marisol.

“The cops in my book are heroic, but they’re also fighting against being victims,” Axelrood stated. “So the reason these cops all respond so well to Marisol is they say, ‘Finally someone stood up for us.’”

Axelrood seems to cut at a perspective that all Chicago Police Officers often wonder about with regard to the criminal justice system. He explores the ethical and moral questions faced when ambition intersects with law, politics and crime, with authentic, realistic characters illustrating the struggles of navigating that system.

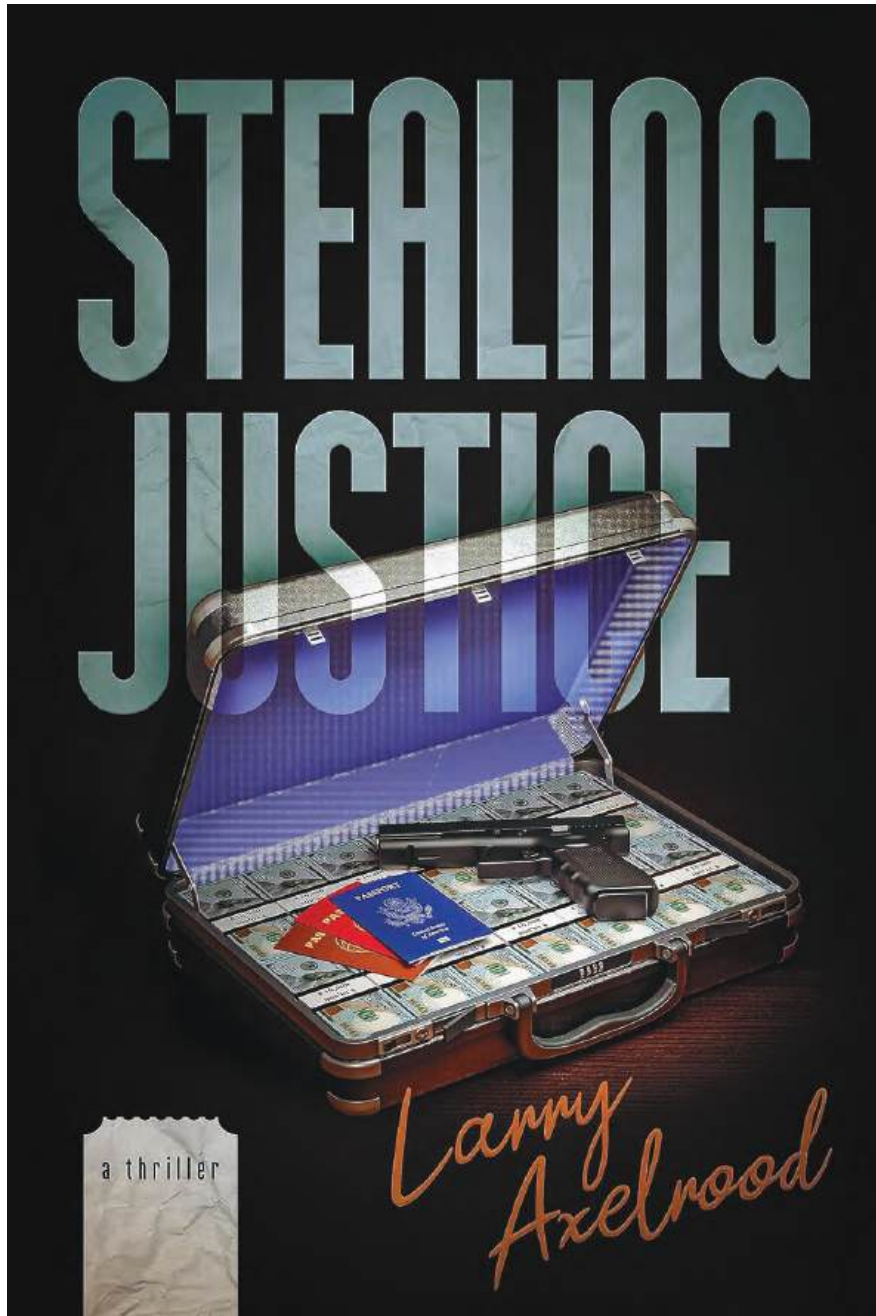
It’s a compelling read about one prosecutor’s courageous stand that threatens to expose a vast conspiracy and take down some of the city’s most powerful people. After making that stand, Marisol leaves the courtroom with her career in jeopardy; soon after, someone tries to kill her, and she’s forced to go underground to survive with the help of a handful of elite cops.

“The coppers are keeping her alive. There’s an independent prosecutor appointed, and that’s how the book takes off,” Axelrood revealed. “The special prosecutor is a retired judge who puts together his team of people that works to start unraveling all the B.S.”

Subliminally, or maybe not so subliminally, *Stealing Justice* raises questions about the work in the movement to overturn wrongful convictions, like that of the Northwestern University Center on Wrongful Convictions. There’s a takeaway that Foxx’s misplaced view on criminal justice must give way to another former judge, Eileen O’Neill Burke, being elected as Cook County state’s attorney in November to clean up that mess.

And Axelrood wants to leave readers with cathartic validation in their world. And that if you have a relative who makes known at Thanksgiving their unpleasant views about the police being the problem with the system, give them *Stealing Justice* as a holiday gift.

“I want coppers to feel that there are good people in the system, and that in spite of the fact that they get beaten down, they step up and do the right thing,” he emphasized. “People say a lot of things, but in court it’s about evidence. That’s the great equalizer.”



“The cops in my book are heroic, but they’re also fighting against being victims.”

Judge Larry Axelrod, author of *Stealing Justice*

RICHARD LIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This is the application form for the annual scholarship drawing of Chicago John Dineen Lodge #7. The scholarship awards are in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and are given in honor of our late State Lodge President, Richard Lis. There will be twenty names drawn at the

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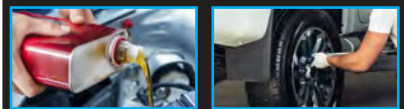
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