The 2000 Award of Valor Recipients recall their experiences

In the Line of Fire
I attend numerous functions during the year, but one of the most moving and fulfilling ceremonies that I have the pleasure of attending is the Police Recognition Awards Ceremony. Each May, the Chicago Police Department hosts the Police Recognition Awards Ceremony honoring the courageous and outstanding men and women of Chicago. The honorees are police officers, civilian employees, and community members who have made a difference in our communities. These individuals are responsible for acts of heroism, community activism, and technological advances in police investigations which improve the quality of life in our city.

These men and women have made personal sacrifices to accomplish their achievements. Long days and nights, strenuous physical activities, and time away from their families are only a small number of sacrifices that were made. They represent the hard work and dedication of all our Department members and the tens of thousands of committed citizens who give their all to the community.

The Police Recognition Ceremony is a complement to the Monthly Department Commendation Ceremony, which solely honors our police officers. This occasion gives me an opportunity to personally meet and thank our outstanding officers. In addition, we encourage the officers to invite their families to join in the celebration. Our intention is to show constant appreciation for all of the good work performed. The number of Department Commendations awarded over the past few years has grown significantly. For example: 330 awards were approved in 1999 whereas 282 awards have been approved as of July 2000.

There are various ways the Department can show its appreciation for its officers, but one manner in which citizens express their appreciation for our police officers is through complimentary letters. Over the last four years, my office has received several thousand complimentary letters detailing quick responsive actions and good deeds that were performed by police officers whether on or off duty. Each letter receives my personal response. A copy of the complimentary letter is sent to the officer and a copy is inserted into the appropriate personnel file. Complimentary letters have a special significance in that few people take the time to sit down and write a letter that expresses positive feelings.

In recognizing the achievements of our officers, I do not discount the many other officers that we may unwittingly overlook. There are many other officers who work hard to make our communities safer and improve our quality of life, but because of the nature of our profession they may have been forgotten. The Chicago Police Department has set a high standard for its officers and communities, and it attempts to recognize and celebrate those that surpass this standard. To those who may have been overlooked, we say thanks and good job. As we continue to dedicate ourselves to achieving a better quality of life for our neighbors and communities, our quality of life will also improve.
The 2000 Police Recognition Awards
Valor, Achievement, Problem Solving and Partnership

THE POLICE MEDAL

P.O. Earl Carter – 021st District
021st District Tactical Officers Kenneth King and James Camp approached a suspicious car with two occupants. As Camp approached the driver’s side of the vehicle, the driver exited the car and a struggle ensued between the driver and Officers King and Camp. During the struggle, the driver gained control of Camp’s weapon and fatally shot Camp. King was still struggling with the offender when Officer Earl Carter arrived on the scene. Carter relates, “I jumped out of my squad car, and Officer King was still struggling with this guy and he still had a weapon. When he saw me, he somehow jerked his hand away and took a shot at me.” During an exchange of fire with Carter, the offender was wounded and placed under arrest.

“All I had to rely on was experience, instincts and God. I had a good FTO and some good partners. I’m fortunate to have shared some experiences with these individuals. They prepared me well.”

— Earl Carter

Earl Carter, 48, grew up in Hyde Park, graduated from Hyde Park H.S. and attended the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. He spent a couple of years in the United States Army in the early seventies and worked in Field Inquiry as a civilian before becoming a police officer in 1977. Earl has two daughters, Nicole and Sheri, and lives in South Shore. His outside interests include working out, going to the movies, reading and bowling. Earl spent seven years as an FTO in 002. He likes being a police officer. Earl says, “You get to meet a lot of different people and no two days are ever the same.” Of 021, he adds, “There’s a lot of concerned citizens in 021. They’re very into community policing, very vocal, and they work really hard with the police in the district to solve these problems.”

THE AWARD OF VALOR

P.O. Earl Carter – (see above) 021st District
P.O. James Camp – (Posthumous) 021st District
P.O. Kenneth King – Preventive Programs

Officer King and his partner (James Camp), concentrating on suppressing gang and narcotics activity in the community, made a street stop on a suspicious vehicle to conduct an investigation. As Officer Camp approached on the driver’s side, Officer King went around the passenger’s side. When requested to step out of the car, the driver emerged and began struggling with Officer Camp. Officer King rushed over to assist his partner. During a fierce struggle, a gunshot rang out and Officer Camp fell to the ground, fatally wounded. The offender fired a shot at Officer King but missed. As Officer King continued the struggle, the offender’s attention was diverted by the approach of a third officer, P.O. Earl Carter. During the ensuing exchange of fire, the offender was wounded and placed under arrest.

“Immediately after the incident I felt responsible for what happened. I was thinking things like: Am I not the senior officer on the car? Shouldn’t I have gone to the driver’s side? Why did I suggest we go to that area? Why couldn’t I have reacted faster? How could I have not foreseen anything with my experience? Should I have been on the passenger side of the vehicle at all? I questioned my ability to be on the job at all… For days I stayed in bed crying, shaking and refusing to see anyone, wondering, why? If not for the help of Officer Earl Carter, Sgt. Stephen Sherwin, Beverly Jackson, Officer Brenda Jones, family, and members of the Gang Team I was on, I probably would not be telling this story to you. I thank God for all who helped me. There are many more who I need not mention, they know who they are. Through counseling and over time, I believe I will recover.” — Kenneth King

Kenny King, 36, is originally from the Englewood community on the south side and is a graduate of Dunbar H.S. Before becoming a member of the CPD, he worked for the Illinois State Scholarship Commission. A ten year veteran, Kenny spent his entire police career working the streets in 021 before transferring to Unit 132. Kenny has a son (Alexander) and now lives in the Lakeview neighborhood on the north side. His interests off the job are sports, music, and the movies.
Duane DeVries was conducting a follow-up investigation of shootings between rival gang members when they received information that the offenders lived in a particular apartment complex. As the officers approached the apartment complex, they noticed a young man trying to conceal a gun. Bury explains, "He was holding his side and took off running. I immediately exited the vehicle and chased him on foot." DeVries backed the squad out of the complex and followed along in close pursuit until he was able to use the car to corner the suspect against a building. DeVries states, "The guy immediately pulled a gun out and started firing rounds at me from four feet away." During an exchange of fire with the officers, the gunman was wounded but continued running and shooting. DeVries recalls, "Several back-up units finally arrived, and he was surrounded by police. While lying on the ground, he continued firing rounds off in the air—refusing to give up. Then he shot himself in the head."

Tim Bury, 32, is a six year veteran of Irish, Polish and German descent who grew up in Bridgeport. A graduate of St. Rita H.S., he also attended Robert Morris College for two years. Before becoming a police officer he worked in the personnel department of a brokerage firm. He now lives in Beverly with his wife Vanessa and their two children, son Tim and daughter Rilee. When off-duty, Tim likes to roller blade, coach baseball at Kennedy Park and put his sailboat out on Lake Michigan. Currently assigned to the tactical team in 006, Tim also worked in 005 for a couple of years. He loves being a police officer and wouldn’t want to do anything else. He is equally impressed with the people he works for and with in 006: "Commander Davis is a great guy, as is Lt. O’Callahan. 006 is a great district to work. Anybody who calls a 10-1 gets everybody to show up."

Duane DeVries, 29, has almost seven years on the job. Of Dutch/German stock, Duane grew up in Lansing, Illinois. He graduated from Illiana Christian H.S., attended Trinity College for a while and later Governor’s State University, where he earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice and an M.S. in Political Studies. Duane worked as a detention officer for Oak Lawn before getting hired by the CPD. He lives in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood with wife Jennifer and daughter Amanda. In his free time, he likes to fish, hunt and golf. In addition to 006, Duane has served in 022, 008, 009. He consider it "a great privilege to be a Chicago police officer." Duane also likes 006 where he says, "You have good officers and good bosses from the Commander on down."

P.O. Dean Claeson was on the loose, he joined in the search of a nearby housing project. At the entrance of a building in the area where the offender was last seen, Officer Claeson opened the door and entered a darkened hallway. He was surprised by the offender crouching in the corner and pointing a gun at him. Officer Claeson, his gun already drawn, fired and struck the offender in the arm and abdomen. The offender was then disarmed and placed under arrest.

"Any police officer could find himself or herself in that situation."

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Dean Claeson, 32, has been with the Department for six years. Growing up in suburban Bolingbrook, Dean attended Bolingbrook High and afterwards Illinois State University where he received a B.S. in Criminal Justice. It was while serving a four month internship with the Illinois State Police (as part of the criminal justice program at ISU) that he decided a career as a police officer was right for him. Though he tested for several suburban police departments, the CPD hired him in 1994. Asked for his thoughts on being a Chicago police officer, he replied, “It’s the greatest job in the world; they give you a car with a full tank of gas and let you loose.” He also loves working on the tact. team, especially in 019. “019 is a diverse district and not being tied to the radio allows our tactical team the time to work on different kinds of crime patterns all over the district,” Dean says. Dean and wife Michele are expecting their first child in September. They reside in Hiawatha Park on the northwest side. Off the job, when Michele’s not keeping him busy around the house, Dean likes to golf and read crime novels.

P.O. Phillip Rider – 005th District
Officer Phillip Rider was off duty and running errands near 87th and Ashland Avenue when he noticed a crowd near a liquor store. When he went to investigate, someone in the crowd said the store was being robbed. Moments later, a gunman ran from the store to a car with two other gunmen waiting inside. Officer Rider recalls: “I said ‘Freeze, police officer!’ I was standing by the door when a shot rang out from inside the vehicle and hit me in the shoulder.” Rider fired back, hitting two of the offenders in the car. He then ran into the liquor store to reload his gun. As the suspects fled from the scene, Rider called for help. Although the bullet is still lodged in his shoulder, Officer Rider has recovered from his injuries and has returned to work.

“Suddenly, I came upon this situation and I just acted. Initially, I didn’t know the owner of the store had been shot. He had been shot to death in the back of the store…. I’m just glad to be a part of bringing these people into custody. Recently, the fourth and final suspect was apprehended… We all have to live here; it’s up to us to make it possible for people in live in safety…. I’m honored to have received this award, and I would like to personally acknowledge and thank all off the police officers, paramedics and legal and medical professionals who worked so hard to bring this event to a successful conclusion.” — Phillip Rider

Phillip Rider, 40, grew up in the Chatham and South Shore communities on the south side. He is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and also attended Mundelein College. Before coming on the job he worked at Encyclopedia Britannica. Still single, Phillip now resides in Beverly. His father, James Rider, retired after giving thirty-six good years to the Department and his brother, James A. Rider, is a detective in Area Five. Off-duty he pursues an education in criminology and an interest in computers. A fourteen year veteran, Phillip has spent his entire career in 005, though he is now detailed to the Training Division as a Firearms Training Systems (F.A.T.S.) and PRISim (Professional Range Instruction Simulator) instructor. Growing up in a police household, he was strongly influenced to follow in his father’s footsteps. For Phillip, being a police officer is all about “helping people in a bad situation,” and he derives satisfaction from “being there when they need help right away.” He also added, “005 is a diverse district. You have high income and low income and it makes for an interesting day.”

Sgt. Mark Amati – 016th District
Responding to a hold-up alarm at a tavern, Sgt. Amati learned from the bartender that two men were brawling inside the tavern and that one of them was armed with a handgun. After directing the bartender to safety, Sgt. Amati entered the tavern and ordered the man with the gun to drop his weapon. The gunman then took cover behind a pool table, leveled his firearm at Sgt. Amati and opened fire. Concerned for the safety of nearby patrons, the sergeant did not seek cover immediately. Instead, he courageously stood his ground and returned fire, fatally wounding the gunman. Two loaded semi-automatic pistols and numerous rounds of extra ammunition were found on the offender.

“I feel fortunate to have come out of the incident unharmed. You never know when something is going to happen, even in 016. I had a couple of close calls in 015 but never this close.” — Mark Amati

Mark Amati, a 37 year old Italian American, grew up in the Galewood neighborhood on the northwest side where he also
attended Luther North High School. After graduating from high school, he served honorably with the Illinois Air National Guard. Currently working on a degree at Northeastern Illinois University, he now lives in Jefferson Park with wife Kim and their two children, Lindsey and Nicholas. Off the job, Mark likes reading, working out and sailing. A fourteen year veteran, Mark spent ten years in 015 before making sergeant. In fact, all of his service with the Department has been spent in patrol at the district level. He considers being a Chicago police officer a noble profession of which he is a proud member. Mark enjoys working in 016 because there’s that added dimension of working in the district in which he lives. Mark explains, “I like serving the community in which I not only grew up but still live. I consider the people in 016, the police and the residents, my neighbors.”

P.O. Diane Yost – 019th District
Officer Diane Yost and her partner were patrolling an area residents had complained of at a recent CAPS meeting because of early morning drinking and noise when they confronted a man carrying a beer bottle. When the man attempted to reach into his waistband, Officer Yost’s partner grabbed him and a struggle ensued. The man, however, managed to draw a handgun and shoot her partner point blank in the chest. He then fired a round at her before fleeing. Learning that her partner had been struck in his vest and knowing that responding units would soon be on the scene, Officer Yost took pursuit of the gunman. With assistance from other responding units, the offender was eventually found but not his gun. Following a persistent search, however, Officer Yost located the offender’s gun hidden under some clothes in a garbage can.

“It happened so fast. I didn’t have time to think about it. It seemed like it took forever when it was only seconds. It’s the next day when you really think about it. I must say that the other responding units, the detectives, district personnel and bosses were great. And Paul Presnell, my partner, was amazing—after getting shot he still managed to get on the radio and issue a flash on the offender.”
— Diane Yost

Diane Yost, 36, is a native north sider who grew up in the Lakeview neighborhood and graduated from Lakeview H.S. She has been a police officer for two and a half years. Her husband, Robert Yost, recently joined the Department. They have two children, Samantha and Ronald, and live in Jefferson Park. Her sister-in-law, Kathleen Rowan, and her brother-in-law, James Rowan, are also on the job. Spending most of her off-duty hours with her family, she also likes to get out to bowl a few frames or throw darts every now and then. Before Diane came on the job, she was a waitress. That’s one of the reasons she likes being a police officer. She likes keeping “her customers,” the citizens, happy. “I like dealing with people. I think most police officers do,” she says. She also likes working in 019 where she has countless memories. “I grew up here,” she noted, “and I know the area very well.”

Sgt. John R. Maples – 005th District
Off-duty, in his car and on his way to court, Officer Maples heard loud reports and saw a man fire several gunshots into another man lying on the ground. Realizing he was without a radio with which to summon back-up, Officer Maples took pursuit of the gunman. During the ensuing confrontation, Maples announced his office and ordered the offender to drop his weapon. Ignoring this command, the offender resumed his flight but then stopped suddenly and pointed his gun at the officer. In fear for his life, Maples fired three shots at the gunman and wounded him. He then disarmed the offender and placed him under arrest.

“The support of the people in the Department, from the commander and responding units of 010, the commander of A/4, the detectives and my unit commander, was outstanding, especially since I was off-duty. I mean here I was on my way to court at 26th Street, and I come across this guy shooting this other guy.” — John Maples

John Maples, 29, is of Greek, Polish, Lithuanian and Cherokee background. He was raised in suburban Hometown and graduated from Brother Rice H.S. He later attended Morraine Valley Community College and Lewis University. He and his wife, P.O. Kristin Maples, live in the Mt. Greenwood neighborhood on the far south side. His brother-in-law, Kevin Gyron, and sister-in-law, Kathy Chigaros, are also Chicago police officers. Among his outside interests are bicycling and motorcycles. John worked in 007 and S.O.S. as a patrol officer before making sergeant and being assigned to 005. “I always wanted to be a police officer,” John says, “I really enjoy it. It’s a satisfying job. Although I’m happy to be in 005 and starting a whole new aspect of the job, I think I’m going to miss S.O.S. I made a lot of good friends and had many good experiences in the unit.”

*Editor’s Note: Since these interviews were conducted, Earl Carter, Tim Bury and Dean Claeson have been promoted to detective.
**BLUE STAR AWARD**

**P.O. Willie J. Newton – Detached Services**

A victim of an armed robbery attempt while off-duty, P.O. Willie Newton was shot in the arm and twice in the chest. Despite his wounds, Officer Newton returned fire and struck his armed assailant. The offender, however, managed to flee in a vehicle driven by an accomplice. Officer Newton relocated to a neighbor’s house and reported a description of the offenders and their direction of flight. Both offenders were subsequently apprehended when the gunman sought treatment for his wounds at a local hospital.

**Sgt. Michael D. Ytzen – 010th District**

A gang member armed with a bolt-action rifle sat on a rooftop shooting out street lights. When Sgt. Michael Ytzen responded to the scene, he was immediately fired upon. One shot penetrated the front door of the squad car, went through the sergeant’s left forearm and lodged in his upper right thigh. Although bleeding profusely from two wounds, Sgt. Ytzen managed to drive out of the line of fire. As the bullet inflicted severe damage to the muscle tissue and bone, he is still recovering from his injuries.

**P.O. Roberta E. Vargas – 012th District**

Officer Roberta Vargas was walking her beat when she learned that a man was brandishing a weapon nearby. Rushing to the scene, the officer ordered the offender to drop the scissors he was carrying. Ignoring this command, the man attacked the officer, knocked her to the ground and repeatedly stabbed her in the chest and head. Assisted by two concerned citizens, Officer Vargas was able to get back on her feet and hold her assailant at bay until help arrived. A medical exam revealed that one of the stab wounds just missed the wounded officer’s jugular vein. Fortunately, Officer Vargas has completely recovered and is back to work.

**Sgt. Richard A. Schak – 015th District**

As Sgt. Richard Schak patrolled an area near a school where there were numerous complaints of drug activity, he noticed a suspicious man. When confronted, the man turned around and shot Sgt. Schak in the chest. Fortunately, the damage was minimized because he was wearing his safety vest. The impact of the bullet, however, was severe enough that Sgt. Schak suffered a large bruise which required hospitalization. Sgt. Schak has now recovered and is enjoying retirement.

**Sgt. James G. O’Grady – Narcotics Section**

During the execution of two search warrants, the suspects refused to obey an order to open the door of their apartment. When Sgt. O’Grady attempted to gain entry, three shots were fired at him from inside. He was struck in the upper thigh and in the groin. After shouting a warning to his fellow officers, he was able to take cover away from the door. After having been transported to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, he has recovered completely and is back serving the public.

**P.O. Paul J. Presnell – 019th District**

While patrolling an area residents had complained of a recent CAPS meeting because of excessive early morning drinking and noise, Officer Paul Presnell and his partner confronted a man carrying a beer bottle on the street. When the man attempted to reach into his waistband, Officer Presnell grabbed him and a struggle ensued. Managing to draw a handgun from within his waistband, the man fired point blank into Presnell’s chest. He then fired at Presnell’s partner before fleeing. Fortunately, Officer Presnell was wearing his safety vest, for it saved his life. He did, however, suffer extensive external bruising near his heart. He is now completely recovered and back on the job.

**P.O. Phillip V. Rider – 005th District (see above citation)**

**P.O. James H. Camp – 021st District (Posthumous)**

**BLUE SHIELD AWARD**

**P.O. Patricia J. Mackey – 011th District**

Officer Mackey and her partner responded to an emergency call of a fellow officer needing assistance. As they approached an intersection with their emergency lights and siren activated, another vehicle suddenly pulled out from the curb and cut them off. Vearing out of control, their squad spun around and crashed into a light pole. Officer Mackey suffered a broken wrist, broken leg, broken ankle, a fractured pelvis and severe facial bruises and cuts. In critical condition, she spent more than forty-two days in the hospital and underwent six surgeries. Sadly, she has not completely recovered from her injuries.

**P.O. Myles M. Smetana – 020th District (Posthumous)**

P.O. Smetana responded to an extremely stressful scene involving an irate, mentally disturbed person threatening customers at a business. Upon arrival, Officer Smetana took control of the situation by calming the man down, instructing him on how to lodge a formal complaint and even gave him a phone number of a company which might offer him a job. Soon after, Officer...
Smetana became quite ill. Later that evening, when conditions did not improve, his wife rushed him to the hospital. He had suffered a severe heart attack and was placed on "life support." Officer Smetana died a few weeks later.

**RICHARD J. DALEY MEDAL OF HONOR**

Mr. Phillip H. Corboy
Mr. Phillip Corboy, a prominent attorney in Chicago, is a member of a long-time Chicago police family; his grandfather, father, uncle, and brother were all Chicago police officers. Combining his police heritage and passion for education, Mr. Corboy established the Harold F. Corboy Memorial Scholarship Fund at John Marshall Law School. This fund, named in honor of his father, will assist Chicago police officers pursuing a legal education.

**AWARD OF MERIT**

Lt. Jerold R. Swarbrick – 013th District

These members of the Detective Division spent long hours developing a training program pertaining to the use of deadly force by police officers. This training was conducted at roll-call seminars for thousands of officers city-wide. The detectives also conducted training in the application of DNA as it relates to criminal investigations.

Sgt. Jennifer E. Manning – Admn. Computer Applications
Deeply concerned about the senior citizens of our city, Sgt. Manning serves as the Department's liaison on all issues concerning the elderly. The Illinois State Triad involves law enforcement agencies and community organizations working together on programs that focus on senior citizen safety and protection. As part of this program, Sgt. Manning established the Chicago Regional Triad. It is the largest such program in the country and is used as a model for other large metropolitan areas.

Charles D. Padgurskis
– Data Systems Division

Steve M. Maris – Crime Analysis Technical Section

Chief Systems Programmer Padgurskis and Computer Applications Analyst Maris developed a data base on the internet that includes more than 3,000 registered sex offenders in the City of Chicago. This state of the art technology is a model for police agencies across the country. Parents, educators, community activists and police officers alike have praised the development of this web site.

John P. Kennedy (Ret. Cmdr.) – Bomb & Arson
Sgt. Bruce T. McElrath – Bomb & Arson
Sgt. Charles G. Brougham – Special Operations

Two programs have been recently designed to combat potential terrorist incidents in Chicago. The Critical Incident Response Program is designed to enable Chicago Police to better manage incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. The Terrorist Target Index Program works in liaison with OEC and supplies a data base of potential targets in a variety of categories. Should the need arise, this important information is instantly available to responding police personnel. Other law enforcement agencies are now studying the design procedures, training and equipment of these programs.

**SPECIAL COMMENDATION AWARD**

Lt. Francis P. McCarthy – 009th District
Sgt. James R. Spratte – GIS
G.C.S. Dennis S. Maderak – GIS
G.C.S. John T. Nee – GIS
P.O. Patrick B. Johnson – 009th District
P.O. Brian M. Johnson – 009th District

While an offender was being processed during a routine arrest, it was learned that gang members were planning to murder a CAPS volunteer. Subsequently, a gang meeting was staked out, and with court approval, the murderous plot was recorded as the very details were being finalized. Everyone involved was taken into custody and charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Sgt. Michael Brogan – 025th District
P.O. John F. Apel – 025th District
P.O. Agustin A. Cervantes – 025th District
P.O. Darin M. Hoege – 025th District
P.O. Michael J. Cwik – 025th District
P.O. Michael J. Kirsch – 025th District
P.O. Steven R. Nowicki – 025th District
P.O. Robert J. O’Donnell – Youth Inv. A/4
P.O. Daniel J. Keenan – 025th District
Beat Facilitator Joyce M. Siragusa – 025th District

When a beat in 025 was suffering from a dramatic increase in gang-related crimes, an extensive plan involving multiple strategies was implemented. This plan involved the introduction of public awareness programs, countless beat meetings, community vigils, the demolition of abandoned buildings and
the use of tactical and gang crime mission teams. As a result, the community experienced a dramatic drop in burglaries, prostitution and gang-related shootings.

Lt. Perry J. Nigro – 014th District  
Lt. Thomas M. Sappanos – 018th District  
Lt. William M. O’Donnell – 025th District  
P.O. David Franco – Patrol Division – Adm. A/5  
Jeffrey J. Ahmadian – Corp. Counsel

A project team of Area Five police officers was determined to do something about scores of abandoned buildings that were marred with gang graffiti and used to facilitate criminal activity. After surveying more than 400 buildings in order to learn which were in violation of the municipal code, the team contacted the negligent owners of the derelict properties. If corrective steps were not taken to secure their buildings, citations were issued. The City’s Corporation Counsel was enlisted to ensure that all the necessary paperwork was in order for the court hearings. As a result more than a quarter million dollars in fines were assessed, sixty-eight buildings were properly secured, fifteen abandoned buildings were demolished and several properties were “re-habbed.” This, in turn, improved greatly the quality of life for community residents.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

D.S. Harvey Radney – BIS  
Cmdr. Ernest T. Brown – Public Housing  
Lt. Thomas J. Lemmer – 007th District  
Lt. Dorothy I. Griffin – 022nd District  
Lt. Marc S. Buslik – 015th District  
Lt. James E. Collier – Technical Services  
Sgt. Howard W. Lodding – 001st District  
Sgt. Martin E. Ryczek – 001st District  
Sgt. Beatrice V. Cuello – 008th District  
Sgt. Peter C. Koconis – IAD  
P.O. Yolanda H. Robinson-Cox – 003rd District

P.O. Rochelle C. Richardson – 005th District  
P.O. Paula M. McGrath – 010th District  
P.O. Vito J. Ferro – 018th District  
P.O. David J. Lipinski – 022nd District  
P.O. Gail J. Hagen – 025th District  
P.O. Kevin J. Lucas – IAD  
P.O. Walter M. Bland, Jr. – OEC  
P.A. Calvin B. Holliday – IAD  
P.A. Jeffrey O. Redding – IAD  
Inv. Barbara D. Harris – OPS  
A.A. Chiquita L. Cannon – Management & Labor

In 1999, a historic decision was made to disband the ten year old Chicago Housing Authority Police. A specially selected team of police professionals was assigned to ensure a smooth transition from the CHA Police to the CPD and still provide CHA residents with uninterrupted police service.

ARNOLD MIRELES PARTNERSHIP AWARD

P.O. David A. Franco – Patrol Admn. A/5  
P.O. Donald R. Bertini – Patrol Admn. A/5  
Mrs. Leola Spann – Northwest Austin Council  
John P. Molder, Sr. – Northwest Austin Council  
Dr. Betty F. Smith – Frederick Douglass School  
Jeffrey J. Ahmadian Corp. – Counsel

A store in 015 had a reputation as a notorious gang and drug house. Although arrests were made, the store remained a hub of gang and drug activity. The police and community made a concentrated effort to end the problem once and for all. The Northwest Austin Council sponsored CAPS meetings. A school served as a surveillance point for the police to monitor criminal activity. Residents came forward with their testimony. At the trial, educators, parents, business people and police officers were all present in a community show of force. The result of this concentrated effort was that the store was officially closed and the quality of life in the neighborhood improved greatly.
PATROLMAN JAMES McDOWELL
Star #763 — 7th Precinct

On 3 October 1889, Officer James McDowell was called into a tavern to assist a citizen. The citizen had arrived in Chicago relatively recently and had questions about the neighborhood. McDowell, a long-time beat officer, was always willing to assist members of the community. When the conversation developed into an argument, the officer walked away. All of a sudden, the man pulled out a revolver and fatally shot McDowell in the chest. It was later learned the offender was mentally unbalanced. McDowell, 44, was survived by a wife and four children.

PATROLMAN JOSEPH CALI
Star # 3271 — 13th District

On 19 May 1975, Officer Joseph Cali observed an auto parked illegally at a bus stop on West Lake Street. The conscientious officer exited his squad and began writing the parking ticket. Suddenly, without warning, Cali was struck by a sniper's bullet fired from the third floor of a high rise. The officer died the following day. The offender, quickly apprehended, said that he had fired the shot because of his dislike for all police officers. Cali, 31, a two-year Department veteran, was survived by his wife and two young daughters.

In Memoriam

The following officers died in recent months (May 2000 - July 2000) with the indicated years of service. We express our condolences to their families and friends.

Sgt. Frank J. Kajari 34 years
Sgt. Alane Stoffregen 22 years
P.O. Melvin L. Lesley 20 years
P.O. Terrence C. Riley 9 years
The "long, hot summer" is just about over as the 001 hosted every manner of celebration in its own friendly and efficient manner. Gospel Fest, Blues Fest, and the ever-popular Taste of Chicago have come and gone, along with innumerable smaller events. We wave bye-bye to Sgt. Mark Halko, who left us for the Youth Division... Motorists are relaxing since ace traffic enforcer Pete Gravante put in his papers and pulled the pin. Along with Frank Murczak, Mike Tribe, Don Lesniak, Bernie Ziobro, Bob Barbiero, and Tommy Tomsen, we wish you the very best and a long, happy and healthy retirement!! A tip of the Copper Topper to Lt. Dan "The Man" Dugan, who has been involved in virtually every event down here this summer, no matter what the watch or weather. It's Unofficial: The Special Events Command Trailer has been dubbed "McNulty's Summer Home" and "The Little House on the Lake." Was there any truth to the rumor there might be a deck next year?

PO Ron "Bad Shirts" Trepac

We would like to welcome Lt. Samuel Ramirez and all new recruits to our family. We hope your stay is blessed with longevity and safety... Sgt. Melvin Powell and James Butler ("JB") of Community Policing will be sorely missed. Enjoy your retirement! Don't let us catch you telling your famous war stories... Community Policing would like to welcome aboard Sgt. Otis Peeples and Cheryl Layne... Congrats to Lt. Michael Shields, our former CAPS Management Team Leader, who is the new District Commander of 005. Thank you for a job well done... Thanks to Pamela Childs and Kenneth Fullman, our annual Torch Run was a huge success. A special thank you to all those who participated in this event... Let's hope Julia Ammons comes off strike. We want to taste some of those wonderful cakes and scrumptious cookies... The donations to the children in the Michigan Garden Apartments were greatly appreciated. Thanks to those who donated, the children will have school supplies... Congrats to the Chicago Police All-Star team who won first place in Milwaukee. Our team members were Eddie Chapman, Ronald Coleman, Ed Escamilia, Alvin Jones, Robert Jordan, Victor Law, Bill Rapier, Vernell Turner and Joe Warnke. We would like to thank the FOP the Credit Union and Leslie Harris for their support... Mike Sander put together an outstanding health fair... Congrats to Curtis Lewis, son of Harry Lewis. Curtis will soon be departing to Trevcca University on a basketball scholarship.

PO Robert Jordan

Welcome to the new Sergeants, Walter Kinasz, Michael Murray, William Thomas, Robert Pet, David Case, Robert Goode, Joseph Keeter, Darcel Lucas-Webb, Anita Medina, and Anthony Kaufman... Congrats to the Third District Warriors Basketball Team: Ron Gibs, Ron Coleman, Martin Smith, Wayne Edwards, Mark Bradley, Rob McKenzie, Dennis Hines, Eddie Winters, Delvin Williams, Marshall Mason, Columbus Ingram, Marilyn Bishop and Clewon Davis. With a record of 13 wins and 1 loss, they took the championship!... Congrats to PO Ron Wilkerson on his promotion to Sgt., he is now assigned to 022... Congrats to POs Martin Smith and Leslie Smelley, they are new officially engaged... To our officers who participated in the annual Torch Run — Rena Hopkins, Chris Ware, Robin Howard, Anita Ashton, Ron Coleman and Tyrone Porties — thanks for a job well done... Congrats to PO Derrick Stacker for earning certificates from the Moody Bible Institute for Adult Bible Studies, the Chaplain Service Staff College, and the Critical Incident Stress Management course. He also received a Chaplain Service Staff Badge... Farewell to Edgar Andersen and Eugene Williams. We wish you the best and a long and happy retirement... Farewell to Jimmy Morrison, who transferred to the Court Section, and to POs Michael Hunter and Jonathan Stephens, who transferred to the Public Housing Unit... Benjamin Jones, Carol Parker and Linda Cotton — welcome to the Community Policing Office... Welcome aboard also to POs Gar­nick Harvey and Russell Hill.

PO Linda Cotton

Congrats to newly promoted Deputy Chief of A/2, Noreen Walker. Thanks for the opportunity to work for you. We wish you the best of luck in your new position. Give Darlene our regards and keep in touch!... Welcome, Commander Lamont A. Thompson, to 004... Congrats to Victor Law on his recent promotion to detective... Farewell and best regards to Deputy Charles Smith, who recently retired after devoting thirty-three years of service to the citizens of Chicago. You will always be remembered as one good cop... Our sincere appreciation goes out to the many officers who made donations and sold chances to the benefit for Marla A. Jones, daughter of PO Karen Green. Special thanks to Juanita Whiteside of the State's Attorney's Office, who sold more than five hundred dollars in chances for this benefit. The many prayers and well wishes for Marla's recovery were well received and welcomed. However, Marla's cancer overtook her, and God took her home to rest. Chaplain Sharon Ellis offered prayers and delivered words of encouragement at a candlelight invocation... Sayonara and so long to our recently retired members and Det. Fred Sosinski of Area 2. Enjoy!... Our unit donated many pints of blood during the annual blood drive, with PO Dawn Bowe spearheading the drive... Birth announcements: POs Michael Marozas and Ambrose Resa are proud dads to sons Nicholas James Marozas and Ambrose Antonio Resa; and PO Alex Guerrero.
proud daddy of a new daughter, PO Brian Matinez is awaiting his new bundle of joy... 1st Watch PO Juana Briones is now the blushing bride of Miguel Cuadrado. Congrats and best wishes on a happy marriage... Welcome to all PPOs, Lt. Pete Piazza (welcome back), Sgt. James O'Donnell and PO Marie Mann.

PO LaDonna Hudson

* 005 *

Congrats and a warm welcome to our new District Commander, Michael D. Shields. Congrats also to A/2 Deputy Chief Noreen Walker on your new command position!... Farewell to District and Area Commanders Daniel A. Gibson, Danny L. Briggs and Deputy Chief Charles E. Smith... Did you know PO Linda Griffith has written a book of poetry entitled "The Keys to My Caddy"? In addition, she recently bowled a perfect "300" game and won a bowling tournament... PO Leslie Johnson wrote, produced and arranged the tracks on his CD, "Good Thing," a soul/jazz combination... Coming soon will be a mini music CD by PO Lenora Bolton, produced by L. Johnson... Are you aware PO Andre Harris is an accomplished race car driver and enjoys designing race cars from the ground up?... Congrats to: PO Hassan Al-Amin and his wife Petrona on the birth of their son Hassan Al-Amin Ibin; PO Regine and her husband Michael Hill on the birth of their daughter Mia; and Ctv. Lolisha McDonald on the birth of her son Ajari... PO Henry Mason has officially retired from this fabulous occupation. Enjoy those checks and retired life... Changing locations or joining the 005th District Crew are PPOs Secdonia Terry, Karen Potts, Lanera Sallie, Lyteshia Gunn, David Kinney and Marvin Dorsey...Welcome back, PO Robert Blackman. The district's arrest stats will surely increase.

PO Christopher Meaders

* 006 *

Members of 006 would like to congratulate POs Hunt and Smith on their new assignments. Remember, Vertrease and Bj, you will always be "Sisers," so don't forget your roots... Welcome to all the newcomers, we are glad to have you aboard! This is a great place to work and learn the job... Thank you to all the officers who contributed to the collection for the family of Tarsarina Powell, a homicide victim... Thanks also to all who participated in the blood drives... Congrats to the CPD All Star Bloodteam which competed in the "Can-Am Police and Fire Games" in Milwaukee in July, 2000. The Team came home with the gold medal. Our very own Eddie Chapman and Al Jones were part of the team... Congrats to newywards Charles & Bridgett McCraney. We wish you happiness, best wishes and everlasting love. Bridgett is now the Abandoned Building officer. We know she'll do an excellent job... Congrats to the Johnson family on the birth of daughter Chase. PO Heard is now on maternity leave, awaiting the birth of a new baby... We wish Jewel White a speedy recovery. Get better soon Jewel, we miss you... The "Officer of the Month" award goes to Officer Whitehead. Good work does have its rewards... Every Wednesday is "Hip Hop Wednesday" in 006. Sponsored by the Youth & Family CAPS Sub-committee, it is a weekly event designed to build bridges between the community and the police. So come out and play basketball or jump rope with us. It has been a rousing success... PO V. Hunt, your new former Star Reporter, has been detailed out of the district.

PO V. Hunt

* 007 *

Greetings to all from "Da'Wood"! Our Community Policing Staff, aka Neighborhood Relations, has been very busy these past few months! In June, there was the 2nd Annual Picnic; and in July, they hosted, with the Senior Advisory Council, a day at White Sox Park for the seniors. PO Victor Brown took charge of the fishing trip and skating party for the Explorers. He's a good man! And working with A/1, they also helped sponsor "Get Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs."... The pastors of various churches in Englewood joined Commander Maurice Ford, Sgt. Cassandra Bradshaw and PO Desiree Wilson in presenting a workshop on Domestic Violence. The workshop was held at Kennedy-King College, and each participant received a Certificate of Completion... July was a good month for picnics. POs Joe Wilcox and Stacy Lewis-Winton (Weezy) of the 1st Watch coordinated a food fight -- no, I mean a picnic! A little birdie told this reporter (thanks Sgt. Ann Moran) that a tasty apple salad, lovingly made by Sgt. Judon, was tossed in more ways than one, with most of it in PO Joe Wilcox's face! How did it taste, Joe?... Welcome aboard to the new recruits, may your stay be safe and enjoyable.

FTO Donna Adams

* 008 *

Congrats to the new parents POs, Kevin Eberle, Paul Duffy, and soon to be an October mom, Eileen Murlasits... We can have a basketball game in every room of PO Rose Wach's new house. Mr. Wach installed hardwood floors while Rose vacationed in Florida... We're still wiping asphalt from our shoes from the new parking lot... It was recently announced that we are getting a new station... The new Community Policing Sergeant, James Elbridg, is joined by PO Robert Rooker. The Gang Team also has a new leader, Sgt. Thomas Glynn... Congrats to POs John Dorris Jr., Joseph Pionke and Neil Hansen on their recent marriages... Congrats to the ever erudite Sgt. John Andrews, who just received his BA in Criminal Justice... Congrats and thanks to "patriarch" PO Robert Graeber and the 812 beat team for the great job at the CAPS community picnic. Bob still winses at the sight of Mr. Ed... Commander Molloy is beaming with pride over son Bill being awarded three separate scholarships... That's it for now--stay on your beat.

PO Wayne Gajdzinski
Greetings and salutations from all of the "Rangers" in Fillmore land... Officer Patricia Mackey's "10-1" was a big success. She is getting better by the day. Many thanks to those who made it happen for her... Hey, Sgt. Morgan and Mr. Covington, congrats on your recent "onesies"!... Lisa Gawlicki and Mr. Kelleher, I know you are both happy for having Connell Eamon Kelleher to keep you up at night... Midnight lock-up keeper Ike Swalanin (Swain), how much do your keys weigh?... We would like to welcome Maudie Jointer and Michael Davis and thank 007 for sending us two of their best... Carrianne, Linda and John (Yanez) would like to say Hi! from the Review Office... Bye, Lt. Adrienne Stanley and remember your promise to the Explorers... Sue Sasso, if you don't like your name being dropped off baby boy Patrick... We would like to say Hi! from the Review Office... We would like to welcome Czarne, Platko and Gene Richmond for coordinating the ceremony... Best wishes to Michael and Kristyn Malinowski on their new life together... Congratulations to Marvin Weatherby who brought back a silver medal for bench-pressing 280 at the Canadian/American Games in Milwaukee and to Lt. Thomas Sappanos and PO Vito Ferro on their awards at the 39th Annual Police Recognition Ceremony... A flurry of baby activity tickles 018's fancy, notably Joe and Francesca Lestinsky's Marissa, Lisa Thompson's daughter, Mike Cosentino's son, and Allison and Don DeVito's son... We think Maria Mendoza should qualify as a track star after her successful completion of the Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk from Kenosha to Chicago... Richard and Mary House are bursting with pride at daughter Ebonie Marie Lamani's PhD!... Still waiting for Lt. Tom Drury to get well... Congratulations and welcome to Sgt.s John Serafini, Victor Scimeca, William Bradley, Linda Turek, Thomas Cotter, Alan Garant, Henry McNichols and Francisco Riggio... To Lori Stranski and her detail to the Domestic Violence Office at HQ, we say, "You go, girl!" Mary Kay Ferguson joins the CPO... Best wishes to retirees Whalen Ulrich, Roland Brown, and Jerome Seagal... The word is that Tom Traficanti still hasn't been able to sell his house ("shrink in the closet" — yeah, right!)... Sgt. Cynthia Schumann and the Community Policing officers demonstrated the effects of alcohol and drugs on young adults in 018 with the "fatal vision" goggles, mind you, not a liquid presentation.

Welcome to the newly promoted sgt.s: Joseph Avila, Jacalyn Doyle, Jennifer Dowling, Daniel Gallagher, Larry Roy, and Lisa Price... Leo Schmitz has returned with stripes on his sleeves... We also welcome POs Roman Jurkiewicz, Sergio Rey and Brenda Wallace and all the new PPOs... Lots of luck to Lt. Thomas Keane; Sgt.s James Jones, Dennis Keane, Martin Ryckez and Karyn Murphy; POs Byron Barnes and Art Alant; and CG Edie Ann Goslawski in their new assignments... PO Rich Jarace has pulled the pin, and we hope to see him at our annual retirement party on 09 Dec... The Stork paid a visit to Sgt. Tim Smith and wife Anna and dropped off baby boy Patrick... POs Scott Martin and JoAnna Claunch (Unit 151) exchanged "I do's" and PO Danny Nunez and Patricia also tied the knot... Thanks from Commander Chiczewski to all who participated in the St. Jude Parade... Our condolences to those who lost loved ones, Sgt. Jim Williamson, POs Carol Burns, Maria Cornejo, John Karalow, Michael Nallen, and Police Aide Carol Cross.

Welcome to the newly assigned sgt.s, Cesar Guzman, Wanda Torres, and John Pallotuskus... The district had over two hundred DARE graduates from the Talcott and Chopin grammar schools... Sgt. Mike Gerharstein will be truly missed — lucky Bomb and Anson... Sgt. John Healy is the Business Liaison... Good luck to Sgt. Neil Schults, we'll miss you... A speedy recovery to Lt. Thomas Yracheta... Thanks to Sgt. Robert Bondi for planning a great golf outing... As of this writing, Lt. Rafalski has 98 days to retirement.

POs Joseph Tokarski and Maja Ramirez

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Sue Jurevis

• 020 •

Our 3rd Annual Open House and Classic Car Show was a huge success with over 90 cars registered and almost 1,000 community members in attendance... Congrats to Frank Kehoe, the new Commander of 019... Welcome to Lt. Sharon Guiffra and the newly promoted sergeants, Colleen Gonzalez, Willard Wright and Mark Forrest. We know you’ll like it in 020!... Congrats to our own Chuck Lamberty and Steve Shelesny, also new sergeants... On the retirement front, farewell to Louie Belpedio, Landon Matheson and Mike Jones. Maybe you guys could look up Tom Huse and make it a foursome?... Get well wishes to Saud Haidari — the Boss says he’s holding a bike with your name on it!... Learning the “Baby Sittin’ Boogie” are Adam and Cris Katz with son Jason, Ed and Susie Claudio with daughter Alani Iris, Al and Millie Lee with daughter Emily Ann, Amie and Mike O’Brien with son Michael Joseph and Scott and Tracey Pierson with son Michael Joseph. Wow! What a winter in 020!... Last, but not least, welcome to all our new recruits!

Sheila M. O’Keefe

• 021 •

Congrats to PO Earl Carter on receiving the Police Medal, the Department’s highest award, and the Award of Valor. The Blue Star Award and Award of Valor were presented posthumously to PO James Camp... A warm welcome to: Sgt.s Colleen Austin, Ray Brodersdorff, John Dowd, John Garrido, Steven Lowe, Scott Oberg, Joseph Sosnowski and Steven Witzczak; POs John Breen, Stacey Caves, Michael Coffey, James DeLisle, Brian Hawkins, Michael Day, James Jastavich, David Kozak, David McKe, Donovan Markiewicz, Michael McKenna, Renatta Porter, Lamont Westley, Deborah Witt and John Zingarelli... Welcome back to Sgt. James Mulvey and PO Rapunzel Williams. We know you couldn’t stay away!... Fond farewells to: Sgt.s Maureen Biggane, Arthur Block, Wendy Marrello, John Nowakowski, Bernie Ryan and Betty Woods; District Manager Margo Mansfield; and POs Anthony Amato, Kristie Coughlin, Marvin Dorsey and Richard Dugan... Congrats to the newly promoted Cmdrs, Walter Green and Mary West. Our loss is definitely their gain!... Thanks to the hard work of POs John Baldwin and Mike Burnett, our annual golf outing was a tremendous success... Congrats to PO Mike Cooney who recently shot a 73 at Glen Eagles... Good luck to our softball team which is currently 4 and 1... Congrats are in order for those who have recently tied the knot: POs Stacy (Caves) and John Breen, James and Colleen Conlan, Jeffrey and Laura LaPorte, Tim and Kathleen Moriarity, Laura (Corr) and George West and Lonnie and Lisa Young. May you have long and happy marriages... Congrats to Keith and Gina Glinski on the birth of Alyssa Rose... Until next time, take care and stay safe.

PO Leslie Boyle

• 022 •

Greetings from the Beverly Hills Cops... A contingent of over two hundred Chicago police officers (over 40 from 022) were among those in attendance in Washington D.C. to honor their fallen comrades at the National Police Memorial. Cmdr. Hohm would like to express a sincere thank you to these dedicated officers... A big thanks goes to the following 022 personnel who took part in the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run: Sgt.s Chuck Long, Don Ostrowski, Terry Riley; and POs Ed Richardson, Troy Williams, Veronica Rodriguez, Sue Morrison, Harriet Elias-Davis and Dan Hooker... Good luck and a fond farewell to the recent retirees: POs Tom Haugh, Tom Deopere, Bruce Wagner and Jim Dulgian. Needless to say, it was great working with you ladies; stay healthy and live long... Congrats are in order for PO Phil Hickey and wife Marilyn, whose daughter Theresa just started the police academy; and to PO Keith Dorr, whose son Tom just graduated from the academy and is assigned to 008... We warmly welcome Sgt.s Tim Sage, Eugene Mullins, Tom Costello, Pat Stirling, Antony Andrews, Ron Willkerson and John Small and POs Joseph Bowes, Mary Chapin, Ed Finneran, Brian Mcdermott and Gina Rolek... Farewell to Sgt.s Gerry Carroll, Carl Riggenbach, Mark Marianovich and Steve Wilson and POs Pat Dowd, Pat Darcy, Dave Lipinski and Chris Papaianniou; good luck and best wishes in your new assignments... Congrats to PO Warren McLaughlin and his wife Eileen on the birth of their new son, Thomas Warren... Congrats also to Lt. Jim Knightly and Sgt. Mark Marianovich, who each received a B.A. in Law Enforcement Management... The Mayor announced that we will be getting a new station... Well, this reporter is off to Italy so until next time, take care.

PO Pat Hackett

• 023 •

Welcome to our new arrivals: Lt. Ned Dolci­mascolo, Sgt.s Louis Danielson, Philip
Greco, Hector Silva, and POs Michael Bartz, Richard Fiorito, Michael Kaczynski, Robert Baumann, Patrick Coyne, Ronald Tanaka and Taveesak Tettawat. To our recently retired members: Sgt. Alan Thiel and PO Terrence Pierce, best wishes and our gratitude... Congrats to Colleen Gonzalez and Mark Forrest on their promotions to Sgt... On a somber note, our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones: POs Kristi Battalini, Otis Blue, Sr., Nadine Burke, Donald Eichler, William Johnson, Margaret Murphy, Michael Parfenoff, Endi Santiago, Peter Sodini and Civ. LaDonna Overall... The Newlywed Game has added six new contestants! POs Richard and Amilia Aztlan, Joseph Doane, Michael Stachula, Ralph Thompson, and Donald Zalinski... Wishes for a long and loving marriage... In baby news, congrats are in order for POs Remo Leonl and Sharon Walker on their new baby boy.

DM Frank Kinovec

Welcome aboard to POs Kevin Lynn, David Osborn, Martin Walsh, Robert Kane, Stephen Burzinski, Sheamus Mannion, Michael Brammigan, John Dineen, Michael Dugnan, Robert Greif and Andrew Staszek. We are also glad to have Sgt. Joseph Skiba and Lt. Michael O’Grady. Goodbyes to POs Ronald Tanaka, Randy Jallowy and Thomas Walsh and Sgts. Christopher Coleman, Thomas Mutch, Bruce Rottnere and Lt. Cressett Hamilton. Crossing Guard Joann Shawhan came up north from O14... Han Kim and Christine are hearing wedding bells. Daniel Schae del recently proposed to Maureen (she said yes, surprised?)... Mike Swanson and his family adopted a six month old — from Doberman Rescue.

PO Athena Mullen

Congs and well wishes to Jacalyn Doyle and Terrence Mullins on their recent promotions to Sgt... Our annual Open House was a huge success. A few of the highlights included touring the station, the Canine & Mounted Units, the Jumping Jack, McGruff and refreshments. At the Open House, the Steering Committee presented Officer of the Month Awards to POs Brian Dorsch, Anthony Pacino, Philip Mertes, Joel Bemis, Steven Sesso, Mark DelBoccio, James Muzupappa, Jose Vazquez, Darin Hoeger, Martin Lopez, Roy Boland, Karl Hervais, Edward Louis, Randell Ivey and Orlando Sanchez... Department Commendations were presented to Sgt. David Betz and POs Jacinto Gonzalez, Charles Ortiz, Joel Bemis, Steven Sesso, Karl Hervais, Roy Boland, Anthony Pacino, Thomas Wieczorek, Candace Milovich and Samuel Manno. The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Award goes to POs William Cozzi, Steven Gawlik, John Haleas, Daniel Burke, Dan Postelnick and Martin Vogel. Lastly, a Lifesaving Award was given to PO Connie Hartford. Great job! 249 honorable mentions were also awarded during the 5th period... POs Jose Lonelli, Cynthia Neri, Javier Rivera, Randall Ryan and A/S Det. Tim Gilburt volunteered to coordinate a Torch Run event. The event was coordinated by POail Haggen who ran with the first to all who represented 025 and ran in the rain... PO John Behnke deserves a pat on the back for his tireless involvement in the Peer Jury Program.

PO Cathy Burke

Up, up and away! Departures: Happy retirement to the following: Cmdr. Spanos, Sgts. McEnroe, Koclan, Buck Rogers and “Mr. No Fun” Thornton; and POs Tomasik, Bolten, Iannotti, Oriole, Blomstrand, Stampnick, Grasser, Gunther, Haynes, Murphy, Manfre, Gallagher, Kolb, Esposito, Pat Kelly, Bob Kelly and Ed Harder... Good luck to Lt. Sullivan and Sgt. Blanc in their new assignments... Arrivals: Welcome to Cmdr. Steve Peterson, Lt. Gorzkowski, Sgts. Kehoe, Siciliano and Roussell and POs Carr, Kosotovits, Murphy, Trophemeun, Ciesla, Scarnavaco, Alanz, Chiarrella, Gladney, Martin, Mertes, Russell and “Benny,” Ross Alvarez’s new long haired sheepdog... POs Tirc Stafem, Frank Skorek and Hugh Robinson have just been inducted into the “KMA” club... Cmdr. Peterson would like to thank everyone for a great turn out at the St. Jude Parade, the Special Olympics Torch Run and the O’Hare Golf Outing... Our thoughts and prayers are with POs Steve Stukel and Jeff Nagle who are recuperating... It is with much sadness that we inform you of the loss of PO Jerry Riley, class 91-2(D)... Until next time.

Crime Fighters
Stapleton & Mulvihill

Marine Unit

A special thanks to Sup. Terry Hillard, First Deputy John Thomas, Chief John Richardson, Deputy Chief Frank Radke, Cmdr. James Darling and Beverly Jackson for their support following our tragic loss of Sgt. Alane Stoffregen... Lt. Earl Zuelke, Jimmy Meador and Richard Spagnolo have finally moved to their new office, a fifty foot trailer next to the boathouse... Congrats to Raymond Dunske on graduating from college, it only took him many years, Ray?... Happy 60th birthday to Thomas Jaguszewski, who has served proudly in the Marine Unit for 36 years... A job well done to POs Michael Belluomini and Ricardo Erbacci for recovering a gun (used in a homicide) in the Garfield Park lagoon... Equaly impressive was the job performed by POs Thomas Weaver, Kevin Bahr, Thomas Jaguszewski, Thomas Fahy, John Stajce, Mark Facelli, Karen Skipper and Sgt. Robert Vannia during a boat fire at the Oak St. beach... Truly a pleasure having Deputy Jeanne Clark aboard recently. During her visit a drunk boater was placed under arrest. Deputy, you don’t mind that we put you in box #1.

Sgt. Robert Fitzsimmons

We fondly bid “adieu” to Lt. Kenneth Brown who has relocated to the Personnel Division. Best of luck to you... A warm welcome to Lt. Dalia Padgurskis who is temporarily filling Lt. Brown’s shoes until a new CO can be found (hmm, wonder if she plays golf?)... Farewell to Sgts. Cliff Morland and John McMurray. Good luck to you both... Sgt. Mark Hallo has recently joined us, but don’t look for him to be sitting at the desk, right? Sarge? Welcome aboard... Get well wishes to Lawrence Corey and James Funches — hope you’re back in the mix soon. Alberta Cordon is back, and Rose Torres is back on her feet after a brief illness. Happy to report that Mike Nolan is doing much better... We’re expecting that Asanti Hargrett, Melvin Hargrett’s first grandson, will have all 6 foot 3 inches of him wrapped around her little fingers real soon. Congrats to Melissa... Congrats are also in order for...
Lamont Reed and his wife who have finally moved into their new house... Bruce Willand has tied the knot again!... Ken Pisano’s little league team took 2nd Place... My daughter Etienne (13) jumped 17.1 feet to break the long jump record at Provost West and finished second in the Ridge Run... Deborah Simik is touring Europe... Arlene Vana just returned from Africa... And if you hurry, you might still be able to catch Marie Biggine in her TV debut on Crime Watch... Finally (this is a formal retraction), sorry for misspelling your name, Darrell... Until next time,” may the force be with you!”

Yl Karla M. Chaplin

- 072/Area 2 Youth -

A warm welcome to Sgt. Ken Burke, former YI, now assigned to A/2... We were remiss in our last issue by forgetting to include Arnold Weddington in the arrest of an offender accused of abusing 12 children. Sorry about that, Arn... Our resident daren devil, Mel Roman, is now skydiving. Scary... Congrats to former YI Joe Sosnowski, who was promoted to sgt. Our loss is 021’s gain... Jack Kilmartin was Co-Chairman of the Mt. Carmel 100th Anniversary Committee. The event was held at Navy Pier with over 1000 alumni in attendance... Sgt. Don Januszyk, who is now in 072, has been assigned as the administrative sgt. on the 2nd Watch... Proud papa Shawn Kennedy was cheering on the sidelines for daughter Tiffany, who was instrumental in Morgan Park High School’s 12th consecutive City Track Championship and 5th State Track Championship. Tiffany, who maintains a 4.15 GPA, will be competing in the Junior Olympics National Meet in Buffalo, New York this summer. Good Luck, Tiff... The entire 2nd Watch helped celebrate Sgt. Carol McLaurin’s “39th” birthday on Independence Day... Bobby Barnes is playing in an “over 35” baseball league... Get well wishes to Ruby Martin, who is recovering right on schedule... Jim Geraci just returned from Montana. Staying out for a homeost, Jimmy... Ralph Eichelberger is trying to play every golf course in the Chicagoland area... “Scoop” Hardy’s boys have made him a proud papa. Kyle was valedictorian of his 8th grade class, and TJ was accepted into the AERO Space Engineering program at the University of Arizona.

Inv. Tim Hardy

- 073/Area 3 Youth -

Sgt. Bob “Our Man in Rome” Battalini returned from the Eternal City... George “the chick magnet” Triantafilly bicycled to Iowa on his Harley and returned charmed from the fair... Finally (this is a formal retraction), sorry for misspelling your name, Darrell... Until next time, may the force be with you!”

Yl Karla M. Chaplin

- 074/Area 4 Youth -

It was a nice transfer for Joe Sepuveda as he went to the vat section of the CPD... Let’s go Sox!... 3rd Watch, hang in there. There will be more openings on the gray-haired shift (guys only)... Steve Sadowski finally retired to count his First Communion money in peace... GO ND... Youth Headquarters finally settled at the new building. Oh, gang, is it one word or two — Swan/Shaugnessy or Shaugnessy and Swan?!... School is open — Yahoo... Adios, adiós, sayonara, farewell, later and just goodbye. The unit’s next column will have a new reporter. After 32 years, yours truly is taking it easy. Some may say that started 30 years ago! You don’t miss the job, just the people. I was a lucky one as my career was sandwiched between Jimmy Stokes in 021 and Vince Canedella in 074 with a lot of good people in between. Good bye, good fortune and God bless... Oh, by the way, Joyce Canevani, don’t forget the flora and fauna... Up the Republic and down the middle!

Squire Danaher

- 077/Youth Div. Admin. -

Al Augustine was the only “dad” in the unit to bring his “Billy Bass” to work on the day after Father’s Day... Sgt. Gibbons now takes the elevator up to work, and Sgt. Schmidt takes the elevator down... Rolando Garza and Rich Lapinski celebrated twenty years with the CPD in June... Carol Mroczkowski is so proud of her nephew, Mike Morrissey, who was awarded his first black belt in karate. Mike is also the son of PO John Morrissey (018)... Debbie Spraggins’ favorite line is “Jamaican me crazy” after her recent trip to Montego Bay... Condolences to Warren Berry on the passing of his sister... Hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled summer.

Inv. Carol Mroczkowski

- 111/Office of the Superintendent -

Greetings to the CAPS Implementation Office, CAPS Projects Staff and Auditing & Internal Control Division. New personnel in the many sections that fall within the Office of the Superintendent are Sgt.s. Robert Cargle, Gerry Carroll, and Cynthia Lance (glad you’re back); POs Lisa Ford, Kathleen Hoffmann, Matthew Jackson, Laura Kubiak, Carol Sampey and Kelvin Williams; and Cws Sherry Kotlarz and Helen Woodward... It’s time to say good-bye and best wishes to: Roseanne Franckowicz who was recently promoted to sgt. and is now serving in 017; PO Monte Dawson who’s doing his best work in Bomb and Arson; and retires PO Mary Jensen and Cw. Emma Brum-
Donna Killen

- Unit 121/Internal Affairs
  Our condolences to D. Draper-Sibley on the death of her beloved Uncle Fred. Your dedication was not in vain... Chief Robinson, your short stay made a lasting impression. If OCD mis-treats you, let us know... Welcome aboard ADS Minogue, indeed, another gentleman and scholar. L. Meyers, glad you joined our team, but can you fill F. Herr's shoes?... F Herr will soon be joining the “Great” Bokowski as a retiree. Their chairs are being bronzed. Does that mean we won’t be getting anymore of your wife Janet’s delicious pound cakes? Thanks, Janet... J. Schalk, A. Davis and I. Miller, good luck in your new assignments. “Pomp” up the volume!... Congratulations to you for receiving your BA in Law Enforcement Management from Calumet College of St. Joseph. Danielle Ramirez, the daughter of M. Lane, received one of the Richard L. Memorial Scholarships. She will be attending DePaul University in the fall. Amy Herr, daughter of F Herr, competed in a national design competition for the Insty-Print Corp. She won the top two awards from hundreds of entries... The word is that G. Turner of the Telephone Installation Unit has the best dressed cubicle in the building. All tours are booked. P.S. To the secret lovebirds, believe us, it’s secret.

Evelyn D. White

- Unit 124/Training Division
  Welcome aboard to: Lt. Virginia Drozd, Sgt. Tammie Pena, P0s Susan Ballauer, William Bernath, Mary Jean Chan, Steven Gustaason, Laura Kirch, Robbie Levensbaum, Kathy Moore, Nick Palella, Anton Robinson, Diane Tamberlin, Thomas Feitag, Clarence Keith, Melanie Marshall, Robert Rubio, Charles Scoles and C0s William Waldron and Katherine Torres-Gonzalez... Congratulations to PO Kevin Flanagan, our loss is the Detective Division’s gain.

PO Dennis W. Nilsen

- Unit 127/Research & Development
  While many are aware of Barabara B. McDonald’s fondness for frogs, few suspected how closely she had been studying their leaping ways... Just three issues ago, we reported her promotion from Assistant Director to Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Bureau of Operational Services. Now we are proud to announce her promotion to Deputy Superintendent.
Bureau of Administrative Services. There’s no keeping a good woman down, but what next? Too late for this year’s Presidential run... In June, to celebrate the move to the new HQ, members of R&D and their families headed over to Comiskey Park for the cross-town match between the Sox and Cubs. In spite of Sammy Sosa’s ninth inning two-run homer, the southsiders came out on top 6-5 after 14 innings... People are always on the move in R&D. We welcome our new members: Lt. Marc Buslik, Sgt. Linda Turek, and PO Vertresa Hunt. Policies and Procedures; Sgt. David Hudsonspeth and PO David Dombrowski, PDT Automated Case Reporting Project; PO Alvin Moore, Technology; and Janelle Dowell, Grants. You may remember Vertresa from the recruitment posters we used two years ago, when we fielded our first Ambassador Team to recruit new applicants... Best wishes to former members in their new assignments: Mr. (formerly Lt.) Jim Hickey, Assistant Director, Records Division; Gene Chin, City of Chicago Office of Budget and Management; and Mary Schuler, Detective Division... We welcome Sgt. Maryann Stanek, our longest-serving member, as our new administrative sergeant. She replaces Sgt. Gene Vann, who moved downstairs with Deputy McDonald... As if law school wasn’t enough, PO Jeff Fronczak is taking up the challenges of matrimony. Best wishes, Jeff! Congratulations to POs Maria Cornejo and Barbara Feister, each of whom lost her father during this reporting period... Finally, apologies to Sgt. Howard Lodding. When we mentioned the PDT Automated Case Reporting project in the last issue, we somehow forgot to mention him. Must be those tight editorial deadlines. Next beer is on me, Howard.

Richard Glasser

PO Bob Anderson was just informed that he is going to be a grandfather again... Congrats to PO Frank Calderon on the completion of his counseling practicum at Rush Behavioral Services... Welcome to PO Joseph Panico, he’s the new Peer Support Team Coordinator... The Second Annual Men’s Serenity Retreat weekend is set for 27, 28, & 29 October, 2000. The retreat will be at St. Mary’s Retreat House in Lemont, IL. Retreat applications are available in our office (8th Floor) or at any No Cop Outs meetings; call 312-747-5482.

PO Bob Anderson

Unit 128/Employee Assistance Program

PO Diane Lanning’s daughter Tracey got engaged to Mr. Rich Glass. Diane also received her B.A. in Criminal Justice. She will start a Masters program in social work at the University of Illinois... Congratulations to PO Manuel Brown, who received an advanced certificate in Sign Language from the Chicago Hearing Society. As a Department Interpreter and member of “Hand,” an advocacy network, he will help those in the Deaf Community... As of this writing, one of our own, PO Michael Reich, is extremely ill. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to PO Don Lewis and his family on the loss of his mother... PO Carol Fox just returned from a one-week cruise. Carol’s youngest and 6th grandchild, Elizabeth Marie Warts, was a year old in May... Congrats to Tanisha Ramey, the daughter of PO Charles and Roberta Ramey, on her graduation from Kenwood High School’s Honored Honors Program with a 3.65 GPA. She will attend Kenwood High School Academy in the Honors Program... We wish PO Felice Sangiradi the very best on his recent retirement; he’s now living in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is looking to hook up with Tom Ferry (his former commander) and his old partner, James Bednarziewicz, to investigate why the cards hate them... Welcome aboard to Lt. William Kimball in his new assignment as Asdmn. Lt. in the BOS... We also welcome Sgts. Betty Woods, John Doherty and Joseph “Lou” Esquivel to our division family. To the Marine Unit from Deputy Superintendent Clark: My court keys is “S.”

Sgt. Sidney Kelly

Unit 153/Special Operations Section

PO Frank Taylor’s daughter Raquel made the St. Francis DeSales cheerleading squad, and Michelle Pye, daughter of POs T & K Pye, continues as a member of the St. Ignatius College Prep squad... PO Frank Rachal’s son Jacques has joined the army and will be stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Good luck, Jacques, and be all that you can be. DA Maggie’s son Jason passed the Chicago Park District’s Lifeguard Exam. What a prestigious position! We wish our retires a bright and prosperous future. Congrats on a job well done... Sgt. Bri-

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Roy L. Whitmore, Jr.

171/Central Detention

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an DuFour and POs Anthony Alvizu, Dennis Isola, Joyce Kimbrough and Michael Spino... Oh brother! PO Richard Portillo’s handsome brother, Ramon, Richard’s twin, has heads turning. Ramon is one of Cicero’s “finest” and also serves as a Cicero councilman... CO McClendon’s classy high school reunion was well attended and enjoyed by all... One last note, a small saga in 171. PO Strickland says she is expecting. Stay tuned. Visit our intranet site at 167.165.243.28.

DA Dianne L. Thomson

**Unit 173/Motor Maintenance**

Congrats to PO Kevin Hanlon and Sue Hanlon, they are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Samantha Elizabeth Hanlon.... Welcome to our new employees: Michele Wilson, Ronald Krupa, George Sievers and Jacqueline Wilson... Congrats also to Joe Cruz on his promotion to machinist, and Salvador Torres who received two degrees in Industrial Automotive from Technology and Management... We would also like to congratulate Bernad and Dore Jiricek on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Jiricek... Is it true that Commander Schinker was seen having lunch with actor Wayne Knight? (Hello, Newman!)

Sandra Crawford

**176/OEC**

The 1st Watch welcomes Marty Anderson as the new Watch Manager... New call takers to the watch are Amy Lyons and Marcella Walton... Last weekend, Supervisor Carla Orlando was whisked to the west coast for a stinging engagement. Next time you are in L.A., see if her name is on the marquee at the Hot House... Staci Feidler, Kari Cichon and the “Bail Handlers” finally won a game, and it only took 15 innings to do it!... Barney Stahl tossed $5,500 in contributions for the AVON 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness. OEC donated $3,000... Larry Dertz finally found a way to get a foursome together, have Kathleen Gruber as a partner... Mike Lewis, Sabrina’s husband, won 3rd prize in the Canadian Pork Loin Category at North Center Ribfest 2000. Mike, this reporter accepts samples... Kevin Winkefield, Jr., son of Linda Winkefield, graduated from Leo High School. He was a three time member of the National Honor Society and had his pick of scholarships. Western University is where he will start this fall... Regina Lee had hundreds of people at her home for her dad’s (Roosevelt Miliner) 80th birthday.

Scoop Ladle Hadle

**Unit 177/Forensic Services**

Best wishes to EI. Dan Principato, who is recuperating from bypass surgery. We trust he will be back at work soon... After many years at “The Building,” we have relocated to our new Homan Square facility... Welcome to the newly appointed Commander of the Forensic Services Division, Mary West... Good luck to NCs. Thomas Cronin and Sgt. Mary Ann Furlong... Timekeeper Josephine Kelton finally has her own office with a window. Don’t jump, Jol... Secretary Mary Banks was reassigned to the Organized Crime Division. Our loss is their gain. Best wishes to Mary... Congrats to EI. John Paulson and wife Mary on the arrival of #1 grandson, Ulysses.

FI. John Stout

**377/Forensic Services**

Congrats and welcome aboard to Cmdr. Mary West. We bid farewell to Cmdr. Thomas Cronin and wish him the best as police chief of Couer d’Atene, Idaho. A big welcome to our new ETs: Paul Brugger, Kurt Corfield, Donald Kumiya, Ronald Hull, Hiram Gutierrez, Paul Hernandez, Ted Hajduk and Beverly Birch. The presentation of fingerprint powders, brushes and inkpads will be Friday at noon... The 1st Watch welcomes Sgt. Tom Sheehan. He ends his tour of duty by riding his Harley into the sunrise... Speedy recovery to Sgt. Bob Churnik after his long awaited surgery... Linda Fogarty is leaving our friendly confines to join the Crime Lab... We bid adieu to Lt. Sharon Guiffra. Her new assignment takes her to O20. Our loss is their gain. She is one class act. Time marches on and so will I. Until next time.

ET Dorothy Stepanik

**Unit 620/A2 Detective Division**

Welcome aboard to Commander Walter Green... Best of luck in his retirement to Cmdr. Danny Briggs and newly retired det.s: Tom Hoban, Tom Krippel, Bob Skiewe and Fred “Caps” Sosinski... Welcome aboard to Sgt.s Jimmy Boylan, Mark Morrissey, John McMurray, Jack Wilkins, Cornelius Spencer and Cisco Rowland... At the Detectives Association Golf Outing, Det. Tom Budz accomplished what few golfers dream of -- a hole-in-one. Congrats! The FOP Fishing Tournament proved bountiful for Det. Ed Siwek, who reeled in the largest fish among A/2 personnel, a 3 oz. Carp... Neil Maas, does not pay to lock your key inside of a lock... Police Star reporter, Tanya Carter, while on investigative reporting duties, injured herself skate... Det.s Roy Witty, Bill Sota and Lt. James Ivory went on a fishing expedition. Bill reeled in a rock bass that was 4 oz.s short of the state record... Thanks to our resident horticulturist, Det. Susan James, for brightening our offices with flowers from her garden... Congrats to Det. Tanya Carter’s mother & brother on receiving their Masters Degrees... Det. Sharon Taylor’s son, Phillip, graduated from grammar school, and Det. Maude Noflin’s daughter graduated from high school.

Det.s Edd Budz, Terry Brown and Tanya Carter

**Unit 630 A3 Detective Division**

A/3 has suffered a tremendous loss since Sgt. Frank Kajari, a 33-year-veteran of the CPD, passed away from bone cancer. Our thoughts of love and loss for this kind, gentle and intelligent man are shared with his wife, Cmdr. Kathryn Kajari of O17 and daughter Alexandra... Other losses for A/3: Richard Cauble recently retired (32). Rich was one of the best A/3 had to offer and will be missed... Three detectives have recently been promoted to sqt.s: Robert Elmore and Andrew Wallace, both now in 016; and Joseph Kostuchowski, now assigned to O17... Sgt. Vic Scimeca left us for 018... We have four new sqt.s: James Gibson from 023, Gillian McLaughlin from 018, Walter Michalski from 006 and Sergio Rajkovitch from 015... We also welcome our new gang specialists: Sgt. Paul Kuhsinski, and Gs Michael Cusack, George Pontarelli, Henry Popek, and Paul Zacharias... Sgt. Tony “Duce” De Leon has been adding some personal touches to the Mission Team office. The Italian marble really adds a homey feel, and the...
fireplace will come in handy in winter... Al Yanagidate states that the move-in date for his newly renovated, state-of-the-art home is mid-August... And, yes, Stu Tallen is still looking for a home... Several members and friends went on A/3's Mr. Vegas 2000 Trip and had a great time. Those attending this year were Cmdr. Bill Hayes (the organizer), his wife Lt. Anne Hayes, Lt. Tom Byrne and wife Caryn, Lt. Yvonne Sutor, Sgts. Bill McDermott; John Schillen, Sue Schmit and Cindy Schumann and Det.s. Reno Balocchi (and wife Geralyn), Sue Barrett, Debbie Diana, Cathy Fitzgibbon, Ed Louis, Mike Mason, Wally Smith, John Thomas and John Turney and PO Paul Vitioli.

Det. Cathy Fitzgibbon

Unit 650 A5 Detective Division

Det. Gail Cruz gave birth to son Brandon John Cruz, congrats to Gail and Jim... Congrats also to Det. Ed Wodnicki on his marriage to Nicole; and to PO Coleen Chisholm on her marriage to PO Mike Dougan. We wish the two couples many happy years... On the last sergeants' promotion, A/5 lost seven of their best: John Garrido, Carla Grubisic, Henry Harris, John Pallohusky, Frank Riggio, Tom Weyland and Tony Wojcik. We wish them all the very best in their new positions... Welcome to our new sergeants: Dave Betz, Scott Ruiz and Ed Welch. We would also like to welcome Gang Specialists George Figueroa, Gerald Flavin, Rich Obartuch, Don Signoretti, Joe Sparks and Frank Vukonich... Good luck to Det. Ed Dombrowski on his retirement: Ed had 30 years of service, and 27 of them were as a detective. We wish him all the best... "Hip hip hooray" to Tim Gilbert for representing A/5 in the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run. 'Til next time, have a safe one.

Det. T. Chester

Retirees

We located some missing comrades: Stan Mandrela is residing in sunny Florida; Bernie Kelly is enjoying the Mardi Gras country of New Orleans, where he resides; Jim Hollandsworth is in Hoosier country with wife Marge, and his brother Lenny is in Chicago Ridge; Tom Kelleher resides in Shorewood; Marty Bilecki is fishing in Morris, Ill with Bob Kurz; and Wayne Jorgenson lives in Arkansas... The retirees of America welcome Robert Bunk to our ranks. Can Charley Wright be far behind?... Prayers for our departed comrades: Ron Solner, Ray Talimonchuk, Charles Jackson and John Casey... Why the big smiles on the faces of retiree Tom Wollschager and wife Mary Jo?... Oops, sorry Rolowicz for calling you Ron instead of Danny... Almost forgot, Jim Lee has also joined the ranks of retirees...

Speaking of Lee, whatever became of Tom Lee, a good guy... A big thank you to the FOP staff and Harold Kunz, for their help toward the retirees regarding The Chicago Police Star Magazine... This writer is a proud grandpa, as my grandson was accepted into Purdue University. Congrats to Bill Roth... Anyone have any clout for World Series tickets to see our Chicago White Sox?... Paddy Durkins is our oldest active retiree; he is 95 years old... To send me info, write me at: Retirees, PO Box 42635, Evergreen Park, IL 60805... 'Til next time, God willing.

Nick Zukic, Ret. CP

Blue Light Reporters,

Thank you for your contributions to this edition of the Chicago Police Star. Your time and effort is much appreciated. The next deadline for your articles is 24 October 00. Either have your Blue Light disks in on that date or send your reports via email to: michael.haas@chicagopolice.org.

Mike Haas, Editor

P.S. We are always looking for interesting photos, illustrations, cartoons and art work from, of and by CPD members. These do not have the same deadline considerations and can be sent in whenever available. Hardcopies of photos are preferred and will be returned after being scanned into our files.

"The Job"

We come on this job usually young and green, filled with nervous anticipation of incidents to be seen. Individual colors make up the department's hue, but when we're mixed together the shade you see is blue. A mix of veterans and rookies working together to fight crime, continuously replacing the other as a clock's hands move with time. Never knowing in advance the call we're about to receive, but unlike the anonymous citizen we cannot up and leave. Handling each situation with professionalism and grace, hiding our true feelings behind an expressionless face.

The job is very real, filled with excitement and fear; it's hard for us on the street and those at home who care. Our office never closes, that is the police way; but our main objective is to come home safely at the end of each day.

Building lifelong bonds with our partners of friendship and trust; working always together as we handle each bust.

So the next time you see us, the men and women in blue, stop and think for a moment of what it is that we do.

Under oath we swore to serve and protect, and all we ask for in return is a little respect.

Det. Leonard A. Muscolino II

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Dear friends,

I would like to share a photo with you. It was given to me by a friend who was aware that my late husband was, and my son is, a Chicago police officer.

The officer pictured is John Komerska, Star #5459, aka "Johnny the Cop," shown here crossing the children of Coonley and St. Benedict schools at the intersection of Irving Park Rd. and Leavitt in the mid-1950s.

For 28 years Johnny served the children of our neighborhood. Johnny was so loved that when transferred to other assignments in 1952 and 1956, the Department received 1400 petitions from children of both schools demanding him back on "his corner."

Both times the transfers were canceled and Johnny was sent back to us.

John Komerska was not a member of my family, but I felt that "Johnny the Cop" was. I was one of the children he crossed every day.

Sincerely,
Dolores M. Bleiski

John Komerska, Star #5459, became a police officer on May 26, 1924 and retired after 35 years of service on July 6, 1959.
The K-9 Explosives Detection Team

A jet bound for L.A. took off from JFK International Airport in New York. Moments into the flight, the airline received an anonymous phone call warning there was a bomb on the flight. The aircraft returned to JFK where passengers were evacuated and a bomb-sniffing dog named Brandy was brought on board to search. Brandy found the explosive device just 12 minutes before it was set to detonate.

With the rise of international terrorism in the last few decades, airports and aircraft have become prime targets for extremists bent on furthering their cause by any means necessary. In response, the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) created a unique federal project – the Explosives Detection Team Program – in order to place certified explosives sniffing K-9 teams at strategically located airports throughout the nation. Any aircraft receiving a bomb threat could then divert to an airport having such a team available.

The K-9 Explosives Detection Team Program is a partnership between the FAA, regional airports and local law enforcement. The FAA pays to purchase and train the dogs while local law enforcement supplies the trainers and handlers. A regional airport participates by allowing the FAA and local law enforcement complete access to their facilities, whether aircraft, terminals, runways, luggage, cargo areas or vehicles.

P.O. Al Janda is the Trainer of the K-9 Explosives Detection Team for the CPD at O’Hare Airport. A 32 year veteran, Al first went to the Canine Unit in 1980 after spending his first twelve years in patrol in 015. He has been with the K-9 Explosives Detection Team at O‘Hare since its inception in 1990. Not only certified as a K-9 Explosives Detection Team trainer and handler by the city, state and the FAA, he is recognized nationwide for the program he has set up and implemented at O‘Hare. Team member P.O. George Livergood attests, “Al Janda is one of the most well respected K-9 explosive detection trainers in the nation. The FAA uses Al’s program as a model for other cities, and he has acted as a consultant for fledging K-9 explosives detection programs in Milwaukee and Indianapolis.”

Al Janda is quick to draw a distinction between the handlers and dogs of the regular Canine Unit and those of the K-9 Explosives Detection Team. “The difference is in the training. Our dogs and handlers undergo much more extensive training,” he states. And for good reason, as Al explains, “You and the dog miss some dope, okay. You miss a burglar, okay, but if you miss an explosive. . . !”

In fact, a prospective handler and his dog receives three months intensive training at the Military Working Dog School at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Texas. While the dog is trained to recognize the odor of PETN and RDX, the chemical basis of all explosives, the handler learns to “read his dog.” As the dog is trained to respond “passively,” the handler must detect nuances in the dog’s behavior to determine if the dog has recognized an odor. “Aggressive” responses, such as barking, biting, scratching or excessively nudging the location of a hidden training aid, will prevent a team from receiving FAA certification. Interestingly, a dog “scoring a hit” is rewarded with a ball with which to play and not a food treat.

The training at Lackland is followed up by additional training in the team’s own operating environment, the airport to which they are assigned, in order to prepare for certification. The FAA certification test has stringent criteria that must be met. Twenty-six “training aids” (small plastics tubes containing simulated explosives odors) are hidden throughout the entire airport. Ceilings, garbage cans, drinking fountains and lockers in terminals or overhead compartments, seats and toilets in aircraft are all possible locations in which the training aids are hidden. FAA evaluators permit only two “misses.” Furthermore, two annual certification failures due to handler error will result in
the handler's elimination from the FAA program.

Proficiency training is regularly reinforced on a weekly basis and mandates four “sniff hours” per week. The FAA has created a special data system called KATS (K-9 Aircraft Trained-on System) to document and track a team’s weekly training. In this way the team remains in constant state of readiness so that when called upon to respond to a bona fide bomb threat, they will perform according to expectations.

When asked why the dogs in the Canine Unit aren’t also utilized for bomb and narcotics detection, Al Janda replies, “With a bomb threat, time is of the utmost value, and precious time will be lost if a dog gets sidetracked by sniffing out some dope when there is a bomb ticking away. That’s why the FAA trains their dogs specifically for bomb detection.”

The dogs used presently for bomb sniffing are the sporting breeds – Labradors or Retrievers – which are selected for their keen sensory abilities. However, Al sees the FAA returning to German shepherds. “They can work harder and longer,” he explains, “and their sense of smell is just as acute.” “And,” he adds, “they’re not as temperamental when corrected or disciplined.”

The K-9 Explosives Detection Team members at O’Hare work staggered shifts on the second and third watches but are on call 24 hours. Along with Al and his dog “Scooter” and George and “Arno,” the team’s line-up includes P.O. Bob Skwarski and “Red,” P.O. Ed King and “Bow,” P.O. George Geyer and “Maude,” P.O. Ross Alvarez and “Benny,” P.O. Jim Rode and “Amos,” P.O. John Skipper and “Black,” P.O. Tony Bertucca and “Weiner” and P.O. Gary Gozdecki and “Chief.” Teams are summoned to sniff out possible bomb threats on a daily basis. Most of these, however, are unattended luggage or “suspicious” bags left on aircraft or in terminals.

“In terms of airport and aircraft security, the K-9 Explosives Detection Team Program is the greatest tool against terrorism in the air today. The key to our proficiency is our ability to combine mobility with reliable detection rates,” Al maintains. The Congress also seems to think so and, on the recommendations of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety, appropriated funds recently to expand the program.

Article and photos by P.O. Mike Haas.
Dear Sgt. Alane Stoffregen,

You were only with us for such a short time on your return to the Marine Unit. Those of us who knew you welcomed back your smiling face, energy and loving personality. Many of our new officers were just getting to know what a very special person you were. On a clear, sunny day, the Lord called for you, and your soul was raised from the waters of Lake Michigan as your partners worked frantically to keep you here with us. As the mourning flag was raised and bunting placed on the boathouse, all we could do was stare helplessly. Many of us expressed our pain and sorrow together, others cried alone. As you walk in God’s presence, we have returned to our duties, but your memory will live with us forever.

The Marine Unit