



R•C•P•A Newsletter

RETIREE CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2018

IF YOU RECEIVED A YELLOW NEWSLETTER, YOUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED, APPLICATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU RECEIVE A WHITE NEWSLETTER, YOUR DUES ARE PAID. Upon receipt of your 2018 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.

President's Message

Harold Brown

The next meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be held on May 20, 2018 at 1:00 PM. It will be held in the 001 st District Community Room at 1718 S State Street.

At our February meeting we had nominations for the next two years. The nominations were: Harold Brown for President; Russell Schaefer for 1st Vice President; and Ronald Topczewski Treasurer. There were no other nominations, so one vote was cast for those nominated. The past 1st Vice President, Donald Januszyk, stepped down for personal reasons. He will be missed. I'm sure we can count on him to keep writing his articles. I would also like to thank Richard Tufano for his services as Recording Secretary. The new board will be sworn in at our May meeting on the 20th. The names of our new board are on the bottom of this page.

I would like to thank Vic Rini for the Picture of Commander Bauer that we have in the window of the RCPA window.

We have been receiving calls requesting waiver forms for CFD/EMS fees. You may get this form from our website, www.retiredchicagopoliceassoc.com. The form should be sent to unit 123 Human Resource) 3510 S Michigan Ave. 4th floor Chicago IL 60653.

Section 25.2 Ambulance Fees. Officers and their eligible dependents and retirees and their spouses will be exempt from fees for emergency medical services performed by the Chicago Fire Department.

Because of the increasing cost of printing the newsletter and postage, if your dues are not paid by July 1st you will no longer be receiving your newsletter.

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street

Aetna Health Plan Update

The Aetna programs continue provide great value to the participants. The current plans pricing will continue through the end of 2018. The process of negotiating the 2019/2020 rates have already begun. The goal is to keep the rates at their current levels for the next two years. Updates will be provided as soon as the rates are finalized. This is expected to occur in the next few weeks.



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National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System

Don Januszyk *1st Vice President*

Dear Members:

This is my last official article as 1st Vice President. I am stepping down to allow someone younger to step up, I hope.

We are part of a large law enforcement family, made up of ranks from patrol officer to deputies. Looking at today's world I am concerned. Judges release questionable prisoners on I-Bonds, speed limits on our expressways posted at 55mph average of 75 mph with drivers texting or using their cell phone in violation. Car-jacking is on the rise and violent crime has increased in once safe areas concurrent with demands for police to back off when deadly force is necessary.

Citizens ask, "Why are the police not enforcing the laws?" Today police are criticized for doing their jobs; every action questioned, and routinely subject to discipline and/or indictment. In a violent, deadly situation, an officer has nano seconds to make a decision. One thing we know for sure is that officers want to return home safe after their tour of duty. In my years as a supervisor handling a police shooting, I have NEVER saw an officer happy or content with the incident. They were scared shitless!!!!

When an officer tells a person to STOP, they should do so. Some say that they fear a beating from police. Suspects who run often fight if caught. Perhaps an officer should say, "Sorry I bothered you, please put your hands behind your back." Can you guess how that will work? I always told officers to do what you must till help arrives, a fact the media does not understand. Identity politics embraced by the media supersedes truth in reporting; consequently race of offenders is routinely excluded in reporting. The public now must rely on themselves for protection and redress as disorder and violent crime increases and institutions that once sought justice protects those that must be removed from the population so others can be maintain their right to life, liberty and ownership of property.

Beat officers need the guidance, training and backing of their supervisors, yet in the past several years that model has waned. I know that there are bosses reading this, and many of them do not want to be bothered with that burden. Officers depend on sergeants, but I knew some who answered with silence when call on the radio; it was clear they did not want to be bothered.

Retired Lt. Bob Angone, residing in Florida, submits articles to the Chicago Sun Times, and they are great. The most important thing he reflects on is the need for a

good dependable Command Staff, and Chicago politics preclude that in the time of need. Choices for Commanders and Deputies are subject to political influence and rarely competence. The merit system for Detectives, Sergeants, and Lieutenants is again influenced by politically picked commanders, alderpersons, and the mayor's office. I think patrol officers should have a voice in who should be a District Commander as well as other supervisors. Who best can judge the ability of the people who should lead them but those led.

Regarding retiree medical plans, about 5 or 6 years ago, myself and Sergeants Pension Representative Mike Lazzaro contacted and met with Attorney Krislov. That started many years of litigation; Krislov is still fighting for us. The RCPA and its members donated in excess of \$800,000 dollars, with the FOP and Sergeants Association. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago's Alderpersons have flushed close to 25,000 retirees down the drain. The Mayor and his attorneys are still fighting us, using our tax money to do so. I don't know what the outcome will be, but I'm sure retirees will not receive that which they were once promised. We have members living out of Chicago and Illinois. Please take the time and voice your opinion to those attempting to bury us.

FOP became our reps after I made Sergeant, and I finally was able to join a little while ago. I always wondered about the things that FOP did, but President Kevin Graham FOP appears to be standing up for many of the issues concerning its members. I read the SCC Blog and the comments consist of the good, the bad, and the ugly. An organization is only as good as the members who attend its meetings. I'm still active in the Sergeants Association, but attendance at meetings is nil just as the FOP's compared to total membership. Even when I was working around the clock I was able to attend some of the meetings, so excuses are moot, everyone has one. I still devoted time to my family and other organizations. If you care, belong!!!!

I spent most of my career in 002, 23 years, seven as a PO and 16 as a Sergeant. I was a sergeant in 010 four years. I believe I was respected because my charges called on me often, and came to my assistance when needed, usually saying, "Please Sarge not again", we did the job and had fun!!!! I retired out of SVU and knowing a sergeant does not bid into those units, they asked where I came from. I told them I had 23 years in 002, and they never bothered me. I cost the RCPA a bit of paper on this piece, but thanks to all and keep our actives, who are going thru hell, in your thoughts and prayers. Party On!!!!

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Michael Zec

February

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Paul Bauer
Frank Bauman
Leon Cammon
John "Aldo" Cella
William Campion
Elwood Danielson
Dominick DiGirolamo
Timothy Duggan
Roger "Rusty" Elmer
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Nathan Gibson
Bernard Gronke
Thomas Hayes

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Thomas Hughes
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March

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Robert Campbell
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Thomas Deacy
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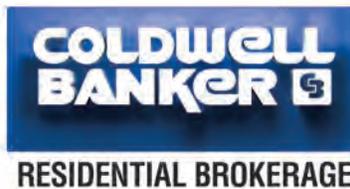
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Just A Thought... *By Russ Schaefer, RCPA Trustee*

So did you ever get a passenger in your car that did not want to wear a seatbelt? I actually still see many people in cars that are still not buckling up. Sharing this information will make family and friends smarter and safer. Having given a few of my friends the following advice they are now wearing the Belt. Follow the next simple 8 steps to find out what happens in the first fatal second after a car going 55 MPH hits a solid object:

1. In the first 10th of a second, the front bumper and grill collapse against the car.
2. The second 10th of a second finds the hood crumbling, rising and striking the windshield as the spinning rear wheels lift from the ground. Simultaneously, fenders begin wrapping themselves around the solid object and although the car's frame has been halted, the rest of the car is still moving at 55 MPH. Instinct causes the driver to stiffen his legs against the crash, and they both snap at the knee joint.
3. During the third 10th of a second, the steering wheel starts to disintegrate and the steering column aims directly for the driver's chest.
4. The fourth 10th of a second finds two feet of the of the car's front end wrecked while the rear end is now moving

at 35 MPH, yet the drivers body is still moving at 55 MPH.

5. The fifth 10th of a second finds the driver is impaled on the steering column and blood now starts to rush into his lungs.
6. At the sixth 10th of a second the impact has built up to the point that the driver's feet are ripped out of tightly laced shoes the brake pedal breaks off and the car's frame buckles in the middle. The driver's now head smashes into the windshield as the rear wheels, still spinning fall back to earth.
7. In the seventh 10th of a second door hinges rip loose, doors fly open and the seats break free, striking the driver from behind.
8. In the eighth 10th of a second the seat striking the driver from behind does not really bother him because he is already dead!

The last 10ths of the second mean nothing to the driver or the passenger maybe sitting next to him because yes and sadly, they will continue to be dead. Please share this with your own family and friends to keep them alive and well! Stay Safe.....Russ

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Treasurer's Message *By Ronald Topczewski*

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If any retiree groups would like to put an article in our newsletter regarding their meetings, please contact us.

1st Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
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