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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

August 2025

President's Message

Harold Brown

Our meeting will be held on September 21st at the FOP Hall, 1412 W Washington Blvd. The meeting will start at 1:00PM. After the meeting please stay and meet some of your fellow retirees.

Don't forget, if you use the Chicago Fire Department ambulance the waver is on our website.

Most of us have received our new Social Security payments but we have a lot of questions. At our next meeting we will have as guest speaker Mike Marron from Integrated Financial concepts. He will be able to answer your questions.

September 29th is the date of our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner. It will be held at the FOP Hall. Cocktails will be served from 5:00to 6:00. Again, we must

limit attendees to the first 100 reservations. Unfortunately, we have had to turn away some of our members. This is a sit- down dinner with an open bar. We got lucky again this year the price remains at only \$50.00. Don't forget we do have some great raffle prizes.



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REGULAR MEETING
Sunday, September 21st, 2025
at 1:00 PM at FOP Hall
1412 W Washington Blvd.

Organized in 1888 as an Association to protect the Police Pension Fund
and the welfare of Police Pensioners, their widows and children.

Tom Lonergan
1st Vice President Retired Chicago Police Association.

Greetings to everyone. Most of us have received our Social Security Retro check and had our monthly check increase. It's unfortunate that they only went back 14 months. I was at an investment seminar last month which had a speaker talk about the changes to the law. About 18% of the officers who will get an increase have yet to see their check go up. Those officers may have had an error in their original applications. Some retired officers never applied for the benefit because they had little or no income that was taxed under Social Security. If you have not applied, please do so. A little bit of time could be worth the effort. If you have never applied before there will be no retro check. An interesting bit of info was if you can now collect on your spouses account if your check would be bigger. Retired Officer xyz's check was only \$200 after the Medicare deduction. With the new law in effect it's now \$450. But officer xyz's spouse gets a \$3800 dollar check because they worked for almost 40 years in private industry. The retired officer can now collect 50% of what their spouse was getting without lowering the spouses check. And that benefit can retroactively go back to 6 months! Also, if you are divorced and not remarried you can apply using your ex-spouses account and they will never know about it and the ex-spouse's benefit will not be lower. In the last month we have been contacted by several members who were late in applying for Medicare. When you apply for Medicare your benefit starts on the first day of your birth month. An Example is if your 65th birth day is the 22nd of August Medicare starts on August 1st. The city knows this and ends you city health on the 1st of August. Don't get caught with out health care for a month.

David DiSanti
RCPA Treasurer

I hope all my fellow retirees are enjoying their summer with family and friends. Not a lot to share with the membership. The WEP/GPO retro checks are going out all should be distributed by the end of the year. Make sure you get your tickets early for the annual Corned Beef Dinner. There will be a dedication to Ella French Memorial Dog Park at 56th and Narragansett on 31 August at 10 am.

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On Friday, June 6th, a Chicago police officer was killed accidentally by her partner while confronting a man with a rifle. She was wearing her vest, but the bullet struck the open side of the vest: two tragedies, Officer Krystal Rivera's death and the psychological/spiritual burden her partner must shoulder the rest of his life.

What happened??? We may never know, however, my guess is his training was lacking or poor, perhaps both. During my academy training, the instructors were well-versed and hardened officers. Today, I've heard the trainers lack street experience, and some are there to hide and enjoy weekends off. Further, attempting to save her life, Officer Krystal Rivera was transported to the hospital in a squad car that caught fire. What????? I do not fault the mechanics because department leadership and city hall have ignored routine maintenance and failed to provide appropriate tools and parts for a well-maintained fleet as far back as the 1970s

Shortly after Officer Rivera's death, the CPD leaders held a news conference and there is video of the command staff laughing and joking around. The SSC blog posted the sick video on Saturday 07 June 2025. It has long been believed that when most become exempt, they sell their soul. Thank the elected leaders who run this crooked system. I always wonder why, when the Superintendent has a news conference, several gold braids stand behind him. Could they be his wipers???

It took more than a month for the department to explain what happened regarding Off. Rivera. She had four years' service, her partner three, and they were members of a tact team. The Chicago

Sun-Times published an article about her partner's background; it was not good. If true, it made you wonder how he kept the job. Officer Rivera's family initiated an investigation into the cause and circumstances of the incident. Perhaps the department's hiring, training, and leadership will get the anal exam it has needed for many years and discover the metastasized cancer killing the city. We shall see.

The Sun-Times and the Illinois Policy Institute published how Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle erased \$665,744,470. 53 in the medical debt of Cook County residents using our tax dollars to pay the bills. The article mentioned one cardiac patient, but I'm betting that most bills were for treating gunshot injuries. Governor Porkulous, J. B. Pritzker has spent 2.84 billion dollars of our tax money on illegal immigrants, as our and other pensions falter. Remember, the people of Illinois and Cook County elected these losers.

Have you ever read the material sent out with the Cook County election notices? Instructions are printed in about 12 different languages. Why? In other countries, citizens must read and write the language accepted in that country. In America, English is the accepted language. A country is defined by its borders, language and culture. I've seen election judges enter the polling booth with people who cannot speak or read English to facilitate their voting; is that right???

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Gov. Pritzker, Cook County President Preckwinkle, and Mayor Johnson all passed programs that exempt low-income persons from paying fines for laws they have broken. Psychology and Economics 101 teach that behavior rewarded is increased. This is madness!

The Chicago Tribune published a quote from Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Chief Chris Bailey after the 4th of July weekend shootings there. He stated, "Hundreds of unsupervised kids came down here, and I don't know how many times I had to say it.

We are not your children's keeper. You are!!" We need more leaders willing to say things like that! Nothing will change until police are empowered and backed up for enforcing laws.

Elections are in November; Please, Please use your God given brain and vote for persons we can depend on. Have a safe summer, and watch out for each other.

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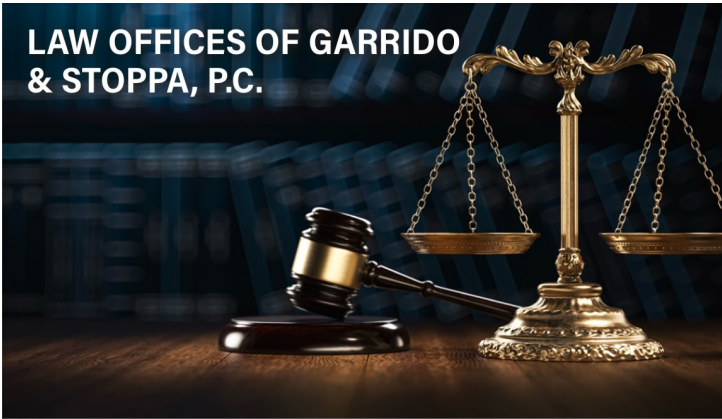
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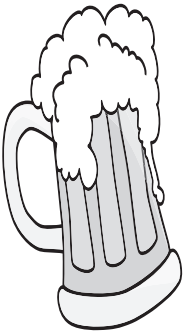
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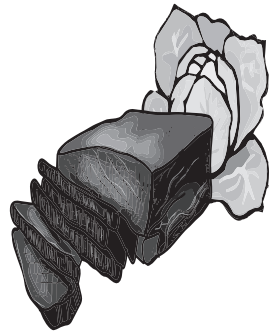
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