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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2023

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Upon receipt of your 2023 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.

President's Message

Harold Brown

Our next meeting will be May 21st at 1 PM at the FOP hall, 1412 W Washington Blvd. After the meeting please stay to meet with your fellow retirees and to enjoy some sub sandwiches.

If you received a yellow newsletter that means you have not paid your dues. The cost of mailing and printing the newsletter has not increased in almost 15 years; the cost is still only \$20.00.

September 24 is the date of our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner. It will be held in the FOP Hall, 1412 Washington Blvd. Cocktails be served from 5:00 to 6:00; dinner is at 6 sharp. Again this year we must limit tickets to the first 100 reservations. No tickets will be sold at the door. Unfortunately in the past we have had to turn away some of our members. This year we have to raise the price of our tickets to \$50.00. This is due to the increase in our cost.

In March there was an FOP election. I am happy to report that with your help John Catanzara was reelected. Fifty-three per cent of retirees voted compared to 26% of the active officers. Because of your vote 11 retirees were elected to the FOP board.

If you transferred over to the Aetna vision and/or dental please read the article from Jack Byrne



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REGULAR MEETING
Sunday, May 21st 2023 at 1:00 PM
at FOP
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.

Just A Thought.....

By Russ Schaefer 1st Vice President, RCPA

I recently spoke to a friend of mine who is a Retired Los Angeles County Sheriff and the question came up “what the hell is going on in Chicago? Actually it’s a question I am asked often and not just from LEOs active and retired. In the early 70s when assigned to the Englewood District, I was approached separately by two women and a man as I walked my 722 Beat who asked me if I could take guns that they had and “get rid of them without anything coming back to them or their family”. My response to all three was always yes. When asked if the safety of a family member was of concern, the response was always yes, my son. It is a shame that today the ones being blamed for the chaos in the south and west side neighborhoods are the Mayor, Police Superintendent and the Police Officers in general. It is no surprise today when I hear from Officers I worked with that the attitude is generally, “we answer our calls as dispatched....period”. Police officers today have become the punching bag for the nation and sadly, many receive little or no respect from their superiors and the gaggle of many incompetent mayors around the country and like the military they are all that stands between us and the abyss. Currently Police Officers all across the country are simply in survival mode and that is sadly understandable in today’s climate. The community activists need to change their operational mode and focus their outrage on the communities that they “serve” and not the Police. The only ones who even have a chance of stopping the violence in these communities are THE FAMILIES. Mothers, Fathers, Siblings, extended family and friends know who has the weapons, know who are acting in a lawless and dangerous manner not only for themselves but others. We need these individuals to stand in front of the door, to take away the weapons and failing that contact the anonymous tip line that is available to them to ensure that the carnage that we are witnessing today does not come back to kill or severely wound that family member or another. This should be discussed at Community meetings, the media should also be speaking of it as well as the Mayor and the Police Superintendent. So what am I saying here? Simply put, lay the blame and point the finger where it possibly can do the most good. Sometimes aiming the blame can wake people up and cause action and in this case if the residents and family members in these communities start screaming to the family thugs “not in my house, not on my block and not in my neighborhood!” then maybe change will come and the unthinkable carnage that we are witnessing in Chicago today will stop.

And That’s Just My Thought.....From Russ Schaefer

Police Officer Andres Lasso was murdered on 01 March 2023 responding to a domestic and a man with a gun. The officer saw the offender running with a gun towards a children's playground. He exited his squad car and gave chase. He apparently was near the fleeing offender when the offender turned and fired 5 shots striking Officer Lasso fatally. The officer, returning fire, struck the offender once.

In the 1970's, I believe when there was an officer related shooting a team at our police academy analyzed the shooting to learn from it, not so now-a-days. Calibre Press (<https://calibrepress.com/>) collects officers' body cam videos, analyzes them and uses them in their classes help officers improve their tactics. Here are my thoughts from the information I have. Officer Lasso was close to the offender fleeing with a firearm. According to the media, the thug chambered his weapon. Why didn't the officer shoot as it was being chambered? Was he thinking that he was in violation of the foot chase policy and worried about ramifications, what the media would say, and perhaps be criminally charged? Was he trained properly and enough to make critical decisions under the highest of stress? I wonder how many Gold Star families are created due to the CPDs disregard for proper and frequent training and political conditions that may cause officers to hesitate in the use of proper and lawful force? I'll bet Caliber Press will FOIA Officer Lasso's body cam footage and use it to train officers throughout the country in their classes, though CPD will likely not use the footage. Why?

The February city elections are over, and Lightfoot is gone. I hope ASA Fox will be next. The mayoral runoff is April the 4th and by the time you read this it will be over. Hopefully, the citizens of Chicago will vote for the right person and the routine vote fraud will not determine the outcome. While this organization does not endorse candidates, I can state what the candidates say they stand for. Vallas is for reducing crime and supporting the police. Johnson wants to reduce crime by initiating social programs. Can you name one social program that reduced crime? On 1, February 2022 units stopped a vehicle

owned by Deputy Chief Yolana of CPD's IAD unit. The niece told officers that "her aunt was probably their boss". They recovered about \$6000 worth of narcotics, and did not tow Talley's car in violation of General Order. It was driven by her niece with her boyfriend in the car. The boyfriend was arrested, and the niece went free. The incident was covered by the media, and city leadership decided to have the City of Chicago Inspector General, Deborah Witzburg conduct the investigation. It's been over a year and there has been no comment from the Inspector General. I contacted Deanna Shoss the IGs Director of Communications and Outreach and was told, "The Office of Inspector General's investigative work is confidential by ordinance and we can't comment". Are they burying it? Ha!

Across the United States and certainly in Chicago, municipalities have lowered their police officer hiring standards and in some cases are offering monetary incentives for persons accepting law enforcement positions. Do the words Backfire and Memphis, Tennessee come to mind? Officers must be of the highest caliber, morally sound, well trained and accountable, yet cities fail to select sound candidates, give poor training and first line supervisors fail to continually to make expectations clear to their charges. Further, with PC they must be able to stop, question, and when lawful, search suspected individuals regardless of race when they are suspected of committing criminal acts. You do not have to consult Madam Cleo or have a crystal ball to predict where this is going.

Since there is a temporary Superintendent, Eric Carter, the worst person possible choice, positive change for officers must wait at least until late fall before a new Superintendent is chosen and that is a crapshoot. Meanwhile, expect Chicago to be up for grabs!

Anyway, I hope your Easter was great and your colored eggs hard boiled.

Keep your powder dry, head-on swivel; stay safe and enjoy the summer.



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ROBERT BAIKE
GWENDELL BRACEY
KENNETH BRANDT (91)
EDWARD CAGNEY
MICHAEL CARONE (87)
LAURENCE COFFEY (91)
WILLIAM COTY
ALBERT FIRGO
CHARLES FORD (88)

RONALD GORENCE
JACQUELINE HEALY
OCIE HIGH
WILLIAM HOLMAN
RICHARD JENNINGS
KA NAM KUYAN
ROBERT LADTKOW (96)
ANDRES VASQUEZ LASSO
(LOD)
FRED LAUBACH

DAVID LAWTON (86)
FRANK MARTIN (86)
COLEMAN MC DOUNGH
LAWRENCE MC LAIN
(89)
JOHN MILLER
PATRICK PEMBERTON
DAVID PEARSON
ALVIN SHOLL
MARRIANE SMITH

RICHARD SPIELMAN
TERRENCE CREAMER
STEPHEN VRTIS
ROBERT WASMUND
CHARLES WEYER
JOHN WILLEMS (930)
THOMAS WILLIAMS

MARCH 2023

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GARY BAZAREK
WALTER BRENDAL
THOMAS BYRNE
CHARLES CHILDERS
RAYMOND CISCO

JAMES CONLISK
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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.

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