

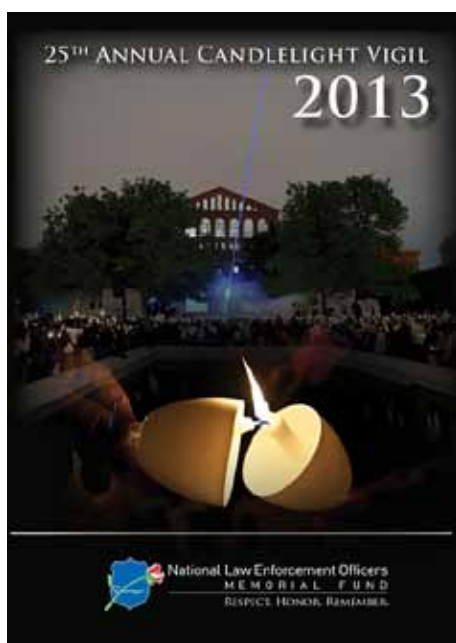


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25th Annual Candlelight Vigil Honors 321 Fallen Peace Officers at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



Attorney General Eric Holder leads the lighting of candles and reading of fallen officers' names; including 120 officers killed in the line of duty in 2012 and 201 prior-year fatalities

The names of 321 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty—including 120 who died in 2012—were formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, during the 25th annual Candlelight Vigil.

An estimated 20,000 people attended the ceremony in person, including surviving family members, friends, law enforcement colleagues, and others. Thousands more participated via a live webcast of the ceremony provided by the Memorial Fund and Officer.com.

U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. delivered poignant keynote remarks and led the lighting of candles and reading of the fallen officers' names. "Al-

though no words, and no ceremony, can erase the pain we feel at each tragic and untimely loss, my hope is that the families, friends, and colleagues of these fallen heroes can find peace in the certain knowledge that they died doing what they loved. They helped to make this world a far better, and safer, place," he said. "And, despite the fact that these brave officers were taken from us far too suddenly—and far too

soon—their legacies, and contributions, will always endure."

Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, and Madeline Neumann, National President of the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), also participated in the annual tribute to fallen officers, a special part of the National Police Week observance in the nation's capital.

The evening's program also included musical tributes and a special recognition of representatives of some of the Boston-area agencies that demonstrated an exceptionally high level of work as they captured the Boston Bombing suspect while protecting their communities. This included Director Robert Mueller of the FBI; Superintendent Timothy Alben of the Massachusetts State Police; Superintendent Willie Gross of the Boston Police Department; and Chief Ed Deveau of the Watertown Police Department.

In addition to the 120 officers who died in 2012, the names of 201 officers—whose deaths had been lost to history until this year—were added to the Memorial. The national monument now contains the names of 19,981 fallen law enforcement officers—from all 50 states; the District of Columbia; U.S. territories; federal, corrections, railroad, and military police agencies—who have died in the performance of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known officer death in 1791.

"Tonight, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in law enforcement service. And we also pay tribute to the surviving family members who were left behind," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the non-profit group that maintains the Memorial and serves as a principal organizer of National Police Week each May. "Behind every name on these walls are stories and memories that burn brightly ... tonight and every night—stories that inspire us and memories that cannot be extinguished. We will always remember these extraordinary American heroes," he said.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcello Muzzatti, President

The summer of 2013 came in on a boat! Never can I remember seeing this much rain in so few days. I hope that you all got through this dry. Another summer in Washington, DC, means heat and humidity. As we start to get into the family fun, in addition to working through all of this, I cannot stress strongly enough to you the necessity of keeping safety first. As hot as it may get, you still need to wear that vest and find ways to keep hydrated and cool. The summer months are probably the busiest months of police work, but going home to family and friends is what we aim for! Remember this as you patrol.

Another class has graduated from the Metropolitan Police Academy and we hope the best for them in the future. Some may have no idea how the lodge and the union have been involved in this new career but I urge them to become educated on this. The union is there to support you in your legal rights and contract negotiations. The lodge is there as your conduit to the rest of the membership, as well as national issues that involve a greater spectrum of the membership. We are also there for you as a fraternal organization with other events that bring our membership closer. As I talk about the MPD, I am saddened by the fact that no representatives of the MPD Labor Committee will be joining us at the bi-annual conference in Cincinnati, OH, this year. While other labor committees are struggling to get involved and are attending the conference, this will be the first time that no member of the MPD Labor Committee will be attending. I understand that, in some cases, the leave was not granted, but I still wish that this committee would have some representation.

Police Week was another great success—only because of the work of the volunteers. I have a great staff that works very hard at getting the job done, but this event could have never been the success that it was without the volunteers. You worked very hard at helping out and I really appreciate it. As we

start to get close to the final totals of the money we brought in, we will have a better picture on how we did. And to the volunteers who showed up for set up or break down, you guys are the real troopers!

As many of the “old timers” know, the FOP started a long time ago and we have them to thank for the FOP being what it is today. Many members sacrificed their jobs in order for us to have the rights that we have today. When I hear members talk about not having a contract or not being able to bargain, I mention to them that they still have more rights now than their predecessors did. For instance, we are able to get equipment that, in the past, was not available. If you have issues that need to be looked into, please look at us to help you!

Remember, we have had members who have fallen in the line of duty and we still need to take care of their families. If you know of anybody who should have membership to the lodge who has had a family member die in the line of duty, please let me know. We still need to take care of them. One person who was brought to my attention recently is Briana Gibson, the daughter of Metropolitan Police Department MPO Brian T. Gibson (EOW 2/5/97). It was brought to my attention that she was graduating from high school and will be moving on to college in Atlanta. At the membership meeting on June 12, the membership passed the hat around and collected \$500.00 as a gift for her. If that had not been brought to my attention, it would have never happened. We just can't keep up with everything and, therefore look to the membership to help. We are very proud of you, Briana, and will never forget the sacrifice that your father made for us. Make us proud in college!

It is with a sad note that I have to tell you that one of our long time members and employee Mera Cyr passed away. We will miss her and I am sure that in the months to come, stories will be posted in the *Simulcast* of our times with her. I know that I, for one, got on



her last nerve at times but it was all in fun! Rest in peace, Mera.

Did you know that the FOP Lodge has not used phone solicitation in over 5 years? We stopped because we were not happy with the contracts and, in reality, the complaints that came in about phone solicitations were frankly getting to be too much. We still use phone solicitations for businesses and that money is used to print this paper. So please spread the word that we do not call for money, nor do we solicit for assistance programs or anything like that. We do accept personal donations if anybody would like to make one, and we are also still collecting money for the building fund. It would be nice to be able to pay off the building sooner rather than later! We do, however, have several programs going to help us raise funds for the lodge, so please take the time to look at them and support them.

Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fopdcldodge1) and our webpage (www.dc-fop.org/) are getting good hits and we are getting better at updating them. Look on our webpage for downloadable forms and flyers. We invite everyone to events on the Facebook page, and replying “yes,” “no,” or “maybe” when you receive a request really helps us—this way, we learn what is important to you and what events are most popular. Keep looking for great events on Facebook, as well as events and important information on the webpage.

Speaking of events: we have two great opportunities lined up! The first is the NLEOMF Ride and Run to Remember, which is a 5K and a 50-mile bike ride held in October 2013. I have a FOP team organized for this event and am looking for members to join; an email will be coming out soon on this. The second big event that is getting a lot of buzz is the cruise on February 22, 2014. Look for more information on that, coming soon.

In closing, I hope that you all have a very safe summer and that your family time this year will beat that of last year! That's a great goal to have. Enjoy and please stay safe.

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LODGE OFFICERS

From the Vice President

By Andy Maybo



I hope this article finds every one in good health. I would like to begin by taking a quick minute to thank everyone who volunteers their time and service to DC Lodge #1. The Lodge is only as strong as its membership and it is the dedicated volunteers who keep our Lodge functioning. I salute those who have the passion and dedication to continue volunteering their own time and consistently work towards making our Lodge and our membership a better place. I also encourage all those who want to get involved to please attend our meetings and events. We love meeting new members and getting them involved.

As I type this, many of us are preparing to depart for the National FOP Conference, being held in Cincinnati, Ohio. As always, it is an honor for me to represent the men and women of DC Lodge #1 as your Vice President, along with continuing my representational duties as the Chairman to the National FOP Memorial Committee. I take great pride in serving both roles and I am humbled to have these opportunities.

I often speak to various leaders of our local and federal labor committees. I am always intrigued to find out that most agencies share similar problems and issues.

Whether it is the threat of sequestration, an unfair labor practice, or a disagreement between labor and management relations, the agencies which comprise the DC Lodge #1 Labor Committees can truly benefit from one another by sharing experiences and solutions. This also pertains to those Labor Committees who want suggestions on how to strengthen their working relationships between labor and management. Many Labor Committees have great working relationships with their management which have been built up for years and numerous leaders are willing to share their stories. I share this with you because I want the Lodge membership to realize that the Lodge serves a much larger purpose than just social events. We are here for you, the members. We will get involved in Labor Committee business, however, we are committed to helping each agency become stronger for their members. I believe it is important for all of the agency unions to share information and work with one another. Use each other to find out what works and what has not worked in establishing the best possible working conditions for your officers. The Lodge is more than willing to host events for Labor Committee leaders to be able to sit down with one another and discuss some of the issues from the past, the present and possibly the future. If this is something you are interested in, please let me know.

Over the past few months, we have had several natural disasters occur within the United States. With some of these disasters being local, we were prepared to respond but were never called upon. I

want to thank all those who responded to our Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) standbys. We are a team made of Lodge volunteers ready to assist our family in blue. Many members ask me how they can become part of the DART and my answer is that they are already a part. Our DART is open to all members at all times. If you are interested in volunteering, please make sure you are registered with the Lodge email notifications. In the event the team is activated, I will send out an email notification and then take the names of those who are available. Please remember that this is a

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National Trustee Report

*Lou Cannon
National Trustee/Immediate Past President*



I am happy to say that everyone survived another Police Week. The new location worked well once again and best of all, no complainants about the FOP to the city. However we will only have the location for a couple more years at best. The areas available for our event are limited and soon will be extinct. Now is the time to look to the future and develop other revenue sources to provide for our membership and the community we serve. All ideas are appreciated and will be given consideration. One program that can help is by signing up with Verdian to be your energy provider. BGE and PEPCO have this in effect now and a monthly donation for every FOP Member registered comes to the Lodge.

We are looking at some training programs to bring to both you and your family. The pressing issue for them is funding as they are not free, but well worth the educational value derived from the courses. One of the courses is for law enforcement families and how to both prepare them and protect them based on incidents recently in California where a disgruntled terminated LEO sought revenge and killed family members of LAPD personnel. Society is changing and we must learn to change also.

The National Convention will be in August in Cincinnati, Ohio. The majority of the National Leadership is running unopposed at this moment, but that can always change. Our local Lodge elections will be held this year once again and I urge all to come out and participate in the election. Choose your leadership carefully. We need leaders that have been involved and know the perils we face and the needs of the FOP and the Membership. If you are considering an office ask yourself if you will devote yourself to the position as it requires time and commitment. There is much more to being a FOP Officer than attending a meeting once a month. It is doing a volunteer job that no one else wants to do at a time that is most likely not convenient for you or your family. It also means having the support of your family and understanding of those close to you. It means stepping up during times of disaster to aid our Law Enforcement Family locally and nationally to respond and stay in less than favorable conditions. However the rewards are great when you see the appreciation from those you helped and knowing that they would do the same for you.

A reminder that Liberty Mutual is the new Insurance Company that has partnered with the FOP to provide coverage for all of our Membership in DC, MD, and VA. Look for information from them and contact info for Timothy Sturgis in this issue or contact the FOP Lodge for more info.

I would like to commend the new Board of the Auxiliary for what they have done so far. I understand they are still learning, however they are all very enthusiastic in performing their duties. They are to be commended for the participation and preparation for the Local Memorial Service this past May on a very short lead time. Consider having your family members getting involved with them and become a FOP Family.

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From the Vice President

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voluntary committee and we have no authority to excuse you from work or pay you. As time goes on, we will continue to strengthen and further develop our response capabilities.

Another Police Week has come and gone. During Police Week 2013, there were 143 officers who were honored for their Ultimate Sacrifice. The week went incredibly well and DC Lodge #1 really was on top of their game this year. Our volunteers were committed and dedicated. They worked long hours with little sleep to serve those who were in town visiting for these solemn events. Everything went smoothly with very little incidents. I thank all of those involved. Special thanks to the Police Week Committee who continue to out do themselves each and every year.

I would also like to thank the Hard Rock Café—Washington, DC for hosting the 5th Annual “Top Guns Legendary Burger Eating Competition.” This year, the US Capitol Police defeated the US Park Police and a special team sponsored by the Hard Rock Café. Each law enforcement agency had three members eating as many Legendary Burgers as they could in three minutes. The event, held on June 14th each year, which is Hard Rock Café Founders Day, raises money for officers who have been injured in the line of duty. The Hard Rock Café has been one of the largest supporters of DC Lodge #1 and we are grateful for their friendship and support.

Just as a reminder for the baseball fans out there, the Washington Nationals still offer law enforcement discounts on their ticket sales. When purchasing your tickets online, please type POLICE in the coupon code. We appreciate all the support the Washington Nationals give to our local law enforcement.

Finally, I would like to conclude with thanking you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President. I have been Vice-President for the past 6 years and have committed myself to serving the membership and ensuring that our Lodge moves forward. I look forward to continuing to serve the membership and I am also pleased to announce that National President Chuck Canterbury has reappointed me as Chairman of the National Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Committee. I am honored and humbled to serve in these prestigious positions. I look forward to seeing everyone both at the Lodge and on the streets. Please be safe and support one another.



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FOP DC Lodge #1 Auxiliary

Bonnie Cannon
President

I am pleased to report that your Auxiliary is off to a very good start. VP Patty Sucato did a terrific job of Chairing the Local Memorial Service and is already planning next year's event. Next year we hope to see a better attendance from local agencies with the advanced planning and date selection.

Thanks to all on the Auxiliary Board for pitching in for Police Week. The Auxiliary held several raffles which were very successful. The Blue Line Wine sales were good and you can still purchase the special Memorial Edition until August, so make sure you do not miss out on obtaining a collector's edition bottle of your favorite wine. A special appreciation to Maureen Curtis who recently joined the Auxiliary and volunteered to help at Police Week.

The Auxiliary is looking at several events in the future to bring everyone together. One event will be held in September, a trip through Napa Valley Wine Country. The best part is you can do this at the FOP Club. In Partnership with Wine Shop at Home the Auxiliary will host a Wine Tasting where you will be able to taste multiple wines and learn how different foods impact the taste of the wine along with what goes best with different wines and recipes to blend with your favorite wine. A donation of \$15.00 per person to attend the event will support the Auxiliary. RSVP will be required when the date is announced so that the appropriate amount of wine is available. You will be able to order wine at the event and if you are interested you can become a wine consultant or schedule your very own Wine Tasting Event for your friends.

As the National Convention is quickly approaching we are anxious to attend our first National Meeting and network with other Auxiliaries. There is much to learn on how we can support the Lodge, Families, Community and our Membership. If you know anyone that is interested in the Auxiliary or may need the assistance of the Auxiliary please have them contact us on FOPAUXPRES@gmail.com. It is important that we have accurate information on how to reach you with the Severe Weather.

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From the Chaplain's Office

Mike Weinsheimer
Chaplain

As we all know, several departments in the DC area have had officer involved shootings in the last few weeks and I would like to discuss something that has long been debated. If someone you work with is involved in an on duty shooting, what would you do, think, or say?? Some officers feel the need to congratulate the officer, some feel the need to make a joke, or some feel the need to say something regarding that the suspect deserved what he/she got.

Not only is this something that needs to be discussed but this is also a topic that hits very close to home for me. As the child of two retired MPD officers, one of my parents was involved in not 1 but 3 departmental shootings. Some of the things said to my parent were just plain offensive while other comments left them questioning their skills as an officer and a human. Below is an article from Officer.com written by Frank Ruffato who is a law enforcement officer as well as a chaplain. Frank discusses the 10 ways to help an officer involved in a shooting while providing scripture that coincides with what he is trying to drive home. Please take a minute to read and reflect on what is discussed.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls, and doesn't have another to lift him up... If a man prevails against one who is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12)"

"The passage above speaks to the value of companionship or friendship. God designed us as social beings and those who do or have done law enforcement know the importance of teamwork and camaraderie. We know the importance of having back up. As God's people we encourage one another to mercy, love, and good works. Two or three people bring enjoyment to work and support one another. Together, they reap greater blessings.

During my career in law enforcement I was involved in several incidents which,

as I look back, could be classified as critical incidents including a traffic stop where one of the officers who came to back me up ended up having to shoot the suspect I had stopped. My brother, who was on the same department as I was, became involved in a critical incident where he thwarted a robbery in progress and had to shoot the 'bad guy.'

For him, it turned out to be a life-changing event, even life-changing for our family. We are a law enforcement family, our father is a retired officer, our sister spent some time as an officer, her husband is currently an officer, my wife's brother is an officer ... you get the picture.

Yet, it was difficult for us to walk together with my brother as he dealt with the after-effects of the incident. Frankly, we just didn't know what to say or do. Our department had a pretty good psychological services section—but it wasn't quite enough. I wish we would have had a vibrant chaplaincy program to help us. And by us, I also mean the family that was our department too.

Below is a list of ten ways in which you can help uplift the officer in need. (I wish I would have had a list like this so I could have been a greater help to my brother.) Here, are some steps to help the officer regain his spiritual tactical advantage. This is very practical spiritual warfare which can be waged on behalf of that officer who needs the encouragement, the comfort, and the security of true friendship and camaraderie; the spiritual back up they will need in the aftermath of a traumatic and/or critical incident.

1) **Speak Well**—"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Proverbs 25:11)

Words can build up or tear down. In the aftermath of an OIS, Officers involved in the incident should be greeted by chaplains, peers, and their commanders with words of encouragement that show concern, care, and support. "I'm glad you're okay" will go a long way toward reducing the tension the officer is under. (Also, cf. Romans 14:9; Romans 15:2; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

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2) **Employ Discretion**—*“Stop trusting in man, whose breath is in his nostrils; For of what account is he?”* (Isaiah 2:22)

Forego the hero worship. The officer who did the shooting may not feel so heroic, especially if a life was lost. Also, don't demean the suspect who precipitated the shooting. Let the officer process and come to terms with what has happened; especially his own mind-set toward the suspect. (Also, cf. Isaiah 57:15, 66:2; Proverbs 5:1-2; Colossians 3:2; 1 Peter 5:5b-6)

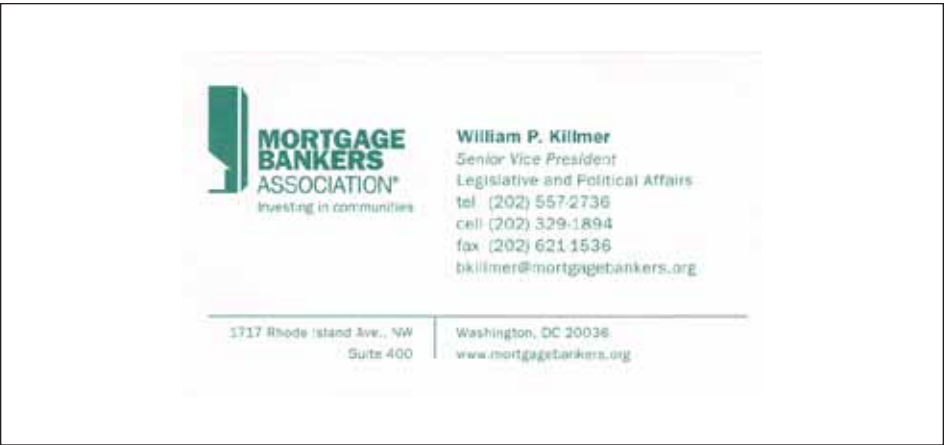
3) **Don't be the Comedian**—*“The lips of the wise spread knowledge; Not so with the heart of fools.”* (Proverbs 15:7)

It will be tempting to bring some levity to a seemingly unbearable situation. Officers often use “dark humor” as a useful way to cope with the daily mayhem and foolishness they see. But in the aftermath of a critical incident and/or OIS you need to be aware of what the effect of this so-called “cop humor” might have on the involved officer. Calling an officer “Crash Bandicoot” after a serious accident may seem funny to you—but probably not to him. (Also, cf. Proverbs 10:21, 15:4; Colossians 4:6)

4) **Don't be the Monday Morning Quarterback**—*“Don't grumble, brothers, against one another, so that you won't be judged. Behold, the judge stands at the door.”* (James 5:9)

You weren't there to make the call; you didn't see the incident unfold as the involved officer did. You might think that you would have done something different, but can we know that for sure? We can't really know how we'll act in a life-threatening, split-second, decision-making incident until we're in one. Second guessing doesn't do anyone any good. So, you should also discourage the involved officer from second-guessing themselves. They probably had to make that split-second decision with a minimal amount of information. Debriefing to hone and improve tactics is one thing, but second guessing now could lead to perilous indecision the next time out. (Also, cf. Philippians 2:4; James 4:11; 1 Peter 3:8, 4:9)

5) **Touch Base**—*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose*
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under heaven ... A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing ... A time to keep silence, And a time to speak ... (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5b, 7b)

Sometimes, because of the necessary investigation of the incident, officers are ordered to not have contact with the involved officer. But, avoiding the officer after the critical incident can foster a feeling that he is guilty of some wrongdoing. This can exacerbate his loneliness and anxiety (which are natural reactions in the wake of a critical/traumatic incident). Even if you cannot discuss the incident; even if you are unsure of what to say, making contact—physical contact—a handshake; a hug can go a long way in showing your support. (Also, cf. Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14)

6) Offer Your Unique Understanding—*“All of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.”* (1 Peter 3:8)

We in law enforcement can look at each other and say, “I know what you know, what I know, that you know ...” Yet, if you have been in an OIS or other similar critical incident, you have an understanding that others don’t. You have the opportunity to show real empathy and share your experience. You can help the officer to see that what he is thinking, feeling, and doing is normal. If he is experiencing some difficult reactions, you can assure him that he is not crazy. Instead he is reacting in a normal way to an unusual and extreme incident. It would also be appropriate to share what counseling, if any, you pursued. This can ease concerns about going to the “head doctor.” (Also, cf. Zechariah 7:9; Romans 12:15; Ephesians 4:32)

7) Give Honor and Respect—*“Pay to all what is owed to them ... respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”* (Romans 13:7)

The officer who has come through an OIS or other critical incident and has survived deserves to be given honor and respect. This should be done in an appropriate time frame as well. The officer should not return to work after an extended time off only to unceremoniously find a certificate and medal in a manila envelope in his mail box. The officer should be publicly praised as part of a department’s awards ceremony. What he had to do was not a ‘necessary evil’ but was a ‘necessary good in the face of evil.’ Failure to properly acknowledge his good work fosters resentment and acrimony. (Also, cf. Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 6:10, 13:16)

8) Promote Dialogue—*“Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.”* (James 1:19)

This is less about the act of talking than it is about not allowing the officer to

remove himself from friends, family, work, and from the world.” Left only to his own thoughts about the incident can get overwhelming especially as they intrude on his daily activities and thoughts. You may not be able to talk about the details of the OIS, but you can ‘lend an ear.’ You can actively listen without judging, letting the officer do a ‘data dump’ about what he is thinking and/or feeling. The incident has the capability of cluttering the officer’s emotional and spiritual closet. So, helping him to unburden himself from the emotional junk by encouraging him to talk and by being an active listener can be a great benefit. (Also, cf. Proverbs 18:13; Ephesians 4:1-3; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

9) Be Genuine—*“Let love be genuine.”* (Romans 12:9)

More literally, in the original language, it reads, “Let love be without hypocrisy” (hence, genuine, sincere). Police departments can sometimes be a hot bed of gossip and hearsay. Our involvement with the officer dealing with an OIS or other critical incident has to be for his good—not to gather information. His ‘trust factor’ will already be brought lower than normal and so, sincerity in your care is paramount. Here, chaplains can gently remind the officer that there is the shield of confidentiality under which you work. Sometimes you won’t have the words to say—so say that. Let the officer know that you are as nonplussed as he is but that you are there to walk with him through the valley he is encountering. (Also, cf. 2 Corinthians 8:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 1:5)

10) Get Backup—*“For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a righteous person someone would even dare to die. But God commends His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Romans 5:6-8)

So often, for officers, the word *help* is to be banished from their vocabulary. Officers will not hesitate to respond to a ‘Signal 13 - officer in trouble’ call; they will risk life and limb to respond to that call to save another officer’s life, even if it means getting covered in blood, sweat, and vomit. However, admitting any kind of ‘mental or emotional weakness’ is a different ball game. *Help* becomes a sullied word.

But the fact is, we all need backup and needing it for our mental, emotional, and spiritual needs is no different than needing it physically. Encourage the officer to seek and obtain the help he needs. There is no shame in calling for backup.”

Thank you for your time. Be safe out there and happy trails!!!

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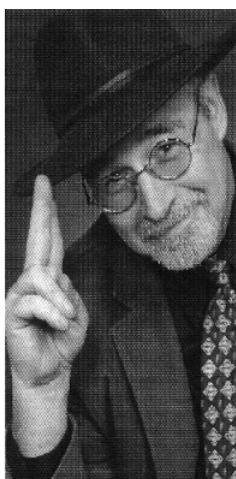


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Just this week I received a letter from my Congressman asking for campaign donations. I have also been receiving newsletters detailing their accomplishments in key legislative issues. When I receive correspondence from representatives, especially for campaign donations, I check in Thomas's to see if they are supporting our key legislation. If they are not, I make a call to their office asking why I should support them when they do not support our issues. I also ensure that they know our key issues, and expect them to sign on as co-sponsors.

On our bill HR 1362, Law Enforcement Equity Act, only two of Maryland's eight Congressmen are co-sponsors of this legislation. Of Virginia's 11 Congressmen, only 1 is a co-sponsor. There is no Senate compatible bill for this House bill.

For HR 1795, Social Security Fairness Act of 2013, Maryland has three representatives as co-sponsor. Virginia has one. The companion bill in the Senate, S 896, there are no senators from Maryland or Virginia listed as co-sponsors.

The only way these issues can be brought up is by getting numerous co-sponsors. If your Congressional representatives want your support, tell them to support our issues.

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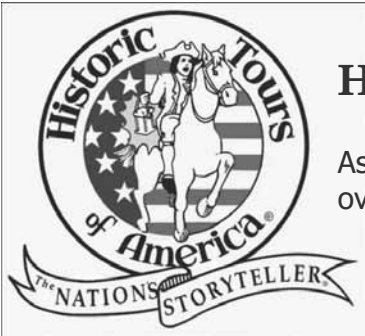
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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Honors Three Awardees at Annual Chairman's Dinner During National Police Week

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) is pleased to announce the recipients of its Distinguished Service Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Excellence in Media Award for 2013. The awards were presented during the annual Chairman's Dinner on May 12, held at the Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center Pavilion in Washington, DC.


The Chairman's Dinner is a special event during National Police Week wherein the Memorial Fund takes the time to acknowledge and celebrate individuals and organizations that have assisted in its mission to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession.

The *Distinguished Service Award* is the Memorial Fund's top award. It has been presented annually since 1996 to "an individual or organization that has made an exceptional and lasting contribution to the law enforcement profession." This year's recipients are the **National Park Service** and the **United States Park Police**. Under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Interior, these agencies have partnered with the Memorial Fund to maintain the Memorial and the land on which it sits. Thanks to the National Park Service, the Memorial remains a safe place for visitors and stays as pristine as it was at its dedication 22 years ago.

The Memorial Fund's *Lifetime Achievement Award* is presented to a deserving individual or organization that has taken a long-term leadership role in helping the NLEOMF in its work to honor the service and sacrifice of the law enforcement profession. This year's recipient is **Dr. Marcella Fierro**. By offering her medical expertise, Dr. Fierro has been invaluable in helping the Memorial Fund review hundreds of cases of fallen officers. She has provided the Memorial Fund medical counsel for nearly two decades and has assisted the Board of Director's Names Committee in navigating complex medical issues brought before them.

The Memorial Fund is pleased to introduce a new award this year, the *Excellence in Media Award*. This award is given to deserving individuals or organizations in

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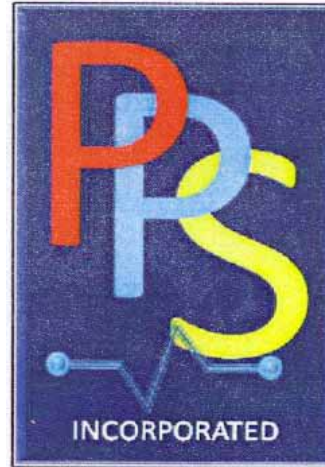
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“Our Board of Directors selected the National Park Service and U.S. Park Police, Dr. Marcella Fierro, and Bill Erfurth and Modern City Entertainment as this year’s award recipients, not for any one thing they have done for law enforcement, but for all of the things they do, day in and day out, to support our officers and the communities they serve,” said Craig W. Floyd, Memorial Fund Chairman & CEO. “Whether they are protecting and maintaining the grounds of the Memorial, assisting the Board of Directors with complex medical-related cases, or creating moving documentaries to highlight the sacrifices of law enforcement officers all over the country, the 2013 award recipients have been instrumental in helping the Memorial Fund to ensure that our officers are appropriately commemorated,” Mr. Floyd added.



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51 Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Nationwide in First Half of 2013

Firearms-related fatalities decrease to a 57-year low and traffic-related fatalities reach a 34-year low

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, in conjunction with Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), issued a new report stating that 51 officers have been killed in the line of duty during the first half of 2013—a nine percent increase since last year.

Of these 51 officers, 18 were killed in traffic-related incidents; 17 were killed in firearms-related incidents; and 16 died due to job-related illnesses and other causes.

Key Facts

- Traffic-related incidents were once again the leading cause of officer fatalities, with 18 officers killed in the first half of 2013—a 34-year low.
- Firearms-related incidents were the second leading cause of officer deaths, with 17 fatalities. Ambush attacks were the leading circumstance of fatal shootings, with seven officer fatalities.
- After increasing dramatically in 2010 and 2011, firearms-related fatalities decreased for the second year in a row, hitting a 57-year low.

- Sixteen officers died due to other causes in the first half of 2013, compared to 10 in 2012. Job-related illnesses, such as heart attacks, increased in the first half of 2013, with 10 officer fatalities.
- California led all states with seven officer fatalities; followed by Arkansas with six; Louisiana and Texas with three each; and Arizona, Florida, Mississippi, New York and Virginia with two each.

Supporting Quote

“Though our ultimate goal is zero deaths,” said Memorial Fund Chairman & CEO Craig W. Floyd, “it is encouraging to see preliminary data in line with 2012, which had the lowest number of officer deaths in 52 years,” he said. “We are changing the way people think about law enforcement safety. No longer should any officer’s death or injury be accepted as ‘just part of the job.’”

A copy of the full research bulletin, “Law Enforcement Officer Deaths: Mid-Year 2013 Report,” is available at www.LawMemorial.org/ResearchBulletin.



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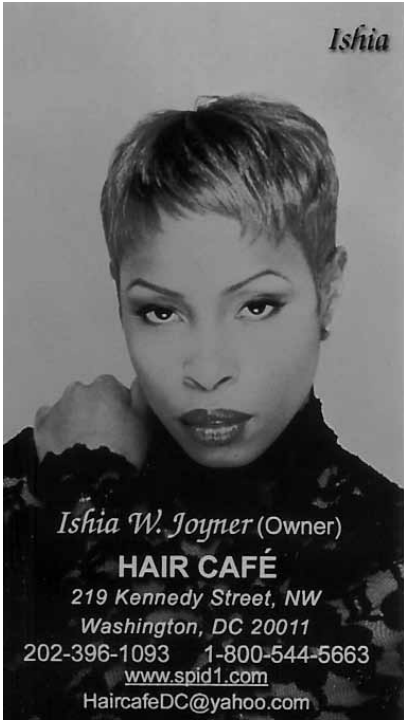
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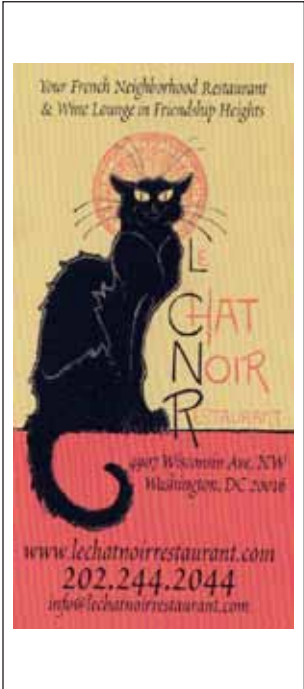
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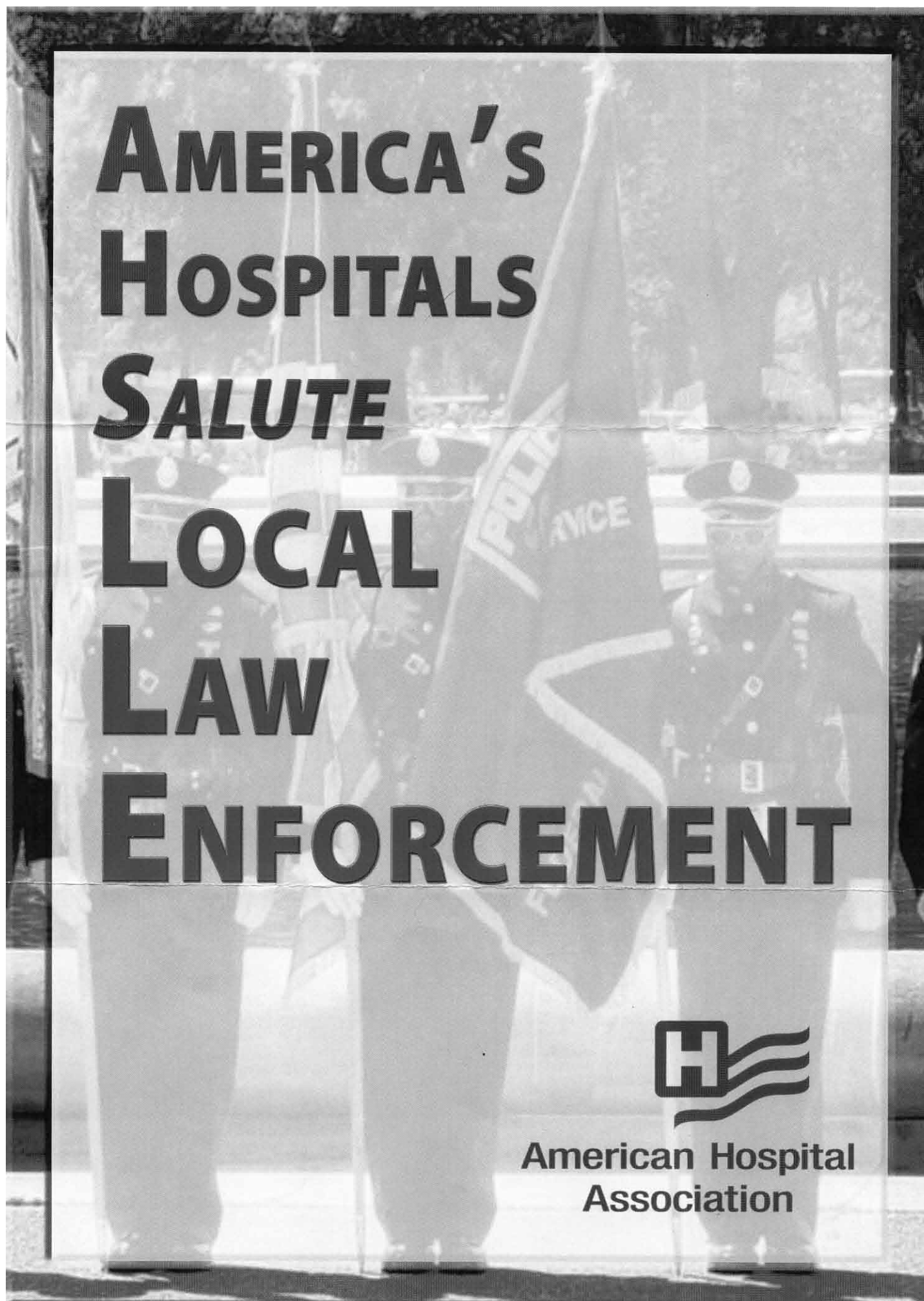
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Special Announcements:

In keeping with the Executive Board’s responsibility for fiscal accountability and the safeguarding and safe keeping of Chapter funds, it is necessary for a survivor who wishes to be reimbursed for any travel or for special activities or events to obtain pre-approval of the reimbursement request in order to be considered to receive financial reimbursement from the Chapter. The necessary approval form is available on-line on the Chapter’s website for this purpose. For additional information or a copy of the form, you may contact: mail@dc-cops.org.

We Need You!

Are you interested in seeing the Chapter have a special event/activity? Are you interested in working on a committee for a special event/activity for Chapter survivors? If you have an idea of what you would like to see for our Chapter survivors, make the suggestion and then offer to help with the event. There are a lot of good ideas of what the Chapter can do for fun activities for survivors but it takes the leadership and committee members to put the event together and make it work. There is a lot of talent among Chapter survivors but it needs to be nurtured, so step forward and help....we need YOU! Two major events for 2013 are the Annual Christmas Party and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony—each of these two Chapter events needs someone(s) to take the lead and put it together. It is not too early to start *now*. If you are interested in one or both of these events, contact the President at: president@dc-cops.org.

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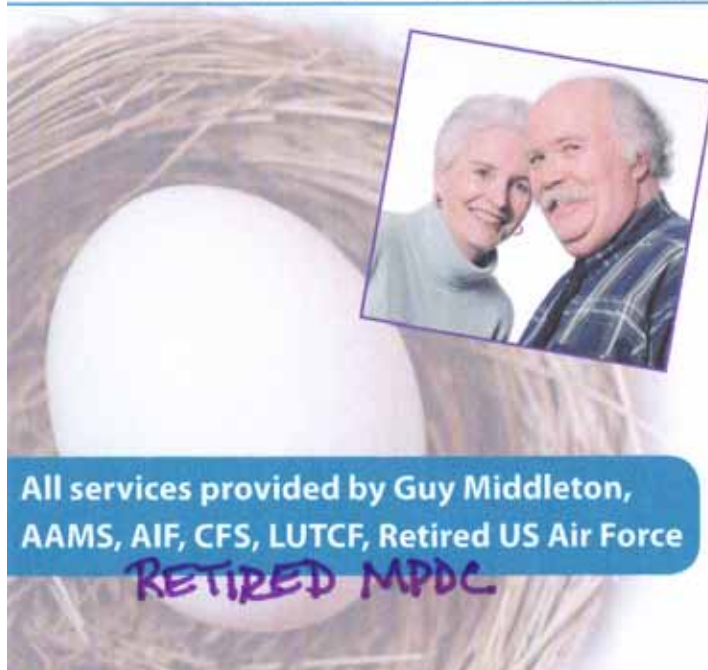
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STAY CONNECTED!

We're on FACEBOOK (facebook.com)...check us out at: *Washington DC Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors*. Special events and notices will be posted on the site.

WEBSITE

The Chapter's website continues to be updated and improved. Work is in progress, but check out the website for special notices and announcements. Chapter SOPs, pre-approval of events for reimbursement and requests for reimbursement form(s) can be found on the site. The website address is: <http://dc-cops.org>.

Check out the various C.O.P.S.' *Hands-On Programs* on the Chapter's website and FACEBOOK page. They require registration and have a suspense date for submitting the registration form.

Washington, DC Chapter of *C.O.P.S. Membership Meeting*, September 14, 2013, 4:00PM, MPD HQ Building—open to all DC Chapter survivors—subject to change
Mid-Atlantic Police & Fire Survivors Weekend 2013 (MAPFSW 2013)—September 27-29, 2013—North Wildwood, New Jersey (check website for details: www.midatlanticsurvivors.org)

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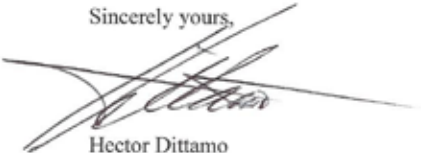
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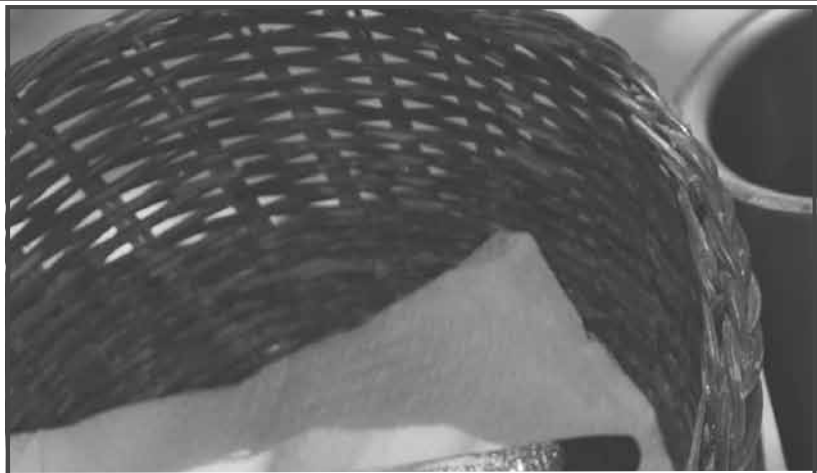
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Country Artist Hannah Ellis, who has been a long time friend and supporter of DC Lodge #1 sang *Let It Be Me* for the National Memorial Service. This was planned well in advance and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the heartfelt performance. What was not expected were two impromptu performances she gave just for us! Marcello invited Hannah to our Police Week Kickoff party at the lodge, where she joined us for Karaoke, singing both her own music and classic country songs. We were once again treated to an unexpected show when she took the stage at Tent City, wowing the crowd with a full set! To learn more about Hannah and her music, visit her website www.hannahellismusic.com or her facebook page Hannah Ellis.



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Lodge Meetings

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Lodge Website

Please visit your Lodge website at www.dc-fop.org there is much information that could be of use to you there.

Lodge Facebook Page and Group

You can now find us on facebook under [facebook.com/fopdcclodge1](https://www.facebook.com/fopdcclodge1) you can share information; meet other members, post news and events along with being updated on things going on at the lodge.

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Galls, the worlds largest supplier of police equipment and supplies, is now offering our members a 10% discount for all orders placed online. They've set up a special web link through our website for our members to use. All prices shown on the website are regular prices, however, your discount will appear when you "checkout".

FOP Grand Lodge Website

Make sure to check the FOP Grand Lodge Web site for update on legislative issues along with calendar of events. For our members that live outside the Metropolitan area you may find that there is an FOP event in your area. Just a reminder, the "members only" calendar has more information than just the regular one. You can visit that site at <http://www.grandlodgefop.org>.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Emails

There are only 4 issues of this newspaper per year. Although we try to use this as a tool to keep you informed, there is so much more information that is distributed weekly by way of email. If you are NOT receiving the weekly email updates from the lodge please do the following.

- Contact the lodge on 202.408.7767 extension 1 for Sandy or send an email to lodge-secretary@dc-fop.org requesting to add or update your email address in the database
- Check your bulk or spam folder and move lodge emails to your inbox
- When you do receive email from the lodge add the address to your contacts so that it does not end up in your bulk or spam folder
- When your renewal arrives in the mail please remember to include or update your email address when you send it back

Simulcast

The cost to the membership to produce this newspaper is steadily rising. With the postal rates having also gone up we would like to give you some options that will save the lodge money.

- If you tend to pick up the paper at the lodge and read it before it even gets to your home
- If you are willing to read the latest edition in PDF format on our website rather than get it in the mail
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10 Great Law Enforcement Mobile Apps

You can do anything from writing reports to tracking a suspect from your smartphone or tablet if you have the right app.

It's difficult to find a police officer—or a person, for that matter—who doesn't use a smartphone or tablet today. While these ubiquitous devices can be used to communicate, watch movies, and play games, they have also become serious work tools that many officers depend on.

A combination of single-purchase apps from developers and enterprise solutions from big companies provide a wide range of ways to enhance your capabilities on the go, whatever your detail may be. With this in mind, POLICE has put together a sampling of mobile apps law enforcement are using right now.

Aegis LaunchPad

New World Systems' Aegis LaunchPad public safety iPad application provides officers role-based dashboards, a dispatch and unit status monitor, and the ability to perform Web-based inquiries on Apple iOS tablets. New World also offers the Aegis Mobile Computing for public safety on Windows-based tablets. This tablet software solution provides messaging, mapping, inquiry, and police incident reporting, which helps officers improve safety and increase efficiency from the field.

These are extensions of New World's Aegis enterprise solution, including its Mobile Field-Based Reporting software. It streamlines reporting processes by automatically importing information from dispatch and NCIC directly into officers' field-based reports.

Platform: iOS and Windows
Price: connected to enterprise solution

APParition Solution


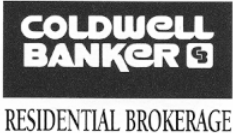
Sur-Tec's APParition Solution essentially replaces the radio frequency (RF) body wire. It's a covert audio and GPS software suite for law enforcement that allows an undercover officer or CI to stream live audio and GPS to one or more computers. The mobile application element of the software runs in the background on the user's smartphone.

APParition's data stream can be sent to any computer equipped with the software anywhere in the world. If the signal drops, the solution is designed to ensure that

the undercover officer or informant still has a record of the conversation, acting as a digital audio recorder. A data connection is re-established automatically once a signal is available. Monitors can also send signals through vibrations to the undercover operative that could be used as a warning or an alert.

Platform: Android and Windows
Price: \$4,995 per device for a software lifetime license, or a monthly plan for qualifying agencies

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CityConnect

The *CityConnect* app comes from PublicEngines, a provider of cloud-based solutions for law enforcement. CityConnect is a fully integrated mobile application that allows agencies to inform, connect, and engage with their local community through their own agency-branded mobile application.


It brings together all agency social media tools, plus PublicEngines' services, including CrimeReports mapping, TipSoft anonymous tipping, and agency alerts in a single mobile application. It allows the public to stay up to date on local crime information and communicate crime information back to law enforcement officials.

Platform: Android and iOS

Price: connected to enterprise solution

CopApp ! Calendar Schedule

Developed by *MyProjectX*, CopApp ! Calendar Schedule is a simple scheduling app that lets you view which squads work together and when each has days off. The default schedules are based on 3 squads, with repeating schedules of: 1) five days on, two days off, then five days on, three days off, or 2) four days on, two days off. You




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can modify the schedule to make any type of repeating day schedule. You can add, remove, or move days around to create a rotating schedule.

For helpful visuals, you can highlight individual days to help remember days off or court dates, for example. You can also highlight all days when a particular squad is working. Some templates can now be modified and loaded via the Internet.

Platform: Android

Price: \$1.99

Field Contact

Field Contact allows you to document, photograph, search, and share all aspects of your law enforcement contacts using your iPhone. The app makes it simple to enter all pertinent ID information directly into the phone. Then you can use advanced search features to recall stored contacts, including partial searches.

You can add new contacts with numerous law enforcement-specific data fields, but also have the option to use miscellaneous fields for user-defined information. You can even enter multiple vehicles, scars, marks or tattoos, subject-related locations, and stop locations. But this isn't limited to text. Field Contact lets you add photos and enlarge them for in-field recognition, and can e-mail an entire contact to any e-mail address, including photographs. If you send an entire contact to another Field Contact user, the contact is automatically added to the person's database. A passcode is required for security.

Platform: iOS

Price: \$4.99

iCrimeFighter

The iCrimeFighterCV (civilian version) app was designed by two police sergeants, Mario Galasso and Jeremy Rausch. Their development company, At-Scene, markets smart-phone apps for iPhone and Android. With iCrime Fighter you can capture photographs, record videos, record interviews, and write field notes and to-do lists for a crime scene or other event.

This investigative evidence gathering app allows you to save cases by case number or ICR. You can locate crime trends with the GPS mapping feature and capture video evidence and taped statements with the convenient built-in recorder with a Miranda warning tab. You can then easily share the cases you collect via e-mail or

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directly through iTunes for the iOS version. The difference between the CV and LE version of the app is the CV version has a limitation of adding two maximum cases. If you need to add more cases, then you need to upgrade to the LE version.

Platform: Android and iOS

Price: \$1.99

iPatrol

Computer Projects of Illinois (CPI) developed the iPatrol enterprise app to allow officers to perform information queries from the field without contacting dispatch. iPatrol, which can be used on smartphones or tablets, provides access to federal (NCIC and NLETS), state, and local law enforcement information. The app is available to users of Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS). With iPatrol, officers can perform vehicle, person, gun, article, and boat queries.

The iPatrol app accesses the databases using CPI's OpenFox Gateway Cloud that's connected to states via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (NLETS) secure network back to the CPI Network Operations Center. Secure chat rooms enable officers to work together to share information. Plus, they can access members of their own agency and communicate to other iPatrol users in other agencies.


Platform: iOS and Android

Price: monthly usage fee through company

My Tracks

My Tracks records your path, speed, distance, and elevation while you walk, run, bike, or do anything else outdoors. It can be used to chart your personal fitness training. But K-9 handlers have also found the app's features to be helpful in documenting K-9 tracking of a suspect with high accuracy.

While recording, you can view your data live, annotate your path, and hear voice announcements of your progress. You can even share your GPS tracks and stats online via Google+, Facebook, or Twitter; with Google Maps, Google Fusion Tables, or Google Docs; or as a GPX, KML, CSV, or TCX file. My Tracks uses the GPS sensor



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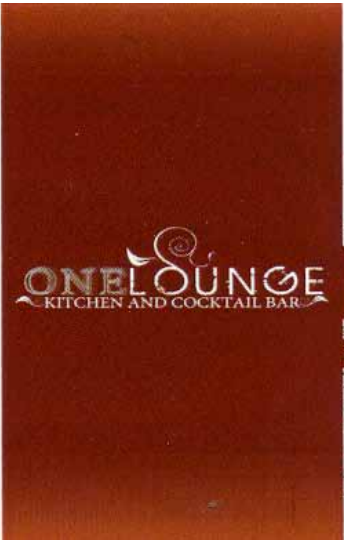
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