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The solemn process of engraving the names of America's fallen law enforcement heroes on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial has begun. The names of 286 brave men and women will be added to the Memorial this year, bringing the total to 20,267 officers honored.

On May 13, we'll honor each of the officers at the 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, DC.

More than 20,000 people will pack the grounds of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to raise candles in honor of all fallen officers and to hear the names recently engraved on the wall read aloud. If you cannot make it in person you can still participate. The memorial fund in partnership with officer.com is once again planning to provide a free, live internet webcast of the Candlelight Vigil beginning at 8pm on Tuesday May 13th. Visit www.lawmemorial.org/webcast for more details.

In addition you can also participate in the second United by Light campaign. By dedicating a virtual candle or hosting a Vigil viewing event, you can help support the engraving process—which costs nearly

\$250 for each name—and the important work of the Memorial Fund. For more information of the United by Light campaign visit www.nleomf.org and click on the banner.

When you donate to dedicate a Virtual Candle, it will appear on our Candle Wall with your officer's name in honor, memory, or support of that officer.

When you officially register to host an event, you'll be signed up to receive a link to stream the Candlelight Vigil webcast. You can invite a few close friends to watch at home or invite the whole town to an auditorium. The key is to watch the Vigil together and urge your friends and family to join you in supporting the Memorial.

Please commit to join us in honoring the 900,000 law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every day for the safety and protection of others.

The above message is an excerpt of a letter from Craig W. Floyd, Chairman & CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

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The Lodge is composed of Members from over 40 different law enforcement agencies and civilian associate members from all walks of life. The Lodge is involved in many community projects, charities, and social functions as well as their efforts to improve law enforcement.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marcello Muzzatti, President

I am happy to start off my article with a big thank you to all my supporters who came out and voted for me in this last election. I am happy that you voted me back into office for another two-year term. I also welcome the new members to the board and look forward to making the next two years productive in what we plan to do at the lodge. I have a few pet projects that we really need to work on and one of them is trying to get the building loan paid off. As you know, we have a building foundation fund that I contribute to and I am always trying to think of ways to get money put into it. This fund is for the building—paying for repairs and putting toward the loan. If you want to contribute to this fund, please feel free to write a check at any time (insert in the memo section that it is for the building fund).

The Christmas Holiday Party at the lodge was once again a big success! We all had a blast and I was happy to present the President's Award to Tori Beauchemin for her work at the lodge and on the Board. As you may know, she has stepped down as recording secretary after many years of service but remains on the board and is still active in the lodge. I also presented the President's Achievement Award to The Renegade Pigs. The work that they have done for injured officers in the area is beyond what anyone else has done. They are quick to step up to the plate and they do a great job at fundraising. I presented this award to Dave Moseley, president of the local chapter of the Renegade Pigs, along with some of his members who were in attendance. I think I can say that they had a great time and I am looking forward to them being there again next year!

In the past weeks, we have been having trouble with sending emails out to members with Yahoo email addresses. We have tried to fix this problem on our end, but after a lot of troubleshooting, we believe that the problem is with Yahoo. I wish I could tell you that it is fixed, but, unfortunately, it seems to

be an on-and-off thing. We now post important items on Facebook and our web page. I would also hope that your agency trustee is providing you the info that we pass along—this is the role of the agency trustee and getting you the information about events is important to us at the lodge. Please check the web page and Facebook often as things come up all the time.

I am hoping that by now you have received your membership card along with the attached renewal application. Remember, if you are part of a labor committee, then you do not need to pay but you still need to get the form back to us with any changes. It is important that our information is up to date and we have the correct information for you. Also, if you received an application and it shows you are in a labor committee but you have retired before we can make the changes please send it back with \$45.00. Failure to do so will result in you being dropped from the membership later in the year. This is also the case if you plan to retire this year; please send the money in with the note stating that you are retiring on a certain date. If you are not part of a labor committee, then you must send back the renewal along with your check for \$45.00. We give you a few months to do this; however, if we have not received your dues from you, we are forced to suspend your account and anything that you have that you benefit from being a member will begin to be affected, such as FOP or LEP tags and insurance benefits. Please don't delay sending us your renewal back. We are working on a way to do this via PayPal, but at this time, this is not active.

So let's get to the meat of this article . . . rumors! During the last campaign, information was put out that some things have not been done at the FOP. The first was that we have not had an audit in some time. However, you will learn by talking to our current treasurer and our past treasurer that we have had audits every year for the last 20 years with no problems. The



second rumor was that money is missing from the Hurricane Sandy Relief effort. Not true—at a recent meeting the entire expenditures were presented to the membership for review providing accounting of everything, including how much was received and exactly what we spent. For the record, we received \$5,000 from the Grand Lodge and we then received \$4,000 from the New Jersey State Lodge. Sadly, many of you may have voted me against as a result of unfounded rumors such as the above; please research and ask questions before you let yourself think that rumors such as these are the truth. Meetings are held every month, on the second Wednesday of the month (unless it falls during Police Week). Please come to the meetings and ask your questions. That way, you can assure yourselves that we are not hiding anything and never have.

Hopefully, cold weather is gone for good and we will see no more snow for many months. However, over the winter, I started to think about a cold-weather issue that really concerns me—the gloves that you wear when you are out on patrol. Make sure that you have gloves that allow you to still work with all of the items you carry. Particularly, take the time to see if you can shoot your gun or operate a flashlight when you have them on. (Of course, make sure that the weapon is unloaded when you check this out, or do this at the range.) It's important to stay comfortable, but your safety is something that you need to be aware of when you are working in the conditions. Another big factor is what happens when you walk into a different environment with glasses on. The fogging of the lenses that happens could get you hurt too. Remind your partner to give you a second to clear them. Think of all the things that could happen with weather change. Not a sermon, just a caution.

Enjoy 2014! I hope that this year will bring you health and happiness! Take time to be with your family and I hope that this year is your year.

Marcello

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National Trustee Report

Lou Cannon
National Trustee/Immediate Past President



First let me apologize for the delay in hearing from the Lodge. Your Board of Directors has been working diligently to stabilize some issues for the continued success of the FOP for you. A new system was put in place which resulted in a delay of your membership cards and renewals getting out. It is now important for everyone to send in your dues if they are not automatically deducted through a labor unit. These improvements should reap rewards for all in the future.

St. Patrick's Day was a huge success for all that came out to celebrate. We hope to build on this for next year. We have heard the request for more family events. So SAVE the DATE of June 7th, a Saturday, for some great fun. Come

out and see the FOP Lodge play the Hollywood Diamond Jesters in a softball contest. This is similar to a Harlem Globetrotters Game. This will be held at the Grace Brethren School located in Clinton MD at 1PM, concessions sponsored by the Grace Brethren Youth Group. This is a great time to see old friends, make new friends and enjoy an afternoon of family fun. Tickets are \$10.00 a person; please call the Lodge at 202-408-7767 for tickets or more information. We hope to have some antique cars on display along with information on the FOP DART Unit and learn about some of our sponsors and the benefits they provide to you. I hope to see many of you there.

We are exploring Family Safety Training in conjunction with Off Duty Safety Training. With the increase in Active Shooters along with incidents in public places

such as Malls and other public venues, it is critical for you to have a plan for you and your family. Please look for the related article in this issue.

Police Week will be upon us by the time you receive this issue. Hopefully you find time to participate and honor those that have made the sacrifice to keep us safe and secure. I ask that you also remember and support the many injured officers that are in the recovery process, for some it is a long road. If you know of anyone that needs assistance let the Lodge or FOP Auxiliary know.

As a reminder the FOP is only as strong as our members. All aspects of the FOP need your support, Lodge, Club, Auxiliary and the Committees that provide other services and support. No matter what amount of time or other means of support you can give it is deeply appreciated by those that receive that support. Ideas on how to make the FOP better are always welcome. Come and attend a meeting, second Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the Lodge. Learn more about the happenings within the FOP. Next year the FOP will celebrate 100 years of helping law enforcement and their families. What a great thing to be part of. As elections loom on the horizon explore the candidates and what they have done for law enforcement and your family. FOP endorsements should be considered as that candidate has been vetted by local Lodges. DC will have an election for Mayor unlike many of the past as two candidates will fight for your vote. Do not vote passed on promises, but on the record they have demonstrated in the past. If you have questions on candidates feel free to contact the National Legislative Office in Washington, DC on 202-547-8189 and they can provide direction and information for you.

My goal is to make the FOP accessible for the member's use, family oriented, along with restoring the camaraderie that law enforcement once prized itself on. I cannot do this alone, it takes everyone to be part of "our proud tradition." Every journey starts with a first step, take that step and join us. Please feel free to reach out to me if you like at lcannon@dc-fop.org. Have a great summer! Stay safe.

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Auxiliary President's Report

Bonnie Cannon
Auxiliary President

Your Auxiliary has been hard at work planning and holding events to support the lodge and raise funds. This year the Auxiliary put together the Annual St. Patrick's day event and it was a success. Next year we are going to add more children's activities including face painting.

The Local Memorial will be held this year on May 9th at 11:00 a.m. at 300 Indiana Avenue. We will be serving a light lunch afterwards at the FOP. If you are able to volunteer for the Memorial please contact Patty Sucado at psucado@dc-fop.org

In other news, we welcome Maureen Curtis as our Chaplain and Mirella Arroyo as our Sgt. At Arms. Two terrific additions to our Board.

A reminder that we have started a campaign to raise donations for Special Olympics and hope this to be a success as well. If you would like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated and we will post your name in the next Simulcast.

We really want to make this a great and giving Auxiliary and with your support I truly believe this can happen. Please get your family members to join the Auxiliary and become part of this great team.

If you wish to contact me my email is FOPAUXPRES@hotmail.com.

Please also visit and like our new Facebook Page— Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary DC Lodge 1.



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*Tim Danahey
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At the lodge, elections are over and your officers will be in place for the next two years. Marchello and Andy remain steadfast at the helm. Tori has decided to leave her position and take the position of chaplain. Tori has been a pillar of support to both the lodge and the membership giving uncounted hours to get the job done. Her untiring drive is not just limited to any specific activity but also to the before and after of the event. Keeping lodge records, police week, the national conference are all part of what she does. Jobs that most of the work goes unseen until the event unfolds and goes smoothly. Getting the articles for the Simulcast and assuring all gets taken care of for publication and the assigned and assumed taskings go on. Thank you Tori for a great job!

I will be the agency trustee for another term. As some of you are aware it is my goal to move on and relocate. I will keep you up to speed on what is going on.

We are aware of the tragic events that unfolded at the Washington Navy Yard. The lodge sponsored a Navy Yard Appreciation Night, well attended and a tribute to all who were there. Along with veteran MPDC Officer Scott Williams who was wounded during the fire fight with the subject were three NCIS agents, Jesus Torres, Edward Martin and Brian Kelly who evacuated Officer Williams from the scene under

fire, heroes all.

The lodge held a Marine Corps Birthday celebration, about 30 former marines representing MPDC and other LEO agencies were on hand. All joined in for the cake cutting with a sabre, the reading of the proclamation and a singing of the hymn. A grand function enjoyed by all. Look for a repeat performance next November.

Congratulations to Chuck Howard who retired in November from NCIS. He had a great varied career and has gone full circle returning to the Baltimore city prosecutors office. Following his retirement ceremony at the Russell Knox Building he held a reception at the Globe and Laurel in Quantico, VA. Best wishes in his new endeavor.

In November Jon Adler, FLEOA president and I had a meeting with NCIS Director Andrew Traver and his EA, Tim Quick. The meeting was very productive with Director Traver addressing most of the talking points we had in general discussion prior to our bringing them up. There was little question he has the best interests of the agency and the agents in mind. His progressive ideas were refreshing and he is both passionate about and proud to be a member of the agency.

Stay safe all.

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*Sgt. Greg Waters
Agency Trustee*

Am I a hero? If you ask firefighters, who run into burning buildings to save lives—ask police officers, who run toward gunfire, while others run away, or ask military members, who fight for our freedom if they are heroes, the answer might surprise you. I can almost assure you what most of them would say. “I am not a hero -- I was only doing my job and what I was trained to do.” Nevertheless, we too often forget the lessons of heroism. Yes, we remember things during anniversaries or when someone brings them up, but there are some things we should never forget. There are some things—no matter how difficult—we must retain as teaching moments—to devise against intended evils. Unfortunately, heroism is at times triggered by perpetrator behavior. However, I will not mention the names of perpetrators who carried out cowardly attacks on the innocent, for I feel they do not deserve the right.

- On Tuesday, October 7, 2003, there was an active shooter incident at Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The gunman began shooting, but luckily there were no injuries or deaths. The gunman surrendered to law enforcement.
- On Monday, June 1, 2009, an active shooter incident occurred at a U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Little Rock, Arkansas. The gunman killed one soldier and wounded another. The gunman fled the scene and was caught by law enforcement.
- On Thursday, November 5, 2009, the active shooter incident at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas became a shocking illustration of betrayal. The gunman (a psychiatrist) killed 13 and wounded 31 (including 2 Department of Defense (DoD) police officers). The gunman was shot but survived and was apprehended by law enforcement.
- On Thursday, March 4, 2010, an active shooter incident at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia left 2 law enforcement officers wounded. The gunman was killed.
- On Monday, September 16, 2013, during an active shooter incident at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, DC, the gunman killed 12 and wounded 3. The gunman was killed.
- On Thursday, October 24, 2013, during an active shooter incident at the Navy Base in Millington, Tennessee, the gunman wounded 2. The gunman was apprehended by law enforcement.

Noting that these six active shooter incidents took place on military installations, they serve to remind us that tragedy can strike anywhere. Even so, if you ask the first responders of these incidents about heroism, I believe they would tell you the real heroes were the victims -- for some gave their lives trying to help others. I spoke with DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officer Scott Williams, who was shot in both legs during the Navy Yard shooting. Scott expressed that he was just doing his job -- wishing he could have done more. If you ask our chief of police about heroism, Chief Michael McKenny of the Naval District of Washington (NDW), who, without regard for his own safety or time to wait for backup, was the first to enter building #197 during the active shooter incident at the Navy Yard, I believe he would say he was just doing his job—also wishing he could have done more. Facing the certainty of lethal danger, the multi-law enforcement agency group of unsung heroes who took down the gunman were doing their job—in the spirit of doing more, put their lives on the line to save others. The same is true of my NDW Police Officers, every responding law enforcement agency, emergency medical services personnel (EMS), and first responders, including Marcello Muzzatti, who, although as a retired MPD K-9 Officer, responded to the Navy Yard in full gear, to yet again put his life on the line to save others.

Such as at the Washington Navy Yard and other military installations, after more than 26 years as a DoD police officer, you hear the comments and perceptions some people have of the DoD police. Some have the impression of the job being inconsequential, easy, and that nothing ever happens on base. Although we are sworn federal police officers with arrest powers, undergo mandatory training, and make countless arrests, our low profile can be misleading. Sometimes, it is not until bad things happen that the roles of those who are underestimated become of value.

To all my co-workers at the Naval Observatory, Carderock, Navy Yard, Indian Head, Dahlgren, Pax River, Annapolis Naval Academy, National Research Lab (NRL), Bethesda Naval Hospital, and Joint Anacostia Bolling Air Force Base (JAB), thanks for all you do. I will leave you with this. While you are home at night with your fam-

ily and loved ones -- as you slept -- we stood watch over you. As you slept, we did not close our eyes. As you slept, we stood quite so you could sleep. Fail to plan is a plan to fail. Be safe -- Thin Blue Line.

To all the victims who worked in building #197 at the Washington Navy Yard, and to all the victims' families, I extend my deepest sympathy.

61st Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Biennial Conference

I would like to take this time out to say hello from Kentucky and Ohio. I am at the 61st Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Biennial Conference. I learned a lot from being here. The courses you can take here opened my eyes to many things, such as Critical Stress Management. Talking about how to recognize someone who may be stressed and how to deal with it was beneficial. I know this was one of the most important classes I attended. There are times when an officer may show up to work, but she or he is really not ready to go out to work and deal with the public. I see this sort of thing many times. An officer may do something out of the normal and we blow it off. The officer may show an unfamiliar side or inability to be their old-self. This could be a sign that she or he is asking for help. Officers need to understand there is nothing wrong with asking for help, for all of us need help at times (Serve & Protect 615-373-8000 <tel:615-373-8000> www.serveprotect.org <<http://www.serveprotect.org>>). The next class I took was about Robert's Rule of Order. This was a good class for those who want to know more about their union or plan on getting involved with their union. The Hatch Act was also a good class.

One thing I did take away from here was the value of networking. I met officers and families from all over the place, as I sat and talked with many fellow colleagues who work on different military installations. They shared some of the same concerns and successes that we share at the Naval District of Washington (NDW). I tell them that communication is key. I got the impression that communication is really lacking at some places. So you might think you have it bad, but there are some who may have it worse. So I was able to make a bond there and exchange numbers and e-mails. This is what the FOP is about -- helping each other.

I hear officers talk about the union and that they don't do anything. Why should I join? I look at it this way. To me it is like car insurance. It is not if you need it, it is there when you need it. I heard someone say, “I'm not planning on doing anything wrong or something dumb.” My answer to that is that you don't have to do anything wrong or dumb, in your eyes. But what if someone decides to put a complaint against you and have you investigated, even if it has no merit? It will feel real good knowing that the FOP Union is looking out for you. I encourage members to become active in their Labor Committees and FOP lodges. If you do not know what is going on at your FOP, go and find out. The Union is working hard on your behalf.

I'd like to thank my Chairman, Anthony Meely, who stayed back so I could come here. I am grateful to my Chief, Michael McKinney, for allowing me to attend. Thanks to the city of Cincinnati, Ohio for hosting this event and a job well done. Also, congratulations to the FOP National Board for being reelected to their positions and to Lou Cannon for reelection as Agency Trustee. Special thanks go out to Tori Beauchemin (secretary for DC #1 Lodge) for all she does in front and behind the scenes for the good of the Order. For that, my hat is off to you. I am here if you need me or if you have questions. Now to all my Sisters and Brothers, please wear your vests, watch out and take care of each other. Be safe -- take care. God's speed!





Schedule of Events

National Police Week 2014

Annual National Police Week 5K

May 10, 2014
9:00 am

601 4th Street, N.W., adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial

Annual Law Ride

May 11, 2014
11:00 am

Procession will assemble at RFK Stadium/Armory (19th and East Capitol Street, NE) at 6:00 am; kick-stands up time of 9:45 am for the ride to the Memorial for wreathlaying ceremony and presentations 11:00 am - noon.

Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

May 12, 2014
2:00 pm

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (400 Block of E Street, NW)

21st Annual NAPO TOP COPS Awards Ceremony

May 12, 2014
7:00 pm

National Association of Police Organizations—Washington, DC

26th Annual Candlelight Vigil

May 13, 2014
8:00 pm

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

Heroes Behind the Badge—National Police Week Screening

May 14, 2013
12:00 pm EDT

Heroes Behind The Badge recounts the harrowing stories of law enforcement officers who were caught in the line of fire and survived, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Shomrim Society Wreathlaying

May 14, 2014
9:00 am

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 400 block of E Street

12th Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition

May 14, 2014
8:30 am

Grant Statue
West side of the U.S. Capitol

30th Anniversary Celebration of Concerns of Police Survivors

May 14, 2014
TBD

30th Anniversary Celebration
Concerns of Police Survivors
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (Ticketed event)

Shomrim Society Wreathlaying

May 14, 2014
9:00 am

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 400 block of E Street

20th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service

May 14, 2014
4:30 pm

20th Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service
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4th Annual Pipe Band Demonstration

May 14, 2014
8:30 am

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May 14, 2014
12 noon

Philly to DC Memorial Run at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

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May 15, 2014

11:00 am

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May 15, 2014

7:30 am

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony

May 15, 2014

2:30 pm (see below)

Wreathlaying Ceremony

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National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (immediately following ceremony at U.S. Capitol)

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Released in late 2013, *Heroes Behind the Badge: Sacrifice & Survival* not only features the harrowing stories of the fallen, but also focuses on the incredibly inspiring stories of those who have been critically injured in the line of duty and have survived against all odds.

Filmed throughout the U.S. in beautiful high-definition, *Heroes Behind the Badge: Sacrifice & Survival* tells the stories of brave officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty and also the stories of the countless officers each year who are physically disabled, many of them permanently, in violent confrontations.

The film also highlights the *National Police Week* events held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, including the annual May 13th Candlelight Vigil—where the names of fallen officers added to the Memorial each year are read aloud and formally dedicated—and the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day service held at the U.S. Capitol on May 15.

Heroes Behind the Badge: Sacrifice & Survival aims to change the way we look at the men and women of law enforcement and recognize these officers for the supreme sacrifices they make to protect and serve the public.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to again partner with Modern City Entertainment on a second *Heroes Behind the Badge* film," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman & CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "The officers featured in this film all have incredibly inspiring stories that deserve to be shared."

"We made these films to change perceptions and attitudes, and save lives," stated Modern City Entertainment President Bill Erfurth. "Four officers have told me directly, 'If it weren't for your film, I wouldn't be alive today.' It doesn't get more rewarding than that!"

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Recent events have changed the way that law enforcement personnel, and their families, have to view the way they live. From events in California where a disgruntled former LEO decided to seek revenge on the families of those he determined to be responsible for his failures, to Active Shooters in locations that we all commonly frequent life as we know it has changed.

We must be ready for these events and so must our families. When off duty if an event occurs do you know what you will do? Most importantly does your family know what you will do and what they should do if you take action? Do you have a Family Plan in the event of an encounter? In most cases you will be alone with no immediate back-up, no radio, and limited resources.

The most important item to insure the safety of you and your family is to have a predetermined Plan of Action. If you are with a fellow LEO discuss what each of you will do in the event something happens. Which one of you will engage, which one will make notifications. Know what each other has at their disposal such as an extra magazine that is compatible for your weapon. Do you have something readily available to identify yourself as a LEO to other personnel who will arrive on the scene? If you are with your family do they understand the difference between cover and concealment? Do you have a code word or signal that they know to move away and not be in the line of fire? If they are to aid in placing a call for help they should know to

relay that there is an off duty officer on site and be ready to describe you and what you are wearing. They must be cautioned against trying to help by following you or yelling to you gives away your location. Once you develop a plan you should practice the plan so as to minimize the fear and/or panic that will surely happen. It also of importance that your identity is not disclose prematurely. "Dad you're a policeman! Do something." Can unnecessarily expose you and those you are with to attention.

Caution should be given to information posted on social media that identifies your home location, vacation plans, friends, social gatherings or events being attended. Make sure all in the family practice these safeguards and understand the importance of them. Take time to have a family discussion with the entire family regardless of age. You can also include firearm safety and planning. Remember this is not a one time thing to do. Do a quick refresher if going out, especially during Holiday Season when crowds are at the peak.

Remember the Three Ps, Prepare, Plan and Practice. If you took the time to read this you just completed the first P. If you are interested in the Lodge hosting a training session for families please let me know and our Training Committee will plan one email myself lcannon490@yahoo.com, or Sgt Keith Reid at SGTD1008@gmail.com, or Sgt. Jeff Newbold at onedayrookie@aol.com. Stay safe and get involved.

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President Muzzatti's Testimony on:

Bill 20-191, The "Prohibition of the Harm of Police Animals Amendment Act of 2013"

Good morning, my name is Marcello Muzzatti and I am the President of the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 and represent over 10,000 members of the law enforcement community in the District of Columbia. I am a retired police officer from the Metropolitan Police Department and I served for 29 years on the police department and retired in 2010. I am a resident of the District of Columbia and have been my entire life. My last 20 years on the job was that of a canine officer in the Special Operations Division K9 Unit. My primary job was as a handler of a patrol dog. A patrol dog is used to apprehend criminals and also search for evidence or tracking of suspects or missing persons. The use of the K9 is that of a tool in which an officer has at his or her disposal to use when the need arises. The benefit of having a K9 to assist you is in case there is some kind of danger, which is usually the case, the K9 would be able to alert the handler of that and in an extreme case the K9 may get injured in protection of the handler. We as humans can tell if something is dangerous and so can an animal. An animal will know that getting too close to an edge may cause a fall or that something bigger and stronger than him may hurt it but it cannot tell that a man with a gun or knife can hurt it. We use K9's in order for us not to get hurt. It is sad that I would jeopardize my partners' life before mine but that is where the team comes in.

I had six K9's in my career and my last one was Cheko, he came to the United States from Slovakia and after some training he hit the streets in August of 1998 and worked the streets till 2008 when he retired. He then passed away in September of 2011. He lived to be 15 years old and he was my partner and my friend. We

worked as a team and knew each other very well. When a K9 team is on the street you don't pair up with another person it is just you and your K9 partner. The bond that is created from this is amazing.

During my career as a K9 handler I only remember two times that one of our K9's had been injured. One was stabbed and another was shot. To the best of my knowledge no charges had been placed for doing that assault. The law needs to change in order for a charge to be placed on the individual that assaults a K9. You must remember that many warnings are given to the suspect before a K9 is used in an apprehension. These warnings are just that...they are to avoid that confrontation. If the suspect does not acknowledge that warning then he or she has made the decision that they will take the challenge of being caught or to be able to allude to the escape. In either case the suspect usually ends up being caught and he or she may be injured. That is the time that the team concept comes in and protecting my K9 is then my job as the handler. We are a team and that is a bond that is developed and not just created.

Again my comments have a personal tone due to the career that I had but I speak for all K9 and Mounted officers that I represent that they want and need this law to pass. It is our duty and responsibility to protect our partners.

I thank you for your time in this matter and that you took the time to get this law on the books. A law that is greatly needed as we combat the criminals that have no respect for our laws and the people or animals who enforce it. I will be happy to answer any questions.

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Dear Fellow Annuitants and Spouses:

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Memorial and Museum Projects NOT to be confused with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial or its Museum.

My purpose is not to seek money, but to provide you with an advanced announcement about our projects and how we are proceeding. Most importantly, I want to urge you to hold onto any of your police memorabilia or artifacts that may have had a significant role in our cherished history and should be displayed in our new museum when it opens.

The projects are not for profit efforts to raise funds to (1), renovate the unsightly water fountain memorial built in 1942 and integrate it into a new memorial by (2), designing, building and maintaining a police memorial befitting to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and (3), reestablish, fund and operate a museum to educate the residents, the young and visitors to our Nation's Capital of our unique and rich history. These three projects will take place in front of, adjacent to, and inside 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, respectively.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT:

Our Board of Directors are listed to the left. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in DC. We have obtained donations from sister organizations for seed money which allowed us to, among other things, develop our website found at www.dcpolicememorial.org. This is a place for everyone to follow our efforts and to learn more about the memorials and museum. You are invited to go to the site to sign up for news of our progress by e-mail. We will send e-mail updates when appropriate. Among other things, the website will list our fallen heroes and show significant historic events about our members and the department. We hope to have a unique page called the Officer's Registry, which will allow current, former or relatives of former members to tell their stories about serving on the MPD. The city has agreed to provide land for the memorial on the plaza between the Henry J. Daly Building (Police Headquarters) and the H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse (Superior Court). You may see photographs of this prime real estate on our website. We have just selected the Gensler Architect Design & Planning Firm, a well-known worldwide corporation, to ensure the best of the best memorial designs. We will begin seeking donations when the conceptual and cost estimates are completed. Chief Lanier has allocated space inside headquarters for the museum and we are confident that by privatizing this effort, the museum will at long last come to fruition.

I am excited to announce that the well-known iconic American film actor, Mr. Harrison Ford, has agreed to be our Honorary Chair.

He is a true friend of the MPD, having befriended several members during his film making days in Washington, DC.

OUR HISTORY:

The Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department was born on August 6, 1861, after President Abraham Lincoln took a personal interest after recognizing the need to create a city police department. Since our birth, the MPD has played significant roles in the history of our city, our country and the world. From Presidential Inaugurations, funerals, historic events, to protecting the millions of people who came and continue to come to the city to demonstrate their causes. The men and women of MPD have led the way in protecting Presidents, Heads of State, Kings and Queens, Official Guests of the United States, diplomats, public figures and most importantly, the residents of the city, the people who work in the city, and the thousands who come from around the world to visit. It is so important to ensure the outstanding work of these police officers are not forgotten.

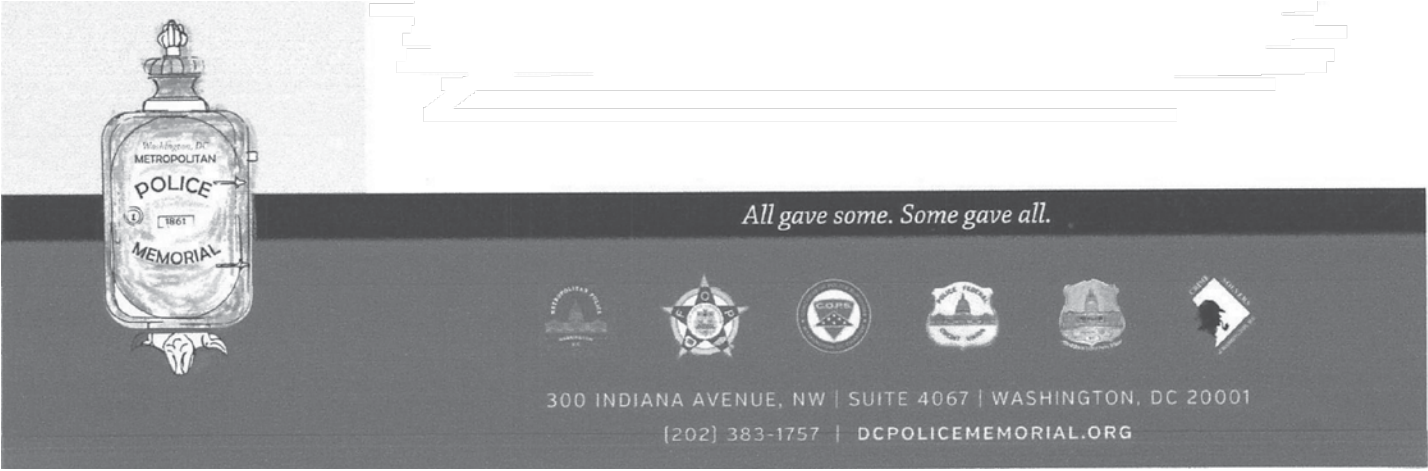
Policing has seen many changes over the years. Technology is now at the forefront of police work. It is important to remember just how far technology has come in just the past few years. It was not that long ago that the handheld radio was introduced and officers had to carry two bulky radios, a receiver and a transmitter. Prior to that, everyone had to rely on the Police Telephone (Callbox). Now they have cellphones that provide instant contact with anyone in the world. They have DNA evidence that identifies the guilty and clears the innocent. How far we have come!

The Board of Directors has the full support of Chief Cathy Lanier. She is an ex officio member of the Board. Both the Mayor and Chairperson of the City Council have fully endorsed our efforts.

We are open to receiving your suggestions concerning the Memorials and Museum and we will soon be recruiting additional help for various committees. You can reach us at our e-mail address at info@dcpolicememorial.org or contact us at 202-383-1757 with any suggestions.

I thank you for taking time to read this letter. I encourage you to go to our website for the most up-to-date information and please, hold onto anything you believe may have had a significant place in our history. It could very well be an important addition to our endeavor to educate the young and show the citizens and visitors to our Nation's Capital the important role of the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department.

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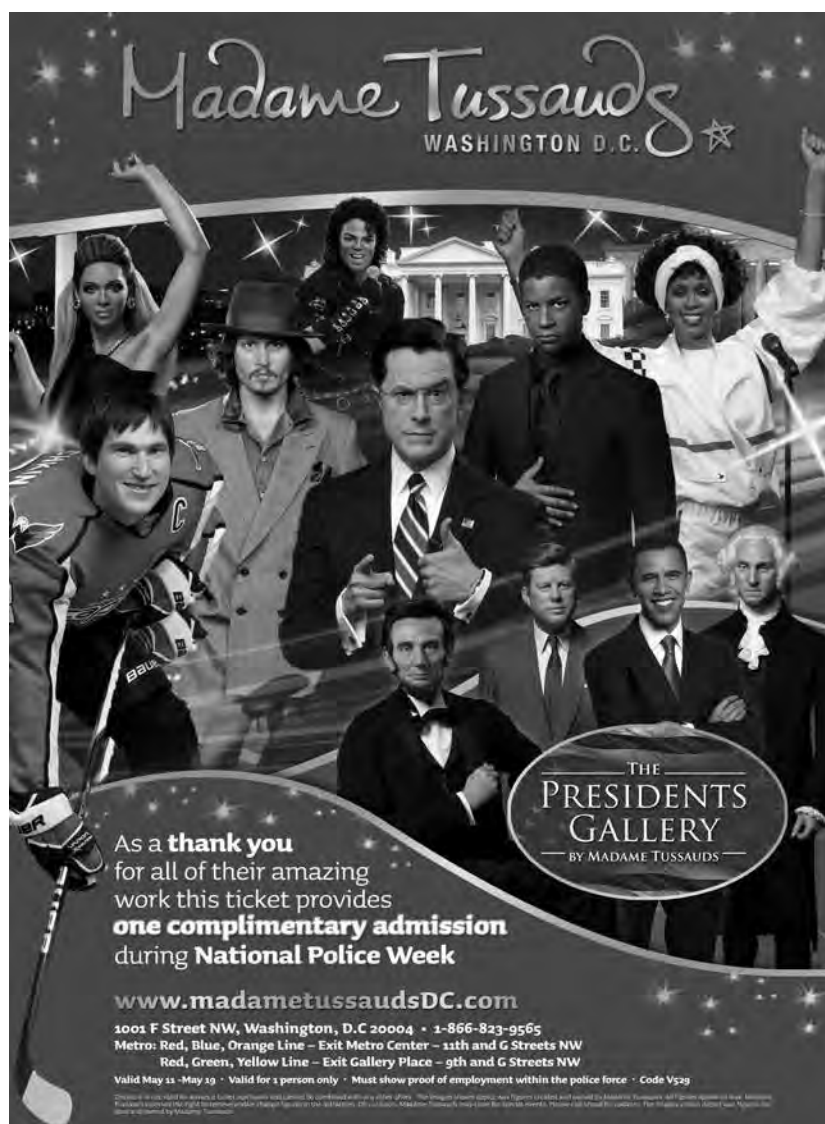
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All of this is included, and you get me, figuratively of course. Ha, ha! But seriously and literally, I am here as I always have been, offering the same excellent customer service. The camper is sold as-is, in that there are no warranties remaining. But I am here to help in any way I can to solve whatever problems may arise. These campers should provide years of fun and are rather basic when it comes to maintenance, but like any unit, they do require some "tinkering", if you will.

I will provide a thorough orientation to your new camper and take as long as you need to ensure you have a full working knowledge of all camper components. I also extend my customer service to you beyond the camper sale to help with any future maintenance and/or repairs as needed. This will reduce your cost of ownership and increase your value.

All of this for just \$10,500. That truly is a great value! Feel free to check around and compare: 2012 Rockwood Roo, Model 183, or 2012 Rockwood Mini-Lite, Model 2306.

Please call or email me with any questions, and I will be happy to help. Happy Camping!

Best Regards,
Warren L. Keely
Cell: 703-389-3176



YOUR LODGE

Lodge Info

Lodge Meetings

The lodge holds its General Membership meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the banquet room.

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/fopdcldodge1](https://www.facebook.com/fopdcldodge1) you can share information; meet other members, post news and events along with being updated on things going on at the lodge.

Galls offers 10% discount to DC FOP Members

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
- If you are receiving more than one paper at your address for multiple members and are willing to have just one sent to the house
- If you simply do not want it mailed to you anymore

Please contact the lodge on 202-408-7767 or send an email to dc1simulcast@yahoo.com


And advise us that you would like to "opt-out" of receiving a hard copy of the simulcast in the mail.

There are a large number of households where more than one, and in some cases several members have the same address in the database. Especially when an entire family are members (associates, auxiliary etc). Therefore all of these household are receiving multiple copies of the Simulcast. One address actually has 7 FOP members! 7 copies of the Simulcast go to that one house. As Trial for this issue, we sent just one copy of the Simulcast to some of the multiple member households. Hopefully we will see a drop in the cost to mail them out.

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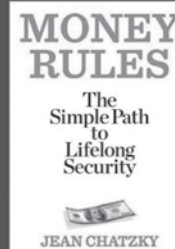
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