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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Desk of Marcello Muzzatti

Summer is gone and on to the dark side of the moon. Where did it go? It was just Police Week, and nice, and cool. As with anything, time moves on. As I submit probably one of my last articles as President, I have to tell you that I have really enjoyed being President of this great organization. We have moved forward and many people have stepped up to the plate to help out. As with everything, our building has been seeing the effects of time. We are in the process of getting a complete HVAC system for our building at a cost of almost \$100,000.00. Who knew that these systems did not last forever? This cost is a big one, particularly in light of the expense of the elevator we had to replace this year as well. When you get your membership application this year, I ask you to consider adding another check for the Building Fund to offset the cost of these essential building repairs and maintenance. This building is for you; we ask you to support it so that it will be here long after we are gone.



The membership cards will be going out soon. In the letter, we will be offering you the selection to pay online via PayPal, and you will find the instructions for that process in the letter. PayPal is a great system that works, but it works better when you follow the instructions. So please take the time to read the letter and the PayPal process instructions that are contained within it.

Recently, the FOP MPD Labor Committee has been seeking ways of getting out of the FOP. I do not understand why, but their Executive Committee has put out to the members that we do nothing for them. I do not understand how they can say that when we are there for any officer who has suffered a tragedy or needs any help. We have been there when officers are killed in the line of duty and we have been there when an officer suffers any type of tragedy. We have been there to support any fundraiser that you have and we have been there for any out-of-towners who need the help of the FOP. The FOP sponsors many events during the year and one of them, which is near and dear to my heart, is the local memorial service. Did you know that not one of the members from their Executive Board attends this event?! When I asked them about award ceremonies and why they do not go to them, I was told that “it’s just a dog and pony show from the department” and they will not attend them. Well, folks I attended them and also paid for sponsorship of them too. You see, what they fail to realize is that the members need us—they need to see the FOP—and the community needs to see us too. We have failed in getting out to the community as much as we could and, although this is my final term, I do not plan on letting this happen further. I plan to get more involved in the community and to bring the FOP with me. We all know what that means and how important it is. Talking to Gary Hankins and Tommy Tauge, it is interesting to hear about the history of the FOP and how it came about. One thing for sure—DC is only one shooting away from a Baltimore or a Ferguson. If the FOP MPD Labor Committee thinks they could handle something like that, I suggest they talk to Baltimore and see what the National FOP has done for them. If you have any comments for the FOP MPD Labor Committee, you can email any one of the board members by clicking on their web page at dcpoliceunion.com/page/meet-the-leadership to let them know how important it is to be a member of the FOP.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

From the Desk of Marcello Muzzatti

Also, if you can think of a story that you can tell us about how the FOP was able to help you we would love to hear from you. It would be great if you sent me an email with permission to print it in the next issue of The Simulcast. Sometimes people need to be reminded of what hard work went into what we have today. Many say, "that's great, but what have you done for me lately?" I understand that, but a lot of what we do is in the background because we are not doing it for recognition, but because it is the right thing to do.

I'm sure most of you have seen the news about the property in SW that we use during Police Week for lodge activities – again, we may lose it for next year and need to find another location. Fear not that we will find a spot; it is important to say that when we did move it to SW, many of us felt that this might have been a wrong move, but, in reality, it turned out to be a great move. It proves the point that if you build it, they will come. Stay tuned for more updates on that.

Are you getting the email updates from the lodge? We switched over to Constant Contact about a year ago and have found that we are able to reach more members. One thing is that we have over 7,000 good emails but only about 30% of the emails get opened. I'm not sure what the rest of you are doing with your emails, but you may want to see if they are going to spam. The general email address for the lodge is lodge@dc-fop.org; this goes to several people who can answer whatever question you have. This is also the email address used to send you email notifications, so you may want to search spam and add it to your address book.

I'm hoping that you like the new format of The Simulcast and are not missing the feel of a paper in hand. The cost for that paper was just not working out for us and we had to switch. Please, if you have something to share, get it to the lodge. We can get it out for you.

Another event that is coming up is the Christmas Holiday Party. This is not the same as the old days when we had over 700 people coming to it, but times have changed. We do not get the deals at the hotels like we used to, but the event at the lodge is still a good time. Hold the date of Saturday, December 5th, starting at 6:00 pm at the lodge. More details will be in an email.

OK, maybe winter will go just as fast as summer, but as I am finishing up this article Hurricane Joaquin is only a few days away and I have no idea what this will hold in store for us. Stay safe and see you soon.

Marcello

FOP, OUR BEST BET AT CORRECTIONS

By Sergeant John Rosser FOP-Corrections Chairman

Fellow FOP DC Corrections Labor Committee Members,

In 1993 DC Corrections Officers and Staff voted to choose FOP as our sole representative. Our interests are most closely linked to Law Enforcement, the Police, than any other entity. Before 1993 we were represented by both AFGE and Teamsters. As Corrections Employees we lost much in those days. We lost our civil service retirement. We were put under the cluster – Comp One and Two – because those Unions had more members in that cluster and as Law Enforcement we would strengthen what they wanted. Again this arrangement made before FOP came in has hurt us today. Finally, in 1993, we had had enough and we as Corrections Officers and Support Staff voted to kick those Unions to the curb. Currently there is a push by a very vocal group to return under the wing of another Union much like the ones that cost us our retirement in the first place. Several Senior Officers, hoping that our young Officers don't know this Union history, are quietly working to undermine FOPDOC and get a new Union. What they really want is to be in charge. It is completely foolish to return to Union representation by non-law enforcement based organizations. The FOP is Law Enforcement and has a long history and established reputation in an area most dear to us as Corrections.

Any efforts at gaining respect in the Law Enforcement world are better served with FOP as part of our title. Already more and more Corrections organizations are joining FOP Lodges across the country. They, like us, value FOP's efforts at the Federal level especially. Though I deal with many local issues directly effecting DC Corrections and Officers and Staff day to day, It is the well-established FOP

national lobby that spots and stops or supports issues that are vital to all of us in DC. They are on our side on the gun possession issues. They oppose privatization of any sort in DC Corrections. They are aware of, and support, our request for federal assistance as we try to get a defined benefit retirement, even though DC's own representative and of course the current Republican leadership opposes this move.

To all the FOP DOC members hired after 2006 beware of promises of better deals and better representation from other Union organizations that seek to represent Corrections in DC. We have been down that road before (Local 1714 Teamsters, AFGE before that). We lost much! Infighting in the Corrections FOP Union in the mid and late 90's distracted everyone from the fight to keep Lorton Open. We must find a way to be unified instead of engaging in and signing on to efforts that tear us apart. Our Veteran Officers all remember Local 1714 and the internal strife and failures of that Union. We do not want to go back to that era.

We as a Union are approaching our Holliday season. There is much to be thankful for. This Union negotiated a 3% raise effective the first full pay period after October 1st 2015. Another 3% is due in October 2016. We have an array of reduced or discounted activities available at our Lodge. For these you may call 202-408-7767. This includes issues about FOP tags. Our annual Holiday celebration will be in December and announcements will be forthcoming on specifics. I want to pray that all members, their families, and friends have a joyous, healthy, and prosperous Holiday season and a happy new year.



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FROM THE TREASURER

I want to start by thanking all of our members, auxiliary, and associates of DC Lodge One for the continuous support provided during all our efforts in providing better service to our members. To our supporters and donors I would like to provide a special thank you, not just for your continuous support but also for your patience as we work on improving the services and benefits that you deserve. This by no means can be accomplished without everyone's participation.

I am very pleased to announce that the lodge is now working alongside the National F.O.P. to provide our members with the F.O.P. Legal Defense Plan. Many are familiar with this plan and currently have it. For those of you that are not familiar with it I will take a moment and provide you with a summary of what this is. This is a plan owned and operated by the National F.O.P. It is a plan designed to protect our members from any criminal, administrative and civil matters arising from their performance of duties. This will also cover our members while working overtime and off duty employment. The individual cost for this plan is \$286.00 a year for full coverage but the great news is that by us offering it through the lodge we are able to offer it to you at the group rate for \$264.00 with a savings of \$22.00 per year.

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Lodge Number:	DC Lodge One
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E-mail:	nritenour@dc-fop.org

If you need your lodge membership number call the number provided and ask to speak with Nila or Sandy and they will provide you with your member number. In an effort to make the process a lot simpler we would like to ask that you scan a copy of the application and e-mail it to Nila Ritenour at the above e-mail address and go to our web page at DC Lodge 1 and pay

through our web site. The Lodge will take care of the rest of the process. If you decide you rather pay with a check please make out the check to the F.O.P. Legal Defense Plan and drop it off at our lodge office with the application at 711 4th St. NW. Again we will take care of the rest of the process for you.



Everyone needs to understand that we are committed to protect our members and their families. Social media has not been friendly to us, we are constantly under attack and this is a time in which we have to let our members know that we do have means and resources to protect our membership.

I would like to encourage all of our members to start visiting our web page to stay updated on benefits offered by the lodge to include any future events being sponsored by us.

Please be reminded that this is an election year for our state lodge and I intend to run for a third term as Treasurer for DC Lodge One. With this said I respectfully request everyone's support for my candidacy for Treasurer. I would humble myself at the opportunity to continue the great work that we have accomplish to date to include the expansion of benefits, support and the continuous building of our comradery within all our membership and supporters.

I would also like to inform all our members that if you are planning to purchase a Glock firearm you can do so by going to <https://us.glock.com/bluelabel> and follow the instructions provided at the site. By doing so you will be able to purchase any firearm from Glock directly from the manufacturer and have it shipped to an authorized firearm retailer near you residence.

Another benefit that we have been offering the membership and our guest who patronize our club is that you are able to call in your order to eat in or out in an effort to provide quicker and more pleasant service.

May God bless you all and I as well as the rest of the board members look forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DC FOP

By Steve Franchak, Chairman

Brothers and Sisters,

Now that Congress has returned from their summer break, and Pope Francis has departed the area, it is time for us to get back to work on our agenda. We must remind Congress that the hot topic items such as immigration may be important to some, but not to us. The National agenda includes the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 973/S. 1651. This Bill will repeal the Windfall Eliminations Provisions (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) in the current Social Security Law. In the House, there is one co-sponsor from Virginia, three from Maryland and one from the District. Invest a few minutes of your time, go to Thomas.gov and enter H.R. 973 to see if your Representative is a cosponsor. On Thomas.gov you can also find his or her office phone number. Place a call and ask them to sign on as a cosponsor. Every few weeks, check to see if they have. If they have not, ask them why. This information, when passed to me or National, will assist in understanding

why your Representative will not support it, or signed on as a cosponsor. Have other family members also call and request their support. Phone calls are more important than e-mails or text messages. The same is true of the Senate bill, S. 1651, when dealing with your Senators.

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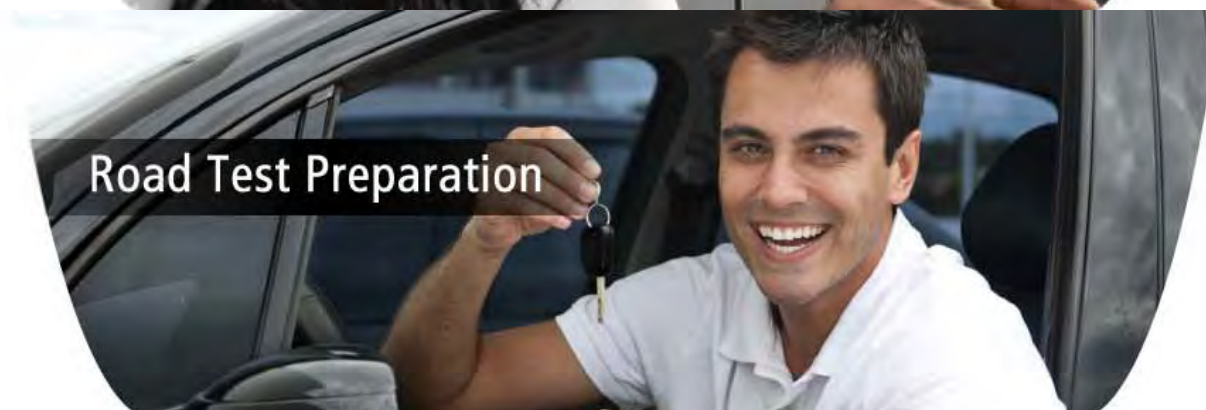
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This soon changed, thanks to the courage and wisdom of two Pittsburgh patrol officers. Martin Toole and Delbert Nagle knew they must first organize police officers, like other labor interests, if they were to be successful in making life better for themselves and their fellow police officers. They and 21 others "who were willing to take a chance" met on May 14, 1915, and held the first meeting of the Fraternal Order of Police. They formed Fort Pitt Lodge #1. They decided on this name due to the anti-union sentiment of the time. However, there was no mistaking their intentions. As they told their city mayor, Joe Armstrong, the FOP would be the means "to bring our aggrievances before the Mayor or Council and have many things adjusted that we are unable to present in any other way...we could get many things through our legislature that our Council will not, or cannot give us."

And so it began, a tradition of police officers representing police officers. The Fraternal Order of Police was given life by two dedicated police officers determined to better their profession and those who choose to protect and serve our communities, our

states, and our country. It was not long afterward that Mayor Armstrong was congratulating the Fraternal Order of Police for their "strong influence in the legislatures in various states,...their considerate and charitable efforts" on behalf of the officers in need and for the FOP's "efforts at increasing the public confidence toward the police to the benefit of the peace, as well as the public."

From that small beginning the Fraternal Order of Police began growing steadily. In 1917, the idea of a National Organization of Police Officers came about. Today, the tradition that was first envisioned over 90 years ago lives on with more than 2,100 local lodges and more than 325,000 members in the United States. The Fraternal Order of Police has become the largest professional police organization in the country. The FOP continues to grow because we have been true to the tradition and continued to build on it. The Fraternal Order of Police are proud professionals working on behalf of law enforcement officers from all ranks and levels of government.



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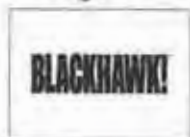
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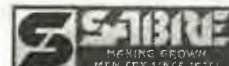
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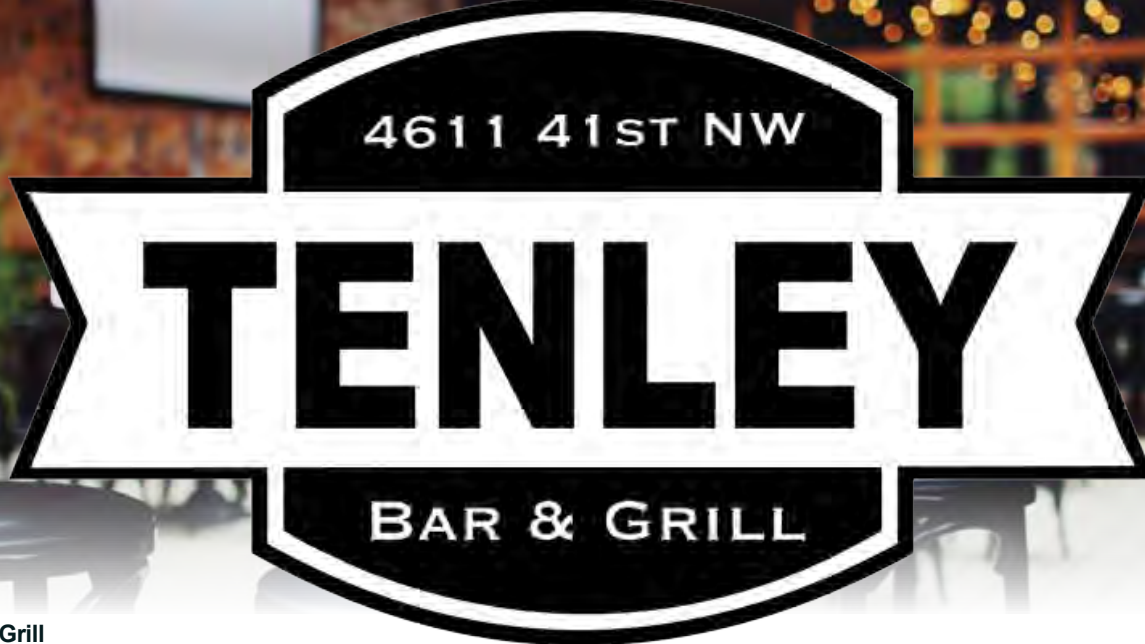
The emblem adopted by the National Fraternal Order of Police is designed to remind the membership of the duties that are expected of them as a citizen, a police officer and a member of the lodge. The five-cornered star tends to remind us of the allegiance we owe to our Flag and is a symbol of the authority with which we are entrusted. It is an honor the people we serve bestow upon us. They place their confidence and trust in us; serve them proudly.

Midway between the points and center of the star is a blue field representative of the thin blue line protecting those we serve. The points are of gold, which indicates the position under which we are now serving. The background is white, the unstained color representing the

purity with which we should serve. We shall not let anything corrupt be injected into our order. Therefore, our colors are blue, gold and white.

The open eye is the eye of vigilance ever looking for danger and protecting all those under its care while they sleep or while awake. The clasped hands denote friendship. The hand of friendship is always extended to those in need of our comfort.

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LODGE INFO

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge DC #1 was chartered in 1966. The Lodge was later named after the first member killed in the line of duty, Officer Jerrard F. Young. In November of 1977, the FOP Auxiliary to DC Lodge 1 was formed, to promote fellowship between police families. Their objective is to increase understanding between individual officers and their families. The Lodge offers a place to voice ideas and concerns. The Lodge promotes fraternalism and the opportunity to interact with fellow police officers. The Lodge is composed of members from 114 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.



Officer Jerrard F. Young

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 a lot of information that is of use to you.

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36TH ANNUAL

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I know it's hot out there but the time has come to start planning your next winter vacation! I'm trying to give ample time to the numerous people that say they're going to attend but inevitably do not. This will be my 18th trip as I've not missed one yet... the 8th since I took over as Trip Leader, and we are locked in as usual the weekend before the Super Bowl. The cast of characters changes a little year-to-year but the core group is very much intact. I can't understand for the life of me why more people don't go; although I had my all-time high of 53 last year! It really is a great time for skiers and non-skiers alike. Seven Springs Mountain Resort consistently reinvests within the resort, which is evidenced each year by the numerous upgrades. Additionally, it is a very family-friendly environment with many activities besides skiing. Please take a moment to mark your calendars Sunday 1/31/16 through Wednesday 2/3/16 and seriously consider attending. This trip has withstood the test of time for a reason, so come aboard. You won't be disappointed.

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POLICE HISTORY:

HOW THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE HAS GROWN

The United States Secret Service (USSS) is one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies in the country and is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

by Karen L. Bune

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In a bit of irony, on the day he was assassinated, Abraham Lincoln approved a plan for the formation of what became the United States Secret Service (USSS). The USSS is now one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies in the country and is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

Origins and Many Milestones

By the end of the Civil War, nearly one-third of all currency in circulation was counterfeit. Consequently, the financial stability of the country was jeopardized. In 1865, the USSS was established as a bureau in the Department of Treasury with the goal of suppressing the widespread counterfeiting of U.S. currency. In 1877, Congress passed an act prohibiting the counterfeiting of any coin, gold, or silver bar.

During the early days of the USSS, a wide range of outrageous counterfeit schemes were investigated, and it was a difficult job. Operatives worked in all conditions, seven days a week, and pursued criminals until the cases were solved.

In 1883, the USSS was officially acknowledged as a distinct organization within the Treasury Department. The agency performed a variety of assignments and investigations during the Spanish-American War and World War I that later became the responsibility of other government agencies, such as investigations into land fraud, peonage cases, naturalization fraud, the citrus and beef industries, oil reserves, as well as counter-espionage activity.

After President McKinley's assassination in 1901, Congress authorized the USSS to protect the President of the United States under Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3056.

HOW THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE HAS GROWN *(continued)*

The law also authorizes the USSS to protect the vice president of the U.S., other individuals next in order of succession to the Office of the President, the president and vice president's immediate families, former presidents and their spouses for their lifetimes, the children of former presidents until age 16, foreign heads of state and their spouses visiting the U.S., major presidential and vice presidential candidates and their spouses, and the president-elect, vice president-elect and their spouses.

The USSS has grown slowly from a small bureau staffed by less than 10 operatives in 1865 to a law enforcement organization of more than 6,000 employees worldwide. Staffing changed as a result of recommendations from the Warren Commission and the heightened threats to the national economy. Historically, because of the strong public image and history of the Secret Service, applicants were drawn to the agency.

The first five female Special Agents of the USSS were sworn-in on December 15, 1971. The first female Uniform Division officers were hired in September 1970.

On June 4, 1980, Special Agents Julie Cross and Lloyd Bulman were conducting a counterfeit surveillance near the Los Angeles International Airport. Two unknown males approached their vehicle from the rear and accosted the agents. Agent Cross was shot and pronounced dead at the scene. She was the first female agent killed in the line of duty. The suspects also shot at Agent Bulman and fled the scene thinking Bulman was dead. However, Bulman survived.

The Modern-Day USSS

With the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act in 2001, the USSS established a nationwide network of Electronic Crimes Task Forces (ECTFs) which provide a productive and cooperative crime-fighting environment in which participants conjointly and effectively make a significant impact on electronic crimes. This approach has generated unprecedented partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement, the private sector, and academia.

In 2003, President George W. Bush signed the PROTECT Act of 2003, known as the "Amber Alert Bill," which gave full authorization to the USSS to provide forensic and technical assistance in matters involving missing and exploited children. Consequently, the USSS has supported the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and local law enforcement agencies with its expertise in forensic photography, graphic arts, video production, audio and image enhancement, voice identification, computerized three-dimensional models and video and audio tape duplication.

HOW THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE HAS GROWN *(continued)*

In 2008, the USSS marked five years under the Department of Homeland Security and, in those five years, the service made nearly 29,000 criminal arrests for counterfeiting, cyber investigations, and other financial crimes — 98 percent of which resulted in convictions and seizure of more than \$295 million in counterfeit currency.

In 2009, the 56th presidential inauguration was the largest and most complex event ever overseen by the USSS. The agency supervised the design and implementation of the security plan for five separate national special security events that came under the umbrella of the inauguration of President Barack Obama. The USSS ensured the safety for each event and protectee as well as the nearly two million people that were estimated to have attended the event. This was accomplished by the USSS working closely and in cooperation with local, state, federal security, public safety and military partners.

The USSS is selective in its hiring and enforces high standards of conduct. In the last few decades, the diverse and highly qualified work force has been attained by leveraging relationships with public and private universities as well as minority serving institutions and organizations. The Outreach Branch is currently and actively working with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fully engage the social media realm to attract and retain top talent. The agency will soon have an activated presence on LinkedIn and anticipates utilization of a YouTube video recruiting channel in the future.

Throughout history, the USSS has played a significant role in law enforcement. The scope and expansion of duties over the years has led to the development of a sophisticated and highly acclaimed professional law enforcement agency. In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the agency has much to recognize throughout its history that is replete with accomplishment and rich with pride.

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