



NOTICES

Friday, Aug. 1 — Annual DPOA Family Cookout, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the DPOA parking lot.

Tuesday, Aug. 5 — Executive Board meeting at 9 a.m. at the DPOA office.

Tuesday, Aug. 12 — Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m., at the Gaelic League Hall, 2068 Michigan Ave.

Friday, Aug. 15 — Winter Furlough Draw and date to notify of intent to sell furlough time.

Tuesday, Sept. 2 — Executive Board meeting at 9 a.m. at the DPOA office.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — Board of Directors meeting, 3 p.m. (note time change), followed by a General Membership Meeting at 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church Activities Building, 3451 Rivard St.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 — General Membership Meeting, 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church Activities Building, 3451 Rivard St.

Tuesday, Oct. 7 — Executive Board meeting at 9 a.m. at the DPOA office.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 — Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m., at the Gaelic League Hall, 2068 Michigan Ave.

Spotlight shines on 17 DPD officers

By Joe Hoshaw Jr.
TUEBOR EDITOR

It was a milestone night for the Detroit Police Officers Association's District Officers of the Year Banquet when the event was held in mid-spring at Motor City Sound Board.

The May 2 gathering marked 40 years of providing special recognition to the best of the best of Detroit's Finest for exceptional service to the city and the department during the prior year.

This year, the spotlight was cast on 17 officers with a wide range of great stories of service and selflessness. (For more photos of this year's festivities, be sure to see pages 19-22.)

This year's honorees include Felicia Manning-Peoples (District 1); Maverick Longuski (District 1); Brian Nelson (District 2); John Allen (District 2); Joshua Dennard (District 3); Darren King (District 4); Joseph Eason (District 4); Latifa Alasad-Craig (District 5); Diego Frago (District 5); Raekwon Edwards, Raylan Hill and Justin Tabron (District 6); Eric Hill (District 6); Michael Choukourian (District 6); Devonte Brooks and Quentin Glover (District 7); and Robert Dale (District 9).

"This prestigious award continues to recognize outstanding achievement in law enforcement and honoring



Photos: David L. Chapman

the heroes working tirelessly to make our community safe," DPOA President Craig Miller said in his opening remarks. "Thank you to everyone who has worked very hard in organizing this important day."

As is the custom, the recipients were ushered into the festively decorated Sound Board theater in processional style, led by the DPD Color Guard and the stir-

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The entrance processional (left) is a long-standing tradition at the District Officers of the Year banquet, as is the presentation of special awards from the family of retired Chief Chester Logan. This year four officers were singled out for recognition by the Logans.

Scholarship Fund honors 4 students

The Detroit Police Officers Association Scholarship Fund has selected four students to be recipients of financial awards for the upcoming academic year.

This year's recipients include:

- Elaysia Franklin, daughter of Corporal Errol Franklin. Corporal Franklin is assigned to the Sec-

ond Precinct. Elaysia will be attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

- J'Mani Wallace, son of Corporal Miesna Wallace. Corporal Wallace is assigned to the Detroit Detention Center. J'Mani will be attending Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio.

- Anisa Tumbul, daughter of Corporal

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Photo: David L. Chapman

Quality time

Officers Willie Soles and Manuel Esquavel enjoy a little food and conversation at the May General Membership Meeting. Find some more familiar faces on hand for the meeting on Page 25. If you missed it, be sure to put the next one on your calendar. It is scheduled for Sept. 16.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The next General Membership Meeting is Sept. 16

PLEASE JOIN US! 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church activities center, 3451 Rivard

Get important updates from your union leadership and a chance to meet with various financial services vendors who can help you plan for your future.

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City again ordered to turn over medical numbers

Back in February we were under the belief that the lawsuit with the city of Detroit over the medical numbers is over, presumably concluded during a settlement conference on Feb. 11, 2025, with an agreement the city had 30 days to produce the numbers after City Council approves the agreement. The numbers would provide the information we need to shop for open enrollment insurance.

Well, the city did it again; it violated our agreement. We had to return to court on July 1, 2025, in front of Judge McCarthy. The judge agreed in favor of the Detroit Police Officers Association, ordering the city to provide the numbers to us by July 15, 2025, and scheduled another hearing date for Aug. 26. I will keep you advised.

Members, it is very important you know your beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. We have found that our members have not updated their beneficiaries in years and are surprised when they discover who they had listed as their beneficiaries. To manage, change, or check on your benefits, come into the DPOA office, located at 1938 E. Jefferson Ave., with a copy of your current check stub.

It is also very important we have your current address and cell phone number with the DPOA. You can also change it on the DPOA website, detroit-poa.com.

To access your username, use the department email address, and your badge number is your password. If you do not have four digits in your badge number, add a zero to the beginning of the number.

Members are not required to do phone interviews, interviews with supervision or use their cell phones for Zoom interviews. Notify the DPOA



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Craig Miller

office at (313) 567-8770 if you are advised or ordered.

When an officer is served a notice of Garrity from the Supervisor, please contact the office at (313) 567-8770 so information can be recorded in the Garrity Book. In addition, take a clear picture of the Garrity request and email it to legal@detroitpoa.com; include cell phone number as well.

At no time should you ever think you are not the focus of an investigation, you should always request a Union Steward either by radio, call the DPOA office at (313) 567-8770. There is an Executive Board member on call. Also, we do not do interviews with our supervisors, internal or anyone else. They can provide you with written statements, "Questions" on a 568 and the officers will schedule an appointment with the DPOA office to have questions answered. Do not answer them yourself.

If you are not yet aware, please note that the DPOA has a text messaging system in place so we can quickly notify the membership of important information. One important thing to note is that you must "opt-in" to receive these notifications. Please be sure to

do this, otherwise you may not receive crucial information you may need. The text will be coming from DPOA office number, (313) 567-8770. If you have any questions, contact Executive Board Member Keith Baker.

Coalition of Detroit Public Safety Unions Trust HRA

Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Plan: The CDPSU HRA Plan provides eligible retired City of Detroit police and fire fighter employees with reimbursement of covered out-of-pocket medical care expenses on a non-taxable basis.

Eligible participants include city public safety employees who have retired **after Jan. 1, 2015**, while covered under a collective bargaining agreement between the City and the following Unions: DPOA; DPLSA;

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Pension system moving forward with effort to bring DROP in house

Condolences to friends and family of retired Officer Arnold Vann on his passing; Sgt. Gibron Lockhart on the loss of his father; Detective Lynn Woods on the loss of his father; Detective Gina Gibson on the loss of her daughter; Sgt. Roumell Randolph on the loss of his brother; friends and family on the passing of retired Officer Kelvin Patrick; friends and family on the loss of retired Deputy Chief Mary Jarrett Jackson; Sgt. Ladawn Russell on the loss of her brother; and friends and family on the passing of retired Investigator Rita Marie Johnson.

Also: Sgt. Carrie Fairfax-Moore on the loss of her uncle; Officer Deval Crenshaw on the loss of his grandmother; Corporal Verona Shaw on the loss of her uncle; friends and family on the loss of retired Officer Jonathan Barry; friends and family on the loss of retired Lt. Theodore Burrows; Corporal Felisa Russell on the loss of her mother in law; Executive Manager Darrell Patterson on the loss of his step mother; friends and family on the loss of retired Lt. Charles Clark; Corporal Leon Newell on the loss of his brother.

The Detroit Police and Fire Pension System continues to move forward to bring the DROP in house to be managed. We expect to have this completed before the end of the year. Until then, the return rate for the DROP will be recalculated quarterly through VOYA. The rate for the upcoming quarter will be 2.75 percent.

The return rate for the voluntary hybrid annuity and the legacy annuity for the year is set at the maxi-



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Ron Thomas

mum which is 5.25 percent for the next fiscal year. The annuity rate is set by the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement Board of the previous year's returns.

Members leaving the department under a vested pension should be reminded to fill out the sick/pay out sheets prior to separation. The sick/pay out sheets to redeem 85 percent of your unused sick time upon separation are located at the Association Office.

This only applies to members leaving under a vested pension. Members leaving under a Duty Disability Retirement must wait until their 25th year and send a letter to the chief to be paid out from their sick banks. Vesting occurs after 10 years of completed service.

Officers are reminded to contact the Association as soon as possible with questions and complaints regard-

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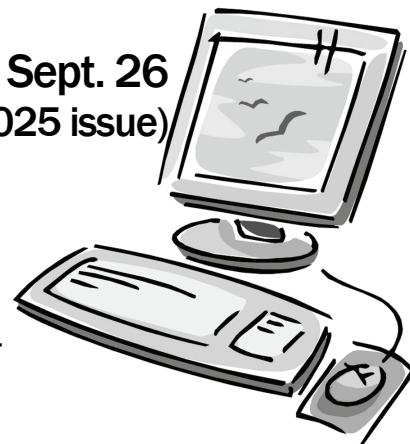
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Writers' deadline for the next issue:

Friday, Sept. 26
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Writers needed!
Check with your chief steward if you would like to represent your command area with an article in Tuebor.





The Detroit Police Officers Association was again well represented in Washington, D.C. for National Police Week in May. The event annually honors law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and recognizes the service of all officers. Key events included the 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13 and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15. Thousands of law enforcement officers from throughout the country converge on the nation's capital for the event.

Photo courtesy of Keith Baker

Deaths decrease sharply in first half of '25

The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line-of-duty in the first half of 2025 decreased 53 percent compared to the same time period last year, according to preliminary data provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF).

The NLEOMF data shows that 42 federal, state, county, municipal, and officers from the U.S. Territories have died in the line of duty in the

first half of 2025, representing a 53 percent decrease compared to the 89 officers who died in the first half of 2024.

"Every number that we publish in this report represents a selfless sacrifice made on behalf of the community and the nation in which they serve," said NLEOMF CEO Bill Alexander. "We lament to document even a single such death, but we are encouraged by how this data is trending currently. We continue to use our data to not only

highlight the continuing dangers faced by our law enforcement professionals, but to highlight best practices in officer safety and wellness that we hope is impacting the safety of the men and women who work tirelessly to protect us."

Firearms-Related Fatalities

Firearms-related fatalities have claimed the lives of 22 officers in 2025 thus far, which represents a decrease of 21 percent from the 28 officers killed by gunfire in

the first half of 2024 and was the leading cause of death.

Traffic-Related Fatalities

There were 13 traffic-related fatalities in the first half of 2025; this is a decrease of 50 percent compared to the first half of 2024, which had a total of 26.

Other Causes and Fatalities

The 'other' category contains a wide variety of health-related deaths and other line-of-duty fatalities. Seven officer deaths

are listed in the "Other" category versus 35 for the same period last year, which represents an 80 percent decrease from last year.

Additional Demographics

There were 39 male officers killed in the line-of-duty, and 3 female officers. The average age of the fallen officers is 43, with an average of 13 years of service. On average, officers left behind two children.

The statistics released in the mid-year report

are based on preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and may not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2026.

The Engraving

There are currently more than 24,000 names of officers killed in the line-of-duty inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

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Celebrate summer at DPOA cookout

Detroit Police Officer Association members past and present are welcome to attend the annual Family Cookout, which is set for 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, in the rear parking lot of the union office.

Royce Hill and his Entertainment Committee members are already hard at work acquiring food, beverages and other supplies in preparation for what has become a favorite annual event of hard-working Detroit Police Officers trying to

beat the summer heat. The entrance to the parking lot is behind the building and can be accessed from Woodbridge Avenue.

The grill will feature staples such as burgers, chicken and fish. Ice cream and other treats will be offered as well. All active members are welcomed to attend and bring their families. Retirees also are encouraged to come out and reconnect with former coworkers.

See the ad on Page 8 for more details.



Photo: David L. Chapman

Congrats, Stephanie!

This year's Charitable Fund Golf Outing included a special moment to recognize the efforts and service of longtime Police Officer Stephanie Harrington-Wilson with a plaque from the DPOA's Entertainment Committee commemorating her recent retirement. The Golf Outing seemed like the perfect place for the presentation, considering that Harrington-Wilson has long been key force in helping to make sure the event runs smoothly as a highly active and hard-working member of the Entertainment Committee.

RFP to seek lone provider to administer 457(b) plan

Happy summer! It's finally the time of year to enjoy hot summer days, barbecues and beaches. I hope everyone will find some time to step away from the hectic life of police work and enjoy all the exciting things Michigan summers have to offer. Time away and keeping your mind off work is excellent for your mental health and well-being.

If you are a participant in the deferred compensation program (457b) you have, or should have, received an email from the city announcing an RFP (Request for Proposals). In 2022 the city, along with the unions, formed a Deferred Compensation Committee to oversee the city's four service providers.

In the first years of the committee we were able to negotiate better services and lower fees from all of the providers. The committee, along with an independent investment consultant, have been responsible for making the correct strategic choices to steadily improve the plans.

At this juncture we have decided to choose one provider to administer the 457(b) rather than have multiple providers. After doing our due diligence, we have found the vast majority of cities in the country have one provider, and the benefits are greatly improved for participants.

The end goal is to reduce cost, ensure comprehensive service and continue to maintain competitive investment options.

The RFP was released on June 16, 2025. Vendors have until June 24 to submit questions to the city, and the city must respond to those questions by July 2. Proposals are due back by July 15.

The committee will then score the proposals and presentations to the com-



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Kenneth
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mittee will take place in mid-August 2025, and finally the selection of the new vendor will take place by the end of August. The new provider will be in place on Jan. 1, 2026.

I will provide more information and any updates in my next article, and as always if you have any questions, be sure to reach out to me.

A new service is being offered to all members of the Detroit Police Department by a company named MAGEN, and it is Law Enforcement Privacy Protection. It is designed for and offered to Law Enforcement ONLY. They specialize in privacy, suppressing information, critical incident protection, threat detection and legal takedown.

They are the most advanced way to completely remove your private information from the internet. I have met with the owner of the company personally and I am very impressed with their ability to remove information from the internet. The cost is minimal at \$50 per year. As a convenience for payroll deduction, the service will be provided through your Spectrum representative, so contact them for enrollment.

Have a great summer with your loved ones, family and friends. As always, be careful and stay safe out there!

Upcoming or recent separations from the Department are as follows:

Name	Command area	Status	Last Duty Date
PO Dejonte Rice	9th Pct.	Resigned	4/2
PO Cassidy Hiller	Transit	Resigned	4/9
PO Anthony Brown	Gaming	Retired	4/10
PO Dennis Baur	DV	Retired	4/11
PO Serge Laville	Downtown	Resigned	4/17
PO Lakeya Gray	5th Pct.	Resigned	4/19
PO Loronzo Jones	TEU	Retired	4/30
PO Brandon Seed	SRT	Retired	5/2
PO Andre Rupert	SRT	Retired	5/2
PO Ariana Lewis	11th Pct.	Resigned	5/9
PO Ahmed Jalil	3rd Pct.	Resigned	5/10
PO Alaijah Holloway	3rd Pct.	Resigned	5/16
PO Walter Huggins	Firearm Inventory	Retired	5/19
PO Brian Turner	8th Pct.	Resigned	5/20
PO Carson Hopman	8th Pct.	Resigned	5/27
PO Ethan O'Connell	8th Pct.	Resigned	5/27
PO Austin Long	10th Pct.	Resigned	5/30
PO Robert Trozak	CNL	Retired	5/30
PO Tyrone Waldon	Downtown	Retired	5/30
PO Anthony Tius	8th Pct.	Resigned	5/30
PO Ali Zeineddine	12th Pct.	Resigned	5/30
PO Randy Mezigian	Harbormaster	Retired	6/6
PO Marko Paljusevic	4th Pct.	Resigned	6/9
PO David Lopez	Harbormaster	Retired	6/12
PO Melina Eggers	4th Pct.	Resigned	6/15
PO James Kimbrough	OWCR	Retired	6/26
NPO Michael Crowder	12th Pct.	Retired	4/30
PPO Galen Wood	7th Pct.	Resigned	5/15
PPO Paul Banks	3rd Pct.	Resigned	6/20
SPO Robert Lewis	Academy	Resigned	5/6
SPO Alyssa Ross	Academy	Resigned	6/11
SPO Angelina Parrilla	Academy	Resigned	6/12
Sgt. Michael Richardson	5th Pct.	Resigned	6/13
Lt. Nicholas Giaquinto	10th Pct.	Retired	4/4
Lt. David Tadajewski	11th Pct.	Retired	4/15
Cpt. Robert Mitchell	12th Pct.	Retired	5/25
PA Stephen Sokol	Firearms	Resigned	4/16
PA Julius Moses	Records	Resigned	4/17

Manpower as of June 27, 2025

RANK	BUDGETED	FTEs FILLED THIS MONTH	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Chief of Police	1	1	0
1st Assistant Chief	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	2	2	0
Deputy Chief	7	7	0
Commander	19	19	0
Captains	27	28	1
Captains - Transit	1	0	-1
Lieutenant	120	120	0
Lieutenant - Transit	2	1	-1
Sergeant	380	378	-2
Sergeant - Transit	4	5	1
Investigator	8	8	0
Detective	186	185	-1
FTO	88	69	-19
N.P.O.	60	53	-7
Mental Health NPO	14	12	-2
Mental Health PO	11	8	-3
Police Officer	1704	1692	-12
Police Officer - Transit	38	33	-5
Sub Total:	2673	2622	-51
Police Assistants	28	25	-3
Grand Total	2701	2647	-54

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Contributing writers needed

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Assigned-out period expires after 84 days

Please be aware that assigned-out members are due back at their home command after 84 days. The Department has the right to assign-out a full-duty member from his or her parent command for **compelling** reasons to another command on a **temporary basis**.

The member is to be carried as "extra" at the assigned-out entity and shall not be carried on the holiday, pre-scheduled overtime or furlough rosters. After 84 days, the member shall be returned to his/her parent command.

In cases where members have not been returned to their parent command, the Association notifies the Chief of Police / Labor Relations advising him of the contractual violation, with a date certain for the return of that individual. In most cases, the officer is returned to his command within a few days.

If he or she is not returned or transferred to the assigned-out command per the contract, the Association will file a grievance.

In some cases, the members are re-assigned back to

Always be aware of your Miranda and Garrity rights

Regarding your rights under Garrity and Miranda, please refer to Section 16 page 41, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, entitled "Members' Rights - Investigative Procedures."

This section details your rights in any and all investigative procedures. I would also like to emphasize that it is each individual Officer's responsibility to be aware of these rights and to fully exercise them. These rights apply whether the interview is conducted at the Offices of the Internal Affairs Section, Office of the Chief Investigator or any other location.

In addition to this information, be aware that members have a right to 72 hours notice of a Garrity interview and the right to have an attorney present at that interview. In order to ensure the presence of an attorney, it is each officer's responsibility to notify their union steward and/or the

DPOA of the date, time and place of the interview. In turn, it is the DPOA's or the steward's responsibility to notify this office of same. It should not be "assumed" that an attorney will be present if this office is not notified.

It has recently become the practice of some Investigators and Sergeants to attempt to convince officers that they should waive their right to an attorney, telling them that they are not the focus and "do not need an attorney."

The Collective Bargaining Agreement in Article 16 addresses this issue. It specifically states that members have a right to have both legal counsel and a representative of the union present during an interview. Officers should never waive their constitutional or contractual right to an attorney or any other right that the DPOA has fought hard to obtain for you.



SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT

Linda Broden

their command for a short period and then reassigned back out. The Association considers this a circumvention of the contract and treats it as a part of the 84 days. One thing we have all learned is that when the Department wants to move heaven and earth to do something it does.

Another thing to think about is that if you are on the transfer list to a certain command and the Department keeps assigning members out to that command, your chances of being transferred are reduced significantly. It is nothing more than a blatant and thinly attempt by the Department to circumvent the contract, apparently in hopes that those at the parent commands will consider the assigned-out officer, "Out of sight out of mind."

MEMBERS ON RESTRICTED/LIMITED DUTY:

The Chief of Police has the authority to assign Association members to restricted duty assignments, when that member is placed on limited/restricted duty by a department physician and is unable to perform their job assignments. This authority can be found under Article 34F of the collective bargaining agreement and Article VII chapter VIII, Section VI, paragraph (4) of the City Charter.

A member on restricted duty assigned to a scout-car can be assigned-out. However, Association members on restricted duty for a non-duty related injury or illness and who are able to perform the duties of their regularly assigned job shall not be subject to being displaced by either an employee having a duty-related injury or illness or by a more senior employee having a non-duty related injury or illness.

Keep in mind that the contract worked for all of us in a fair and equal manner. You may be enjoying the fruits of a violation today and tomorrow you may be at the wrong end of someone else's fruit.

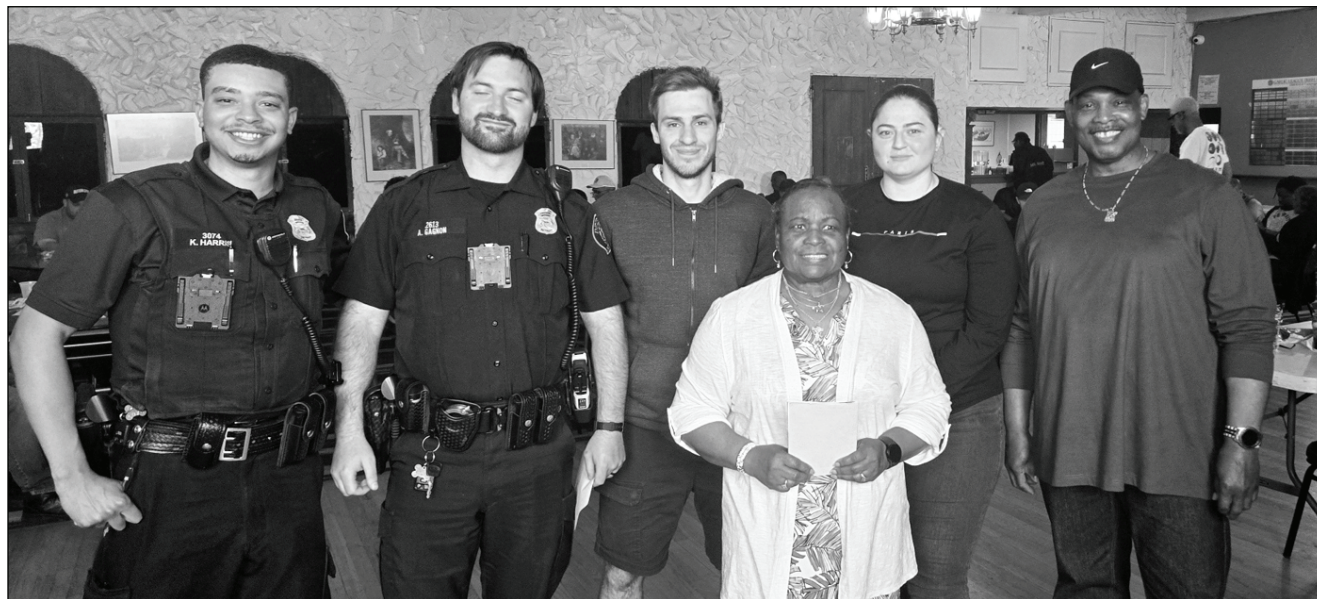
If you know of anyone who is not restricted duty and has been assigned out more than 84 days, please bring it to the attention of your steward or any member of the Grievance Committee.

Should you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at the Association office.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "The only way to enjoy anything in this life is to earn it first."

— **Ginger Rogers**

New faces on Board



Several new stewards and alternates joined the Board of Directors in recent months and received their oath of office from Sergeant-at-Arms Linda Broden. At the June meeting held at the Gaelic League (above), those sworn in included Keith Harris (left), 12th Precinct, alternate; Aaron Gagnon, Downtown Services, steward; Jacob Sorrell, Fifth Precinct, alternate; Lindita Merditaj, Third Precinct, alternate; and Barry Hayward, Traffic Enforcement, steward. Gagnon the previous month had been sworn in as an alternate. At right in the photo at right, he took the oath with Lucas Luqmaan, a new 11th Precinct alternate. The May board meeting was held at the Sacred Heart Activities Center prior to the General Membership Meeting.



ABOUT TUEBOR:

The official publication of the Detroit Police Officers Association, Tuebor is published quarterly. Our next issue will be published in October both in the print edition and a PDF version posted to the union's website, www.detroitpoa.com. Recent back issues also are available on the website. Several writer positions are currently open. If you see that your command area doesn't have a writer and you are interested in serving in that role, please see your steward. Do you have DPOA-related news you'd like to share? Letters, photos and other information pertinent to the DPOA membership can be emailed to tuebordetroit@yahoo.com. Items may be submitted anytime between now and Sept. 26 to be considered for publication in the next issue.

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Finest of the Finest get night in the spotlight

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ring and inspiring sounds of the bagpipes and snares of the Metro Detroit Police and Fire Pipes and Drums.

Among those on hand to honor the recipients were Mayor Mike Duggan and Police Chief Todd Bettison.

Duggan, the mayor for nearly 12 years, was making his final appearance in that role because he is not seeking a fourth term in the upcoming election.

The mayor told a story reflecting the amount of trust the city's police officers have built with the residents in recent years.

"I am, every day, so proud to be the mayor of the city that has this kind of police force," he said. "And to all the winners today — the stories you are going to hear today all reflect that — I just want to say, congratulations."

Duggan in the coming year and a half will attempt to continue his political career in Lansing, as he is running for

governor as an independent candidate in the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election, which is also the mid-term election for federal office holders.

Bettison, who was confirmed as permanent chief back in February after serving three months as the interim chief following the departure of James White, said he was "humbled to be the chief of police of the finest police department in the United States of America."

Bettison reiterated Duggan's message by lauding the officers for earning the trust of the community, using the new tradition of children coming to the precincts for Halloween as a prime example.

"As the head of the agency I get a lot of the accolades, but it's all about 'us,' it's all about 'you,' because of the work you all do.

"And I'm going to tell you this, too: Your union members, with the president and the E (executive) board, we meet monthly, and they advocate very strongly for their members; and I listen."

"So, I just want to let you know that your union dues are being put to good work and we have a strong relationship and know that this chief of police has your back 100 percent."

For the second year, the emcees for the main award presentation portion of the evening were 99.5 WYCD Radio on-air hosts Steve Grunwald and Holly Hutton.

The two hosts alternated for each presentation, detailing the reason for their selection, as profiled in the previous issue of Tuebor and the program that was handed out to all the attendees.

Each recipient or co-recipient were brought up to the stage to be presented with several commemorative awards by Miller and the other three elected DPOA officers, Vice President Ron Thomas, Sergeant-and-Arms Linda Broden and Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Eppenbrock.

For nearly half the years that the District Officers of the Year banquet has been in exist-

ence, the family of retired Detroit Police Chief Chester Logan has taken on a special role, presenting one or more of the Officers of the Year with a special financial award for their efforts.

"Every year for about 20 years, my family has recognized one officer we felt just needed an addi-

tional thank you," said one of Logan's daughters, Kimberly Blackwell, a retired DPD commander. "It's our way of saying 'thank you for your service.'"

Blackwell, with her father and her sister standing alongside her, said the special recognition was the idea of her

mother, the late Ellen Logan.

"She has been so supportive and the biggest cheerleader of the Detroit Police Department," she said. "So, we want to continue this legacy. We want to continue the recognition."

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Craig Miller: HRA stipend helps with medical expenses

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DPCOA; and DFFA. The current HRA monthly stipend for DPOA is \$250 per month.

To apply for your monthly benefits, contact CDPSU's claims administrator, Automated Benefit Services, Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at (877) 456-4306; or, for more information about the CDPSU HRA Plan, visit CDPSUTrust.com.

Remember, if you need any assis-

tance on an employment-related issue, don't hesitate to reach out to a member of union leadership for help. Your union steward is your first line of defense should you require assistance.

As we make our way through the busy summer months, please don't let your guard down while you are out on patrol. Be extra vigilant and stay safe and back each other up. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance. We are all we have.



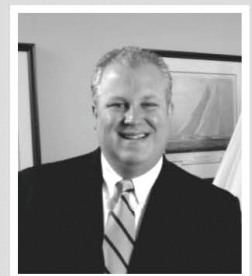
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No flash required

It's the 'quiet work' that builds the strength of a city

By The Rev. Peter Latouf

There's something very satisfying about doing your job well without needing applause, recognition, or attention. In police work, that's often what it comes down to. Showing up early, gearing up, responding to calls, keeping your head clear under pressure, and moving from situation to situation without much time to process what just happened. Officers do it because it's their duty, and because the people of the city of Detroit count on



you. It's not glamorous, and it's not really supposed to be; but doesn't mean it's not heroic.

What I've seen among members of the Detroit Police Officers Association is that greatness in work

doesn't always come from flashy moments or big gestures. Greatness actually comes from being consistent and reliable — from showing up, especially when you're tired, frustrated, or feeling unseen.

Even though I've been away from Detroit for a few months now, I've been keeping up with Tigers baseball. The Tigers are sort of offering a similar lesson this season. No one expected them to be where they are now — doing lots of winning, packed with confidence, and right around the top of the standings. But what stands out most isn't just their success, it's how they're getting there.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Four Tigers were voted to the MLB All-Star Game this year: Riley Greene, Javier Báez, Gleyber Torres and Tarik Skubal. They are not the flashiest or the loudest players in the league. Other players usually make the headlines on ESPN. But our players have been steady. They've been professional and dependable. They've done the work, kept their heads down, and earned the respect of fans, teammates, and even other teams' players. Does this sound familiar? I think it probably should.

Our world usually celebrates noise and flash. But real strength, especially in policing, is quiet. It's the officer who writes the full report after a long shift, who pulls over to check on someone who looked like they were in trouble, who mentors the new recruit without expecting thanks, who shows what real strength looks like. It's the officer who digs through one more file, the neighborhood cop who learns everyone's name, the dispatcher who keeps calm no matter how tense the radio gets.

This is how trust is built, how a department becomes a team, and how a city begins to feel safe again. It's not because of one dramatic moment, but because enough people quietly chose to do their jobs with care, patience, and integrity. This kind of work doesn't always make headlines, but it still matters.

Detroit knows something about that. We're a city that's been through hardship. We've had our names dragged through the national news over these past several years. Yes, Detroit has seen rough years. But like our baseball team this summer, we're proof that grit and faithfulness can surprise people. And it's the same with police work: when the foundation is solid, and when officers do the right thing day after day, something good begins to take root. You might not see it right away, but it matters.

So whether your shift feels like a blur or a crawl, or whether your day ends with an arrest or with a hundred small interactions that no one will ever write about, remember that you're part of something bigger; you're one of the people holding the city together.

So please allow me to offer you my thanks! Thank you for being the kind of officer who doesn't cut corners; thank you for keeping your cool when someone's pushing every button; thank you for stepping into situations the rest of the world avoids; and thank you for treating people with dignity, even when they don't return it. I know many of you and I can say with confidence that this definitely applies to

you.

The Tigers' All-Stars earned their spots because of their consistency, not necessarily their flash or need to show off. They showed up and delivered. Thank you for doing that too, even if the stands are empty and the scoreboard isn't lighting up; that's what makes you essential.

So my prayer is that you take our cues for the rest of the year not from the noise, but from the quiet strength that holds the line. I pray the DPOA can be the kind of team that knows the work matters, even when no one is looking. Please remind each other that dignity isn't just for others; it starts with how we carry ourselves.

Stay safe, stay grounded, and take pride in the quiet wins! May God bless you and keep you safe.

Father Peter Latouf recently completed his missionary assignment in Taiwan and Hong Kong and is now assigned to serve as parochial vicar at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando, Fla. The Detroit-area native is the son of retired Police Officer Donna Latouf, the former secretary-treasurer for the Detroit Police Officers Association, and also the brother of Police Officer Lisa Latouf of Internal Affairs.

Looking for a recent past issue of Tuebor? Did you know the last three years are available on the DPOA website? Check them out by visiting www.detroitpoa.com and click the "Tuebor Editions" tab.

Editor's Note: The article deadline for the next issue of the Tuebor is Friday, Sept. 26. Please email articles and other info for publication to Editor Joe Hoshaw Jr. at tuebordetroit@yahoo.com. He can also be reached at (734) 558-6955. For more details on being a contributor to Tuebor, please see Page 6.

Ron Thomas: Be aware of the timeline for filing grievances

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ing contractual issues. All grievances have a timeline that has to be followed and that is now thirty (30) days following the violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

This timeline has changed under the new 2022-2027 CBA. Anything outside that time limit can be closed by the Department due to timeliness. Contact the Association and be guided by Sergeant-at-Arms Linda Broden and the Grievance Committee.

Any member injured while on duty sent or admitted into the hospital should only be giving hospital personnel their name and the responsible party below to avoid being billed personally by the hospital or clinic. Any member receiving a bill for medical treatment received should immediately report to the Medical Section

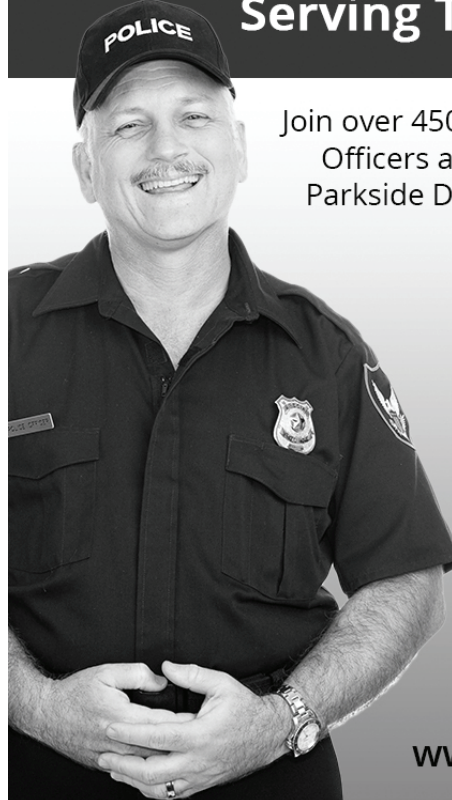
and turn the bill over to them. Remember to always get the name of whom you turned your information over to.

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Members should be reminded that we are under no obligation to give voluntary statements to Internal Affairs or for any departmental investigation. Garrity rights were put in place to protect you and the Association encourages you to follow your rights. When in doubt, request assistance from a steward.

Remember to trust your instincts. If something does not seem right, it is because it isn't. Back each other up always and stay safe.

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We thank and appreciate these brave officers who always answer the call and always run toward the gunfire to protect and serve.



Lashun O'Rear

Officers' bravery deserves special recognition

Hello from the Glass House.

I hope this article finds all my brothers and sisters in blue in good health and spirits. I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July and thank you to all our veterans who help protect the freedom that we have.

I would like to give recognition to the Ninth Precinct Special Ops scout 9-39, Police Officer Andres Torres-Lopez, Police Officer John Wyatt and Corporal Dante Borum, who on July 3, 2025, had an individual fire shots at them, striking Officer Torres-Lopez in the hand. The officers did what was necessary and God bless that individual's soul. Our prayers for a speedy recovery for Officer Torres-Lopez.

We thank and appreciate these brave officers who always answer the call and always run toward the gunfire to protect and serve. You are true heroes.

I came across an article online about a radio personality named Paul Harvey, who spent over 70 years on the radio. I listened to one of his broadcasts that was recorded in 1970. The piece was called "The Policeman" and is considered one of his best, and I think that it speaks to what officers in their profession have been dealing with since its inception. I didn't change his words, but we all know the important role women play in policing.

Here is the script:

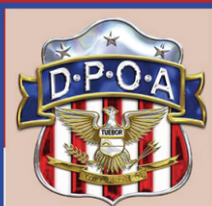
"A policeman is a composite of what all men are, mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity. What that really means is that they are exceptional, they are unusual, they are not commonplace. Buried under the froth is the fact: and the fact is, less than one-half of one percent of policemen misfit the uniform. And that is a better average than you would find among clergymen!"

What is a policeman? He, of all men, is at once the most needed and the most wanted. A strangely nameless creature who is "sir" to his face and "pig" or worse to his back. He must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won.

But, if the policeman is neat, he is conceited, if he is

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Detroit Police Officers Association Annual Cook-Out



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Here is an update on recent grievance cases

Hello Everyone. Here is some of what has been going on since the last article.

Arbitration Decisions
20-day suspension - The case was heard by Arbitrator Gail M. Wilson. After hearing and reviewing all the evidence, she ruled that the 20-day suspension will stand as is.

Retaliation / Assigned out without Compelling Reason - Arbitrator Michael J. Falvo heard the grievance. It was decided that there was no substantiated evidence that the department used the assigned out / under investigation status as retaliation.

He agreed that the department had a valid reason to investigate and determine if the information they received was erroneous, if there were legitimate reasons for not showing up for the Downtown Summer Detail, or if the grievant violated the Code of Conduct prohibition of "Being absent from duty without permission."

He also stated that establishing the fact that officers are assigned to the Tow Lot as punishment would require more persuasive proof than has been presented. The grievance was denied.

Important information Seniority Corporal Pay/ Other Fiscal Mat-



- ters**
- The City has failed to respond to the mediator's requests for available dates to resolve this ULP.
 - The association's labor attorneys are recommending that we go right to a hearing so this corporal issue and several other financial issues can be resolved. We agree.
 - Some members have finally been appointed corporal, but back pay is still owed to all.

- DROP Extension**
- Participating DROP members who are reaching the end of their 10th year and would like to continue doing so for another year must send a request to the Chief of Police.
 - This request must be submitted to the Chief's office no less than **two months prior** to your DROP end date.
 - If you are uncertain of your DROP date, call and speak to a member of

the Grievance Committee. We have that info and a template of the request to extend.

- On Duty Injuries**
- If you injure yourself while working, do an Injury Report!

- DPOA Texting System (Active DPOA members)**
- The Association has a texting system in place to distribute union information.
 - There are still active members that have not opted into the texting system.
 - If you wish to opt in, text your name to (313) 567-8770 to be added.

- Remember,**
- If you're not there, it probably won't happen.
 - Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.
 - Take a class.
 - Measure twice, cut once.
 - Drink more water!

Be proud of your profession

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careless, he's a bum. If he is pleasant, he's a flirt, if he is not, he is a grouch. He must make instant decisions which would require months for a lawyer.
But, if he hurries, he is careless, if he is deliberate, he is lazy. He must be first to an accident, infallible with diagnosis. He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp.
The police officer must know every gun, draw on the run, and hit

where it doesn't hurt. He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being 'brutal.' If you hit him, he's a coward. If he hits you, he's a bully. The policeman, from a single human hair, must be able to describe the crime, the weapon, the criminal and tell you where the criminal is hiding. But, if he catches the criminal, he's lucky, if he doesn't, he is a dunce. He runs files and writes reports until his eyes ache, to build a case against some felon

who will get 'dealed out' by a shameless shamus.
The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy and a gentleman.
And of course, he'll have to be a genius, for he will have to feed a family on a police salary."
If you have time, YouTube Paul Harvey "Policeman" and have a listen. Be proud of the profession that you have chosen, because it is an honorable one.
Stay safe, God bless; love all my brothers and sisters in blue!

Board of Directors Attendance Record January-June 2025

M-Meetings/P-Present/E-Excused/A-Absent (C) Chief Steward / (A) Alternate / * Executive Board (T) Transferred / (P) Promoted / (R) Retired / ** Died Active						
DIST	Pit/Sec	Name	M	P	E	A
1	Downtown SVS-2	Michael Harrington	6	6	0	0
	Downtown SVS-3	Dale Hopkins (T)	5	4	1	0
	Downtown SVS-3	Aaron Gagnon	1	1	0	0
	3rd Precinct-1	Darryl Johnson (C)	6	4	2	0
	3rd Precinct-2	James Bradford	6	6	0	0
	3rd Precinct-3	Mario Esselman	6	5	1	0
	Gaming-1	Darryl Jackson	6	4	2	0
	Gaming-2	Christopher Hicks	6	6	0	0
	Gaming-3	Calvin Adkins*	6	5	1	0
2	2nd Precinct-1	Angel Munoz	6	3	2	1
	2nd Precinct-2	Keith Baker*	6	6	0	0
	2nd Precinct-3	Anthony Porcalla (T)	1	1	0	0
	2nd Precinct-3	Ethan Stoermer (T)	4	4	0	0
	4th Precinct-1	Sarah Kimberlin	6	5	1	0
	4th Precinct-2	Nicholas Medrano	6	4	2	0
3	4th Precinct-3	John Furmanski (C)	6	6	0	0
	6th Precinct-1	Darwin Smith (P)	4	1	0	3
	6th Precinct-1	Malek Nasser	1	0	1	0
	6th Precinct-2	Rosemary Coleman (C)	6	6	0	0
	6th Precinct-3	Wade Rayford	6	6	0	0
	8th Precinct-1	Kenneth Hampton Jr.	6	5	1	0
	8th Precinct-2	James Pierce	6	3	0	3
4	8th Precinct-3	Verona Shaw	6	6	0	0
	10th Precinct-1	Aaron Dudek	6	6	0	0
	10th Precinct-2	Cyprian Freeman (C)	6	6	0	0
	10th Precinct-3	Jeremiah Flores	6	6	0	0
	12th Precinct-1	Stephen Merritt	6	5	0	1
	12th Precinct-2	Raymond Chesney	6	5	1	0
5	12th Precinct-3	Allyson Rock	6	4	2	0
	5th Precinct-1	Angela Abbott	6	5	0	1
	5th Precinct-2	Karen Maxey*	6	6	0	0
	5th Precinct-3	Anthony Murray (C)	6	6	0	0
	9th Precinct-1	Jarick Home	6	3	0	3
	9th Precinct-2	Lashun O'Rear*	6	6	0	0
6	9th Precinct-3	Alec Rebecca	6	6	0	0
	7th Precinct-1	Ali Dakhllallah	6	5	0	1
	7th Precinct-2	Nathan Readous	6	6	0	0
	7th Precinct-3	Frederick Williams (C)	6	6	0	0
	11th Precinct-1	Kevin Smith	6	4	0	2
	11th Precinct-2	Douglas Nichols	6	6	0	0
	11th Precinct-3	Thomas Deloof	6	6	0	0
	Harbor Master	Marcel Clark	6	6	0	0
	Mound Road Detention Center	Derrick Wilson	6	6	0	0
7	Cos/Tech Support-1	Raphael Clements	6	5	1	0
	Cos/Tech Support-2	Charles Roland*	6	6	0	0
	Cos/Tech Support-3	Michael Fountain*	6	4	2	0
	Narcotics/Firearms Inv.	Lavondria Herbert (C)	6	5	1	0
	Forfeiture/Magnet/Auction Detail	Carlton Williams	6	4	2	0
8	DPSH, 1301 Third, 5th Floor	Ermine Gamble	6	5	1	0
	DPSH, 1301 Third, 6th Floor	Lucretia Wright (C)	6	4	2	0
	DPSH, 1301 Third, 7th Floor	Royce Hill*	6	6	0	0
9	Law Dept/OCI/EPU/Council	Christine Rozier*	6	6	0	0
	DMPA/Range	Sean Wayrynen*	6	6	0	0
10	TAC Response Unit - 1	Darius Shepherd	4	3	1	0
	SRT/Bomb Squad	David Shaw	6	6	0	0
	TEU/TSU	Lorenzo Jones	4	4	0	0
	TEU/TSU	Barry Hayward	1	1	0	0
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Better equipment, resources are needed

We're at the peak of summer where the weather is warm daily. The Detroit riverfront is populated with people from all over the city, state and country. The Detroit River is enjoyed by people in all sizes of boats, jet skis and miscellaneous water carriers. So, what happens if someone falls into the river?

As we know, that Detroit River current has tragically taken many lives. Generally, when someone falls or jumps in the river, it's behind the Renaissance Center, Atwater Base or the Detroit Princess Boat. When officers are notified, they want to do all they can to assist and save someone's life. Every second is precious at this time, but officers are delayed by at least 10 minutes.

While trying to keep an eye on someone, the officer has to notify dis-



Lamont Williams

patch. From there, the dispatcher has to notify Harbormaster on District 3. Once Harbormaster gets on the radio, they ask for the location again. Harbormaster then wants to know if you are positive it is a person in the water, and has to start up their boat and travel at least two miles west on the river. Granted, they do their best with this kind of delay, but it becomes more recovery than life saving.

Even though it is illegal to swim in the Detroit

River, you will get people that actually want to go for a swim on the extremely hot, humid days. This occurred when a traffic control officer witnessed a man showing signs of just going for a swim. As Officer Mike Harrington was in the area, he witnessed the man but was limited and faced with delays in getting help.

Just maybe if Downtown Services was equipped with some type of modern life-preserving tools, we'd have a better

chance at saving someone's life as this

happens frequently behind DTS base. As myself and Officer Chad Ossman assisted Officer Harrington in eyeing the man, we had a discussion.

If the department purchased and trained officers on Jet Skis, they would have a better chance of saving a life. If the department purchased a small mini boat, that would also give officers a better advantage. These vessels

could be docked outside 20 Atwater Base or the Port Authority. The 4100 motor units, Monroe Beat and Riverwalk Beats are generally working daily around the clock to assist in training and operating these vessels.

We're not trying to discredit Harbormaster or the Coast Guard, but to be a little more proactive. Every second counts!

2025 is shaping up as interesting year for city

Editor's Note: The following article was originally submitted by Downtown Services Writer Lamont Williams for publication in the Spring issue. Due to an oversight by the editor it was mistakenly left out. Consequently we are publishing it here along with Lamont's current article above.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our Interim Chief Todd Bettison on his appointment to the department's highest rank in chief of police. Congratulations to Officer Maverick Longulski on being nominated and awarded District 1 2024 Officer of the Year.

Congratulations to Officer Michael Harrington on being the new steward for the day shift of DTS and myself as being his alternate steward.

This year should be interesting, as we will vote for a new mayor as Mike Duggan vacates after many years working hard to make Detroit a vibrant city again. Downtown Detroit continues to build and progress as residents occupy the new Water Square Apartments, the exchange apartments, and many newly renovated

apartment buildings and lofts around the 1.2 square miles of downtown Detroit. The J.W. Marriott Hotel at the former Joe Louis site is showing great progress. The new Hudson's tower is nearing the end of development after almost eight years of building. I was surprised to see a Gardner White store coming downtown, which is needed to keep up with the increase in residency.

As we turned the clocks up an hour, spring is officially here. Days appear to be longer as we gain more sunlight by the day. So, are you ready for some baseball? Our beloved Detroit Tigers are back after being one of the hottest teams in the American league, entering the playoffs last year after a long time without postseason play. Let's bless our guys for a successful 2025 season. I'm looking forward to the rotation of food trucks stationed around Campus Martius and Spirit Plaza parks. I think as corporations bring back people to work in person, our economy will grow stronger and keep people employed.

I would like to give an early thanks to the weekend deployment as they assist on the events, bars, nightclubs and riverwalk as foot and vehicular traffic will increase drastically.

I know this is above my education and pay grade, but I'm still not understanding why DTS has to provide two scout cars and four officers to be stationed at Grand Circus Park daily on both shifts along with the Rosa Parks transit center, while the department has a transit center unit.

With no guaranteed response car, units from the 3rd Precinct will have to come more south. Thankfully the motor units, NPOs and downtown task force of Platoon 4 days have no hesitation to help out with the police runs, beside from their daily assignments.

Hopefully more transfers to DTS will be honored by the time the West Riverfront Park is completed behind the post office.

One last note: Hopefully by the time you are reading this article, the Pistons will be advancing in the playoffs as they've been a difference of night and day in this 2025 season as they have tripled their win season from last year.

If anyone has any stories or acknowledgments they would like published, please let me know as I am at work around the clock as you know. Take care and be safe.



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Busy summer raises concern about safety

Summer is here. I hope everyone is welcoming the good weather. As it is customary, it is the time of year when things spike up.

It is the time of the year when the citizenry steps out to enjoy the beauty of the season, and also when the department gets busy with the various details: summer time assignments, the games, downtown services, neighborhood block parties, drag racing and special details.

As you go out on duty, please be mindful of your surroundings and back up each other. The ultimate goal is to make it home to your loved ones at the end of your tour of duty.

On the home front, we

extend our congratulations to Officer Eric Hill, one of our hard-working neighborhood officers.

He was selected as District 6 Officer of the Year for 2024. Neighborhood Police Officer Eric Hill is a hardworking and dedicated person. He is committed to duty beyond approach.

He approaches every problem with professionalism, empathy and care for the community and its members. Officer Hill certainly deserves the honor. Congratulations!

Our thanks and appreciation also go to our Community Relations staff for the Easter Sunday program. It was a resounding success, hosted at the Precinct and

Fenelon Park.

Thanks to Sgt. Spruce and Cpls. Hill, Robinson, William and Asacrea. We also wish to thank members of the community, some of whom donated candies.

We want to welcome our new probationary police officers to the Precinct. They consist of Class 2025-D graduates, PPOs Toni Strong, Amanda Barr, Alesia Bethea, E. John and M. Gadson. Welcome!

Thanks to the men and women at the Training Center, who are doing fantastic jobs.

Until next time, stay tuned and back up each other.

— *Manix Mustapha Kroma*

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The Deuce

Colette Burks-Weathers

Listening is an important skill for an officer to have

Hello, everyone.

I know it has been a while since I wrote an article in Tuebor. Our precinct is in the process of being renovated — a new beginning for The Second Precinct, aka The Deuce.

Thoughts for today: unity, camaraderie, and listening go hand in hand, where we are all on one accord.

As I have served and protected the City of Detroit for over 29 years, I have learned listening is a very important skill to have in this job. Listening to the advice of veteran officers helped shape me into who I am today. I was trained by some amazing and great officers, some who have retired and some who are still on the job. I also learned from our rookies who are very tech savvy. Here is the analogy — it's like baking a cake. You need the right ingredients, measurements and flavor to create a delicious tasting cake.

Could I please have a drum roll?! I would like to welcome all our new arrivals to the Second Precinct, aka The Deuce, and congratulations to Chief Todd A. Bettison. He was Captain for a day at the Second Precinct in 2012. Our new Commander Ryan Connor has been at the Second Precinct for eight months. He was my classmate in the academy, Class 97-EFGH. Our new Captain Darchell Brown has returned home to The Deuce, where she started her career with the Detroit Police Department.

All the new officers who have just arrived at the Second Precinct - WELCOME! WELCOME! Please keep smiling and being enthusiastic about coming to work. You guys are doing a fantastic job.

I cannot forget Lt. Ronald Lockhart — welcome back. He really missed us at the Second Precinct coming out of retirement. I strongly recommend all new officers to talk to Lt. Lockhart and other veteran officers who have a wealth of knowledge to share with you.

I am still learning daily from everyone. So, it's not about having the last word. Learn to be an ear for someone, because you never know what a person is going through. Just a thought. Always treat everyone with dignity, respect and most of all, always be professional as you represent the Detroit Police Department. Especially the Second Precinct. You never know who is watching you.

I would like to wish all officers who had birthdays in April, May, and June a Happy Birthday!

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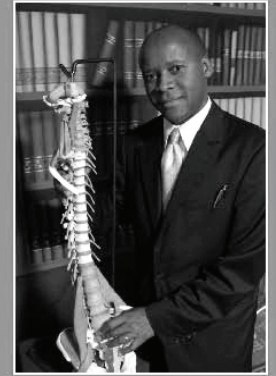
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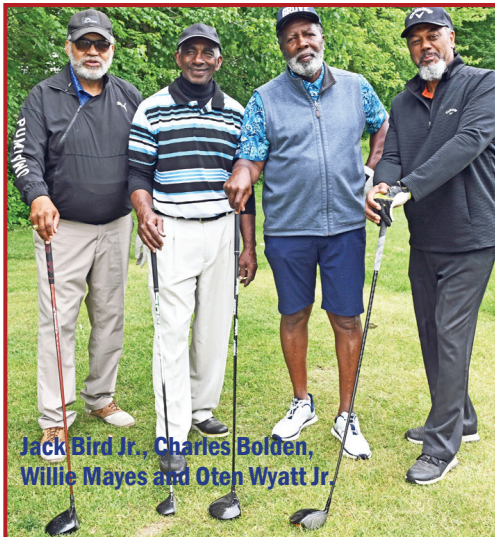
Participants in 40th annual Charitable Fund Golf Outing were the beneficiary of a beautiful day for golf, capped out by an outstanding dinner and a lot of great prizes being given away. As an added bonus, the day netted nearly \$10,000 for the coffers of the Charitable Fund, which will go a long way to help support many of the fund's charitable giving in the coming year. Special thanks to all the Entertainment Committee members who put in a long day to help make sure everyone had a great time.



Jamie See, Carson Harger, Melinda Altimore and Marlene Beach



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Ron Miakinin and Tony Pascarella



Event participants gather for dinner, prize drawings and camaraderie following the day on the links.





Entertainment Committee Chairman Royce Hill commands the audience's attention as the tickets are drawn during the raffle.



Ron Miakinin won one of the top raffle prizes, a Blackstone griddle.



Jerry Powell won the other top prize, a battery-powered lawnmower.



Entertainment Committee members recognized and congratulated retiring committee member Stephanie Harrington-Wilson (second from left) during the event.



Lashun O'Rear, Linda Broden and Royce Hill with several longtime outing participants.



Greg Shatley and Mark Weeks accept the first-place trophy for their foursome.



Raffle ticket sales, per usual, were swift.

Scholarship Fund announces 4 student awards

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Elvedin Abdijanovic. Corporal Abdijanovic is assigned to the Seventh Precinct. Anisa will be attending the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit.

• Stephen K. Petroff, son of Corporal Stephen G. Petroff. Corporal Petroff is assigned to the Tenth Precinct. Stephen will be attending Henry Ford College, Dearborn.

The Scholarship Fund, which was founded in 1997 and is a separate entity from the union itself. DPOA Sergeant-at-Arms and Scholarship Fund Board member Linda Broden said the Fund was the brainchild of retired officer and former DPOA official Cheryl Smith.

“At the time, Officer Smith was a member of the DPOA Grievance Committee,” Broden said. “She held the office of Sergeant-at-Arms and was later elected as the DPOA vice president. Officer Smith retired from the Detroit Police Department in January 2012. The idea that inspired the scholarship fund was to provide aid to police

officers’ children without the debt attached to student loans.”

The Fund was initially incorporated in 1997 and is an entity separate from the DPOA, as required by tax regulations. After countless hours of exhaustive efforts behind the scenes, it was in October of 1998 that as president of the DPOA Scholarship Fund, Officer Smith was pleased to announce the IRS approval of the fund section 501(c)3 permits donors to enjoy tax benefits on contributions made to the fund.

The first scholarship was awarded for the 1999-2000 academic year. Since then, numerous scholarships totaling several thousands of dollars have been awarded to children of Detroit Police Department members.

Eligible recipients must have a parent or stepparents employed by the Detroit Police Department. Awards are not limited solely to DPOA members.

“Police officers who have advanced their own career

through promotions and relinquished their membership in the DPOA is a terrible reason to deny a child of that parent this award,” Broden said.

Recipients must possess a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma and be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning or trade school. Applicants must write an essay. The topic varies from year to year and is determined by the fund directors. The scholarships are normally presented in mid-summer. Department members may make tax-exempt contributions to the fund through payroll deductions.

“The DPOA Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone that supported this organization this past year,” Broden said. “Thank you for your continued support and contributions to this worthy cause. Together we can all make a difference.”

For more details on applying for the scholarships, contact Broden at the DPOA office.

Deaths drop in first half of year

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memorial in Washington, DC, dating back to the first known death in 1786.

For a complete copy of the 2025 Mid-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report, go to: <https://nleomf.org/memorial/facts-figures/latest-fatality-reports/>

Established in 1984, the NLEOM is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the fallen, telling the story of American law enforcement, and making it safer for those who serve. The first pillar of this mission, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., honors the names of all of the 24,412 (and counting) officers who have died in the line-of-duty to date throughout U.S. history. Additionally, NLEOMF maintains and publishes comprehensive details on the circumstances surrounding official line-of-duty deaths.

The Officer Safety and Wellness pillar uses that data, coupled with best-practice program models, to produce programming directed at solutions to improve survivability and enhance wellness.

NLEOMF’s third pillar, the National Law Enforcement Museum (LawEnforcementMuseum.org) is committed to preserving the history of American law enforcement and sharing the experiences of service and sacrifice for generations to come.

Best of the best get a night in spotlight

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with the presentations, Blackwell fulfilled something stressed by her father beforehand.

“My Dad said to please remember to *thank you-thank you* for your service.”

Selected as this year’s recipients of the Logan awards were officers Joshua Denard, Diego Fregoso, Latifa Alasad-Craig and Eric Hill.

So, it was really, really difficult,” Blackwell said. “In past years we have recognized one officer. Sometimes it’s a person who has given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We’ve given that award to their families. So, this year, my dad said, hey, it’s such an honor, can we try to recognize more than one officer. By the grace of God, this year it’s nobody in the line of duty, so that’s the best part about it.

“It was really tough decision, but these four stood out for us and thank you everyone for all you do.”

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Sergeant Joseph James Abdella *END OF WATCH: Aug. 14, 2015*



Detroit Police Sergeant Joseph Abdella suffered a fatal heart attack after assembling an obstacle course for a training session for the Detroit Police Department's Mounted Unit in Palmer Park.

He had spent approximately six hours moving heavy lumber and hundreds of hay bales to simulate conditions that the officers and horses might encounter while on duty.

Sergeant Abdella, 49, began to feel ill and went to rest in an air-conditioned office. When he failed to return after several minutes, another officer went to check on him and found him unresponsive.

He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead approximately one hour later.

Sergeant Abdella served with the Detroit Police Department

for 21 years. He was survived by his wife and two children.

"Joe was first and foremost a dedicated family man. A great dad and husband," a fellow officer wrote in the remembrances on Abdella's page on the Officer Down Memorial Page website. "He was known as a true leader in the City of Detroit as well as in his own community. As an officer his integrity and dedication to the citizens and to the city were second to none."

"Those that had the pleasure of working with Sgt. Abdella or working for him learned a lot from him as he was a wealth of knowledge. He was well respected by his peers and always led by example. He was proven to be a great supervisor. A positive role model on a daily basis. Joe was a great officer, motivator, instructor, and friend to many."



Police Officer Vikki Elaine Hubbard

END OF WATCH: March 12, 1989

Detroit Police Officer Vikki Hubbard, 39, was killed when her patrol car was struck at 2:20 a.m. March 12, 1989, in front of 2402 Canton St. by a vehicle being chased following a robbery attempt.

Officer Hubbard was assisting the units when the patrol car was broadsided by the vehicle, which was driving at an estimated 90 mph. Officer Hubbard was killed at the scene, and her partner was injured. Both suspects were arrested at the scene, convicted, and sentenced to life.

Officer Hubbard had served with the department for 11 years. She was survived by her two children.



Detective Clarence L. Stadler

END OF WATCH: Feb. 16, 1929

Detective Lieutenant Benjamin Smith, 48, and Detective Clarence Stadler, 38, both in plain clothes, were shot Feb. 16, 1929, during a late-morning shootout with two suspects who were attempting to rob a \$15,000 payroll at 7777 West Chicago St.

Detective Stadler was struck twice in the face and once in the abdomen. He was transported to Highland Park Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Detective Lieutenant Smith was struck in the jaw and abdomen and died the following day.

One of the suspects was shot and killed and another was wounded.

Detective Lieutenant Smith had served with DPD for 16 years. He was survived by his wife and 15-year-old daughter.

Detective Stadler, who served in World War I, had been with the department for 13 years and was cited six times for bravery. He was survived by his wife, infant son, young daughter, parents and other family members.

Detective Lieutenant Benjamin F. Smith

END OF WATCH: Feb. 17, 1929



Police Officer Warren K. Snow *END OF WATCH: Nov. 4, 1913*

Detroit Police Officer Warren Snow was shot and killed Nov. 4, 1913, by a deranged man who entered police headquarters at the intersection of Bates Street and Farmer Street.

The man walked into the station with a dead snake in a pail bucket and told the desk sergeant that someone was attempting to poison him. The man was taken to the detective bureau on the second floor to make a complaint and then was sent to the basement. The man then made a second complaint with a lieutenant who made a recommendation to get a doctor to check the man's mental condition.

While waiting for the doctor the man became agitated and impatient and made an attempt to leave. Officer Snow, 35, who was guarding the door, was shot in the chest. The man managed to make his escape outside the station and got into a struggle with a doctor along a wall behind the Liberty Theatre.

During the struggle, the man fired multiple times, striking the doctor and another policeman as he and other officers and newspaper reporters who witnessed the struggle attempted to restrain the man.

The man was sentenced to life imprisonment at a state asylum for the criminally insane and declared mentally unfit to stand trial. The man and seven other inmates made an escape from the prison on July 30, 1914, and were recaptured several days later. Additional details about Snow's service with the department and his survivors were not available.



Sergeant Stanley Sech

END OF WATCH: Feb. 24, 1963

Sergeant Stanley Sech was shot and killed Feb. 24, 1963, as he responded to a domestic disturbance at a local residence at 13475 Dequindre in the early morning hours.

As Sergeant Sech, 38, and two other officers walked up to the front door he was met with a shotgun blast that came through the storm door and struck him in the face. One of the other officers returned fire, wounding the suspect, a man who was angry with his wife because she was not home when he got home from work.

The suspect was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to prison. He was paroled June 4, 1973.

Sergeant Sech had served with the Detroit Police Department for 13 years and was assigned to the 11th Precinct. He is survived by his wife and two children.



In Memoriam

BOYD — Retired Police Officer William Boyd Jr., 77, died April 23, 2025. Officer Boyd was appointed to the Department on Nov. 29, 1971, and retired May 27, 1999.

BROOKS — Retired Police Officer Francis Brooks, 81, died Dec. 19, 2024. Officer Brooks was appointed to the Department on Sept. 8, 1970, and retired Nov. 13, 1981.

DAY — Retired Investigator Joan Day, 79, died June 4, 2025. Investigator Day was appointed to the Department on July 15, 1975, and retired Sept. 30, 1996.

ELRICK — Retired Police Officer Charles Elrick, 79, died March 13, 2025. Officer Elrick was appointed to the Department on June 18, 1973, and retired Dec. 8, 1987.

FRELICK — Retired Police Officer Jon Frelick, 82, died May 5, 2025. Officer Frelick was appointed to the Department on Aug. 1, 1966, and retired Feb. 1, 2002.

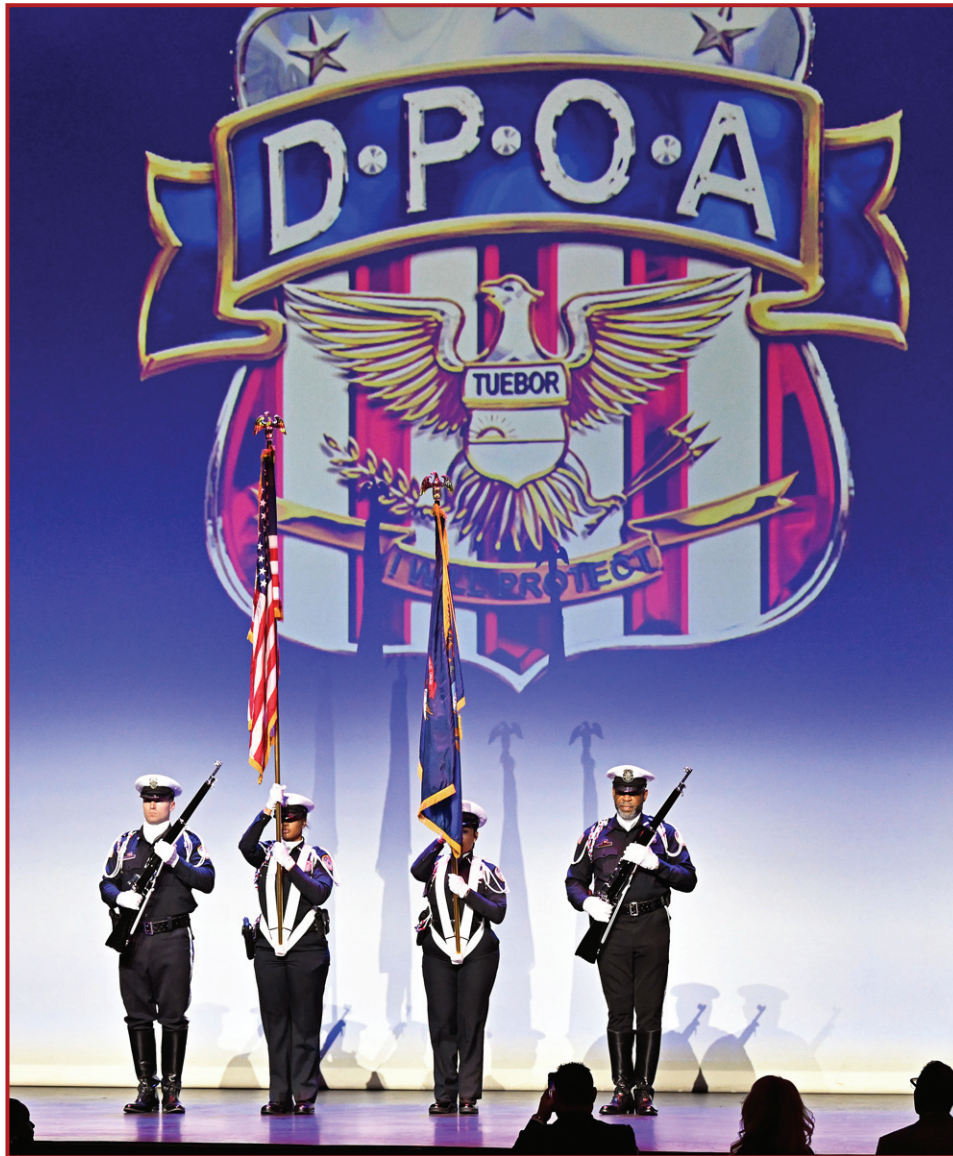
GOLINSKE — Retired Police Officer Joseph Golinske, 78, died May 20, 2025. Officer Golinske was appointed to the Department on Oct. 12, 1970, and retired Jan. 17, 1990.

GUMBRECHT — Retired Police Officer Laurence Gumbrecht, 78, died May 23, 2025. Officer Gumbrecht was appointed to the Department on Sept. 7, 1971, and retired Oct. 21, 2005.

JARRETT — Retired Deputy Chief Mary Jarrett, 94, died April 25, 2025. Deputy Chief Jarrett was appointed to the Department on June 23, 1958, and retired Jan. 1, 1994.

JOHNSON — Retired Investigator Rita Johnson, 68, died April 16, 2025. Investigator Johnson was appointed to the Department on Dec. 19, 1977, and retired Jan. 2, 2005.

KENNEDY — Retired Police Officer Adrienne Kennedy, 64, died May 22, 2025. Officer Kennedy was appointed to the Department on Jan. 4, 1994, and retired Nov. 10, 2000.



MOORE — Retired Police Officer Alfred Moore, 75, died March 22, 2025. Officer Moore was appointed to the Department on Aug. 12, 1985, and retired May 22, 2006.

OSBORNE — Retired Police Officer Darrell Osborne, 75, died May 23, 2025. Officer Osborne was appointed to the Department on July 18, 1977, and retired May 24, 2010.

PROCHOROW — Retired Police Officer Gary Prochorow, 79, died Feb. 23, 2025. Officer Prochorow was appointed to the Department on Aug. 28, 1967, and retired Oct. 13, 1978.

RABON — Retired Sergeant Lacelle Rabon, 81, died May 9, 2025. Sergeant Rabon was appointed to the Department on Jan. 6, 1969, and retired July 9, 1994.

RAMLOW — Retired Police Officer Leslie Ramlow, 78, died April 22, 2025. Officer Ramlow was appointed to the Department on Sept. 24, 1973, and retired Jan. 24, 2009.

REESE — Retired Lieutenant Richard Reese, 90, died March 7, 2025. Lieutenant Reese was appointed to the Department on July 9, 1956, and retired Sept. 2, 1989.

ROBINSON — Retired Lieutenant Gerald Robinson, 69, died March 20, 2025. Lieutenant Robinson was appointed to the Department on July 21, 1986, and retired Oct. 1, 2019.

SCOTT — Retired Police Officer Michael Scott, 80, died April 9, 2025. Officer Scott was appointed to the Department on May 5, 1969, and retired June 22, 1985.

SEXTON — Retired Police Officer Ronald Sexton, 81, died March 13, 2025. Officer Sexton was appointed to the Department on May 26, 1969, and retired Jan. 27, 2001.

SIELOFF — Retired Police Officer Norman Sieloff, 83, died June 4, 2025. Officer Sieloff was appointed to the Department on Aug. 26, 1968, and retired June 29, 1994.

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VANBUREN — Retired Police Officer Stephen Vanburen, 91, died May 27, 2025. Officer Vanburen was appointed to the Department on Jan. 31, 1955, and retired Oct. 24, 1981.

VANN — Retired Police Officer Arnold Vann, 78, died April 6, 2025. Officer Vann was appointed to the Department on Sept. 16, 1968, and retired Nov. 15, 2005.

WOLINSKI — Retired Lieutenant Edward Wolinski, 95, died April 17, 2025. Lieutenant Wolinski was appointed to the Department on Jan. 7, 1952, and retired Aug. 20, 1980.

Special Thanks to Cindy Kallapure and the Detroit Police Benefit and Protective Association for providing the information used to compile these notices.

Editor's Note on 'Remembering the Fallen'

Members, please email Tuebor Editor Joe Hoshaw Jr. if there is a particular officer you would like to see profiled in Remembering the Fallen, such as the ones appearing on Page 23 in this issue. The email address for all Tuebor matters is tuebordetroit@yahoo.com

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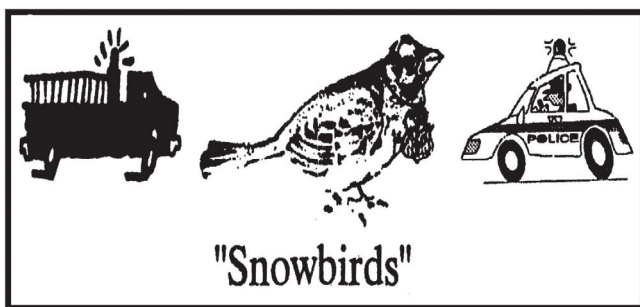
The May DPOA General Membership Meeting was well attended not just by members but also a number of retirees, which makes the event a great time for reconnecting current and former co-workers.



Save the date for the first fall meeting! It is scheduled for Sept. 16 at the Sacred Heart Church Activities Center, just off Mack and close to I-375.

Photos: David L. Chapman

RETIREE & ASSOCIATE NEWS



Group plans own picnic for Prudenville in August

By Dan Zemaitis

Greetings from northern Michigan. It was really nice to get extra money on a couple of our paychecks. Thank you to our Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association officers and any others who helped.

At our May meeting it was decided to have our own picnic again on Monday, Aug. 11, at noon in Prudenville at the same pavilion as last year. Bring a dish to pass.

Zig Bogumil informed the members that the state of Michigan does a memorial service every year for the officers killed in the line of duty. We had a moment of silence in their honor.

May raffle winners were Pete Gernand, Carolyn Wood, Jerry Rozanski, Dan Zemaitis and Melanie Pauch.

At our June meeting we welcomed two new members: Tom Bagnasco and Dave Forton. We're

happy to have you aboard.

June raffle winners were: Cindy Rem, Bob Haderer, Zig Bogumil, Mike Kniaz, Carolyn Wood, Cathy Jasper, Melanie Pauch, Peter Gernand, Dan Zemaitis and Tom Bagnasco.

Thanks to Cindy Rem and Melanie Pauch for donating prizes and for Sue Kniaz, who passed out double-chocolate chip cookies she made. We have a pontoon boat trip planned on Sept. 14.

August birthdays: Debbie Karvonen and Lorraine Rudeen.

September birthdays: Karen Haderer, Carolyn Wood and Zig Bogumil.

October birthdays: Lillian Edwards, Bob Haderer and Donna Andrizzi.

Looking forward to the RDPFFA Picnic in Frankenmuth and our Snowbirds picnic. Take care and God bless.

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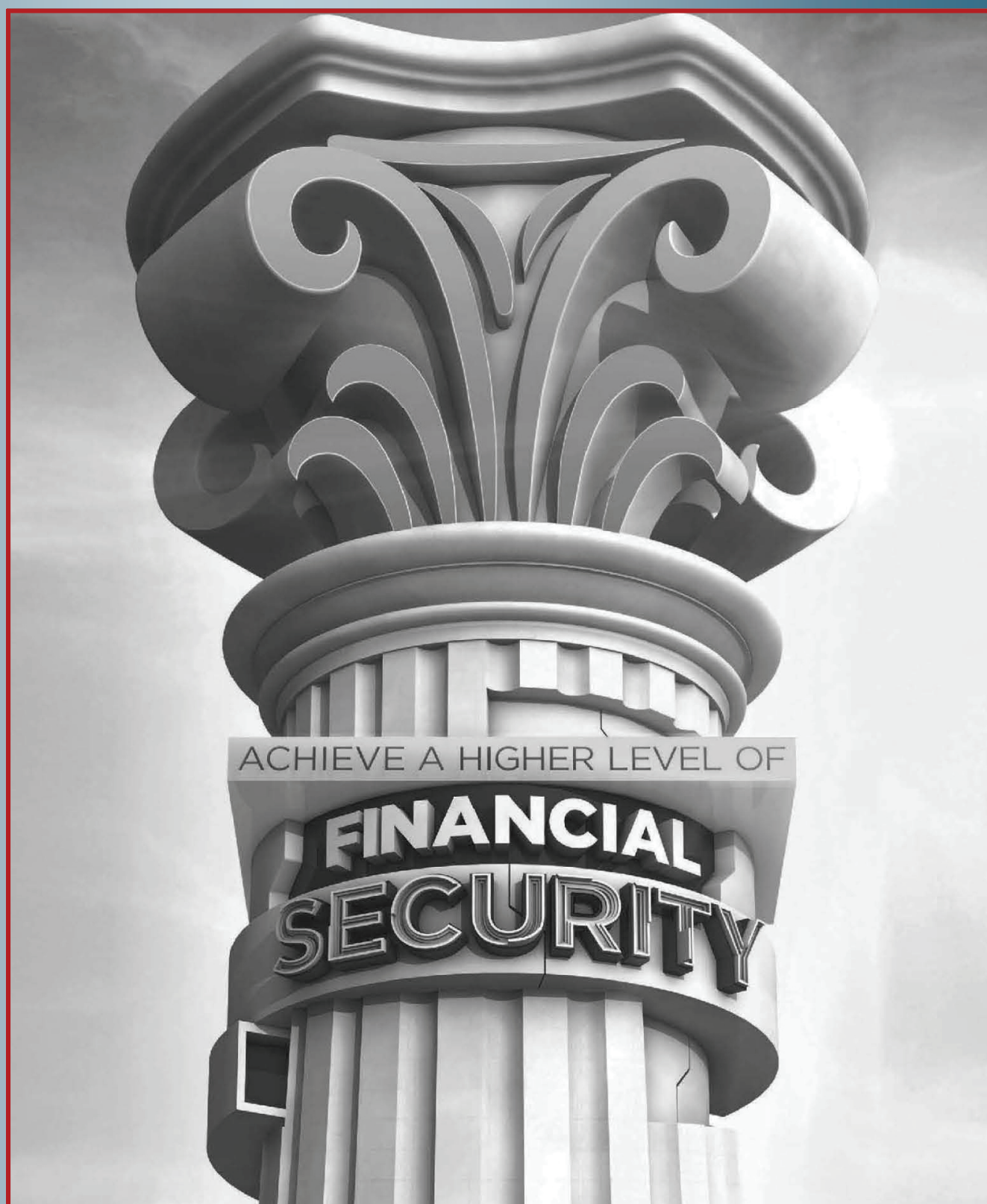
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