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NOTICES

Friday, May 6 — Executive Board meeting at the DPOA office at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10 — Board of Directors Meeting at 5 p.m. at Gaelic League Hall, 2068 Michigan Ave.

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

Friday, June 10 — The 37th annual DPOA Charitable Fund Golf Outing, Oak Ridge Golf Course, New Haven.

Tuesday, June 14 — Board of Directors Meeting at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross K of C Hall, 4381 Larkins, just off Michigan Avenue.

Tuesday, June 14 — General Membership Meeting at 5 p.m. at Holy Cross K of C Hall, 4381 Larkins.

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2021 District Officers of the Year



Gibson



McLatchie



Laville



Creech



Amarante



Bennett



Parrish



Flannel



Morris



Cross



Roberson



Maxey



Raymond



McCullough



Sanchez



Swafford



Robinson



Robinson



Livingston



Wilson



Garcia



Bibbs



Gushen



Alleyne

Congratulations to our 2021 District Officers of the Year. See Page 13 for more

POSTAL SERVICE: BUNDLED PAPERS MUST BE SEPARATED

DPOA will get input on any 457 plan changes

I met with Mayor Mike Duggan and Hakim Berry, the city's chief operating officer, on March 22 for a pre-contract negotiation meeting. During the meeting, the mayor stated that the City of Detroit 457 Plan is on hold. For any future movement on it, the unions will be notified and have more involvement.

There is a Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) hearing May 3, 2022, in reference to healthcare numbers. We have been working with health insurance advisor Louis Lapiana to better our yearly open enrollment and possibly add retirement healthcare in the future.

Congratulations to the following officers — Jerrit Parrish and Michael Flannel from the Eighth Precinct, and Nicholas Gushen (SRT) and Tylerscott Alleyne (TSS) — who received honorable mentions from the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) in its annual "Top Cop" awards program. Those officers' efforts will be recognized along with those of other officers from throughout the country in May in Washington, D.C., as part of National Police Week activities.

The Eighth Precinct officers also were recognized among the Detroit Police Officers Associations "District Officers of the Year" for 2021. Congratulations to all those honored, who are listed below. Be sure to read the accounts of their efforts inside this issue, beginning on Page 13. The officers were honored at a special banquet April 22.

District 1 — Lamont Gibson and Serge Laville, Downtown Services; Robert McLatchie, Third Precinct

District 2 — Briar Creech, Second Precinct; Lenin Amarante, Fourth Precinct

District 3 — Darryl Bennett, Sixth Precinct; Michael Flannel, Eighth Precinct; Jerrit Parrish, Eighth Precinct

District 4 — Curtis Morris, 10th Precinct; Darryl Cross, 12th Precinct

District 5 — Karen Maxey, Fifth Precinct; Emanuel



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Craig Miller

Roberson II, Ninth Precinct

District 6 — Willie Robinson, Seventh Precinct; Blake McCullough, Alisha Raymond, Tresa Robinson, Ricardo Sanchez and Louis Swafford, 11th Precinct

District 7 — Carrie Livingston, AVTF; Sean Wilson, Chief's Neighborhood Liaison

District 9 — Ramon Garcia, Range

District 10 — Tylerscott Alleyne, TSS; Nicholas Gushen, SRT; and Jonathan Bibbs, SRT

The DPOA office phone system includes the after-hours answering service to provide better service to our membership.

If at any time an officer is involved in a shooting, injured, arrested or detained within the City of Detroit, call dispatch for a union steward first then contact the DPOA office at (313) 567-8770. There is always an Executive Board member on call after hours.

When an officer is served a notice of Garrity from the supervisor, 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 your 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 or call the DPOA office at (313) 567-8770. You can reach the on-call Executive Board member via the DPOA phone system. Also, we do not do interviews with our supervisors, internal or anyone else that can provide you with written statements.

"Questions" on a 568 and the officer's will schedule an appointment with the DPOA office to have questions answered — do not answer them yourself.

Coalition of Detroit Public Safety Unions Trust (CDPSU) Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Plan

The CDPSU HRA Plan provides eligible retired City of Detroit Police and Fire Fighters 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: 1) DPOA; 2)

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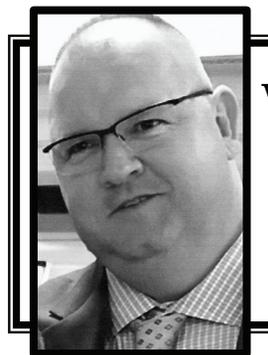
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Here's some important info to give the hospital if you are injured

Condolences to Officer Hachem on the loss of his uncle; Corporal Lavondria Herbert on the loss of her grandmother; Officer Garrett Micallef on the loss of his grandfather; Corporal Nathan Readous on the loss of his uncle; Sgt. Michael Moreland on the loss of his mother; Sgt. Jason Lane on the loss of his mother; Corporal Mark Carroll on the loss of his mother; friends and family on the loss of active Corporal Darryl Stewart; Sgt. Delvon Latimer on the loss of his stepmother; friends and family of retired Inspector Micah Lee Smith; Sgt. Carlos Dennis on the loss of his mother; Detective Jason Mays on the loss of his father; Officer Michael Saffold on the loss of his mother; Retired Captain Gargalino on the loss of his son; Corporal Terry Hardy on the loss of her husband; and Detective Tamara Randolph on the loss of her father;

Also: Officer Brittany Burks on the loss of her uncle; Sgt. Lisa Bryson on the loss of her mother; Officer Anthony James on the loss of his father; Officer Bikira Riley on the loss of her father; Sgt. Jeremy Everitt on the loss of his uncle; friends and family of retired Corporal Thomas Blackburn; Corporal Alecia Fullilove on the loss of her sister in law; NPO Nathaniel Womack on the loss of his sister; Lt. William Brown on the loss of his mother; friends and family of retired Sgt. Ronald Gibson; Officer Joshua Stewart and Officer James Stewart III on the loss of their father; Sgt. Lora Stanton on the loss of her mother; friends and family of retired Sgt. Al Peck; Sgt. William Anderson on the loss of his cousin retired Highland park Chief Ronald Parham Sr.; Lt. Michael Boyle and retired Sgt. John Boyle on the loss of their father; and friends



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Thomas

and family of retired Lt. Julius Tate.

Reminder to members injured in the line of duty: When being admitted or treated at a hospital give the hospital the below listed information for the billing party. It is imperative that you do this in order to avoid being billed by the hospitals directly. Any officers receiving bills from a duty-related injury are encouraged to contact the Association immediately.

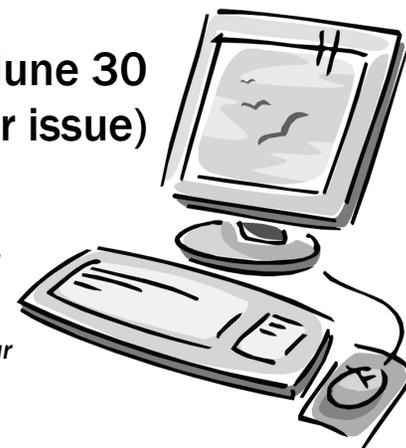
City of Detroit Police Department
1301 S Third/6th floor
Detroit, MI 48226
Attention: Medical Section

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 sick time upon separation are located at the Association Office. This only applies to members leav-

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Writers' deadline for the next issue:

June 30
(Summer issue)



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



Photo: Keith Baker

Plenty of horsepower

Police Officer Robert Gadwell of the DPD Mounted Division visits the Detroit Police Officers Association office on East Jefferson last month aboard Baby. Gadwell serves as the union steward for Mounted, K-9 and Aviation, which are all part of District 10.

Charitable Fund's Golf Outing set for 37th run

All those interested in participating in the 37th annual Detroit Police Officers Association Charitable Fund Golf Outing are encouraged to sign up soon. The foursome slots are filling up fast for the Friday, June 10, event, and based on last year's overwhelming response a sell-out is a strong possibility.

The outing will again be held on the links of Oakridge Golf Course in New Haven.

Sponsors and golfers are still welcome to sign on and help support this event while having a great time on the golf course. This outing is the primary source of money for the Charitable Fund,

which supports numerous DPOA local community charity endeavors throughout the course of the year.

The cost is \$125 per golfer, or \$500 per foursome. It includes a continental breakfast, open driving range, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. Each golfer also will receive a shirt to commemorate the event and a ticket for a door prize drawing. Tickets also will be sold during the day for prizes and a 50-50 drawing.

Registration opens at 6 a.m. and breakfast will be available beginning at that time. The range will be open from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and tee off time for

the four-man scramble is set for 8 a.m.

Special thanks to the DPOA Entertainment Committee for planning, organizing and running this event. Along with golfers, the committee also is in need of sponsors to help support the event. Sponsorship and co-sponsorship opportunities are available for \$500 and \$250, respectively.

For further information, see the ad on Page 7 of this issue or contact Mary Moss at the DPOA office, (313) 567-8770.

Oak Ridge, which has two 18-hole courses, is located at 35035 26 Mile Road, near the I-94 exit.

DPD officers among those being honored by NAPO in D.C. in May

The National Association of Police Organizations is among those organizations moving to get their key events back on schedule after going through multiple cancellations and delays due to COVID-19.

NAPO right now is in the final planning stages for its Top Cops Awards Dinner, set for Thursday, May 12, at the MGM National Harbor Hotel & Casino located in the nation's capital.

The 29th Annual Top Cops Awards takes place during National Police Week. NAPO said it is more important this year than ever to recognize outstanding officers.

The purpose of the Top Cops Awards program is to educate the American public about our nation's heroes and to pay tribute to law enforcement officers in federal, tribal, state, county, and local agencies from across the country for outstanding service to their communities during the preceding year.

The Top Cops are nominated by fellow officers and are selected from hundreds of nominations by an independent awards committee. The officers from the top 10 cases (our Top Cops) are flown to Washington, D.C., and recognized at the ceremony.

Several members of the Detroit Police Department will be recognized as honorable mentions in the Top Cops Award program. They include Jerrit Parrish and Michael Flannel from the Eighth Precinct, and Nicholas Gushen (SRT) and Tylerscott Alleyne (TSS).



Presidents, vice presidents and attorneys general of the United States of both parties have honored the award winners. NAPO bears all cost of travel and lodging of the winners.

The nomination deadline for this year's contest has passed. Visit the NAPO website to obtain the nomination form for future nominations. Any sworn law enforcement officer may nominate their fellow officer for a Top Cops Award. Selection for an award is based on involvement in a specific incident or case wherein an officer(s) has gone above and beyond the call of duty. NAPO is intent on honor heroism so future award nominations are strongly encourage.

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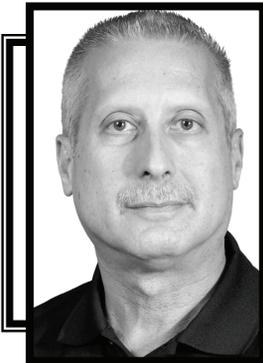


New ring bearers

Proudly displaying their recently attained Detroit Police Association 25-year membership rings are Officers Randy Randolph (left), Lashun O'Rear and Sammy Wright. The three men were Police Academy classmates. O'Rear is a longtime steward and current member of the Executive Board.

It's an honor to be able to serve our members

With great appreciation I began this year as your newly elected secretary-treasurer. It is a great honor, and I thank you for your votes and your confidence in me to serve you. I promise to uphold my fiduciary responsibility and serve all members with honest, ethical and responsible service. Every quarter I will provide tips and information that may be useful for the membership. Hopefully this information will be useful to you and help you understand your paycheck, save money and avoid any headaches when dealing with the Department.



**SECRETARY
TREASURER'S
REPORT**
**Kenneth
Eppenbrock**

Code 44010 — DPOA union dues biweekly/YTD. Union dues are 2 percent of your base pay

Code 47010 — DPOA initiation fee (this applies to new hires and is deducted for 1 year from date of hire)

Code 40654 — This code applies to many different entities such as Colonial, Pre-Paid Legal, Manhattan Life, etc.

Be sure to keep track of your biweekly paycheck stub. You should verify that all your deductions are correct and all your banks correct. You receive one sick day per month and that should reflect in your sick time bank.

Also, you receive five excused days per calendar year. If you do not use them, they should be added to your comp time bank. The most recent excused days are Good Friday and Easter — if you did not use any comp time you should have seen 16 hours added to your comp time

bank. If any discrepancy is found, be sure to bring it to your timekeepers' attention.

Please make sure all your beneficiaries are correct and up to date on all of your insurance policies. The most recent update will reflect the person that will receive your benefits should a tragedy occur. Unfortunately, some members do not keep their affairs up to date and this results in disputes, and in some instances the wrong beneficiary receives the benefit.

Congratulations to all incumbent officers and stewards and welcome to all newly elected stewards. Stay up to date on the current contract and the bylaws of the union. With more knowledge we have the ability to deal with problems we may encounter, and with that resolve issues.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Donna Latouf for her assistance in January and February; she facilitated a very organized transition. She will be missed. Be sure to contact me at the DPOA office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Manpower as of April 1, 2022

RANK	BUDGETED**	THIS MONTH	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	3	3	-1
Deputy Chief	5	5	0
Commander	17	16	-1
Captains	25	26	1
Lieutenant	105	96	-9
Sergeant	376	366	-10
Investigator	20	14	-6
Detective	187	160	-27
Corporal	89	70	-19
N.P.O.	59	53	-6
Police Officer	1732	1591	-141
Police Assistant	70	44	-26
Grand Total	2689	2445	-245

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Upcoming or recent separations from the Department are as follows:

P.O. Michael Stokes	7 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Morris Joseph	4 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Jimmy Passmore	Detective Bureau	Retired
P.O. Gregory Robson	Traffic Enforcement	Retired
P.O. Jaclyn Zube	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Jonathan Yakimovich	Technical Support	Retired
P.O. Jeremy Forrester	11 th Pct.	40&8
P.O. Jacob May	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Austin Pollard	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Peter Yi	2 nd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Jennifer Carlson	Homicide	Resigned
P.O. Smith North	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Darryl Stewart	Narcotics	Died Active
P.O. Billie Fordum	11 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Justin Dedeayne	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Darmita Vaughn	Vice Enforcement	40&8
P.O. Nathan Bittou	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Jeremy Stevens	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Raylan Hill	Firearm Investigation	Resigned
P.O. Mackenzie Prey	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kata-Ante Taylor	Special Response Team	Retired
P.O. George Clark	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Eugene Begeman	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Ryan McNeil	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Ivan Luckey	Special Victims	Retired
P.O. Lisa Walton	11 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Jasmyn Whatley	5 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Hussien Almahmod	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Vincent Rogers	7 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Richard Thoma	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Ryan Wisniewski	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Angela Bunch	Firearm Investigation	Retired
P.O. Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah	12 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Kara Dean	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Michael Mullaly	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Tyler Cadzow	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Hassan Ghamlouche	7 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Pamela Repasky	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Timothy Suckow	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Thomas McCool	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Danielle Blackburn	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Esteban Parodi	2 nd Pct.	Dismissed
P.O. Yossif Mana	Major Violators	Resigned
P.O. William Sanders	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Agustin Aguilar	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Jack Hoekstra	Academy (Student)	Resigned
P.O. Kenneth Staples	Forfeiture	Retired
P.O. Jacob Berkowitz	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Anthony Harris	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Ali Alatiyah	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Abby Johns	5 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Markya Swaizey	10 th Pct.	Dismissed
P.O. Marquis Washington	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kiaronda Mitchell	3 rd Pct.	40&8
P.O. Chelsea Gilbert	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kevin Mulgado	Gaming	Resigned
P.O. Casey York	GIST	Resigned

Investigator Bridget McDonald Criminal Inv. Unit Retired

Sergeant Esther Lightfoot Liquor License Retired
 Sergeant Marlon Carter Training – Staff Retired
 Sergeant Loren Lozon 4th Pct. Retired
 Sergeant Lionel Stovall 6th Pct. Retired
 Sergeant Michael Bailey 7th Pct. Retired

Lieutenant Darwin Roche 5th Pct. Retired
 Lieutenant Lonnie Lowery-Ross Labor Relations Retired

Commander Darrell Patterson 8th Pct. Retired
 Commander Kyra Hope Neighborhood Liaison Retired
 Commander Darin Szilagy Metro Division Retired
 Commander Brian Mounsey 2nd Pct. Retired
 Commander Constance Slappey Management Services Retired

Persistence wins officer position he wanted

ARTICLE: 10.G.1 permits an Association member to put in a blue slip for an assignment on the day they are transferred to that entity. There was a situation in which an Association member submitted a blue slip for a specific inside job assignment.

The command informed him that they were not going to fill that job assignment. This member had two years on the job. The officer advised his union steward of his situation. They immediately went to work on his behalf.

It is the understanding of this Association that there were no other blue slips on file. There was a vacancy. Then the vacancy should have been filled by this officer. The command, instead of filling the position with the member, rotated the position with other members. Be reminded this job assignment operates on a daily basis.

ARTICLE 41. B1, states that a vacancy exists when an officer performing the assignment is permanently transferred, permanently reassigned, resigns, retires,



SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT

Linda
Broden

dies, is separated, or when the department increases the number of officers on a shift.

In this case the officer that had the position was reassigned. Management's decision not to fill an assignment most likely would apply only to scout car assignments. The inside positions, unlike a specific scout car assignment, operate every day and therefore would

have to be filled.

I give this member great respect for being persistent and following through with this. He did not give up. He informed his union stewards immediately and he called the union. He also did some investigation on his own and provided a copy of his findings to the Association. A grievance was filed on his behalf. This officer had two years on the job.

This member and any member with two years in this department have the right and entitlement to submit their request for any available job assignment they prefer. However, it is up to the command to fill those positions and not hold on to them.

Management can't deny anyone a position just because of the limited number of years they have been assigned to this department. Eventually the officer's grievance was resolved and he received the job assignment he requested.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"There are no secrets to success. It is a result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."* — Colin Powell

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 48-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 Linda Broden initiated several new DPOA union stewards and alternates with the oath of office at the February and April Board of Directors meetings. Inducted in February in the photo above are Brian Gadwell (left), Fourth Precinct, steward; Jovance Peek, Fifth Precinct, steward; Zachary Barrick, Fourth Precinct, alternate; Darwin Smith, Sixth Precinct, alternate; Felicia Manning Peoples, Third Precinct, steward; Sean Wayrynen, gun range, Executive Board; and Lorena Ramirez, 11th Precinct, steward. Taking the oath at the April meeting below are Anthony Murray (left), Fifth Precinct, alternate; Rhonda Lewis, AVTF, alternate; and DeAndre Gaines, Chief's Neighborhood Liaison, alternate.

At your service

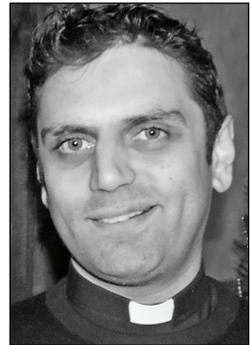


Try to recognize when it's time to HALT

By The Rev. Peter Latouf

THE BIGGER PICTURE

This article is just a reminder to all officers of the importance of finding a balance between being busy and being overly stressed. Being from Detroit, I know that some days are “slower” than others when it comes to our work. Most of the officers I’ve met, though, usually agree that they’d rather be busy than be bored. When things are active and alive, the time always seems to go by much more quickly. On slow work days, however, we get bored. Getting bored is what causes trouble to start. Not just for a lot of the young people in the city (although I’ve seen this too...you know what I mean: people start trouble when they’re bored), but it also makes us feel irritable and uncomfortable.



This is why, whenever I meet with someone one-on-one while doing my missionary work (especially those, like you, who in work stressful jobs), I tell them to take a step back and look at what’s going on around them. Usually if they’re having problems at home, with work, or with co-workers, it’s because of one of four reasons: either they’re feeling especially hungry, especially angry, especially lonely, or especially tired. We call this “HALT” — it means stop, take a look at what’s going on around you,

and figure out if you’re feeling hungry, angry, lonely or tired. Once you identify the problem, you can take a step back and work on the roots of your frustration. I’m guessing ... again, from all of the time I’ve spent with my mom around all the different DPOA departments and units, that “tired” is probably the biggest reason you might feel frustrated every now and then. It’s understandable, but the message is that if you’re tired, don’t take it out on your partners and co-workers! That’s going to be the temptation, but I just want to remind everyone once again about how important it is to take a break and step back every now and then before things become too overwhelming.

At the same time, the old proverb that says, “idle hands are the tools of the devil” is true too. After dealing with citizens and difficult people all day, there might be a temptation to just give it up. But just like making yourself “too busy” isn’t helpful, making yourself “too lazy” isn’t helpful either. Dwelling on everything you don’t like or everything that is frustrating you isn’t good for either personal or group morale. So when out on patrol or in the office working, remember that usually, “doing beats stewing.”

I remember reading somewhere that during World War II someone asked Winston Churchill if he ever got worried because of all the things he was responsible for. He responded by saying, “No, I’m too busy. I have no time for worry.” So that’s the message here: rather than

stewing on whatever difficulties you might be experiencing at home or at work, recapture those things that you’re passionate about. Like Morgan Freeman said in *The Shawshank Redemption*...“Get busy living, or get busy dying.”

One last story. Someone came to my office at my church a few months back and told me about all the problems he was having with credit card debt, with his annoying co-workers, with the people he had to deal with every day, and so on. When I asked him how he felt about it, he said, “I’m not worried at all about it. I’m paying some guy a bunch of money to be a ‘professional worrier.’ He does all the worrying for me, and so I don’t have to think about my problems.” After I reminded him that he was already in a ton of debt, I asked him how he expects to pay for a “professional worrier” to deal with his issues. He responded, “I don’t know...that’s his worry.”

Seeking balance in work life is important. If you feel bored or frustrated, find something that needs work and get to it. If you feel overstressed or over-tired, take a break. When you’re on one extreme or the other, not only will your own work life suffer, but your entire community — your partners and team of fellow officers — will suffer too.

May God bless all police officers around the world, especially the men and women of the DPOA.

Father Peter Latouf is a Maryknoll missionary priest in Hong Kong. He serves as Asia regional finance officer, Asia vocations direction and associate pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Tsing Yi, NT. The Detroit-area native is the son of former Detroit Police Officers Association Secretary-Treasurer Donna Latouf.

Ron Thomas: Be sure to give hospital proper information

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ing under a vested pension. Members leaving under a Duty Disability Retirement must wait until their 25th year and send a letter to the Chief of Police to be paid from their sick banks. Vesting occurs after 10 years of completed service.

Members served with Notice of Discipline should immediately notify their union stewards and the Association during business hours. No disciplinary action can be increased from that penalty listed on the Notice of Discipline. The back of the form will indicate what

day your Appeal Hearing will be scheduled by way of the day that you were served. If it is a leave day or furlough day contact me immediately and we can adjust the Appeal Hearing accordingly. Members must appear in uniform or business attire if applicable. It is important to be punctual to the hearing and you should be carried working on platoon 2 for the day in question. You will be represented by an Association attorney at these hearings.

Members served with Garrity notices for Internal Affairs and Office of the Chief Investigator should

immediately notify their Steward and the Association during business hours to set up an attorney for their interview. These notices shall be sent 48 hours in advance by contract. If the day scheduled is a leave day or any other scheduled off day, contact the Association and/or the OIC of the case so we can reschedule the interview. The Association strongly advises members to use Association representation at all of these interviews. It is incumbent on the Officer to schedule an attorney; it is not the Department’s obligation to ensure you have representation.

A recent issue which has resurfaced involves “Public Safety Statements” made after an officer involved shooting. There is NO case law which supports your reservation of *Miranda* rights regarding these statements. Officers involved in shootings shall demand that they are ordered to give these statements so they can preserve their rights under *Garrity v.*

New Jersey. Officers should be mindful that any statement made when not ordered can be used against you criminally.

There have been recent questions regarding tuition reimbursement and when it can be applied. The member is not eligible to request tuition reimbursement until one year after successful completion of the academy.

The 2021 District Officer of the Year Banquet is

quickly approaching. The Banquet is scheduled for April 22, 2022. Congratulations to all of the recipients of the DPOA District Officer of the Year awards.

Until next time, remember we are all we have out there. It is imperative to back each other up on runs. We rely on each other to make sure each and every one of us make it home at the end of our shifts. Stay safe.

Craig Miller: City says union will get input on 457 plan changes

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DPLSA; 3) DPCOA; and 4) DFFA. The current HRA monthly stipend for DPOA, DPLSA, and DPCOA retirees ranges from \$65 to \$80 per month. These monthly stipend amounts are currently under review.

To apply for your monthly benefits, contact CDPSU’s claims adminis-

trator, Automated Benefit Services, at (800) 645-9978 or FSAClaims@abs-tpa.com.

The DPOA 37th Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held June 10, 2022, at Oak Ridge Golf Course 35035 26 Mile Road (at I-94), New Haven, 48048. Get your clubs ready; information has been mailed out.

Any DPOA members

who enjoy playing golf, email the following information to me at craig@detroitpoa.com: (Please include your) name, address, cell phone number and email address.

Everyone, please remember to be safe and back each other up. Don’t be afraid to ask for assistance. We are all we have.



Big win

Officers Tyler Scott Alleyne (left) and Lashun O’Rear were the lucky winners of the grand prizes in the drawing held at the March General Membership Meeting. Alleyne won a Blackstone Outdoor Grid-dle and cover and O’Rear won a Craftsman generator.

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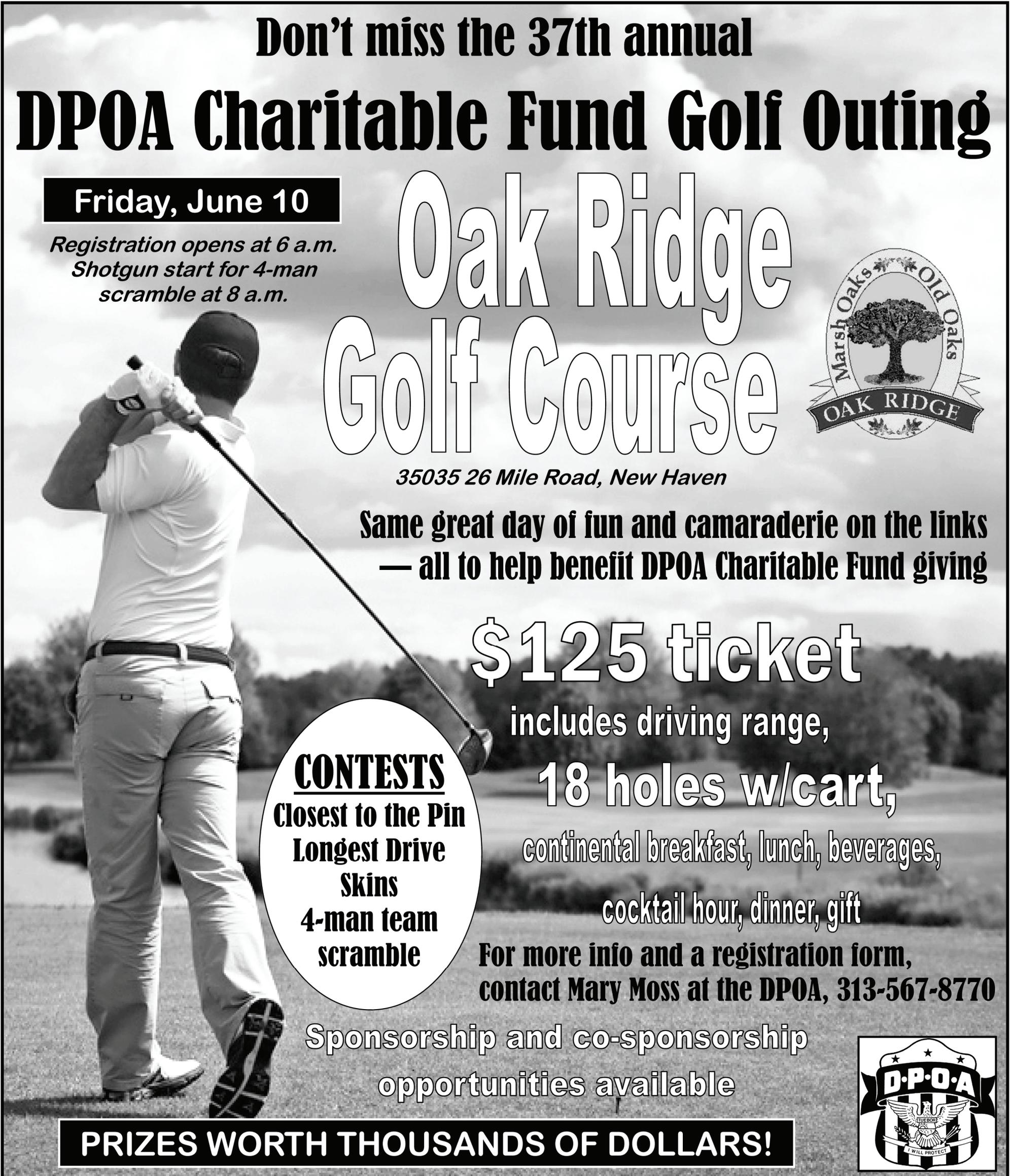
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Here are answers to key retirement questions

The following information was compiled by the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System. It is being republished here as a service to our membership — Craig Miller

When am I eligible to retire?

Pre 2014/Legacy Plan

■ Service Retirement – 25 years of service regardless of age. DPOA and Fire equivalents 20 years regardless of age. LSA see Legacy transition chart.

■ DROP – can apply to DROP at 25 years of service. DPOA and Fire equivalents 20 years of service.

■ Deferred Vested (you terminate employment) – 10 years of service. LSA or Fire equivalent members are 8 years of service and age 40 at the time of separation. All vested members may take a reduced benefit immediately. Unreduced benefits varies by contract.

■ Average Final Compensation is the average of the last five years of the current maximum salary for the rank held just prior to the date of retirement.

Post 2014/Hybrid Plan

■ Service Retirement – 25 years of service and age 50 unless you meet the transition chart in your Memorandum of Understanding.

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■ Average Final Compensation is the average of your last five years of base wages. **Your Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Plan of Adjustment supersede this document if anything should conflict.**

Calculating your retirement benefit

Your retirement benefit is calculated separately for each pension plan listed above if you were hired before July 1, 2014. Your service time in the legacy plan stopped June 30, 2014 in terms of calculating that benefit. However, your service time does continue on for the purpose of the post 2014 Hybrid Plan. In general the formula is: Average Final Compensation (AFC) x Years of Service x 2 percent.

Since July 1, 2014, a mandatory contribution is deducted from your paycheck. The deduction helps to pay for your future pension benefit, this is not an annuity. The deduction is 6% if you were hired prior to July 1, 2014 and 8% if you were hired on or after July 1, 2014. If you terminate prior to vesting (10 years) you may request a refund of your contributions. Once you have attained the 10 year vesting you may pick up a pension in accordance with the time frames above.

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Speeding drivers still inundate roadways

By Abdul Shabazz

I would first like to send out a heartfelt RAMADAN MUBARAK! to my fellow Muslims and especially the ones who don the DPD Blue! I ask all of you to please forgive me from any misguided words I have spoken that may have offended you and for that my heartfelt apologies.



Here at Traffic Enforcement we're beginning to embark on another motorcycle riding season as the weather breaks (When? Who knows!) by hitting the course to hone our skills for prayerfully a safe riding summer because these people out here, drunk, on cell phones, blasting the radio, etc., would

run you down and continue on their merry old way like you was a piece of trash.



We all know that the streets have been inundated with speeding and reckless drivers. I get complaints from residents all the time about speeding vehicles on their blocks. The city of Detroit speed bump program has been flooded with requests to have them placed on their streets and kudos to DPD in forfeiting vehicles involved in drag racing. But that is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to solving this problem.

As contract talks are underway, many of us are wondering what will become of it. I have confidence in our leadership that we will get the best deal once the

ink is dried. I've been alarmed about how many resignations we've had recently and it seems crazy that the city continues to pay for training for other departments. Hey, I believe if you want to go, then go. But city leaders have to present us with a fair and equitable contract to retain our members, not attempt to dilute our union rights and throw us out on the streets as soon as something controversial happens.

It is so distasteful how one of our members is sitting suspended without pay for over a year after having charges dismissed in court but our prosecutor gets mad and wants to go the extra mile and appeal it while everyone else literally walks away who was involved in other shenanigans during those disturbances gets their tickets just thrown out. Sickening.

Since the COVID numbers have steadily declined (so they say), let's be prepared for a busy summer with crowds heading to entertainment venues throughout our city since many events such as the movement festival is back on after a two year hiatus due to COVID-19. Let's stay safe out there and back each other up.

PEACE!!!!!!

Welcome to our new arrivals

By Ken "Bones" Bolinger

Greetings and salutations everyone!

I hope everyone is having a better start to 2022. I would like to begin by apologizing for not writing in the last Tuebor issue. I was on furlough at the time and out of state. Plus I simply didn't write anything down in terms of news and notes.

I would like to take this time to congratulate my partner, Vincent (Big Papa) Rogers, on finally deciding to retire. Good luck, Vince! You will definitely enjoy it and I miss your shenanigans already. My decision to retire is currently day-to-day. So there is my status for anyone who is curious ... or not!

Bravo Zulu to Willie Robinson for making Officer of the Year. Well deserved, in my opinion. Keep up the good work, Willie.

Welcome to Lucky Number Se7en to my old partner and friend, Lt. George Ogorman. We welcome your wisdom and positive vibes. I would also like to welcome P.O. Joseph Malouf, P.O. Mina Baxter, P.O. Ryan Harris, P.O. Kevon Webb, Sgt. Chad Smith, Sgt. Demeisha Fambro, Lt. Bill Trzos and Lt. Scott Hall.

On a more work related topic, please be sure to contact the DPOA office (313-567-8770) as soon as possible when you're served with Garrity. I'm beginning to see a trend with many of the young officers not contacting the Union and calling me the day before their interview.



Focus or not ... things can go sideways quickly. I would also like to encourage everyone to just simply take your time with any situation out on the streets. Don't be so quick to rush or judge on your police runs. Do a good interview or canvass — don't cut corners. No one likes to clean up after others. That's what causes a lot of useless nonsense in the first place. TIME IS OUR ALLY!

Sad note: I wish to send my condolences and thoughts to the family of Tom Blackburn (Rouge Range), who passed away recently. Tom was a wonderful instructor and very easy to talk to. It was always a fun day at the gun range when he was around. Rest in peace my friend.

If you have anything good or interesting, by all means send it my way. So 'til next time ... everyone stay frosty!

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Are we nearing the end of the pandemic?

By Lamont Williams

First, let's welcome Captain T. White to Downtown Services. Spring has sprung, temperatures are rising and the days are getting longer. With opening day for baseball around the corner, we are slowly getting back to normal with our lifestyles and entertainment. We've



completed a full NFL season and winding down complete NHL and NBA seasons. We've sold out concerts and comedy shows. We've enjoyed the Autorama and the St. Patrick's Day Parade returned. So, are we at an end to the pandemic? I sure hope so!

I would like to send my condolences to our fellow officers Captain Parnell and Sergeant Hughes, whom we unexpectedly lost during the pandemic. Our condolences to our friends, family members and the millions lost throughout the world.

Downtown Services should be recognized for its role during the pandemic. As one of the first officers in the Department to contract COVID-19 and be hospitalized in early March 2020, many DTS officers then became



positive for the virus at an alarming rate. Officers from DTS worked among thousands daily from all over the State of Michigan, not knowing how quickly they would become affected by the virus. As officers quarantined and eventually returned to work, they took on the responsibility of providing security, traffic control and the construction of pandemic services for the City of Detroit. The State Fairgrounds became the No. 1 testing site for the City. Officers of Downtown Services traveled from downtown to the border of the city to provide services daily. As things developed and transitioned, DTS assisted at the Eastern Market and sites providing PPE kits to be distributed. As the Williams Recreation Center became the new testing site, DTS provided services there as well.

As 2020 shutdown, that didn't stop the need for police services. As the civil unrest of protesting started throughout the city, downtown Detroit became the epicenter of the protests. DTS officers continued responding to 911 calls,

providing pandemic services and were held over many days as protestors took to the streets until late hours of the night on a daily basis.

As vaccines were developed and administered at the TCF Building, DTS provided services in the bitter cold as this task began at the beginning of winter.

I would also like to thank our civilian traffic control officers who worked with DTS daily during this pandemic. I would like to give special recognition to Master Sergeant Jasun McWhorter of DTS on his leadership and being the liaison for the Department and the City of Detroit Health Department.

Sgt. McWhorter planned and assisted in making police services a success during the testing and vaccination process. Sgt. McWhorter, along with his 4100 officers and DTS Monroe Beat 1 Officers, provided close and daily services for the Department.

Officer Mike Harrington was second in charge as Sgt. McWhorter still had other responsibilities at times. Cpl. Randy Randolph, myself, Cpl. Jedediah Hubbard, Officer Diago Walker, Officer Austin Hunter (Monroe Beat 1) and Jason Briggs (Civic 536) worked closely with the mayor's staff, doctors, nurses, TCF facility staff and citizens from the beginning to the end to make testing and vaccinations a success, with no major incidents occurring.

I hope that we will be at 100 percent as we get ready for the many events and entertainment that are coming to the downtown area. Until then, please be healthy and safe!

Efforts to keep morale up always ongoing at Fifth

By Brett Letwin

Welcome to Five Alive. This is my first article, so bear with me. I would like to thank everyone who continues to come to work and those that continue to hit the streets and do the best that you can. I would like to welcome our new command staff to the Fifth Precinct, as well as the officers who recently graduated from the academy and those that have transferred in from other locations.



Our condolences go out to Lieutenant Boyle on the loss of his father and to NPO Soles for the loss of two of his sisters.

Here at the Fifth Precinct, we try to keep the morale up as best as we can even though

it is hard in these trying times. So, if you can, try to come and visit with your co-workers as we have events other than work. We are all good people and deserve to have fun with our fellow officers outside of work.

Keep your thoughts and prayers in mind for our special operations officers that were involved in an on-duty shooting in March. Officers Byas, Bitzer, Gantt, Hanson and Vintevoghel were looking for a subject wanted in several

incidents of Domestic Violence. The officers were able to locate the individual and after a car chase the officers were able to stop the individual but were forced to use fatal force. None of the officers were injured during the incident, but have been off since the incident.

We would like to say good luck and farewell to the following: Officer Kraus, who was recently promoted to Sergeant, Officer Abby Johns, who went to another department and to Officer Whatley, who resigned for other adventures. May your new chapter in your life be great.

Congratulations to Neighborhood Police Officer Karen Maxey, who was chosen as the 2021 Officer of the Year recipient. This award is one of many that is earned by hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work and thank you for being dedicated to the citizens of Detroit and your co-workers.

Please keep your heads up and spirits high as we continue this journey as one big family — we are all we have. This may be a short article, but keep in mind it is my first and if there is anything you would like me to add, please let me know.

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Let us know if you'd like a veterans benefits workshop

By Lashun O'Rear

Hello from the Glass House. Let's start with congratulating District 5 Officers of the Year – from the Fifth Precinct, Karen Maxey and from the Ninth Precinct, Emanuel Roberson II.

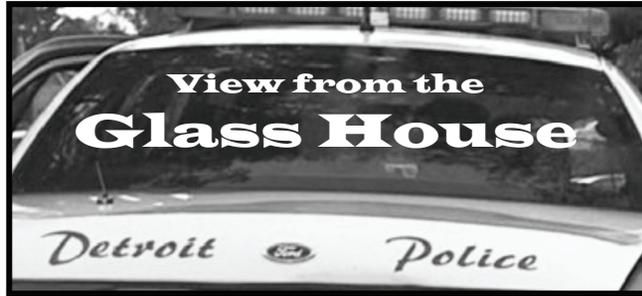


Officer Karen Maxey is a 24-year veteran and Officer Roberson II has been on the job four years and follows in the footsteps of his father, Corporal Emanuel Roberson.

These two hardworking, dedicated officers work to take care of and keep the citizens of Detroit safe. Keep up the good work.

To all my fellow Veterans, salute! The Union leadership would like to know how many of our veterans

would be interested in attending a veteran's workshop/seminar to learn about benefits, health care and all things owed to you for your military service.

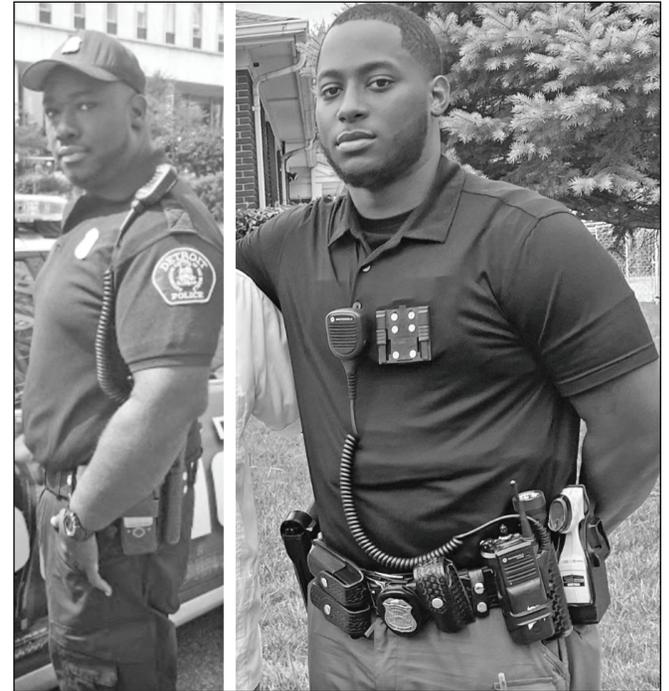


I'll be posting sign up sheets in the precincts, headquarters and all units starting in April and I will make sure that it is read at roll calls.

If there is enough interest, we will move forward. What I've learned is that a lot of veterans don't know or understand the benefits that they are owed.

Remember — if you receive any sick time counseling, please notify your Union Steward or the DPOA.

NEVER ASSUME MANAGEMENT IS RIGHT!
Let your Union be the judge of that.



District Officer of the Year recipient Emanuel Roberson II (right) of the Ninth Precinct is following in the footsteps of his father, Emanuel Roberson (left) of Downtown Services.



Helping hands

One new steward and several alternates took the oath of office from Sergeant-at-Arms Linda Broden at the March Board of Directors meeting. They included 12th Precinct Steward LaDawn Russell and alternates Sara Kalicki (Seventh Precinct), Thomas Skender (Eighth Precinct), Sylvester Hewston (Gaming), Daryl Lever (Second Precinct), Lariah Stevens (12th Precinct), Ramon Garcia (Training) and Douglas Moore (Eighth Precinct).

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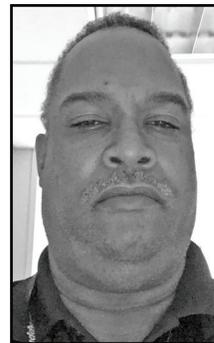
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Communications' leaders are moving up the ladder

By Leon Newell

Welcome to The Dispatcher, which is Communications Operations, consisting of 911, police dispatch and EMS dispatch. Let's start by welcoming Commander Kari Sloan to Communications and congratulations go out to Captain Jamar Rickett on his promotion.



By the time you have read this article, everyone should



have received their retention bonus. Hopefully everyone filled out the contract survey that was mailed out last year. Contract talks are expected to start soon.

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2021 District Officers of the Year

For the year of 2021 the Detroit Police Officers Association is honoring 23 active officers as well as one longtime officer who died on active duty during the year. Their efforts were saluted in grand style at the banquet held April 22 at Motor City Sound Board. Read about their heroic efforts in the pages that follow. Look for photos from the banquet in our next issue.

2021 District Officers of the Year



Officers have solid bond in working to keep the streets safe

While on patrol working scout Bravo 33, Officers Serge B. Laville and Lamont Gibson heard gunshots northeast of their location on Sept. 17, 2021, then radioed over the air District 1 dispatch the information. The officers canvassed the area where the shots were heard, observing a subject limping and sweating. They attempted to investigate the male subject, who began running eastbound, throwing an object later identified as a 9mm semi-automatic handgun.

After a brief pursuit, the subject and handgun were recovered. Officers Laville and Gibson arrested the subject and identified him as the perpetrator who allegedly shot a victim that Scout Bravo 34 Officers Javier Smith and Tamari Harper were aiding nearby. The subject was conveyed to the Detroit Detention Center and charged with assault to commit murder and carrying a concealed weapon.

Another incident occurred in October 2021 when Officers Laville and Gibson witnessed an automobile accident in which a vehicle carrying a mother and five children inside was t-boned; Officers Laville and Gibson rushed to rescue the occupants of the vehicle and with other scout units at the scene, pulled them to safety.

Assigned to the Downtown Services Special Operations Unit, the officers have been with the Detroit Police Department for more than four years. They are dedicated and hardworking police officers committed to protecting the citizens and businesses of Downtown Detroit. Officers Laville and Gibson have formed a solid bond working together — both have been regular partners since graduating from the Detroit Police Academy. They work well with their colleagues, rank-and-file and supe-



Lamont Gibson



Serge Laville

rior officers and are both respected within their command. Officers Laville and Gibson have both received numerous Meritorious Awards, including a Chief's Meritorious Award and Officer of the Quarter Awards for their outstanding police work as a unit, Bravo 33.

There is no doubt that their teamwork pays off in fighting crime within the community. They are very effective in getting illegal guns off the streets of Downtown Detroit and working to keep the community safe.

They are better known as the Dynamic Duo in the streets of downtown Detroit.

Officers Laville and Gibson, in keeping with the highest standards of the Detroit Police Department, demonstrate their dedication and bravery by their upstanding actions in serving their community. Because of their tremendous work ethics of going above and beyond their call to duty, they are ideal candidates for the DPOA District Officer of the Year award for District 1.

Briar Creech goes above and beyond in assisting his fellow officers in blue

Police Officer Briar Creech was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on Jan. 9, 2017. After graduation he was assigned to the Second Precinct, where he works today. Over his five years with the Department, Officer Creech has worked at the Second Precinct as a patrol officer for two years and Ceasefire/Special Operations for two and a half years. During his time at the Second Precinct, Officer Creech has received numerous positive Administrative Counseling Registers as well as an

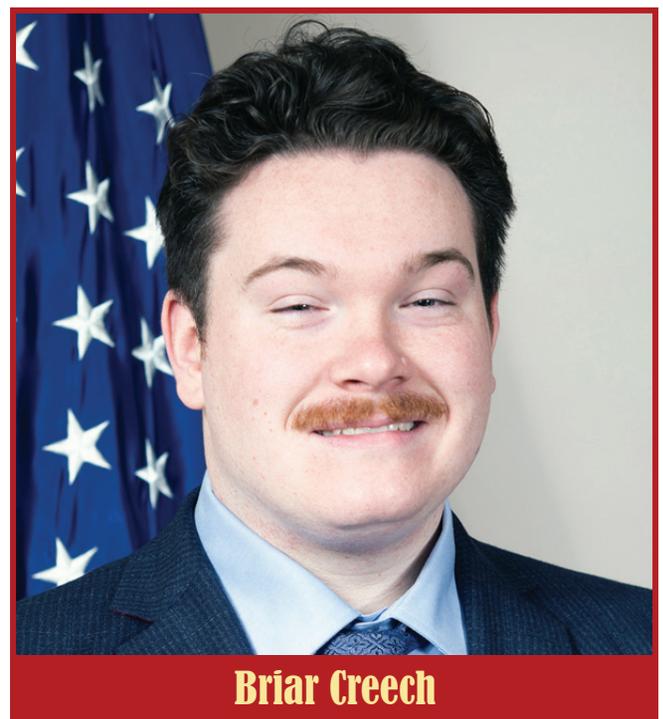
award for meritorious service.

Officer Creech is always willing to work overtime and assist not only members of the Second Precinct but other bureaus, precincts and units in criminal suppression.

Throughout 2021, Officer Creech made no less than 75 felony arrests and was responsible for 55 Carrying Concealed Weapons arrests, resulting in all of those guns being taken off the streets. Among the many gun arrests, several of the offenders were parolees who were returned to prison.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family in the Houghton Lake area, hunting in Missaukee County and collecting Detroit Police-issued firearms from previous decades.

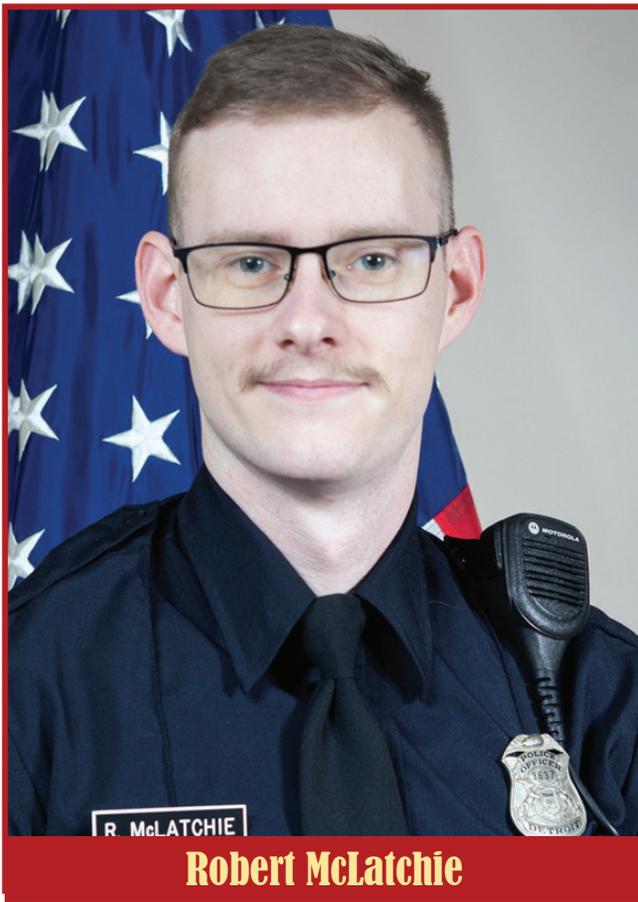
Due to Officer Creech's continued vigilance, our city is a safer place to live and visit. He is the DPOA District Officer of the Year for District 2.



Briar Creech



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Robert McLatchie

Officer maintains calm, quick response in keeping civilians and colleagues safe

Police Officer Robert McLatchie was assigned to the Third Precinct's Platoon 1 from the Academy and has been with the Detroit Police Department for nearly three years. Officer McLatchie works well with his colleagues, rank-and-file and superior officers and services the citizens and businesses in the community with respect, ensuring their safety every day.

Last April, Officer McLatchie and his partner, Officer Conner Corey, received information from dispatch while on patrol regarding a vehicle pursued by scout cars from the 12th Precinct, a black GMC Yukon. The suspect in the car had fired shots at the officers from the 12th Precinct while traveling southbound on Woodward, heading downtown.

Officer McLatchie and his partner were standing by at Woodward Avenue and West Grand Boulevard with overhead lights activated when the vehicle approached the intersection — with scout cars from Precinct 12 in pursuit. Officer McLatchie joined the pursuit, which continued through downtown and ended at Eight Mile Road in a shopping plaza parking lot. The suspect came out of his vehicle with a handgun, firing shots at McLatchie

and Corey and several other officers at the scene. The officers returned fire in an effort to stop the immediate threat.

Officer McLatchie and Officer Corey, along with the other officers, pursued the suspect on foot. He was eventually found lying on the ground, bleeding, having sustained several gunshot wounds. Officer McLatchie observed a silver handgun of an unknown make, model and caliber on the ground by the suspect. He immediately administered first aid, assisted by other officers at the scene. The suspect was then transported from the scene to St. John's Hospital.

Officer McLatchie, through his courageous actions in stopping the suspect, saved his life and his colleagues' lives on that dreadful night. Officer McLatchie maintained incredible calm in the face of danger and his bravery warrants him to be the recipient of District 1's 2021 DPOA Officer of the Year Award for the Third Precinct.



Lenin Amarante's ability to de-escalate is second to none

Police Officer Lenin Amarante was appointed to the Detroit Police Department Jan. 17, 2008. As the senior member of the Fourth Precinct night shift Special Operations Unit, Officer Amarante has taken a leadership role among his peers. He is self-motivated and has demonstrated an advanced level of knowledge in regard to all facets of his duties and continues to strive daily to enhance his skills and abilities.

He has consistently proven to be resourceful in formulating and implementing initiatives to reduce the opportunity for offenders to commit crimes in the target enforcement

areas of the precinct with high crime patterns and statistics.

Officer Amarante diligently provided street enforcement for the year 2021 and it shows in his statistics: 100 felony arrests, two misdemeanor arrests, 497 ordinances

violations issued, 1,307 vehicles investigated, 1,286 traffic stops, 1,669 persons investigated, 52 firearms recovered, 359 reports generated and 203 police runs handled.

Officer Amarante has a plethora of knowledge and experience in regards to encountering and investigating the known and repeat offenders who reside in and continue to frequent the Fourth Precinct. He has implemented a zero-tolerance enforcement action when dealing with these problematic perpetrators of criminality.

Officer Amarante has expressed the importance of taking the proper enforcement actions while investigating those persons to ensure that their opportunity to involve themselves in criminal activity is effectively minimized through consistent enforcement. He has continuously demonstrated courageous calm in the face of danger and displays a gold standard of professionalism.

Officer Amarante's hard work and dedication to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Detroit Police Department. He has honored himself and his family through his professionalism and self-motivation. Officer Lenin Amarante is the Precinct 4, District 2 Officer of the Year.



Lenin Amarante



Corporal's stats show he's a productive work leader among his DPD peers

Detroit Police Department Corporal Darryl Bennett, was appointed to the Detroit Police Academy on Oct. 28, 1985. Upon graduation, Cpl. Bennett was assigned to the Sixth Precinct, where during his eight years of patrol experience he was recognized for displaying ongoing initiative, leadership, dedication and an exceptional work ethic and was chosen to be assigned to Platoon 4. During his tour on Platoon 4, Cpl. Bennett was assigned as the accident car unit for five and a half years and obtained more training, which led to assignment to the Motor Unit.

During his tenure with the DPD, Corporal Bennett obtained a criminal justice degree and bachelor's degree of business from University of Detroit Mercy. His hobbies include traveling, spending time with his family, frequenting the casinos and bowling — he is feverishly

involved in the "Sunday's Best" bowling league

During 2021, Corporal Bennett has led the Sixth Precinct in traffic enforcements, conducting 2,470 traffic stops, issuing 6,515 citations and impounding 623 motor vehicles — in addition to answering 121 police runs, making four felony arrests as well as two misdemeanors.

Cpl. Bennett's positive attitude, work productivity and ability to motivate his coworkers has made him a leader among his peers. Therefore, the Sixth Precinct proudly presents 36-year veteran, Corporal Darryl Bennett, as District 3 Officer of the Year for 2021.



Darryl Bennett

2021 District Officers of the Year



Michael Flannel



Jerrit Parrish

Keen instincts help 2 young officers thwart kidnapping attempt and rescue children

Police Officer Michael Flannel and Police Officer Jerrit Parrish were working Platoon 2 as Scout 8-11 on Nov. 30, 2021, stationary at eastbound Grand River and Evergreen at a red light when they observed a white 2005 Chevy Express run a red light. The officers conducted a traffic stop, and when they approached the vehicle observed a white female in the driver's seat and young

black children in the rear of the vehicle with no seatbelts.

The driver nervously made excuses as to why she needed to leave the scene, but was advised that she was not free to go. After entering the offender's information into

LEIN, it was discovered that she had one fraud warrant and a revoked license.

Upon returning to the vehicle, the officers noticed that the children were crying. When they asked the offender if the children were hers, she said, "Yes," but the children shook their heads no. When asked if the woman was their mother, they shook their heads no again. When asked if they knew the offender, again the answer was no. At this time, scout ordered the driver out of the vehicle.

The oldest child explained that they

were in front of their home, walking to school, when the offender pulled up in her vehicle and started walking toward one of the victims. He pulled his brother away, continuing to walk. She persisted, telling them to get inside the vehicle, and they did. No force was used and no weapons were observed by any of the children.

Officers were able to obtain the mother's phone number, at which point she was notified and arrived at the scene. The mother, upon seeing a photo of the offender, made it clear that she had never seen the woman before and she did not have consent to have her children in her custody.

The victims were returned to their mother and the offender was arrested, charged with kidnapping, multiple counts of child enticement, probation violation and bound over to the Third Circuit Court.

It is a great honor to nominate Officers Flannel and Parrish, both of whom started with the Department in 2020, for their keen observation and due diligence during a traffic stop, which thwarted the kidnapping of children.

There is no doubt that the officers have set a standard worthy of emulation, resulting in a dangerous offender being apprehended.

The Eighth Precinct is honored to present Officers Flannel and Parrish as much deserving recipients of the District Officer of the Year Award, District 3.



Corporal made an indelible impact on those around him

On July 8, 2021, the 12th Precinct lost one of its heroes. That was the day that Corporal Darryl Cross succumbed to cardiac arrest.

Corporal Cross was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on April 27, 1998. During his 23-year career of dedicated service, Corporal Cross has been assigned to the 12th Precinct. During his tenure with the Detroit Police Department,

Corporal Cross worked as a patrol officer for three years, quickly accelerating his passion, as he was transferred to the 12th Precinct Special Operations Unit. For the past 23 years, he worked tirelessly to apprehend violent offenders. More recently, he became a Training Corporal, allowing him to incorporate his talent and skills into training while teaching the next generation of newly assigned probationary police officers assigned to this unit.

Throughout Corporal Cross' career, he received numerous awards, including the NFL Super Bowl XL Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the MLB All Star Baseball Award, The Conclusion of Consent Judgment Award, Fireworks Celebration Award, one Chief's Unit Citation, one Departmental Citation and Medal and four Unit Citations.

Corporal Darryl Cross was best known for his amazing sense of humor, singing and a smile that could light up a room.

Officer devoted to upholding core values of Department

Officer Curtis Morris was appointed to the Detroit Police Department May 28, 2019. Since his tenure at the 10th Precinct, Officer Morris has demonstrated a strong work ethic, outstanding communication skills, professional appearance and the willingness to complete any assignment given to him.

Over the course of 2021, Officer Morris responded to 1,711 calls for service, 176 special attentions, 820 traffic investigations, while issuing 288 ordinance violations. Officer Morris completed 118 Superior reports. In the 2021 period, Officer Morris had more than 1,000 citizen investigations or contacts and effected many critical felony arrests for CCW, stolen vehicles and felonious assault.

While working overtime in the area of McCabe Park on Aug. 8, 2021, Officer Morris heard several shots fired. He and his partner exited their scout car on foot, re-



Darryl Cross

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, he went to local schools where he taught young men how to dress professionally and provided instruction on how to tie dress and bow ties.

"When I retire from this job," Cpl. Cross once stated, "they will call me one of the greatest," of which he developed the unit code name, "G.O.A.T." — being a pillar of remarkable conviction, integrity, courage, tenacity, determination and resilience.

In recognition of his exemplary years of service and commitment to the Department and the City of Detroit, Corporal Darryl Cross is the DPOA District Officer of the Year, District 4.



Curtis Morris

ceiving information on the shooter as they made their way through the crowd, ultimately leading to the arrest of the shooter and recovery of the weapon.

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NPO works hard to unite fellow officers and the community



Karen Maxey

Neighborhood Police Officer Karen Maxey was appointed to the Detroit Police Department Sept. 21, 1998, and is currently assigned to the Fifth Precinct. Officer Maxey is assigned as a neighborhood policing officer; she was



assigned at the south end of the precinct, but due to manpower issues has had to expand her tasks to cover the entire Fifth Precinct.

Officer Maxey has been a street officer for most of her career, but as a neighborhood policing officer, she is also responsible for joining the precinct and the community to-

gether. She has taken the time to organize different events such as a coat drive, Valentine for seniors, Adopt-a-Family and multiple food drives to low-income areas. During COVID-19, she has organized virtual events such as senior bingo and Keno to bring smiles to the seniors, as well as sending out prizes for the winners.

Officer Maxey has also been involved in the Community Summit. The Community Summit entails meeting with citizens who do not understand how it is to be a police officer and why officers do what they do. During the summit, Maxey works to form a bond between individuals who may have animosity toward the police and the Detroit Police Department. The summit is an excellent learning experience for all involved.

During Officer Maxey's scheduling of the many events she is responsible for, she

still takes time to back up her fellow officers and make traffic stops for the safety of the citizens. Officer Maxey is also responsible for investigating citizen complaints in the neighborhoods, which may involve enforcing environmental violations.

Officer Maxey has also been the recipient of numerous awards, including two Life Saving Commendations, Officer of the Quarter and six certificates of Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Citizens of Detroit.

Officer Maxey is currently in her 23rd year as a Detroit Police officer and continues her hard work at the Fifth Precinct. She suits up every day and always listens to her co-workers so she can help in any way that she can as their union steward. Officer Maxey is a hard worker and always fighting to protect her co-workers and the citizens of Detroit.

Officer focused on getting gangs and weapons off the streets

Police Officer Emanuel Roberson II was appointed to the Detroit Police Department Nov. 28, 2016. He completed the Detroit Police Academy on June 26, 2017, and was assigned to the Ninth Precinct.



As a newly assigned officer, he approached each tour of duty as an opportunity to serve his community at the highest level. A quick learner, not afraid to ask questions or follow directives, Officer Roberson quickly became a valued member in the Cease Fire Unit. Officer Roberson was confident in his work and displayed this confidence each time he left the base to face and help apprehend

some of the most notorious gang members in the Ninth Precinct.

Officer Roberson was assigned to the Cease Fire Unit, Gang Disruption Team as Scout 9-52. Officer Roberson and his crew recorded at least 103 arrests for Carrying a Concealed Weapon while recovering 105 guns.

He made two arrests for robbery-armed, one for assault with intent to commit murder and one for disorderly conduct. This was done while he was assigned to the Non-Fatal Shooting Team at the Ninth Precinct for 90 days to further strengthen his investigative skills, without patrol time.

During his career, he has executed more than 100 search warrants with the Ninth Precinct Special Operations Unit, making numerous arrests, multiple narcotics seizures and recovering countless firearms.

The Cease Fire and Special Operations Unit at the Ninth Precinct were tasked with executing a search warrant on a high priority gang target. Recognizing the high priority offender, Romello Johnson, sitting in a silver Mercury Mariner, Officer Roberson subsequently arrested Johnson for carrying a concealed weapon, which resulted in federal charges. This arrest was instrumental in dismantling the Ninth Precinct's most active street gang, the "4gtmt/700 gang."

Officer Roberson has worked side by side with ATF agents throughout the year. He is very knowledgeable about his work and the streets of the Ninth Precinct.

He is an officer to be proud of and when entrusted with an assignment, will without a doubt always deliver with integrity.

Officer Emanuel Roberson is the DPOA District 5 Officer of the Year.



Emanuel Roberson II

Corporal's conduct and leadership sets a great example



Carrie Livingston

Corporal Carrie Livingston was appointed to the Detroit Police Department March 27, 2000, and has been assigned to the Abandoned Vehicle Task Force (AVTF) since Oct. 21, 2019. Cpl. Livingston is a professional, hard-



working officer who has been instrumental in the day-to-day operations of AVTF. Cpl. Livingston is a self-motivated officer, requires minimal supervision or

direction, is flexible, easygoing and always has a positive outlook.

Cpl. Livingston has been vital to the

daily operations of the command. She has performed various functions such as SeeClickFix Complaints, monthly LEIN validations, formatting for city owned and private tow yard spreadsheets, personnel coverage at Grinnell, Grand River and Mount Elliott lots, taking administration fees, releasing vehicles and all related bookkeeping. Corporal Livingston can close out Ombudsman Complaints with Blight and Parking violations, enter and remove vehicles and perform L.E.I.N. operations with great efficiency.

Cpl. Livingston has received numerous awards in her tenure with the DPD, including the All Star Game, Rosa Parks, Super Bowl, DOJ, as well as the Comstat Award, Chief's Citation and Perfect Attendance.

Cpl. Livingston is an energetic officer

who approaches adversity aggressively, while still managing to engage the community with a great deal of compassion and zeal.

Essential in making considerable accomplishments in facilitating the recent Abandoned Vehicle Task Force Blitz Operations Order, "Vehicle Clean-Up," Cpl. Livingston always has a professional demeanor and appearance. She is well liked amongst her peers and always willing to give assistance when help is needed, exhibits professionalism with the public and is very cooperative and self-driven.

Cpl. Livingston is a credit to the DPD as well as AVTF. She is the perfect choice to represent District 7 as the 2021 Officer of the Year.

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Blake McCullough



Alisha Raymond



Tresa Robinson



Ricardo Sanchez



Louis Swafford

Quick actions of 5 brave officers save life of fellow officer

A police run for a suicidal male experiencing a mental crisis quickly escalated into a life-threatening situation for five officers from the 11th Precinct responding to the scene. Officer Blake McCullough, Officer Alisha Raymond, Officer Tresa Robinson, Officer Ricardo Sanchez and Officer Louis Swafford were met with a gruesome scene on April 20, 2021, when they responded to a run

at a residence and came upon a man standing in a bathtub surrounded by a pool of water and blood. The man appeared to have a self-inflicted slash

wound to his neck.

The officers, fearing that he would die from his wounds, immediately took action and attempted to render aid, but before lifesaving measures could be made, the man sprang out of the bathtub, retrieved a knife and attacked Officer Sanchez.

As Sanchez defended himself, he lost his balance and fell to the floor. The knife-wielding man continued to stab and slash at Officer Sanchez as he fought for his life.

Seeing the immediate and urgent danger to Officer Sanchez's life, Officer McCullough quickly sprang into action to save him by firing several shots at the man, ending the threat on all of the officers' lives.

During the alarming incident, Officer Sanchez sustained a stab wound to his leg and a gunshot wound to his right hand. The additional officers at the scene did

not hesitate to coordinate an efficient and swift transport to the hospital to save Officer Sanchez's life.

Officer McCullough is a true hero for this act of valor and Officer Sanchez is the shining definition of determination and bravery as he battled from his injuries to become full duty, all while switching his gun hand from his right to his left.

Officer Raymond, Officer Robinson and Officer Swafford played an integral part in saving the life of Officer Sanchez by their assistance at the scene.

Due to the bravery and heroism displayed during this life-changing incident, we salute all of the officers at the scene — they are lifesavers and deserving of the utmost recognition for their willingness to go above and beyond in such a critical, terrifying event that unfolded so quickly in front of their eyes.

Just some brief facts on these five outstanding officers — Officer McCullough has been with 11th Precinct Patrol since March 17, 2017, and enjoys basketball, video games and indoor gardening.

Officer Raymond has been with 11th Precinct Patrol since March 2, 2020, and enjoys working out and traveling.

Officer Robinson has been with the DPD since April 29, 2019.

Officer Sanchez was appointed on Aug. 26, 2019. His hobbies include judo and hockey.

Officer Swafford has been with the 11th Precinct since Oct. 31, 2016, and enjoys going to the gym and traveling.

Officer Sanchez, Officer McCullough and the 11th Precinct's Platoon Three — they are Detroit's finest and the epitome of what the District Officers of the Year, District 6, represent.

Officer devoted to making city safer with proactive policing

Police Officer Willie Robinson utilized the expertise gained from his years of police experience to stay one step ahead of the events that unfolded in the area of Pennsylvania and East Forest on March 4, 2021, when he assisted personnel responding to a man spotted with an AR-15 rifle at a Sunoco station on East Warren. The red hoodie-wearing suspect eventually fled the scene, and responding officers cautiously began their search. A man matching the description was spotted going in and out of a residence on

Pennsylvania, despite numerous commands from responding officers to drop the weapon.

Officer Robinson responded to the scene, working Scout 7-M-2, and immediately saw the armed suspect later identified as Antonio Wynn, put the barrel of the rifle in his mouth, taking it

out as he stepped off the porch and walked between the houses, out of sight. Deploying his department issued Smith & Wesson AR-15, P.O. Robinson took cover behind a car in the street, and through this vantage point spotted the suspect's red hoodie moving between houses. Robinson informed the other officers — the suspect began walking backwards toward the front yard, ignoring multiple commands to drop his weapon.

The suspect then headed north, and the officers had to reposition themselves to avoid becoming potential targets. Officer Robinson, acting alone at this point, followed on foot. He noticed a black-marked DPD Ford Explorer parked on East Warren and Pennsylvania with an officer inside the vehicle. Fearing for the officer's safety, Robinson immediately acquired his target, firing one round, and the suspect fell to the ground. Responding officers approached both the suspect and unknown officer, rolling the suspect onto his back. Robinson secured the man's hands until he was handcuffed.

Officer Robinson acted valiantly on

behalf of an armed and dangerous subject, hoping to verbally de-escalate the threat, despite the eminent danger of the rifle. He put himself in the most vulnerable position as he followed the armed suspect on foot, in an effort to protect those in the area exposed to a rapidly unfolding and uncertain situation. He responded without hesitation, and with the foresight to think through every move before engaging, knowing that multiple lives were in danger — including his own.

P.O. Robinson followed department protocol, had a functioning body-worn camera, and through his training was able to make an active, very dangerous scene safe, with all sworn personnel unharmed and no other bystanders injured.

This type of policing defines P.O. Willie Robinson. Working alone, he never hesitates to provide back-up in even the most dangerous situations. He continues to display an incredibly consistent and positive attitude, day in and day out, regardless of the events he faces each day. He remains calm, yet focused, scanning each situation with an



Willie Robinson

unmatched peripheral accuracy. This exemplifies the defining characteristics most often associated with a dedicated, self-directing officer. He does not hesi-

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Corporal exemplifies sacrifice and dedication to his City and his fellow officers



Jonathan Bibbs

Corporal Jonathan “Ricochet” Bibbs was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on Feb. 7, 2000. Upon graduation from the academy, he was assigned to the First Precinct. Looking for a considerable challenge, Bibbs tried out for and successfully passed selection for the Special Response Team and began his training on April 14, 2003.

After completing SRT’s grueling yearlong “Policing Terrorist Incidents” MCOLES training program, he was officially assigned to the unit. Cpl. Bibbs has been assigned to SRT for the last 19 years, and this span of time has not gone without personal sacrifice — in support of the DPD, SRT and, most importantly, his teammates.

Cpl. Bibbs is a pillar of leadership and an example for his teammates to follow.

He has played a major role in training many “new guys” on the team, as well as spending

thousands of hours as an instructor in subjects such as executive protection, room clearing, firearms, tactics and high-risk traffic stops to department members. He has well over 200 barricade gunman situations to his credit, as well as the execution of thousands of high-risk search warrants.

The SRT was tasked with handling one such high-risk search warrant on Dec. 28, 2021, in furtherance of a homicide investigation that had occurred days earlier on Dec. 25.

The target homicide suspect was suspected of murdering his girlfriend and her 14-year-old disabled daughter by shooting them both in the back, execution style.

Cpl. Bibbs was assigned to the No. 2 position on the primary entry team. Upon entry of the location, the corporal encountered the wanted homicide suspect, laying on a mattress. The suspect was ordered to show his hands, but chose instead to produce a semiautomatic pistol. Bibbs then fired his department-issued MP5, striking the suspect and immediately stopping the mortal threat to himself and his teammates.

Corporal Bibb’s lightning-fast action during this incident exemplifies his sacrifice and dedication to duty for the citizens and city of

Detroit, and to his teammates. SRT members live by the motto, “It is a brotherhood that ties us together and that bond is what allows us to willingly walk into harm’s way together.” Cpl. Bibbs is the purest example of such a creed. His effort and example make him the highly deserving District 10 Officer of the Year that he is.

Corporal a guiding influence in community policing efforts



Sean Wilson

Exemplary performance only begins to describe the policing style that Corporal Sean Wilson practices every single day on the job, since the start of his career with the Detroit Police Department on Nov. 28,

1994. Corporal Wilson has shown and proven the real meaning of dedication and service to the Department and the city’s residents. Starting out at the Eighth Precinct, he made his mark as a standout patrol officer, which led him to try his hand at community

policing. Working in that capacity earned him favor with the business district in his



**District
7**

2021 District Officers of the Year



Tyler Scott Alleyne



Nicholas Gushen

Proactive duo springs into action to take dangerous offenders off the streets

While on proactive patrol on Sept. 9, 2021, near Cambridge and Birwood, Police Officer Tyler Scott Alleyne and Police Officer Nicholas

Gushen observed a parked vehicle with the driver’s side door open. One individual was in the driver’s seat and another was standing in the street leaning against the open driver side door, impeding traffic. As the officers stopped the

scout car to inform him not to stand in the street, he began to blade the right side of his body. Officer Alleyne exited the scout car, walking around the front of it to make contact.

Suddenly, the occupant in the driver seat hastily exited the vehicle. As Officer Gushen exited the scout car, the offender pointed a pistol directly at his head. Gushen immediately fell back into the driver seat of the scout car as he heard a gunshot and felt pressure on the left side of his face and back side of his head and neck. Officer Gushen then returned fire as the offender continued to fire multiple shots toward Officer Alleyne, who returned fire and chased the offender as he fled on foot.

While running, the offender turned the right side of his body to again fire at

Officer Alleyne with the handgun still in his right hand. Alleyne fired multiple rounds, and the offender fell to the ground. Officers Alleyne and Gushen attempted to cuff him, but he continued to fight with the officers and tried to reach for the handgun underneath him.

Officer Gushen delivered a knee strike to the offender’s face, allowing him to recover the loaded handgun with an extended magazine. As the offender continued to resist, Officer Alleyne grabbed Officer Gushen’s taser from his vest and drive-stunned the offender, allowing Alleyne to secure him in cuffs.

Thankfully, the officers survived this encounter without incurring any serious injury. A six-count warrant was signed by the prosecutor’s office, charging the offender with two counts of assault with the intent to murder, one count of dangerous weapon with unlawful Intent and three counts of felony firearm.

Officers Alleyne and Gushen were proactive and observant in their investigation of these individuals. Because of their vigilance and their courageous efforts, the City of Detroit is a safer place. Officers Alleyne and Gushen showed dedication and bravery consistent with the highest standards and traditions of the Detroit Police Department and are deserving recipients of the District 10 Officer of the Year award.



**District
10**

2021 District Officers of the Year



Corporal's knowledge key asset to training efforts

Corporal Ramon Garcia has been a Gun Range instructor at the Firearms Training Unit for almost six years. He was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on Nov. 18, 2002. Over the course of his career, he has received numerous awards and commendations, including the All Star Game, Rosa Parks, Super Bowl, 2014 Ford Fireworks and Conclusion of Consent Judgment.

In 2021, Cpl. Garcia was tasked with being the lead instructor and

training two new recruit classes with approximately 25 students in each. He also assisted and trained with several other recruit classes during 2021, successfully training more than 100 new recruits in firearms safety and qualifications in 2021.

Not only did Cpl. Garcia train, counsel and qualify new recruits, he also was the lead or assisted in training the entire Detroit Police Department (2,000-plus members) in firearms qualifications with the pistol and shotgun in 2021, all the while navigating through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cpl. Garcia is a family man, happily married husband and an active father to his three children and helps coach his 13-year-old



Ramon Garcia

son's baseball team.

His dedication to training and guiding his fellow members of the Detroit Police Department and his passion and commitment to his career show make him the ideal selection as District 9 Officer of the Year.

Sean Wilson

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area and its residents. Refusing to limit himself to just the streets, he became a "Ranger" at Redford, Henry Ford and Renaissance High Schools. The youth gravitated toward him, once again earning him the trust of his community.

When the precincts merged, Corporal Wilson expanded his reach in the community by operating in his same fashion in the "Northwest District." He earned several awards and citations which prompted him to once again expand his policing to now citywide Police Community Services.

In this new element, Wilson, along with his team, engaged schools from preschool throughout Detroit high schools, teaching drug prevention and awareness, seatbelt safety, drunken-driving demonstrations, as well as working on programs to emphasize nonemergency service, increase accountability and above all create community-based crime prevention for the people of Detroit. In every aspect of service and safety, Corporal Wilson coordinated and trained

citizens of the community, who showed great pride in their neighborhoods by helping to expand the Citywide Citizens Radio Patrol Program.

Working in the capacity of community, Corporal Wilson continued to obtain training and effective means to help enhance his role as an officer. In 2015, Wilson, along with the late Sgt. Elaine Williams, worked to bring back the Detroit Police Department's Field Day. This event was created in 1927 to raise funds to supplement the insurance of policemen and support families of fallen officers. The department had got-

ten away from this tradition, but Corporal Wilson and Sgt. Williams found it necessary and important to revive this event. It has now become a summer highlight full of positive competition amongst department members, surrounding law enforcement entities and the community.

Feeling driven by this effort, Corporal Wilson worked with his partners to enhance the camaraderie among officers and executives by spearheading the "Showdown in Motown Bike and Car Show," the "Detroit Golf Outing" held every year at the prestigious Detroit

Golf Club, Bowling Fundraiser and the National Faith & Blue: Building Bridges to more inclusive communities campaign.

Known by his partners as "Crew Chief," Corporal Wilson is the quintessential example of what community policing is. His leadership, guidance, attention to detail and confidence has helped mold the

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Willie Robinson

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tate to help anyone, and is always available to his coworkers, and for anyone who should have a supporting unit nearby. He is always willing to provide positive police interaction whenever he has an opportunity to offer assistance or casual conversation.

The year 2021 is a shining example of Officer Robinson's work ethic, accentuated by the number of events he was a part of, always working a one-man scout car. His

stats include 15 felony arrests, 25 misdemeanor arrests, 10 OWI arrests, six CCW arrests, one homicide arrest, 3,000 tickets issued and 400 towing events.

Officer Willie Robinson goes above the call of duty through his devotion to the Detroit Police Department, the citizens he serves and the supervisors and co-workers he respects and admires every single day. Officer Robinson is the Precinct 7, District 6 Officer of the Year.

Curtis Morris

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In another incident on Dec. 26, 2021, Officer Morris and his partner arrived at the scene of a suicide in progress. Morris was able to utilize his excellent verbal skills to keep the victim, who was threatening to jump off a balcony porch, talking and responsive. He and his partner eventually were able to safely secure the victim.

These are just two of many examples of what Officer Morris puts into his work—consistently demonstrating the characteristics and leadership qualities that are in accordance with the core

values and traditions of the DPD. Along with being one of Detroit's Finest, he is a role model to his peers and the community he comes in contact with each and every tour of duty.

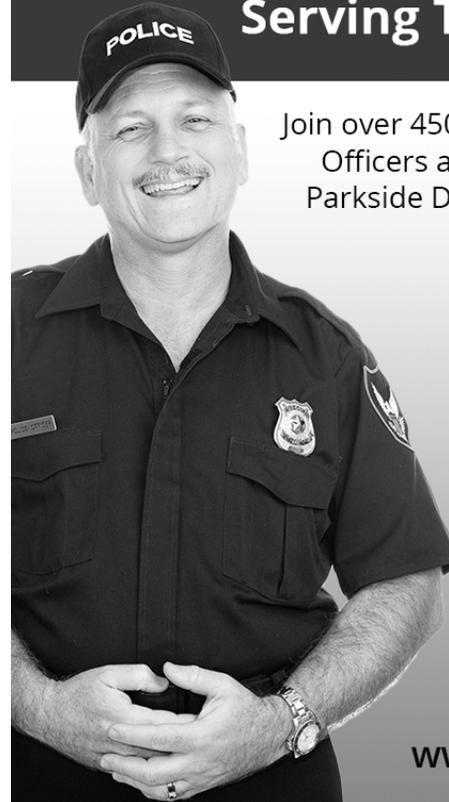
Officer Morris is committed to providing his very best to the citizens, community and department he serves. His drive to excel and determination in driving violent crime down has made him a model of excellence among his peers and superiors. Officer Curtis Morris is the District 4 DPOA Officer of the Year.

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making Corporal Sean Wilson the true representation of District 7 Officer of the Year.

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Looking back

American Law enforcement history dates back to 1600s

1600s

April 1635 — The City of Boston establishes a “night watch,” in which officers served part-time, without pay.

1700s

April 29, 1786 — Sheriff Benjamin Branch of Chesterfield County, Va. died when he was thrown from his horse becoming the first known law enforcement officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Sept. 24, 1789 — The United States Congress creates the first Federal law enforcement officer, the United States Marshal. Thirteen U.S. Marshals were appointed by President George Washington.

1800s

1835 — Texas creates what was later to become the Texas Rangers, the oldest statewide law enforcement agency in America.

1857 — The City of Baltimore becomes the first police department to issue pistols to their officers.

1858 — Police departments in Boston and Chicago issue uniforms to their officers.

April 14, 1865 — On the day he was shot by the assassin John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln approves the formation of what is now the United States Secret Service.

Feb. 26, 1870 — Graham, North Carolina, Constable Wyatt Outlaw becomes the first African American police officer to be killed in the line of duty when he was removed from his residence by members of the KKK and lynched in front of the county courthouse. The previous week, Constable Outlaw had fired upon a group of men who were rumored to belong to the Klan.

Nov. 2, 1870 — Thomas J. Smith, of Abilene, Kansas, becomes the first of more than 627 Police Chiefs to die in the line of duty.

April 1, 1878-April 28, 1881 — Notorious outlaw Billy the Kid kills six law enforcement officers in New Mexico: Deputy James W. Bell, Sheriff William Brady, Deputy James Carlyse, Deputy George Hindman, Deputy Marshal Robert Olinger and Deputy Robert Beckwith.

Oct. 26, 1881 — Legendary Lawman Wyatt Earp, along with his brothers Virgil and Morgan and John Henry “Doc” Holliday, win the Wild West era’s most famous gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

May 6, 1886 — Eight Chicago, Ill. police officers were mortally wounded during a labor dispute that became known as the Haymarket Riot: Mathias Degan, John Barrett, Timothy O’Sullivan, Timothy Flavin, Thomas Redden, Nels Hansen, George Miller, and Michael Sheehan.

Dec. 15, 1890 — Six officers with the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs are killed attempting to arrest the Sioux Indian leader, Sitting Bull: Sergeant James Little Eagle, Sergeant Charles Shavehead, Private Paul Akicitah, Officer John Armstrong, Officer David Hawkman and Lieutenant Henry Bullhead.

Dec. 16, 1891 — City Health Dept. Inspector Marie Owens is appointed to the Chicago Police Department as a police officer assigned to the Detective Bureau, becoming the nation’s earliest-known female sworn law enforcement officer.

1893 — The first national police group is formed, the National Chiefs of Police Union, which would later become the International Association of Chiefs of Police. For the first time, police leaders met regularly to share ideas.

1895 — Future President Theodore Roosevelt begins his three-year term of Police Commissioner in New York City.

1900s

1902 — Fingerprinting is first used in the United States by law enforcement.

1906 — Nellie Wicks, a Head Attendant for the New York State Department of Corrections, becomes the first female law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty when she was fatally stabbed by an inmate on Sept. 27, 1906.

1909 — The last year in United States history in which fewer than 100 police officers were killed in the line of duty. Ninety-six officers made the ultimate sacrifice in 1909.

1914 — The Berkeley (CA) Police Department becomes the country’s first agency to have all patrol officers using automobiles.

1929 — Federal Agent Eliot Ness begins his legendary law enforcement career and is picked to lead a group of agents

nicknamed “The Untouchables” — Marty Lahart, Sam Seager, Barney Cloonan, Lyle Chapman, Tom Friel, Joe Leeson, Paul Robsky, Mike King, Bill Gardner, Al ‘Wallpaper’ Wolff and two other associates, Frank Basile and Jim Seeley.

Oct. 3, 1929 — Eight Correctional Officers are killed at the Colorado State Penitentiary — the most ever to die in one incident at a correctional institution: Raymond Brown, John Eeles, E G Erwin, J W McClelland, C Walter Rinker, Charles Shepherd, Robert Wiggins and Myron Goodwin.

1930 — The single deadliest year in law enforcement history, with 312 officers killed.

Jan. 2, 1932 — Six lawmen were killed as they attempted to apprehend two suspects wanted in the murder of Greene County Marshal Mark Noe: Greene County Sheriff Marcell Hendrix, Deputy Ollie Crosswhite, Deputy Wiley Mashburn, Springfield Police Chief Detective Tony Oliver, Detective Sidney Meadows and Officer Charley Houser. This incident became known as the Young Brothers Massacre.

1932-1934 — John Dillinger and his gang murdered 10 law enforcement officers — more than any other outlaw. They were responsible for the deaths of Officer Howard Wagner, Trooper Eugene Teague, Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Sergeant William Shanley, Patrolman William O’Malley, Patrolman Martin O’Brien, Officer Francis Mulvihill, Chief Franklin Culp, Detective Henry Perrow and Under-sheriff Charles Cavanagh.

Nov. 22, 1963 — Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit is shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald after Oswald assassinates President John F. Kennedy.

September 1968 — Betty Blankenship and Elizabeth Robinson of the Indianapolis (IN) Police Department become the first female police officers in the United States to work as patrol officers on the street. The pair is transferred from administrative assignments after meeting with Chief of Police Winston Churchill and asking to be put on street patrols.

April 6, 1970 — Four California Highway Patrolmen, James Pence, Roger Gore, Walt Frago and George Alleyne died in a four-minute gun battle with two heavily-armed suspects. The Newhall Incident, as it became known, reverberated throughout the law enforcement community and led to major reforms in training procedures, firearms use, and arrest techniques.

September 1971 — Seven Correctional Officers were killed during the riots at the Attica State Prison in upstate

New York: William Quinn, Edward Cunningham, John D’Archangelo Jr, Richard Lewis, Carl Valone, Ronald Werner and Harrison Whalen.

1974 — Police start wearing soft body armor to protect themselves against handgun assaults.

Sept. 20, 1974 — Officer Gail Cobb of the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C., is shot and killed while attempting to apprehend a robbery suspect. Officer Cobb is the first of 73 African-American female officers to be killed in the line of duty.

Oct. 19, 1984 — President Ronald Reagan signs Public Law 98-534, authorizing the Law Enforcement Officers Fund to establish a Memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Oct. 15, 1991 — The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C.

Feb. 28, 1993 — Four Special Agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) were killed attempting to execute a search warrant at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas: Todd McKeenan, Robert J Williams, Conway LeBleu, and Steven Willis.

Sept. 13, 1994 — Public Law 103-322 authorizing American Flag to be flown at half-staff on May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day, was enacted into law.

April 19, 1995 — Timothy McVeigh explodes a truck bomb that destroys the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The blast kills 168 people, including eight Federal law enforcement officers: Agents Cynthia Brown, Paul Broxterman, Paul Ice, Donald Leonard, Mickey Maroney, Kenneth McCullough, Claude Medearis and Alan Whicher.

2000s

Nov. 9, 2000 — President William Jefferson Clinton signs into law Public Law 106-492, authorizing the NLEOMF to build the National Law Enforcement Museum. The bill was sponsored by U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) and U.S. Representative Joel Hefley (R-CO).

Sept. 11, 2001 — The deadliest day in law enforcement history occurred when 72 officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America.

2002 — The Department of Homeland Security is formed to lead the unified national effort to secure America.

Oct. 11, 2018 — The National Law Enforcement Officers Museum at the Motorola Solutions Foundations Building is dedicated in Washington, D.C.

(Source: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C.)

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Be informed before opting for retirement

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ally. If you opt to do the voluntary contribution you will get a statement at the end of our fiscal year, June 30. Statements are typically mailed around August or September.

Life Events

Have you had a recent life event such as marriage, divorce or death of a beneficiary? When is the last time you updated your beneficiary information at the Retirement System? It is important to stay current with this information to make sure your money goes where you want it in the event of your death. Please contact our office to obtain the necessary forms to update your information at (313) 224-3362.

Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System exceeds performance expectations for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

The Police and Fire Retirement System for the City of Detroit earned a return of 8.2 percent, net of fees as of June 30, 2018 exceeding its required actuarial assumed rate of return of 6.75 percent on its portfolio investments. The Police and Fire Retirement System ended the year

with assets of approximately \$3 billion despite paying out nearly \$300 million in annual pension benefits. It is important to note that the only contributions currently being made to the fund by the City are approximately \$18 million per year. Per the Plan of Adjustment, the City is not required to make a full actuarial determined contribution until 2024.

Recently, both the PFRS Board and the PFRS Investment Committee took action to improve the risk/reward profile by changing its asset allocation. This was backed by an asset/liability study and recommended by our investment consultants. This action is an effort to stabilize the plan in the event of future market downturns.

Preparing to retire

Thinking of retiring in the next five years? Make sure you have received and reviewed at least one estimate.

90 days prior to retiring, complete your intent to retire paperwork at your HR/payroll department.

Call and make a retirement appointment, (313) 224-3362.

New Employee information

As a new employee at the City of Detroit, it is important to understand your retirement benefits. This document is intended for quick reference only. The full details of your retirement plan can be found in your Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and the Plan of Adjustment (POA). Your Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Plan of Adjustment supersede this document if anything should conflict.

Your retirement plan is called a Defined Benefit Hybrid. It has two components, a mandatory pension and a voluntary Annuity Savings Fund.

Mandatory Contributions (Pre-Tax)

As a new employee, you are required to contribute 8 percent of your base pay towards your future retirement. Per the Plan of Adjustment, your contribution amount can increase if the funding level of the pension plan should fall below 100 percent. Please see the Plan of Adjustment or your Collective Bargaining Agreement for further details.

Vesting

You must have earned at least 10 years of service credit to vest. Service credits are based upon the member working at least 1000 hours in the year and retirement contributions are withheld to get credit for that year. Once you have been here 10 years, you may be eligible for a pension in the future, even if you leave employment with the City of Detroit Police and Fire. If you leave prior to earning 10 years of service credit, you are entitled to a refund of your contributions.

Example: If you leave after attaining 11 years, you must leave your employee contributions at the retirement system; you can come back and pick up an unreduced pension at age 62. (Or an actuarially reduced pension at age 55)

If you have attained the 10-year vesting, you are not eligible to withdraw your mandatory contributions.

Average Final Compensation (AFC)

Your average final compensation is the last five consecutive years of credited service immediately preceding the last day of employment. Credited service is time worked, not seniority.

Multiplier: 2 percent

Pension Calculation: Years of credited service x average final compensation x 2%=y early retirement allowance.

Voluntary Contributions (After-Tax)

If you elect to make voluntary contributions, they will go into a Defined Contribution Plan also known as the Annuity Savings Fund. You may elect to save between 1 percent and 10 percent in 1 percent increments only. You may stop your contributions at any time. The account earns a rate between 0 percent and 5.25 percent annually. No in service withdrawals permitted. Subject to CBA and IRS limitations.

Retirement Eligibility: Age 50 with 25 years of service.

Disability Retirement: Please contact our office.



Photos: Yolanda Stinson

Growing team says farewell to 2 members

We're excited about new things to come, as we welcome a brand new spring season. The thought of upcoming community events, such as the Springtime Candy Egg Hunt, the planning of planting flowers, celebrating Police Week and biking through the community brings smiles of refreshment to our faces.



The team has been doing a fantastic job serving and planning; each and every one of them is greatly appreciated. We're growing and expanding, although we had to say farewell to two. In March, we celebrated and said farewell to two amazing ladies, Denise Walker and

NPO Keondra Mitchell. Both ladies will truly be missed and we wish them well.

There's still so much more to be done and we are more than able to do it. Thank you, No. 3.

Let's keep going!

Yolanda Stinson is chaplain for the 3rd Precinct.



Third Precinct members gather in March to bid a fond farewell to Denise Walker and Keondra Mitchell.

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RETIREE & ASSOCIATE NEWS



Group set for annual meet in Roscommon

By Dan Zematis

Greetings from sunny Florida, where I'll be until the middle of April before returning to Glennie.

Sadly, we have lost two really swell members last November. We lost Ray Heise and Nancy Schmidt — both longtime members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Many thanks to Al Grant for putting the Snowbirds information in the winter edition of the "Unity" while I was in Texas.

January birthdays: Bernie Mueller and Dan Zemaitis.

February birthdays: Dave Pruch, Diane Kapagian, Gene Karvonen, J.C. Gentker, Gerald Tibaldi, Pauline Zazula.

March birthdays: Evelyn Brehm, Jerry Rozanski, Violet Prather and George Perry.

April birthdays: Georgette Gekiere, Cindy Rem, Mike Kniaz, Mary Ann Ponik, Mary Stano.

May birthdays: Marsha Dreslinski, Gerald Henningsen

Happy birthday to all and any I missed.

We had a nice get-together in Wildwood, Fla. Don and Cindy Rem, newly engaged Joann Cherry and Tony Fortuna and myself met at the Russell Stover candy store. We loaded up on all our favorite candy and then went to lunch at Cody's in the Villages.

I'm looking forward to our Snowbirds meeting on May 15 at 1 p.m. at Fred's of Roscommon to see some longtime friends again.

Also the RDPFFA picnic and meeting is scheduled for June 20-21 in Frankenthum, where we get together with more friends and people we haven't seen in years.

I give my heartfelt thanks to our RDPFFA officers and volunteers for all that they do for us. Stay safe, healthy and God bless.

Be aware of insurance coverage changes if you are approaching 65

If you are approaching your 65th birthday and paying for life insurance, this information is for you.

If you are retired, your pension check shows deductions for Code 40610, 40620, 40640 or 40650.

If you are active, your pay stub shows deductions for Code 40650 or 40652.

According to the

terms of the plan, your benefits and premiums will be reduced by 50 percent when you reach age 65. However, the benefits are not reduced for your spouse or dependents.

To make the change in your deduction, contact Benefits Coordinator Katie Fuquay Murphy at the DPOA office at least 30 days prior to your 65th birthday.

Have your pay stub handy so you can tell her what deduction code you're referring to. Call her at (313) 567-8770 or write her at the DPOA office, 1938 E. Jefferson, Detroit MI 48207.

You must also contact the pension board. Write them at Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 908, Detroit MI 48226 or call (313) 224-3362.

Reminder: Be sure to contact Mary Moss at the DPOA office if you are planning to move so your address can be updated on the Tuebor mailing list and for other important union mailings. The office number is (313) 567-8770. The address is 1938 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48207

What's COOKING?

With Mary Moss

After a long, cold winter, we welcome longer days, and look forward to the beauty of the spring season!

Mother Nature is at its finest, with the trees, flowers and plants waking up and showcasing their vibrant colors.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter — which leads us to the recipes. What do with leftovers?

Bon Appetit!



Ham and Cheese Casserole

Ingredients

1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
8 ounces cooked, diced ham
2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1½ cups grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and cheddar cheese. Spread evenly into prepared dish. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and lightly brown. Serve immediately.



Easy Egg Salad

Ingredients

8-10 hard boiled eggs
¼ cup of mayonnaise
1 teaspoon of mustard
2 tablespoons of sweet pickle relish

Directions

Mix eggs with mayonnaise and mustard, making sure to mash the yolks of the egg while stirring. Add the sweet pickle relish as well as salt and pepper to taste, and stir again. Serve on bread or croissants. Also great on crackers!

Refrigerate.



In Memoriam

ARMSTRONG — Retired Police Officer Emmett Armstrong, 79, died Nov. 11, 2021. Officer Armstrong was appointed to the Department on March 6, 1967, and retired May 27, 1995. Funeral services were held at Hutchinson Funeral Home in Detroit.

ARNOLD — Retired Police Officer Gary Arnold, 77, died Jan. 13, 2022. Officer Arnold was appointed to the Department on April 5, 1971, and retired July 6, 1996. Funeral services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford.

BLACKBURN — Retired Police Officer Thomas Blackburn, 61, died Feb. 19, 2022. Officer Blackburn was appointed to the Department on May 11, 1987, and retired Aug. 1, 2021.

BOWMAN — Retired Police Officer William Bowman, 72, died March 13, 2022. Officer Bowman was appointed to the Department on March 27, 1972, and retired July 20, 1990. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

BROWER — Retired Sergeant David Brower, 84, died Sept. 19, 2021. Sergeant Brower was appointed to the Department on Aug. 13, 1962, and retired Jan. 17, 1989. Funeral services were held at Skyway Memorial Gardens in Palmetto, Fla.

BRYNAERT — Retired Police Officer Darryl Brynaert, 65, died March 11, 2022. Officer Brynaert was appointed to the Department on Jan. 19, 1987, and retired Oct. 1, 2009. Funeral services were held at Pollock-Randall Funeral Home in Port Huron. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Fort Gratiot.

BUBACK — Retired Police Officer Thomas Buback, 89, died Feb. 21, 2022. Officer Buback was appointed to the Department on Jan. 3, 1956, and retired Jan. 11, 1992.

CARDINALI — Retired Lieutenant August Cardinali, 93, died Jan. 12, 2022. Lieutenant Cardinali was appointed to the Department on Jan. 22, 1951, and retired Feb. 28, 1976. Funeral services were held at Memorial Alternatives in Grand Rapids.

CARROLL — Retired Police Officer Gerald Carroll, 86, died Dec. 28, 2021. Officer Carroll was appointed to the Department on Sept. 25, 1961, and retired Sept. 25, 1986. Funeral services were held at Kauls Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

DRIESSCHE — Retired Sergeant Ronald Driessche, 83, died Jan. 22, 2022. Sergeant Driessche was appointed to the Department on Nov. 19, 1963, and retired Nov. 2, 1994. Funeral services were held at Estes-Leadley Funeral Home in Holt.

EVANS — Retired Police Officer James Evans, 94, died Jan. 20, 2022. He was appointed to the Department April 16, 1951, and retired May 5, 1976.



FITHIAN — Retired Police Officer Ronald Fithian, 74, died Jan. 14, 2022. Officer Fithian was appointed to the Department on July 8, 1968, and retired July 8, 1993. Funeral services were held at Hoggard & Sons Funeral Home in Piggott, Ark.

GAINES — Retired Police Officer David Gaines, 83, died Jan. 18, 2022. Officer Gaines was appointed to the Department on Sept. 12, 1960, and retired Feb. 11, 1971. Funeral services were held at James Cole Funeral Home in Detroit.

GIBSON — Retired Sergeant Ronald Gibson, 64, died March 12, 2022. Sergeant Gibson was appointed to the Department on Sept. 19, 1977, and retired Oct. 1, 2020.

GREKOWICZ — Retired Sergeant James Grekowicz, 87, died March 13, 2022. Sergeant Grekowicz was appointed to the Department on Jan. 3, 1961, and retired July 15, 1986. Funeral services were held at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home in Shelby Township. Interment was at Rock Falls Cemetery in Harbor Beach.

GROVER — Retired Sergeant Harry Grover, 73, died Jan. 3, 2022. Sergeant Grover was appointed to the Department on March 27, 1972, and retired May 16, 1998.

HARKNESS — Retired Sergeant James Harkness, 90, died March 21, 2022. Sergeant Harkness was appointed to the Department on Sept. 7, 1954, and retired Sept. 7, 1979. Funeral services were held at National Cremation Society in Aveto, Fla.

JACKSON — Retired Police Officer Patricia Jackson, 74, died Oct. 26, 2021. Officer Jackson was appointed to the Department on July 5, 1977, and retired Jan. 15, 2011.

LOWERY — Retired Police Officer Kenneth Lowery, 69, died Jan. 11, 2022. Officer Lowery was appointed to the Department on Aug. 12, 1985, and retired Sept. 15, 1995. Funeral services were held at Simple Cremation in Henderson, Nev.

MASON — Retired Police Officer Steve Mason, 70, died March 10, 2022. Officer Mason was appointed to the Department on Feb. 19, 1973, and retired Aug. 20, 1993. Funeral services were held at Cremations Source in Fraser.

MYREE — Retired Sergeant Woodrow Myree, 72, died Dec. 23, 2021. Sergeant Myree was appointed to the Department on Jan. 3, 1972, and retired Dec. 10, 2005. Funeral services were held at C.W. Morris Funeral Home in Highland Park. Interment was at Elwood Cemetery in Detroit.

PECK — Retired Sergeant Al Peck, 79, died March 18, 2022. Sergeant Peck was appointed to the Department on Aug. 10, 1964, and retired July 19, 2005. Funeral services were held at Kemp Funeral Home in Southfield. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

PRZYBYLSKI — Retired Sergeant Frederick Przybylski, 85, died Feb. 1, 2022. Sergeant Przybylski was appointed to the Department on Oct. 21, 1957, and retired June 30, 1983. Funeral services were held at Borak & Jennings Funeral Home in Hamburg. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn.

REGISH — Retired Police Officer Andrew Regish, 78, died March 23, 2022. He was appointed to the Department July 24, 1967, and retired July 25, 1992. Funeral services were held at Behm Funeral Home in Jefferson, Pa. Interment was at Greene County Memorial Park in Waynesburg, Pa.

In Memoriam

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REICHMANN — Retired Police Officer Bruce Reichmann, 73, died Oct. 16, 2021. Officer Reichmann was appointed to the Department on July 6, 1971, and retired Sept. 9, 1989. Funeral services were held at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

RHODES — Retired Lieutenant Eugene Rhodes, 82, died Feb. 2, 2022. Lieutenant Rhodes was appointed to the Department on May 8, 1967, and retired Feb. 13, 1995. Funeral services were held at Coles Funeral Home in Detroit.

ROBERTS — Retired Police Officer Michael Roberts, 81, died Jan. 6, 2022. Officer Roberts was appointed to the Department on Nov. 10, 1969, and retired Jan. 18, 1989. Funeral services were held at James H. Cole Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

ROBINS — Retired Lieutenant Aaron Robins, 73, died Feb. 10, 2022. Lieutenant Robins was appointed to the Department on March 10, 1977, and retired Feb. 6, 2012. Funeral services were held at Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit.

SCHROEDER — Retired Police Officer Frederick Schroeder, 73, died Dec. 12, 2021. Officer Schroeder was appointed to the Department on May 26, 1969, and retired Feb. 17, 1989. Funeral services were held at Phillips Funeral Home and Cremation Services in South Lyon. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

SHANNON — Retired Police Officer Luther Shannon, Sr., 72, died Jan. 22, 2022. Officer Shannon was appointed to the Department on Oct. 4, 1971, and retired Jan. 12, 2002. Funeral services were held at Clora Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Clinton Township.

SMITH — Retired Inspector Micah Smith, 78, died Jan. 14, 2022. Inspector Smith was appointed to the Department on Sept. 25, 1967, and retired Sept. 5, 2003. Funeral ser-

VICES were held at O.H. Pye Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

STANDER — Retired Sergeant William Stander, 85, died Feb. 8, 2022. Sergeant Stander was appointed to the Department on Aug. 26, 1968, and retired Dec. 6, 1985. Funeral services were held at Millington Funeral Home in Millington. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

STEHLIK — Retired Police Officer Betty Stehlik, 79, died Feb. 22, 2022. Officer Stehlik was appointed to the Department on Dec. 5, 1974, and retired June 30, 1989. Funeral services were held at Oakdale Funeral Home in Camden, Tenn. Interment was at Eastview Cemetery in Camden, Tenn.

STEWART — Police Officer Darryl Stewart, 56, died Jan. 17, 2022. Officer Stewart was appointed to the Department on May 22, 1989, and died active. Funeral services were held at Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

SZMAGAS — Retired Police Officer Raymond Szmagas, 63, died Jan. 17, 2022. Officer Szmagas was appointed to the Department on Jan. 13, 1986, and retired Aug. 3, 1991.

TATE — Retired Lieutenant Julius Tate, 72, died March 25, 2022. Lieutenant Tate was appointed to the Department on Feb. 20, 1978, and retired Jan. 2, 2008.

TOCCO — Retired Police Officer Samuel Tocco, 95, died Dec. 12, 2021. Officer Tocco was appointed to the Department on March 7, 1955, and retired May 11, 1990. Funeral services were held at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

TOMS — Retired Sergeant Charles Toms, 91, died Dec. 20, 2021. Sergeant Toms was appointed to the Department on Jan. 11, 1954, and retired Feb. 2, 1977. Funeral services were held at Desert Lawn Funeral Home in Mohave Valley, Ariz. Interment was at Boulder City Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City, Nev.

VENIER — Retired Sergeant Guido Venier, 97, died March 8, 2022. Sergeant Venier was appointed to the Department on May 12, 1952, and retired Feb. 8, 1986. Funeral services were held at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

WALCZAK — Retired Police Officer Richard Walczak, 68, died Jan. 26, 2022. Officer Walczak was appointed to the Department on June 24, 1975, and retired May 17, 1985. Funeral services were held at Gendernalik Funeral Home in New Baltimore. Interment was at Rockfalls Cemetery in Harbor Beach.

WATT — Retired Sergeant Bruce Watt, 85, died Jan. 12, 2022. Sergeant Watt was appointed to the Department on July 11, 1966, and retired July 1, 1997. Funeral services were held at Cole Funeral Home in Chelsea.

WIECEK — Retired Sergeant Frank Wiecek, 92, died Jan. 11, 2022. Sergeant Wiecek was appointed to the Department on Jan. 31, 1955, and retired July 22, 1986. Funeral services were held at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons in Sterling Heights. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

YATES — Retired Police Officer James Yates, 79, died March 19, 2022. Officer Yates was appointed to the Department on Sept. 10, 1973, and retired Aug. 5, 1978. Funeral services were held at Borek Jennings Funeral Home in Hamburg.

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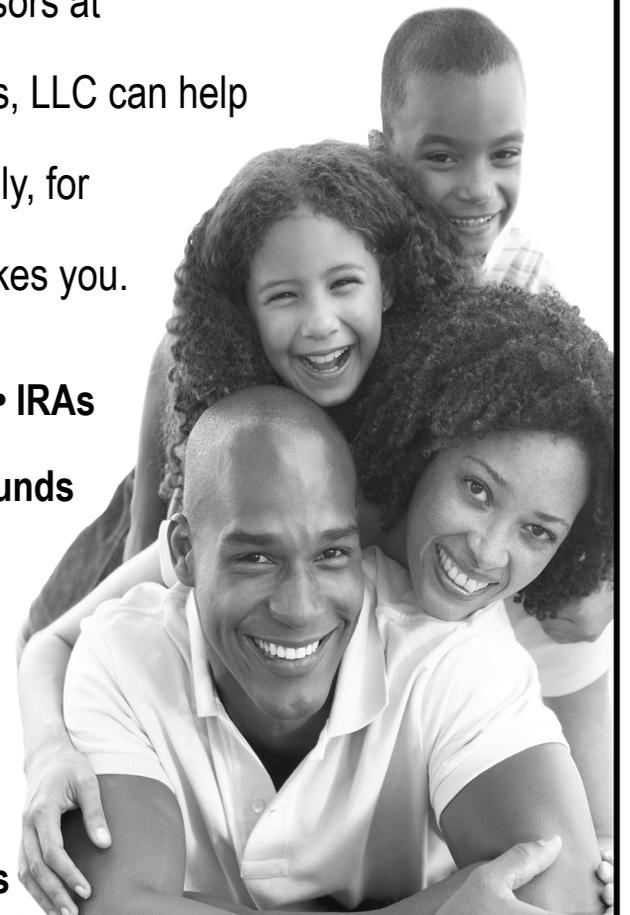
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