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NOTICES

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

Tuesday, Aug. 9 — Board of Directors Meeting at 5 p.m. at Gaelic League Hall, 2068 Michigan Ave.

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

Friday, Aug. 19 — DPOA Family Cookout at the DPOA office.

Friday, Aug. 26 — DPOA Scholarship Fund Golf Outing, Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Road; 8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — Executive Board meeting at the DPOA office at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20 — Board of Directors meeting, 5 p.m. at Gaelic League Hall, 2068 Michigan Ave.



'He will forever be our hero'

Officer Loren Michael Courts

Photos: David L. Chapman

City mourns officer's death

To family, friends and coworkers, Detroit Police Officer Loren Courts was the true Batman, always looking out for others.

Loren's parents, Larry and Lillian, always knew when their son was on the job. That's because he had a unique ritual he followed every time he was headed into the 2nd Precinct to report for duty.

He would drive by their Northwest Detroit home — just so he could shine his light in their front win-

dow.

Larry Courts, who recently retired from the Detroit Police Department after 31 years of service, shared the story with Mayor Mike Duggan, explaining that Loren did it just to let them know he was thinking about them.

"Now, how many retired folks do you know who just *hope* their kid *calls* once in a while? Right?"

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Contract talks still focused on non-economics

Our prayers are with the family of Detroit Police Officer Loren Courts, who lost his life in an ambush attack in early July. Loren, who joined the department just five years ago as a 35-year-old rookie, was following in the footsteps of his father, Larry Courts, who retired not long ago with 31 years on the job. We will never forget you, Loren, for the person you were and the ultimate sacrifice you made. RIH. Thank you to all the hero officers on the scene that day.

Talks to obtain a new contract are still ongoing. The City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Officers Association have agreed to extend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the DPOA, which expired on June 30, 2022, as we continue to negotiate for a successor agreement and subject to the terms and conditions agreed upon in those negotiations. As of this writing we are still in the process of discussing non-economic issues in our efforts to recover items lost in City of Detroit bankruptcy.

The Michigan Association of Police Organizations had a meeting June 22, 2022, in which it discussed the MCOLES process of taking officers' licenses in Michigan. There is no set standard practice at this time. MAPO is scheduling a meeting with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Attorney General Dana Nessel and MCOLES to determine a process that can be agreed upon. MCOLES currently has 152 character cases pending and a shortage of staff to investigate those cases. In 2016 MCOLES was converted from a certification agency to a licensing agency.

The DPOA website has been renovated and is back online. Visit detroitpoa.com to see upcoming events under "Notices," and find the full version of our current contract under "About Us." Find and share Tuebor issues from the tab on the home page as well. Thanks to the Website Committee for its efforts on this project.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Craig Miller

A 36th District Court Judges agreed with the American Civil Liberties Union on bond reform on July 27, 2021. On May 4, 2022, it was updated so that now a person's bond will be determined based on income.

We are warily watching for any additional attempts in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere to remove qualified immunity. Legislation was proposed in 2020 by U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey), to take away qualified immunity from police officers, even though other persons in governmental services — such as legislators, judges and prosecutors — enjoy absolute immunity for their workplace action. While we know those political discussions on qualified immunity are still out there, recent Supreme Court rulings are consistent with the Court's past support of qualified immunity for police officers. Still, we have to be on guard for any current and future political attempts to limit or remove qualified immunity.

The U. S. Senate passed H.R. 6943, the Public Safety Officer Support Act. As the House passed this bill by a vote of 402-17 on May 18, it is now on its way to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.

Once enacted, the Public Safety Officer Support Act will make post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) a line

-of-duty injury under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program and ensure that officers who suffer from PTSD and those who take or attempt to take their own life as a result of on-duty trauma will be eligible under the program.

The bill also would cover officers who die by trauma-linked suicide by directing the PSOB Program to presume that suicides are a result of job duties in certain circumstances, such as a mass-casualty event, where there is evidence that PTSD would be caused by the trauma.

With contract talks still continuing between the City of Detroit and the DPOA, I have opted to cancel the General Membership Meeting for Sept. 20, 2022. Once we reach a tentative agreement with the city we will schedule a meeting to bring the information to the membership to discuss and vote.

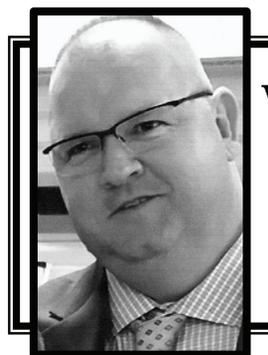
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If you intend to appeal discipline notice, notify office immediately

Condolences to Cpl. Leann Dean on the loss of her father; Sgt. David Mays on the loss of his grandfather retired Sgt. David Mays Sr.; Lt. Rodney Cox on the loss of his father; friends and family of retired Officer Sidney Farris; friends and family of retired Officer James Henry Sr.; Sgt. Curtis Cooper on the loss of his father; Cpl. Latonia Sweeney on the loss of her brother; Lt. Michelle Zberkot on the loss of her father; friends and family of retired Lt. Walter Pitts Sr.; Inv. Michael Jamison on the loss of his sister; Sgt. Serina Kelly on the loss of her father; friends and family of retired Officer Jamill Martin; and Cpl. David Mable on the loss of his grandmother;

Also, Capt. Aric Tosqui on the loss of his father retired Officer Antonio Tosqui; Sgt. John Pasharikovski on the loss of his mother; friends and family of retired Officer Ruby Lewis Grandison; Cpl. Margie Everett on the loss of her brother; Inv. Richard Seagram; Sgt. Rerald Attard on the loss of his grandfather; Officer Jason Harris on the loss of his father-in-law; Officer Jacob Turnage on the loss of his father; Officer Tiasha Horton on the loss of her mother; friends and family of retired Officer Ronald Hrubiak; friends and family of retired Officer Stefon Hodo; and the Second Precinct, friends, family and law enforcement community on the loss of Officer Loren Courts.

Reminder to all: When served with *Garrity* notices, immediately contact the Detroit Police Officers Association office and set up representation. Do not take any interview lightly. Many have walked in a witness and



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ron Thomas

walked out the "focus" of the investigation. All *Garrity* notices shall be more than 48 hours in advance.

When served a Notice of Discipline immediately notify your steward and the DPOA office if you choose to appeal the disciplinary action. By notifying the DPOA you will be ensuring you have the appropriate representation at your hearing. Be guided by the days on the form, which tells you what day your Appeal Hearing is, as this will be the only notification you will receive. If you are on a shift other than Platoon 2, your Command should adjust your hours accordingly.

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 (1) year after successful completion of the academy. Tuition reimbursement is capped at \$2,000 per fiscal year.

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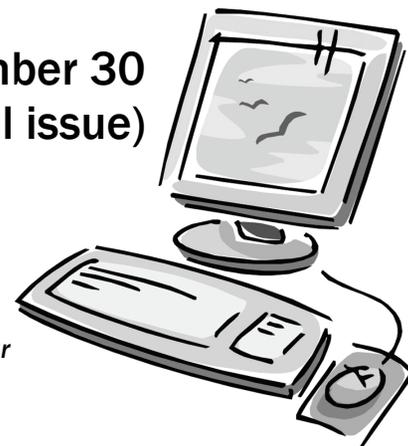
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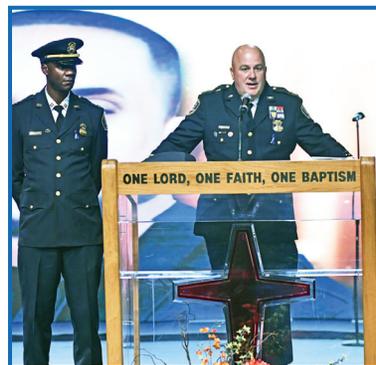
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Writers needed!
Check with your chief steward if you would like to represent your command area with an article in Tuebor.





Police chiefs from numerous agencies in Michigan and beyond joined the elected leaders and police officers who filled the expansive Greater Grace Temple July 19 to say goodbye to felled Detroit Police Officer Loren Courts.



Special Operations officer the recipient of regal farewell

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Duggan asked as he eulogized Officer Courts at his funeral at Greater Grace Temple July 19. “Loren Courts came through every day — because family was the most important thing in his life.”

But Batman’s shining light is now missing from the skyline of Detroit following Courts’ death July 9, the victim of an ambush attack as he and his partner responded to a 911 call.

A five-year veteran of the force, Courts, 40, was the recipient of a regal farewell where he was praised for his love of family, passion for the city, devotion to public service and the calming, stabilizing influence he provided during his daily interactions with others.

But it was a departure that was far too premature.

“This is a presentation that I pray every night that I never have to give,” said Police Chief James White, who said Courts was the true definition of a hero. “He was a public servant who dedicated his life to protect the most vulnerable.”

White also lauded the efforts of the other heroes who emerged the day when lone gunman Ehmani Davis, 19, armed with an assault rifle, launched his attack. They included Courts’ partner, Amanda Hudgens, who risked her own life trying to save him, and Officers Eric Campbell, Brandon Balazsi, Dylan Kennedy and Brett Murphy, whose quick actions neutralized the gunman.

The chief said Hudgens, who has been partnered with Courts in Special Operations for the past three years, “showed strength like I’ve never seen,” while the others “showed tremendous leadership, courage and command of the scene.”

“One of the things we learned in policing is that command and leadership has no rank,” White said. “They were leaders; they had command of that scene that day. They stopped this gun-wielding assailant in his tracks. They gave our hero everything they had. They did everything they could to save him. They showed super-human strength,



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Photos: David L. Chapman

We must bond together during this difficult time

This issue of the Tuebor will reach everyone after the tragic death of Police Officer Loren Courts. With great sorrow and sadness, we had to lay another brave and dedicated Officer to rest. My deepest sympathy and condolences go out to his family and friends. I empathize with the officers of the second precinct, and I hope you can stay strong and continue to work diligently in his honor. All members of the Detroit Police Department must bond together and work as a unified front in this very difficult time in law enforcement. We are all blue and we are all we have, do not let anyone try to divide us.

I urge everyone to stay proficient with your firearm. Practice is extremely important, and you should be practicing on a regular basis. That includes everything from efficiently getting your weapon from your holster to on target. If you can't clear your holster without even thinking about it, you should work on it. Speed and effective shots on target will quickly neutralize a threat. If you feel your skill level is not where it should be please contact a range officer to help you improve your proficiency.

The second half qualification period is in full swing. Remember, everyone must qualify at the Rouge Range between July 1, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2022. Do not push back your range date unless it is absolutely necessary, putting off going to the range will only make you feel more pressure and stress when you finally do go. Yes, I am talking to some of you that wait until December because you don't like going to the range; it won't help you shoot better. Do not put unneeded stress on yourself.

Here are more deduction codes to



SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Kenneth
Eppenbrock

help everyone keep track of what is being taken out of their check. If you see a deduction which is not correct, or you do not understand, please contact me for assistance.

Code 40620 – Detroit Police Benefit and Protective Association

Code 40735 – DPOA Death Benefit \$20 (Mandatory)

Code 40630 – DPOA Death Benefit \$2 (Voluntary)

Code 40059 – Dental Insurance (Once a Month)

I know some members do not like dealing with finances, but it is very important to understand them. There are financial literacy classes offered by some credit unions at no charge. They can be very helpful if you were never given the opportunity to learn them in school or from a financially responsible family member.

If you learn to control your finances, you will be able to retire from this career with no fear of struggling in your golden years. Start to save as soon as you can; do not wait, as it is much more difficult to catch up in later years.

If you need any help that I can assist you with, please contact me at the DPOA office or on my cell phone. Everyone stay safe and have each other's back. Have a safe summer and make time to enjoy life outside of DPD occasionally — it is important for your mental health.

Upcoming or recent separations from the Department are as follows:

P.O. Aaron Dudek	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Michael Gordon	6 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Owen Lehr	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Ahmed Alakhras	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Delorenzo Hines	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Miles Lauderdale	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Darrell Brents	2 nd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Hunter Thompson	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Ryan Regener	5 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Zachary Smilo	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Luis Hurtado	2 nd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Joshua Kuchta	7 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Dean Krukowski	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Talen MacDougall	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Esteban Parodi	2 nd Pct.	Dismissed
P.O. Brian Ram	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Cameron Sears	Academy	Resigned
P.O. Anthony Alexander	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Richard Townsel	Fleet Control	Retired
P.O. Christine Lachat	Police Personnel	Retired
P.O. Callum Gibbs	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Heritier Ndele	7 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kelleiah McCarthy	Academy	Resigned
P.O. Juan Ochoa-Ramirez	Academy	Resigned
P.O. Mohammed Boussi	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Jalesa Hines	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Bryanna Hill	Planning	Resigned
P.O. Melvin Brown	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Shane Pringle	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Dawn Wortham	7 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Michael Elhage	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Austin Lowney	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Raymond Wright	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Solomon Greene	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Robert McLatchie	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kevin Sheaffer	SRT	Resigned
P.O. Delniqua Bellamy	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Devon Johnson	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Kyle Delaney	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Malik Alyacoub	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Tyler Blackmon	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Dane Hunter	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Elizabeth Posler	5 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Bryan Reynolds	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Nathan James	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Victoria Reilly	Tactical Mobile	Resigned
P.O. Arnold Denson	9 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. James Moore	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Daniella Serratos	12 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Alan Urbina	Academy	Resigned
P.O. Wadea Al-Hajj	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Terrell Hill	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Louis Swafford	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Julian Gonzalez	4 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Nathan Gyani	5 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Nicole MacDonald	Tactical Mobile	Resigned
P.O. Justin Malek	Fire Arson	Resigned
P.O. Douglas Yurmanovic	6 th Pct.	Retired
P.O. Hani Fahs	11 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Israel Rodriguez	10 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. James Standfield	Downtown Services	Retired
P.O. Robert Holt	8 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Henry Wakie	2 nd Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Akram Alabd	6 th Pct.	Resigned
P.O. Badr Alghmi	5 th Pct.	Resigned
Asst. Chief Todd Bettison	Support Services	Retired
Det. Mathew Rietz	Cybercrimes	Retirement
Det. Jeffrey Robert	9 th Pct.	Resigned
Det. Robert Kane	Sex Crimes	Retired
Det. Laura Manzella	Homicide	Retired
Sgt. Durelle Cooper	Communications	Retired
Sgt. Randall Craig	5 th Pct.	Retirement
Sgt. Troy Williams	3 rd Pct.	Resigned
Sgt. Kurt Kelsey	CNL	Retired
Sgt. Brian Coates	6 th Pct.	Retired

Manpower as of July 8, 2022

RANK	BUDGETED**	THIS MONTH	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Chief of Police	1	1	0
Assistant Chief	3	2	-1
Deputy Chief	5	5	0
Commander	17	17	0
Captains	27	26	-1
Lieutenant	105	106	1
Sergeant	376	367	-9
Investigator	15	14	-1
Detective	187	155	-32
Corporal	89	81	-8
N.P.O.	59	54	-5
Police Officer	1732	1533	-199
Police Assistant	70	45	-25
Grand Total	2686	2406	-280

Members draw for winter furloughs in August

Association members will draw for the Winter Furloughs on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2022. As you are probably aware, pursuant to article 22, furloughs are chosen by seniority. The most senior members choose first until each allotment for each furlough period is exhausted. Members who are not present at the furlough draw should advise their stewards of their choices. You should be able to list your preferences weeks before the actual furlough. The stewards or your command should have the list post.

Once the furlough draw has been completed, a schedule of furlough periods covering personnel of the command shall be prepared on an Inter-Office memorandum (DPD568) and directed to the commanding officer.

A copy of the Inter-Office Memorandum (568) shall be kept in the time book, and one shall be posted for members to verify the correctness of their respective choices. It is at this time of the posting that you should bring any errors to the attention of management.

Make sure that your command posts the results of the furloughs and see to it that your choice is correct. Please ensure that you make a copy of the Inter-Office Memorandum for your records. If there is a problem, notify your steward and your supervisor immediately.

E-DAYS USED IN SICK TIME COUNSELING

Issues have been brought to the Association attention as to whether the department can use E-Days in determining placing a member on initial counseling. When the department counsels members for utilizing E-days a grievance was filed on their behalf. It was taken to arbitration and presented before Umpire George Roumell.

Arbitrator Roumell denied the Association's challenge and therefore, E-Days may be used in evaluating attendance patterns. While Arbitrator Roumell gives the department the right to use E-Days when counseling, he further stated, "They cannot just surmise that



SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT

Linda Broden

the use of E-Days mean an abuse." The department has a burden in proving that the use of E-Days are a part of a pattern of abuse, because members have an entitlement to E-Days under the contract.

A number of Association members have been counseled for using E-Day alone. Grievances have been filed; however, most of those grievances have been resolved before proceeding to arbitration.

ENSURE YOU UPDATE YOUR POLICIES

Association members should ensure that their address, insurance beneficiaries and other important information are up to date and accurate. There are members who have not updated or changed their policies and other documents since they were hired or promoted. The Association attempt to stress this at all roll calls, especially the academy classes. Please update your address; members' mail has been returned to the Association as, NO SUCH ADDRESS or UNDELIVERABLE. If and when you move, please update your address at the following: PENSION, DPOA AND PERSONNEL. Also, ensure your insurance policies are updated. Constantly review and save your paystubs to ensure your benefits (sick, furlough, comp time etc.) are accurate and current.

SO LONG, OFFICER COURTS

All of us are mourning the tragic loss of one of our own, Officer Loren Courts of the Second Precinct. It is difficult to understand why such tragedies happen. Such losses defy understanding. Our deepest sympathy to the family and all the members of the Second Precinct. You must now surround yourself with good friends and the pleasant memories you have of Officer Loren Courts.

DPOA THIRD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING
On Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, the third annual DPOA Scholarship Fund golf outing will be held at the Rouge Park Golf Course, located at 11701 Burt Road, Detroit; (313) 837-5900. ALL GOLFERS ARE WELCOME.

The DPOA Scholarship Applications were due at the Association office on May 2, 2022.

Four members accepted applications for their children; only one was return. Congratulations to Chase Gabriel Roland, this year's 2022 recipient. Chase is the son of Cpl. Charles Roland.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "There can be no great accomplishment without risk." —Neil Armstrong.

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.



Taking the oath

The July Board of Directors meeting included the swearing in of two new steward alternates. Being given the oath of office here by Sergeant-at-Arms Linda Broden are Devan Furniss (left), a Fifth Precinct alternate, and Earl Crutchfield, new alternate for DDC. Stewards or their alternates attend the monthly DPOA Board of Directors meetings as the representative of the officers in the unit they serve. The stewards are your front-line resource on all union-related issues.

Progress is slow, so focus in on big picture

By The Rev. Peter Latouf

All of the news around the world right now regarding the United States is about how many riots and protests are happening at any given time somewhere in the country. People here in Asia often ask me what things are like back home in Detroit. I tell them that in some ways, things aren't as bad in my home city as they are in other places around the country — in other ways, times are just as bad and



people are suffering just as much in Detroit as they are in other cities. I tell these people often about all of my friends who are Detroit Police Officers and how they are always dealing with one situation after another.

There never really seems to be any rest from the problems, whether they are related to gun violence, crime, human rights issues, drugs, the economy, or anything else that seems to come right around the corner. While it's true that Detroit hasn't been at the center of some of the larger, macro-level geopolitical controversies happening recently, there's still the reality of daily crime and the day-to-day hardships that often get overlooked.

So while much of the world is focused on wars, the Supreme Court, and other such issues, I think simple things like the ever-worsening economy and the still dangerous realities of life on the streets often get over-

THE BIGGER PICTURE

service that you give each and every day.

When we're working on a project or trying to move toward something new, it gets very frustrating when there doesn't seem to be any progress. We can see this in our sports teams, all of which have been in "rebuilding" modes for (what seems like) forever now. We want to ask, when are things finally going to turn around?

I see this happening with the younger generation all around the world too, not just in Detroit. I don't mean in sports circles, but in life in general — we think we're finally making progress, but then another difficulty comes up. People find another reason to start riots, a new drug suddenly starts making its rounds on the streets, a new wave of economic hardship hits, another politician goes corrupt ... and suddenly, it seems like all the progress we've made has gone away. If you ever start feeling despondent, it's understandable.

There's an expression in Chinese about "watching the bamboo." People plant a bamboo seed, water it and fertilize it, then wait. Nothing happens after the first year, but they water and fertilize it again. They wait again, only to find that nothing happens after the second year either. They do the same again but nothing happens after the third or the fourth years either. But

looked. I therefore hope today that I can offer a few words of encouragement. I wish to thank you — the men and women of the DPOA — for all of your under-appreciated, often overlooked, but necessary

sometime during the fifth year, within about a six-week period of time, the bamboo tree suddenly grows from zero all the way up to 90 feet tall.

The question often asked is, did the tree grow those 90 feet in six weeks, or did it grow those 90 feet in five years? The answer is that it grew in five years, because without the water and fertilizer every year, there would be no tree in the end.

Without sticking together and having these "bamboo tree" experiences, there would be no real change or growth. We may have no idea when our big four sports teams will finally have a turnaround and have some success, just like we can't be sure when Detroit will finally finish its true "Renaissance." From everything I've seen and heard, though, things might be heading on the right path. Albeit slowly, but ... hopefully moving in the right direction.

So, yes. Conditions are still not great, and new problems keep coming up one after the other. But instead of low morale, I pray everyone can look at the big picture and the overall trajectory. Things will get better, but it's important to stick together and celebrate even the small successes you are able to make happen each and every day.

Being thankful for the small wins and the good that is done on even just one shift can make all the difference. You all remain in my prayers; may God bless the men and women of the Detroit Police Department.

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: All officers at shooting scene are heroes

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It cannot be said enough regarding "Public Safety Statements" made after an officer involved shooting that 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.

On July 6, 2022, Police Officer Loren Courts was senselessly gunned down. These situations remind us of the dangers we face daily. For some officers, this is their first

officer killed in the line of duty incident. I wish it was not true, but I can tell you from my experience that they do not get any easier. You hope each one is the last, but we also recognize that is not a realistic expectation. This profession takes extensive training but more importantly courage, bravery, heroism and heart — traits we seen from every Detroit Police Department member at that scene. Their actions speak volumes and I have personally seen it numerous times and in numerous situations from every member of the Department.

There is no greater honor for me then to be able to represent you all. Officer Loren Courts and every officer at that scene is a hero and should be

remembered as such. God speed, Officer Loren Courts. We will take it from here.

No other profession is judged by so many, as most are too cowardly to do what we do; but day in

and day out we show up for the love of this profession, which often tends to be a thankless job. Chief White hit the nail on the head when speaking, "We are doing our part." — now it is time for the

rest of the criminal justice system to do its part. We often bear the brunt of their shortcomings from some of the senseless laws they ask us to enforce to releasing felons with out bonds. No one ever looks

at their actions. "Enough is enough" sounds cliché, but it is spot on.

Until next time, remember, we are all we have out there. It is imperative to back each other up on runs. Stay safe!

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Gathering with the governor

DPOA President Craig Miller (right) and Executive Board Member Lashun O’Rear (left) joined Detroit Lieutenants & Sergeants Association officials Mark Young and Rodney Sizemore for a July meeting with other union officials and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer at the Governor’s Residence in Lansing.

RETIREE VEBA UPDATE

More commonly known as a Retiree Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

JUNE 1, 2022 - DPOA-RETIREE MONTHLY BENEFIT

CURRENTLY THE CITY OF DETROIT DOES NOT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE IN RETIREMENT

In July of 2014 the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) negotiated a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) for retirees.

The plan is now administered by the Coalition of Detroit Public Safety Unions Trust (CDPSUT), which consists of all four public safety unions (DFFA, DPOA, DPLSA, and DPCOA). This VEBA is funded by the city of Detroit, per the DPOA contract.

The VEBA provides a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) to retired members of the four public safety unions who are in the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System.

This HRA is to be used to help offset health care costs in retirement for members who retired/retire after January 1, 2015. The VEBA has been receiving funds, and growing, for the last 8 years. Currently the monthly stipend for DPOA - retirees is \$80.00.

Retirees must continue to use their HRA for reimbursement of eligible medical care expenses.

To apply for your monthly benefits, contact CDPSU's claims administrator, Automated Benefit Services, at 800-645-9978 or FSAClaims@abs-tpa.com. For more information about the CDPSU HRA Plan, please visit CDPSUTrust.com.

Craig Miller: Be sure to join us for golf outing and cookout

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Be sure to try and join us for the annual Family Cookout, which will be held at the DPOA office on Friday, Aug. 19, from 11a.m.-7 p.m. Stewards, please make sure you let your members know to come by while working.

Help support the DPOA Scholarship Fund by coming out for the golf outing Friday Aug. 26, at

Rouge Park Golf Course. We need golfers and sponsors. Call Linda Broden or Mary Moss at the DPOA office to sign up.

Congratulation to four Detroit officers recognized at the May National Association of Police Organizations Top Cop Award ceremony as Honorable Mentions. They include TSS Officers Tylerscott Alleyne and Nicholas Gushen, and Eighth Pre-

cinct Officers Michael Flannel and Jerrit Parrish.

Please remember that your DPOA Elected Officers, Executive Board Members and Stewards are here for you. Talk to one of them whenever you have a question or concern.

Also, remember to be safe and back each other up. We are all we have.

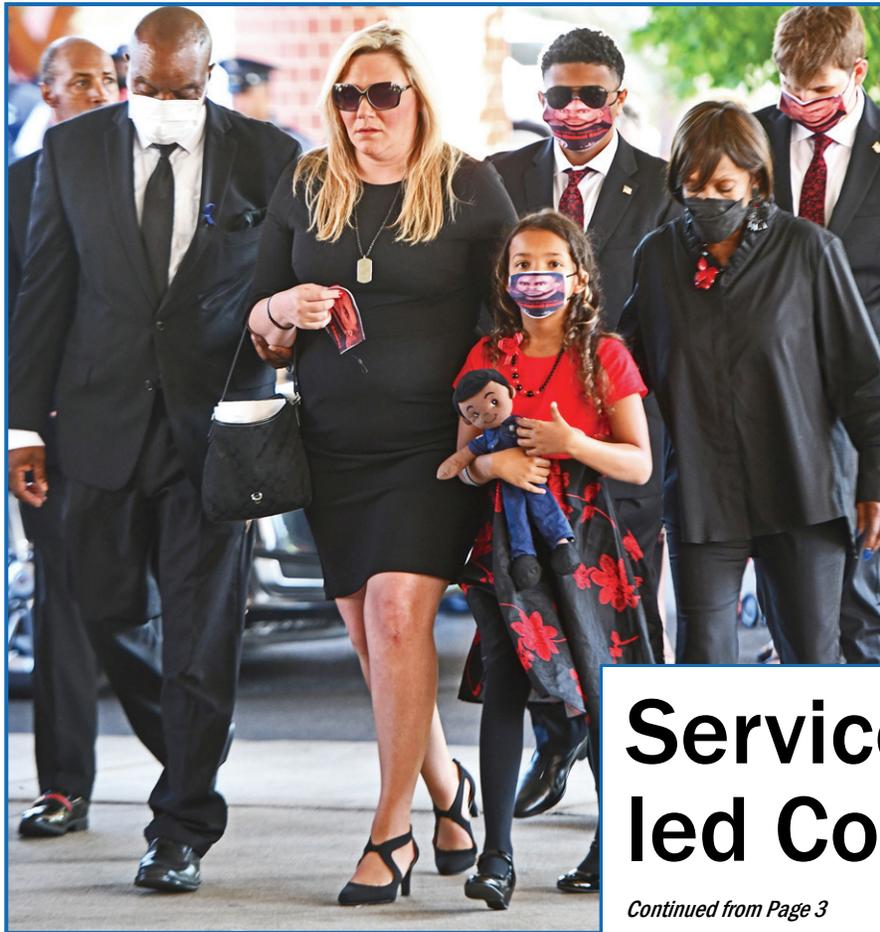
Board of Directors Attendance Record January-June 2022

M-Meetings/P-Present/E-Excused/A-Absent
(C) Chief Steward / (A) Alternate / * Executive Board
(T) Transferred / (P) Promoted / (R) Retired / ** Died Active

DIST	Pit/Sec	Name	M	P	E	A
1	Downtown SVS-2	Julius Price	6	6	0	0
	Downtown SVS-3	Dale Hopkins	6	6	0	0
	3rd Precinct-1	Darryl Johnson (C)	6	5	1	0
	3rd Precinct-2	James Bradford	6	6	0	0
	3rd Precinct-3	Marsallis Turner	6	6	0	0
	Gaming-1	Anthony Avecilla	6	6	0	0
	Gaming-2	Christopher Hicks	6	6	0	0
	Gaming-3	Calvin Adkins*	6	5	1	0
2	2nd Precinct-1	Tristen Wagner	5	4	1	0
	2nd Precinct-2	Keith Baker*	6	6	0	0
	2nd Precinct-3	Kevin Session	6	6	0	0
	4th Precinct-1	Aylssa Vogel	6	6	0	0
	4th Precinct-2	Brian Gadwell	6	4	2	0
	4th Precinct-3	John Furmanski (C)	6	6	0	0
3	6th Precinct-1	Christopher Smith	6	5	1	0
	6th Precinct-2	Rosemary Coleman (C)	6	6	0	0
	6th Precinct-3	Wade Rayford	6	6	0	0
	8th Precinct-1	Kenneth Hampton Jr.	6	6	0	0
	8th Precinct-2	James Pierce	6	4	1	1
	8th Precinct-3	Cory Yankey	6	6	0	0
4	10th Precinct-1	Jujuan Sandifer (C)	6	6	0	0
	10th Precinct-2	Cyprian Freeman	6	6	0	0
	10th Precinct-3	Justin Bartaway	6	6	0	0
	12th Precinct-1	Michael Quaranta	6	6	0	0
	12th Precinct-2	Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah (R)	2	2	0	0
	12th Precinct-2	Ladawn Russell	4	2	2	0
	12th Precinct-3	Cortez Williams	6	6	0	0
	12th Precinct-3	Cortez Williams	6	6	0	0
5	5th Precinct-1	Glenn Bines	6	6	0	0
	5th Precinct-2	Bret Letwin*	6	6	0	0
	5th Precinct-3	Marcus Cummings (P)	1	0	1	0
	5th Precinct-3	Jovance Peek (T)	4	3	1	0
	5th Precinct-3	Anthony Murray	1	0	1	0
	9th Precinct-1	Scott Kolesar (C)	6	6	0	0
	9th Precinct-2	Lashun O’Rear*	6	6	0	0
	9th Precinct-3	Alex Rebecca	6	6	0	0
6	7th Precinct-1	Kenneth Bolinger	6	5	1	0
	7th Precinct-2	Nathan Readous	6	4	2	0
	7th Precinct-3	Frederick Williams (C)	6	6	0	0
	11th Precinct-1	Lorena Ramirez (T)	3	2	1	0
	11th Precinct-1	Kevin Smith	3	2	1	0
	11th Precinct-2	James Kimbrough	6	6	0	0
	11th Precinct-3	Blake McCullough	6	5	1	0
	Harbor Master	Marcel Clark	6	6	0	0
	Mound Road Detention Center	Marcus Harris	6	6	0	0
	11th Precinct-3	Marcus Harris	6	6	0	0
7	Cos/Tech Support-1	Raphael Clements	6	5	1	0
	Cos/Tech Support-2	Charles Roland*	6	5	1	0
	Cos/Tech Support-3	Michael Fountain*	6	6	0	0
	Narcotics/Firearms Inv.	Lavondria Herbert	6	6	0	0
	Forfeiture/Magnet/Auction Detail	Carlton Williams (C)	6	6	0	0
	DPSH, 1301 Third, 5th Floor	Walter Brent	6	5	1	0
	DPSH, 1301 Third, 6th Floor	Lucretia Wright (C)	6	6	0	0
DPSH, 1301 Third, 7th Floor	Royce Hill*	6	6	0	0	
9	Law Dept/OCI/EPU/Council	Christine Rozier*	6	6	0	0
	DMPA/Range	Sean Wayrynen*	6	5	1	0
10	TAC Response Unit - 1	Darius Shepherd	6	5	1	0
	TAC Response Unit - 3	Jessica Townsville	6	2	4	0
	SRT/Bomb Squad	David Shaw	6	6	0	0
	TEU/TSU	Lorenzo Jones	6	6	0	0
	K-9/Mounted/Aviation	Robert Gadwell (C)	6	6	0	0
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Chief James White (below) consoles Kristine Courts as he presents her husband's service flag during interment ceremonies at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Service pedigree led Courts to DPD

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both mentally and physically, while displaying tremendous calm. And ... when the threat was stopped, they administered first aid to that person, too. Because they're Detroit police officers. That's what they do."

Officer Courts and his wife, Kristine, were married in 2011. They were coworkers at a Costco store when they first met. They have two children: Darien, 15; and Devyn, 9.

Courts made quite an impression on coworkers and customers at Costco, where he was well-known for his commitment to helping customers.

"His father, Larry, loved visiting his Costco store to tell people he was Loren's dad," Duggan said. "And he'd do that because he would hear stories about how beloved Loren was with the senior citizens who were customers at the store. He made sure they could find things, he'd make sure they could get their packages. The seniors who went to Costco thought they were the most important people in the world because of Loren Courts ... Who do you know that does their job at Costco with such pride that their parents come out to see them work?"

But the service ethic that surrounded Loren while growing up was strong, Duggan said. Not only was his father in a service profession, but his mother, Lillian, was just as committed to service in her career as a schoolteacher, dedicating her talents to hearing-impaired children.

That service pedigree was ultimately what led him to the doorstep of the Detroit Police Academy.

While Loren frequently joked about being a "35-year-old rookie," Duggan said he distinguished himself on the job right away, demonstrating great professionalism, leadership, integrity and "most of all," fearlessness.

"I've had a chance to talk to officers with more seniority than officer Courts, who said they looked up to him; turned to him for



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Pit Master Challenge honors late officer

By Chris Smith

Hello and welcome to another episode of The Sixth Precinct. Brought to you by paperclips! Why paperclips? No one knows. Let's get into it.

I'll start with congratulations to two members who have retired — Sergeant Brian Coates, and Seniority Corporal Douglas Yurmanovic. When I came to the Sixth Precinct both of these gentlemen were here; myself and other officers have learned a lot from both of these men. We all wish you two a happy retirement. You've earned it.



The Sixth Precinct hosted The DPD Pit Master Challenge on June 17 in honor of the late Officer Ed "Big Country" Thomas. With sounds by DJ Boom in the background, Master Grill Chefs from the Sixth, Eighth, and 10th Precincts came out to represent. The foods judged were ribs, chicken, and pulled pork. Tenth Precinct won the gold in ribs, and chicken.

Eighth Precinct won the silver in ribs and chicken. Sixth Precinct took home the bronze in ribs, and chicken, and the gold in pulled pork. Sixth Precinct was also the only precinct that bothered to make pulled pork, so Sixth Precinct also won silver and bronze in that category. We all know that the number of trophies is what claims the real winner, so the Sixth Precinct won because we have five trophies. Congratulations to the 10th and Eighth precincts for grilling up some good food, taking home the gold and silver, and probably paying off the judges.

Mid-year report points to decline in fatalities

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in the first half of 2022 decreased 31 percent over the same time period in the previous year, according to preliminary data provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the leading authority on officer fatalities.

NLEOMF announced in its official 2022 Mid-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report that as of June 30, 2022, 129 federal, state, county, municipal, military, campus, and tribal officers have died in the line of duty during the first six months of 2022, representing a 31 percent decrease compared to the 188 officers who died in the line of duty during the same period in 2021.

"As the leading authority in line-of-duty death research and data, the publication of the 2022 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report is an opportunity for us to share with the public the rate at which we are losing our heroes, as well as what's behind the data," said National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Marcia Ferranto. "With zero officer fatalities as our ultimate goal, observing comparatively lower numbers in line-of-duty deaths provides us with cautious hope for those who've made a commitment to serve and protect our communities."

Most significant in the 2022 Mid-Year Report is the sizeable reduction in COVID-19-related deaths. Fifty-four officers have succumbed to the disease so far this year, compared to 98 officers in the same period in 2021, a 45 percent decrease.

While the number of line-of-duty deaths in the first half of 2022 have decreased compared to the same time in 2021, most of that decrease is a result of far fewer COVID-19-related deaths. The preliminary report shows an 18 percent increase in the number of firearms-related fatalities, which is cause for concern.



More congratulations are in order for Police Officer Valerie Frazier, who is currently with child. I haven't heard anything about a baby shower, but I could also not be invited. If you are invited, monetary gifts are great! Mention this article so I can collect 10 percent.

lect 10 percent.

This has been quite the year for the whole department, not just the Sixth Precinct. We've lost many of-

ficers to other departments and we'd like to wish them all well. Now, for my piece of advice to the patrol officers — PHONE NUMBERS! When you respond to police runs, get the victim's phone number — it helps the PDU more than you know. If someone is already in RMS when you type the name in, make sure the phone number is the same one they gave you. If not, correct it before you push "use." You can edit addresses, phone numbers, height and weight and a few other things without making a new entry for the person. If you want to add a middle name, or if the name is spelled wrong, you must make a new entry for that person.

Well, that's all I have for you today. If you're reading this and you're thinking, "Shucks, he forgot to mention this super cool thing I did," just know that I forget sometimes — I'm close to 600 years old.

Stay safe, stay vigilant, and watch your partner's six.

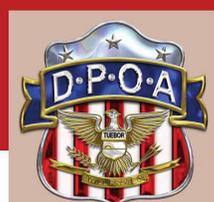
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Take care of yourself during busy summer

It is that time of year, summer — let the details begin and the overtime be plentiful. This year we have more details to cover with fewer officers. We are now covering the downtown detail and the drag racing detail, with more officers working harder and longer hours. Officers are becoming fatigued, and we need to remember to take care of ourselves and get that much-needed rest.



Brett Letwin

On a lighter note, the Fifth Precinct Neighborhood Police Officers were successful in having a barbecue for police week. The officers purchased the food and necessary items and were able to enjoy a great meal with each other. Times like this help the camaraderie within the department and especially the precinct. Thank you to the Neighborhood Policing officers, Soles, Maxey and Love, who took the time to go and pick up all the supplies to Officer Pitts who helped grill the food. Hope all enjoyed.

Congratulations go out to Sgt. Randall Craig (Big

Country) who has retired and moved on to Wayne County; Sgt. Damir Jakupovic, who has been transferred to Force Investigation; Officer Posler, who resigned to assist Livonia; Officer Nathan Gyani, who resigned to assist Ferndale and to Officer Badr Al-gahmi, who is now assisting Dearborn. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and we pray you remain safe and enjoy your new endeavors. We also would like to say welcome and goodbye to SPO Aliesa Houston, who joined us here at the Fifth awaiting her time to start the academy. We wish you good luck in the academy and will see you soon, maybe here back at the Fifth or on the streets.

Here at the Fifth Precinct our fitness fanatic command staff has implemented a “Five Alive, 30-day Fitness challenge” to their members. The challenge consists of earning credit for having Beats per Minute (BPM) that are over 120. Members earn one point for a half hour and two points for a one-hour workout. Great job to all those that have signed up and may the best team win. Scores and results are located in the admin office.

As you all should know, our contract expired June 30, 2022. The union is currently in contract negotiations with the city. As of now, the only information we have is that the city and DPOA are discussing non-economic issues. The City has not yet discussed any money issues with the union. The big discussion around the cooler is Qualified Immunity and Indemnification — for those of you who are not familiar with either of these you should educate yourself on both of these very important issues that may be at stake.

As law enforcement officers, we need to keep and fight for both. If we were to lose Qualified Immunity, you would be in a situation that could leave you with no job, no money and homeless. I recommend we all get involved and fight for our rights.

As always, stay safe and back each other up.

New officer gets off to a good start

Police Officer Travis Thompson graduated from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy at 24 years of age on March 4, 2022. He is a first-generation police officer attempting to start a family tradition in law enforcement.



Larry Jenkins

Since being sworn in he has been welcomed to the Third Precinct and instantly liked by his fellow officers and supervisors. Officer Thompson has displayed integrity, professionalism and the willingness to learn in his short tenure. He has outstanding communication skills which has attracted the admiration of his peers.

While working platoon three, Officer

Thompson has made a handful of arrests which included taking a dangerous felon off the streets. Officer Thompson and his partner were dispatched to a domestic assault and while on scene, he was met outside by the victim who was hysterical.

Officer Thompson applied his communication skills and quickly calmed the victim to gather the necessary information. The victim refused to disclose the location of the offender. Officer

Thompson then used Lein and RMS to locate the offender’s apartment number. He discovered that the offender had an outstanding felony warrant for armed robbery.

With no hesitation, Officer Thompson and his partner entered the residence and located the offender hiding in his apartment as he was attempting to flee the location. He was then taken into custody. Officer Thompson’s quick response in gathering information prevented his escape.

Officer Travis Thompson upholds the sustained model of excellence within The Detroit Police Department.



Travis Thompson

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Seminar being planned for military vets

Hello from the Glass House.

We would like to send prayers to the family, friends, and partners of Loren Courts of the Second Precinct Special Ops. There are no words that can make you feel better at this time, but know that you're loved and appreciated for sharing your husband, son, father, and friend with us. God bless you.



Lashun O'Rear

Our Chaplains have been reading words of encouragement like those that follow at roll calls, and we would like to express a sincere thank you for their continued support.

"Dear Officer,

"I want you to know that I see you. I see you choose the booth in the restaurant that allows you to have your

back against the wall. I see you walking to your next traf- fic stop while you hope that it isn't your last.

"I see you pulled over, two hours past your shift, as you finish your reports under a street light. I see you as you direct traffic in the scorching heat, the gusting snow, and the downpour of rain.

"I see you being filmed every time you try to do your job. I see you as you watch mainstream media crucify your character while minimizing your cause. I see that you are tired.

"I see that you are frustrated and misunderstood. I see that you are hurting as the world watches you bury your brothers and sisters that died because they were guilty of one thing — wearing a uniform with a badge.

"I see you. I see that you are flesh and bones just like me. I see that you are a human being who has a heart that beats for your calling to serve and protect. I see your cause and I want you to know that I appreciate it."

Remember to support your brothers and sisters in blue. Let's keep each other safe!

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood

By Yolanda Stinson

Whether it's biking through the community or teaching archery to the youth, we've kicked off summer and it's looking beautiful in our neighborhood. The most beautiful things may not always be the places we see, as much as it is in the people we meet.



For every officer, from us to you, in all of your busy-ness, with everything you do, we want to encourage you to always remember to take a little time to enjoy the view. The view is beautiful because it's in the image of you. And it is the color of love.

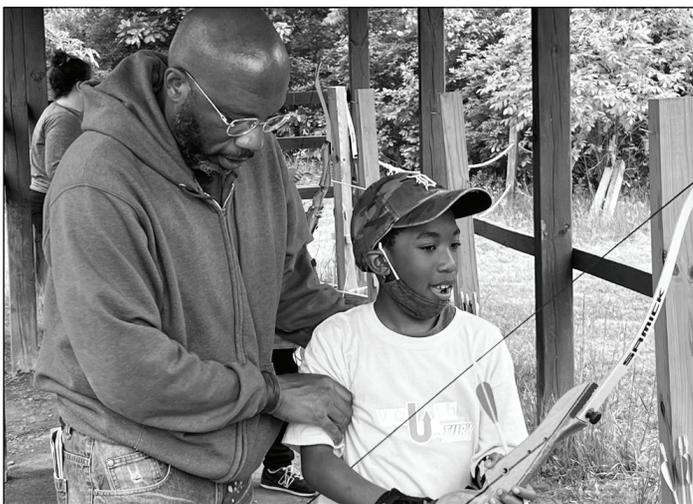
Yolanda Stinson is Commander Chaplain with the Detroit Police Department.



Photos: Yolanda Stinson



NPO Dale Dorsey and NPO John Pinchum along with community members and youth during youth summer camp.



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Corey Dooley, Kevin Spoutz, William Accica and Dustin Burns



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It was a perfect day for golf and camaraderie at the 37th annual Detroit Police Officers Association Charitable Fund Golf Outing, held June 10 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in New Haven. Special thanks to the Entertainment Committee for organizing and making it all run smoothly. Sponsorships were still coming in as of press time but the net benefit to the Charitable Fund was expected to be about \$8,000 to \$10,000.



Entertainment Committee members Malcolm Jones, Mark Wallace, Tommy Tinsley, Keisha Beasley-Dorsey and Chairman Royce Hill.



David James, Brian Nelson, Ryan LaBerge and Henry Wakie



Committee members Leon Newell and Latora Shamilly handle grilling duties at the turn.

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Dan Kammerzell, John Regnerus, Christian Madajczyk and Ken Regnerus



Bill Hanna, Tony Ely and Stacey Amerine

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Christian Madajczyk lines up a putt.



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Committee members Stephanie Harrington and Joanna Jenkins



Tony Ely and Bill Hanna look on as Stacey Amerine prepares to putt.

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2022 Charitable Fund Golf Outing



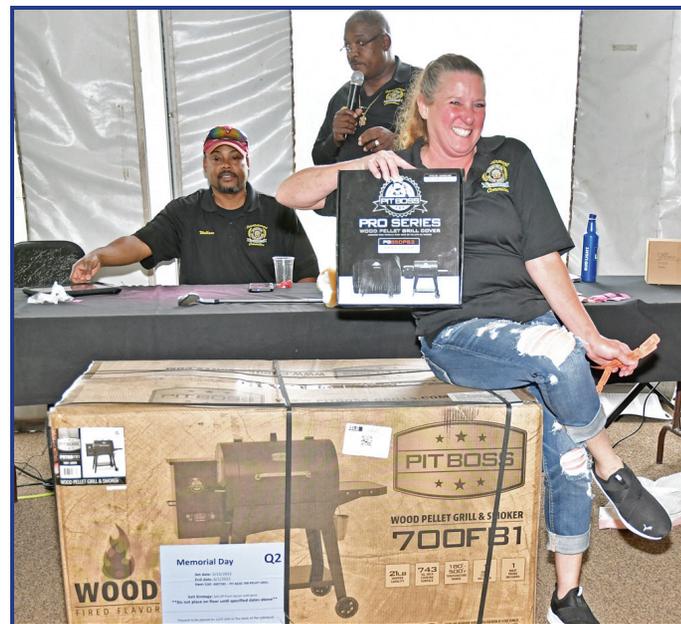
Ron King, Cherril Cheevers and Dean Pincheck



John Gaul, Brett Letwin, Skender Duci and Kevin Letwin



Entertainment Committee member Jacob Gorgon spins the ticket barrel one last time before President Craig Miller pulls the winner.



Amy Szarafinski was the grand prize winner, netting the Pit Boss wood pellet grill and smoker and cover.



Ken Kwapisz, Ron Gross, Jim Murphy and Don Moran



The Entertainment Committee gathers for a group photo as the event comes to a close after the dinner and prize giveaway.

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DPD officers 'truly extraordinary'

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advice and guidance because of the kind of person he was," Duggan said, adding that it wasn't a surprise at all that he was picked very early in his career to be part of the Special Operations Unit.

"Loren Courts is part of a truly outstanding Detroit Police Department," Duggan said. "A department where, after he was ambushed in the most cowardly way, his partner, Amanda Hudgens, immediately rendered aid without regard to her own safety, and when she was approached by the shooter, her fellow officers had her back (and) immediately neutralized the threat."

Duggan took time to heap extra praise on the entire department as well.

"We have a truly extraordinary group of men and women in the Detroit Police Department," he said. "And the people of this city know it. In the summer of 2020, in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, cities across America burned. We watched it on TV every night. And one of the very few cities in the country that had not one fire, not one store looted was the city of Detroit."

"We're not perfect; we make mistakes, but we admit them and correct them. And when your department has officers like Loren Courts repre-

senting you, the people of Detroit are proud to support their police. And you're seeing that now with this very visible outpouring of emotion for this fine man.

"Everybody here knows that heart of the success we're having is due to the courage and commitment of the men and the women of the Detroit Police Department, who put their lives on the line to make life safer for their 650,000 fellow citizens. And today is a reminder of the debt we owe every one of those officers. For Loren Courts and his family, it's a debt we can't repay. But we are going to always honor him."

Chief White noted that police work "is a job that many people think they can do, but few choose to do, and some can't do for various reasons. And, candidly, many are afraid to do. But, still, everyone thinks they can tell you how to do it."

"We owe all police officers a debt of gratitude," he said. "Thank you for taking the oath to serve our communities. Thank you for having the courage to run into danger as others run away. Thank you for putting your life on the line for strangers every day."

"We are certainly devastated, but we are not defeated. Your strength motivates us. We will not be defeated...But today is

a defining moment for our city. This is not OK. Loren's life mattered. His commitment to our community mattered. He will not become just that police officer who was killed in 2022. He will forever be our hero. Our friend. Our brother. And, the Courts family, you are now our family."

"Look at this sea of blue," White said, surveying the church audience, packed not only with Detroit officers but officers from throughout the country. "I need you to please look at the sea of blue."

For Larry Courts Jr., his brother's death leaves a big hole in his daily routine.

"The one thing I'm going to miss about Loren is the conversations we used to have, if not daily, every other day," said Larry Jr., who works as a corrections officer in Lapeer. "I used to call him sometimes just to tell him be careful, be safe, and it will always lead to a stupid-funny argument, because, as soon as I'd tell him to be safe, he'd say, 'no, you be safe, you be good. You're the one who's inside. I'm outside.' Then I'd be like, 'you've got to catch them for them to come to me' ... He wasn't just my brother, he was my best friend. We was joined at the hip since the time we were kids until now."

And, as Second Precinct Commander Mi-

chael Chambers noted, his presence there will be missed on a daily basis as well.

"I've been fortunate to know Loren the last three and a half years and, as so many have said before, he was just a wonderful person, a wonderful officer," Chambers said. "He did have that calming influence at the precinct. Whenever anyone needed anything they went to him. He was just a consummate professional, and the epitome of what a Detroit police officer should be."

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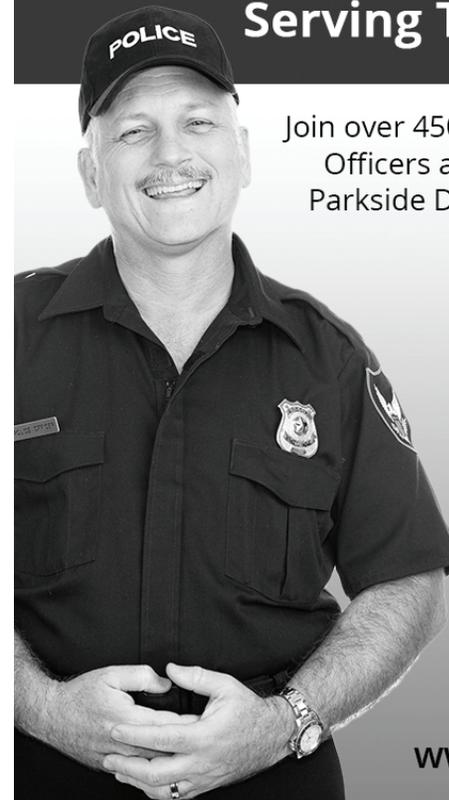
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Remembering Cpl. Cross



Photos: David L. Chapman



The second annual 5K Run Walk Ride, held in late May, was dedicated to the memory of Cpl. Darryl Cross, who died active in July 2021. Family members and coworkers celebrated his life in a ceremony outside DPD headquarters. The event was organized by the DPD Fit University and the Fallen and Critically Injured Officer Board.

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2021

District Officers of the Year

After two years of pandemic upheaval, the 37th edition of the DPOA District Officers of the Year Banquet was again held in its normal mid-spring timeframe. The event also saw a large contingent of 24 DPD officers recognized, including one posthumous honoree. The evening's events are captured here and on the following three pages.



Photos: David L. Chapman



Special thanks to Diversified Members Credit Union for sponsoring the social hour held before the start of the banquet.





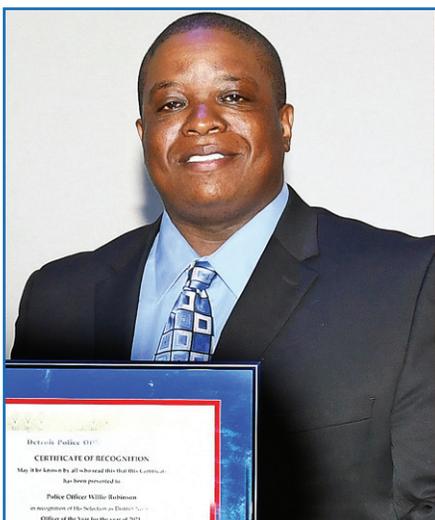
2021 District Officers of the Year



The Detroit Police Department Color Guard and the Metro Detroit Pipes & Drums Corps led the welcoming ceremony, which concluded with the traditional toast to the piper.

The evening included words of thanks and praise from officials such as Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Police Chief James White.





The evening included a somber moment when the DPOA elected officers invited the family of Corporal Darryl Cross up to the stage to accept his award. Cross died active last July. Each award recipient on hand that evening had his or her opportunity to go up on the Sound Board stage to receive their honors. Just off stage Entertainment Committee members Mike Wilson and Doug Nichols work diligently to arrange the awards so all goes smoothly.



2021 District Officers of the Year



At top, retired DPD Chief Chester Logan returns to continue a tradition started by he and his late wife, Ellen, nearly 20 years ago, providing a special cash prize to one or more of the award-winning officers. At left, the Entertainment Committee celebrates another successful DPOA event.



'Family' night



The second General Membership Meeting of 2022 was held in June at the Holy Cross K of C Hall. The evening including the presentation of two 25-year member rings by President Craig Miller to Michael Wilson and Amy Szarafinski. At right, Miller stands alongside the big winner from the night's raffle, Tracey Hamilton of Traffic Safety, who took home the Generac Generator along with several other prizes won throughout the evening. Membership Meetings are made possible through the efforts of the Entertainment Committee, which gathered for a group photo after the raffle. Two more Membership Meetings will be held in the fall.



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RETIREE & ASSOCIATE NEWS



Meetings coming up in August, September

By Dan Zematis

Greetings from Northern Michigan. First, the sad news. We lost two longtime members of the Snowbirds — Lorraine Dennerly and Nick Zazula. We will miss them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

On a happier note, Jerry and Della Rozanski celebrated their 61st anniversary at our June meeting. Congratulations to both of you.

New members: We lost three guests that attended the Snowbirds meetings and then joined — Zig Bogumil, Mary Ann Sypniewski (previous member who re-uped) and Bob Rentz. Maybe Bob's son, Brian Rentz, a retired fire lieutenant, will also join. We welcomed them.

Money winners at our last two meetings were Bob and Karen Haderer and Mike Kniaz. Also, June winners were Dave Pauch, Pat Samborski, John Wood and Jerry Rozanski — lucky people.

June birthdays: Dan Marcrum.

July birthdays: Muriel Corsiglia, Jerry Brehm, Paul Sebald, Robin Mueller, Don Rem and Joann Nichols.

August birthdays: Deb Karvonen, Lorraine Rudeen and Al and Diane

Bickford, who also celebrate an August anniversary.

Our Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association put on another great picnic in Frankenmuth. The turnout was very good. The food was also very good, and the camaraderie was something I think we all needed. Great job again officers, volunteers and workers — thank you.

Thanks to our member Melanie Pauch, who continues to keep the members updated on veterans benefits and has also undertaken the challenging task of making new updated rosters for us.

So, with that said, I call out to the membership to please call me if you have moved or changed your phone number, or any change, so we can do this accurately.

In the meantime, all are welcome to attend the Snowbird meetings at Fred's of Roscommon. The meetings start at 1 p.m., but most get there from 11:30-12 p.m. for social time and food.

Next meetings: Aug. 14 and Sept. 11, the second Sunday of each month.

Take care, stay healthy and God bless.

Be aware of insurance coverage changes if you are approaching 65

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What's COOKING?

with mary moss

Summer. It's that wonderful time of the year when we see everything that was planted in the spring grow — from fragrant flowers to vibrant vegetables. Now let's just hope for a little more rain to sustain our new crop.

Do your best to stay cool for the remainder of the summer — keeping in mind that fall will soon be upon us.

In the meantime, here's a couple of special dishes for all the parmesan lovers. One for the oven, and the other for the microwave.

Bon appetite!



Parmesan Crusted Shrimp

Ingredients

Nonstick cooking spray
1 cup dry bread crumbs
1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons dried parsley
1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder
1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 tablespoons butter, melted, or more to taste

Directions

Step 1 — Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spray a 9x13-inch glass casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Step 2 — Combine bread crumbs, parmesan cheese, parsley, and garlic powder in a large re-sealable plastic bag. Seal and shake to mix ingredients together. Add shrimp and shake to coat.

Step 3 — Lay shrimp flat in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with any bread crumb mixture remaining in the bag. Drizzle melted butter over the top.

Step 4 — Bake in the preheated oven until starting to crisp, 15 to 20 minutes. Switch to broil setting until topping is light brown, 2 to 3 minutes.

Cook's Note: You can use panko bread crumbs if you like.



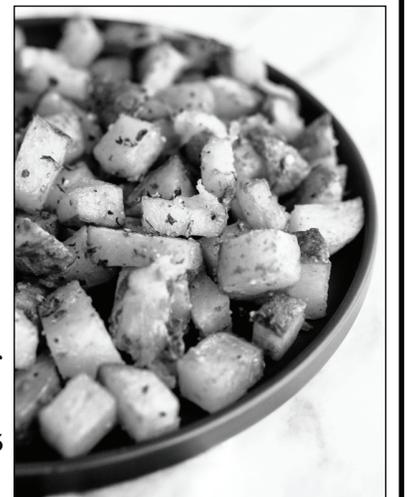
Cubed Parmesan Potatoes

Ingredients

2 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 medium baking potatoes, peeled & cubed
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
½ tsp. seasoning salt
¼ tsp. pepper
Dried parsley flakes

Directions

In a one quart microwave-safe dish, combine butter and lemon juice. Add potatoes: toss to coat. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese, seasoning salt and pepper; toss to coat. Cover and microwave on high for 5-6 minutes or until tender, turning once. Let stand for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley.



In Memoriam

BARR — Retired Police Officer Raymond Barr, 79, died April 6, 2022. Officer Barr was appointed to the Department on Sept. 8, 1970, and retired Jan. 31, 1997. Funeral services were held at Santeiu Funeral Home in Garden City.

BELL — Retired Police Officer Curtis Bell, 93, died June 7, 2022. Officer Bell was appointed to the Department on Oct. 29, 1951, and retired July 8, 1977. Funeral services were held at Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. Interment was at Curtisville Cemetery in Curtisville.

BONE — Retired Lieutenant Henry Bone, 88, died May 6, 2022. Lieutenant Bone was appointed to the Department on Sept. 24, 1956, and retired May 30, 1992. Funeral services were held at Kaul Funeral Home in Clinton Township. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Clinton Township.

CANNON-STAPLES — Retired Police Officer Constance Cannon-Staples, 78, died March 25, 2022. Officer Cannon-Staples was appointed to the Department on Oct. 24, 1977, and retired Aug. 10, 1990.

CINCO — Retired Police Officer Victor Cinco, 72, died April 3, 2022. Officer Cinco was appointed to the Department on Oct. 26, 1971, and retired Jan. 30, 1993. Funeral services were held at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

COLE-DIXON — Retired Police Officer Glenda Cole-Dixon, 66, died April 23, 2022. Officer Cole-Dixon was appointed to the Department on Oct. 21, 1985, and retired July 22, 1994.

CRYDERMAN — Retired Police Officer Eugene Cryderman, 70, died May 27, 2022. Officer Cryderman was appointed to the Department on Sept. 10, 1973, and retired Feb. 22, 1985. Funeral services were held at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac.

DAUGHERTY — Retired Police Officer Howard Daugherty, 81, died May 23, 2022. Officer Daugherty was appointed to the Department on Jan. 6, 1969, and retired Jan. 6, 1994. Funeral services were held at Sytfema Funeral Home in Norton Shores. Interment was at Fort Custard National Cemetery in Augusta.

DOUGLAS — Retired Police Officer Fernon Douglas, 72, died May 17, 2022. Officer Douglas was appointed to the Department on Nov. 6, 1972, and retired April 2, 1996. Funeral services were held at Generations Cremation and Funeral Services in Farmington Hills.



GRANDISON — Retired Police Officer Ruby Grandison, 68, died June 20, 2022. Officer Grandison was appointed to the Department on May 26, 1977, and retired Aug. 1, 1986. Funeral services were held at James Cole Funeral Services in Detroit.

GUERRINI — Retired Police Officer Ralph Guerrini, 98, died April 28, 2022. Officer Guerrini was appointed to the Department on Feb. 23, 1948, and retired March 1, 1973. Funeral services were held at E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

HENRY — Retired Police Officer James Henry, 72, died May 9, 2022. Officer Henry was appointed to the Department on April 16, 1973, and retired July 7, 2003. Funeral services were held at C.W. Morris Funeral Home in Highland Park. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

JANIUNAS — Retired Police Officer Peter Janiunas, 81, died Aug. 9, 2020. Officer Janiunas was appointed to the Department on March 13, 1961, and retired Sept. 18, 1987.

KOWALCZYK — Retired Police Officer Donald Kowalczyk, 89, died June 9, 2022. Officer Kowalczyk was appointed to the Department on July 6, 1954, and retired July 24, 1981. Funeral services were held at Generations Cremation and Funeral Services in Shelby Township.

LOGAN — Retired Police Officer Samuel Logan Jr., 71, died March 19, 2022. Officer Logan was appointed to the Department on April 24, 1972, and retired Nov. 6, 1981. Funeral services were held at Kemp Funeral Home in Southfield.

MARTIN — Retired Police Officer Jamiil Martin, 51, died June 11, 2022. Officer Martin was appointed to the Department on Sept. 19, 1994, and retired June 1, 2017. Funeral services were held at Kemp Funeral Home in Southfield. Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park East in Warren.

MAYS — Retired Sergeant David Mays, 79, died April 21, 2022. Sergeant Mays was appointed to the Department on Feb. 17, 1969, and retired May 9, 1998. Funeral services were held at Coles Funeral Home in Detroit.

MCDONNELL — Retired Police Officer Daniel McDonnell Jr., 74, died Feb. 11, 2022. Officer McDonnell was appointed to the Department on Nov. 20, 1972, and retired Jan. 3, 1998. Funeral services were held at Silver Creek Mortuary in Pinetop, Ariz.

MIKKELSEN — Retired Police Officer Richard Mikkelsen, 87, died June 5, 2022. Officer Mikkelsen was appointed to the Department on June 17, 1963, and retired July 16, 1988. Officer Mikkelsen donated his body to Science Care.

MOFFIT — Retired Sergeant James Moffit, 85, died May 12, 2022. Sergeant Moffit was appointed to the Department on July 13, 1959, and retired July 15, 1989. Funeral services were held at Christler Funeral Home in Prudenville. Interment was at Crestview Cemetery in Roscommon.

MOORE — Retired Police Officer Barbara Moore, 79, died June 14, 2022. Officer Moore was appointed to the Department on March 24, 1975, and retired June 29, 1985. Funeral services were held at Fisher Funeral Home in Redford.

OBIDZINSKI — Retired Sergeant Leonard Obidzinski, 90, died April 21, 2022. Sergeant Obidzinski was appointed to the Department on May 3, 1954, and retired June 13, 1979. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

PAYNE — Retired Police Officer Lowndes Payne, 86, died April 12, 2022. Officer Payne was appointed to the Department on Nov. 18, 1963, and retired Aug. 5, 1989.

In Memoriam

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PEITZ — Retired Sergeant Nelson Peitz, 90, died May 21, 2022. Sergeant Peitz was appointed to the Department on Nov. 1, 1954, and retired Jan. 6, 1990. Funeral services were held at Resurrection Funeral Home in Clinton Township. Interment was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

PITTS — Retired Lieutenant Walter Pitts, 72, died June 7, 2022. Lieutenant Pitts was appointed to the Department on July 16, 1973, and retired Jan. 24, 2006. Funeral services were held at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

RANDAZZO — Retired Police Officer Frank Randazzo, 74, died Aug. 22, 2021. Officer Randazzo was appointed to the Department on Jan. 6, 1969, and retired July 24, 1979.

ROBERTSON — Retired Police Officer Daniel Robertson, 77, died April 21, 2022. Officer Robertson was appointed to the Department on Dec. 3, 1973, and retired Feb. 15, 1991. Funeral services were held at Virgin Valley Mortuary in Mesquite, Nev.

SARAINO — Retired Police Officer Benito Saraino, 80, died May 5, 2022. Officer Saraino was appointed to the Department on Oct. 13, 1969, and retired March 15, 1985. Funeral services were held at Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home in Clare. Interment was at St. Cecilia Cemetery in Clare.

SHERRILL — Retired Commander Charles Sherrill, 87, died May 18, 2022. Commander Sherrill was appointed to the Department on Oct. 3, 1955, and retired March 4, 1982. Funeral services were held at Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

SMITH — Retired Sergeant Raymond Smith, 79, died March 17, 2022. Sergeant Smith was appointed to the Department on April 27, 1964, and retired Dec. 4, 1975. Funeral services were held at Hartselle Heritage Funeral Home in Hartselle, Ala.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

STANLEY J. JERLECKI
EOW: Dec. 14, 1951

A four-year member of the Detroit Police Department, Officer Stanley Jerlecki was only 29 years old when he was shot and killed around 4 a.m. while pursuing burglary suspects at a jewelry store near 20031 West Seven Mile. The adult suspect was shot and killed and the juvenile suspect was apprehended. One of them had previously been convicted of shooting a New York



Jerlecki

State trooper but had been released early on a legal technicality. The juvenile suspect was ultimately acquitted of murder but convicted of burglary. Officer Jerlecki, Badge 151, was survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

JOHN E. VANDENBERG
EOW: Oct. 26, 1940

Officer John Vandenberg, age 40, was struck and killed by a drunk driver as he

and three other officers investigated a suspicious vehicle at Conner Street and East McNichols Road. As the officers were returning to their patrol car the drunk driver struck Officer Vandenberg and narrowly missed another officer. One of the other officers was able to stop the suspect a short distance away and arrested him. Officer Vandenberg, Badge 542, had served with the Detroit Police Department for 15 years and was survived by his wife.



Vandenberg

TOSQUI — Retired Police Officer Antonio Tosqui, 75, died June 18, 2022. Officer Tosqui was appointed to the Department on March 6, 1972, and retired Sept. 29, 2006.

TRAUTZ — Retired Sergeant Raymond Trautz, 96, died Jan. 11, 2022. Sergeant Trautz was appointed to the Department on July 6, 1954, and retired July 7, 1987.

VANFLETEREN — Retired Police Officer Dennis VanFleteren, 73, died April 19, 2022. Officer Van Fleteren was appointed to the Department on Aug. 6, 1973, and retired May 12, 1990.

VARNER — Retired Police Officer Michael Varner, 59, died June 3, 2022. Officer Varner was appointed to the Department on April 21, 1986, and retired May 13, 1953. Funeral services were held at Kemp Funeral Home in Southfield.

WINSLOW — Retired Police Officer John Winslow, 73, died May 8, 2022. Officer Winslow was appointed to the Department on Oct. 2, 1972, and retired Sept. 4, 1987. Funeral services were held at Henry Malburg Funeral Home in Romeo. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

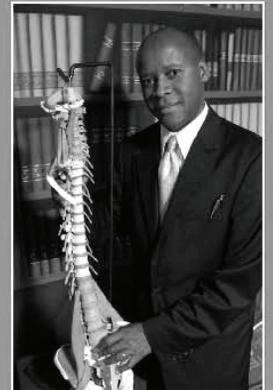
ZAZULA — Retired Sergeant Nicholas Zazula, 81, died May 26, 2022. Sergeant Zazula was appointed to the Department on May 13, 1963, and retired May 26, 1988. Funeral services were held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.

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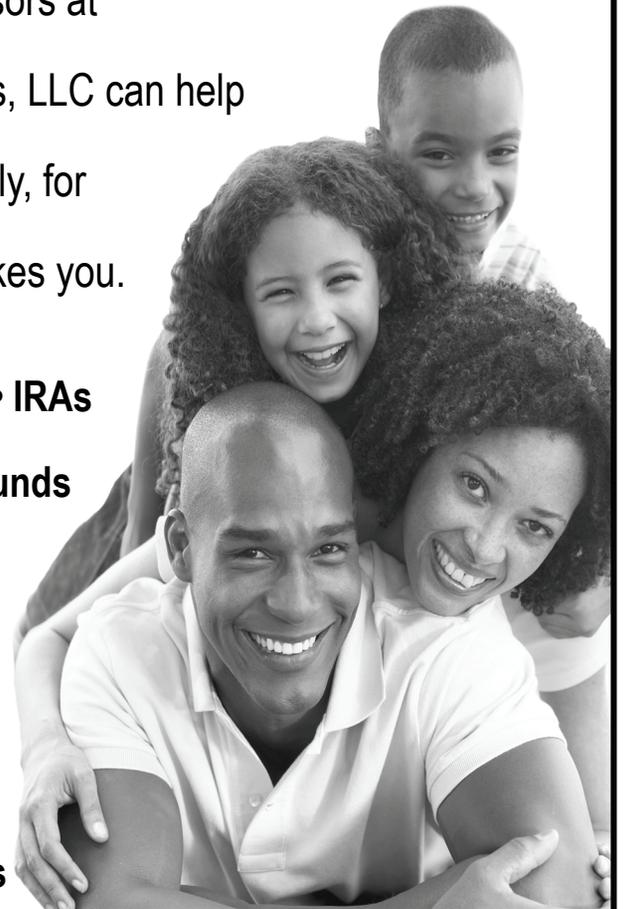
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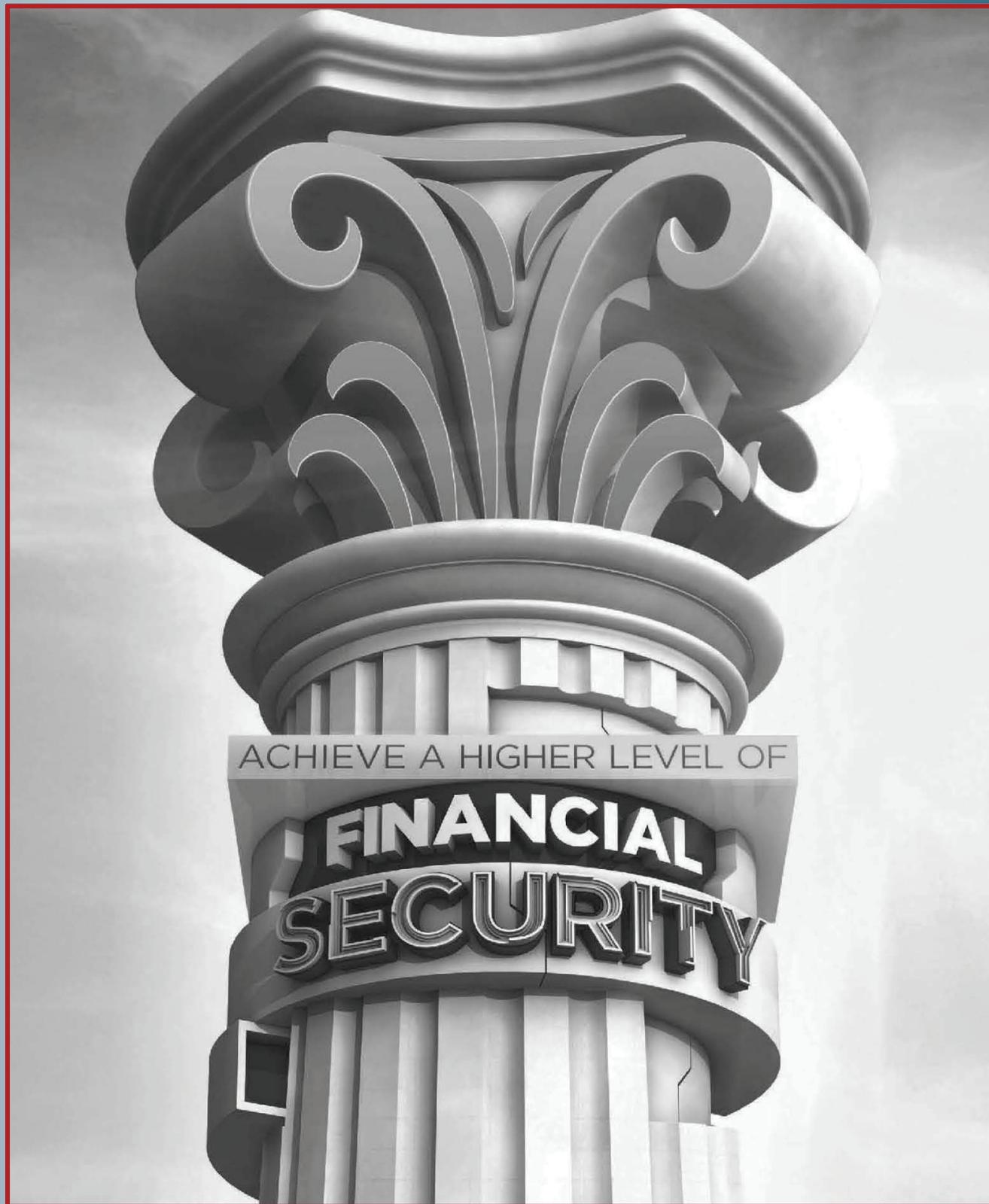


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