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NEXT CPDRA MEETING

Date: April 28, 2016

Time: 7:00pm

Location: CPD Training Facility, 493 Phenix Ave. Cranston.



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THE 10-4

Founder and Honorary President—Rico Maccarone

Newsletter of the Cranston Police Department Retiree Association

Words From The Colonel

To all Cranston Police Retirees,

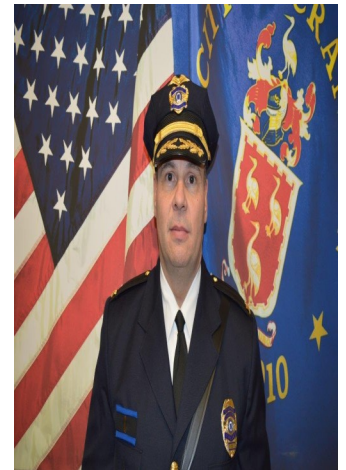
I want to first off wish all of you a Happy New Year! As we close out a very busy year here at the Cranston Police Department, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who continue to remain involved with the Department through the CPDRA. Your attendance at the various ceremonies, as well as your volunteerism at our charitable events is greatly appreciated. This relationship is beneficial in so many ways to include bridging the gap between the Cranston Police Officers who have served, and those who are currently serving.

Unfortunately this past year we lost three retired officers who honorably served the city of Cranston; Officer Herbert C. Mitchell Jr., Detective Eugene Hackett, and Detective Salvatore DeCesare. When speaking with officers who worked with them, it became readily apparent that they were well respected by their peers.

These officers will be missed by all.

Major Quirk and I were fortunate to meet with some of you at January's CPDRA monthly breakfast. I always enjoy hearing about the history of the Department from those who played a vital role in building the solid foundation that myself and the other current members continue to build upon today. These meetings also provide me with the opportunity to inform past members about the many accomplishments achieved by the current members of the Department and the plans for the organization in the future. Here is just a brief summary of some of our accomplishments:

1. Restructured Department to reflect a renewed focus on community outreach.
2. Continued with purchasing new marked and unmarked cars to upgrade our aging fleet.
3. Awarded national law enforcement re-accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement.
4. Aggressively pursued Federal and State grant



funds resulting in the receipt of over \$228,000 over the past year.

5. Updated the look of our patrol fleet with a new paint and graphics scheme.
6. Expanding the Department's canine unit with three new police canines.

It continues to be my distinct pleasure to serve as the Chief of the Cranston Police Department. I wish you and your families health and happiness in the new year and hope to see you soon.

Respectfully,
Col. Michael Winquist

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CPDRA Expenditures to Date:

Annual Web Site Fee: \$100.00

***RI Non-profit Corp. Annual
Report Fee: \$20.00***

***CPD Memorial Flowers:
\$125.00***

***Memorial Engraving and
Maintenance: \$775.00***

***CPD Sponsor Road Race:
\$250.00***

CPDRA Luncheon: \$435.00

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MEET NEW CPD OFFICER BRIAN CORVESE

In this month's 10-4 we are starting a new column which will provide you with information on current officers within the CPD.

The grandson of retired CPD Det. Sgt. Louis Corvese, Brian Corvese is a 23 year old Cranston native who recently joined the Department.

The son of Brian and Cammy Corvese, he has an Associate Degree from N.E. Tech and was previously a RI Correctional Officer.

His reasons for becoming a police officer are to help people and make the community a better place to live. Best of luck Brian and keep safe.



CRANSTON POLICE INCREASES ITS K-9 POWER

The following was taken from a Providence Journal Article dated Feb 4, 2016 by Gregory Smith:

"Bosco had a sterling service record as a Cranston police K9. In seven years, the yellow Labrador retriever was instrumental in the seizure of more than \$600,000 in cash, property and drugs.

It absolutely broke my heart to have to retire him when he began to slow down said officer Gregg Bruno, his handler. Bosco picked up from the Burrville police for one dollar, is now 10 1/2 years old. He stopped work on July 20, 2015.

The Police Department

has now increased its K9 complement from one to three since then. And in the process, it now projects a decidedly different image.

Patrolling the streets for the past month are two German shepherds and a German shepherd/Belgian Malinois

mix imported from the Czech Republic. Zeus is teamed with Officer Bruno, Lex with Officer Bagshaw and Blesk with Officer O'Donnell."

For the complete story, Google Cranston Police Department Increases its K9 Power from the Providence Journal.



MEMORIAL GRANT FOR CPDRA

With the assistance of Local 301 IBPO President Officer Robert Santagata and the graciousness of Speaker Nichols Mattiello, CPDRA was able to obtain a \$750.00 Grant last year to support our Police Me-

memorial in front of CPD Headquarters.

As you know, this memorial enables us to remember and honor those police officers that are no longer with us but shall never be forgotten.

The money from this grant was used for yearly maintenance of the memorial, engraving the names of recently deceased CPD officers, and supporting the annual CPD Police Memorial

“Attention to Orders” - Never To Be Forgotten



During each issue of the 10-4 Newsletter, we will take the opportunity to honor those CPD members who are no longer with us and who continually placed their lives on the line to serve and protect the citizens of Cranston, R.I.

Detective William S. Holihen. Born in Providence on July 22, 1935, he was the son of the late Joseph and Gertrude (Faust) Holihen. After proudly serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years, Bill was appointed to the Cranston Police Department on December 3, 1956 and retired on January 6, 1987 while achieving the rank of Detective. When he was not solving cases for the PD, he loved golfing, travelling with his family, and watching a good movie on his TV. Detective Holihen was survived by his wife Elizabeth A. Holihen; son William R. Holihen and his wife Joanne; daughter Gina M. Holihen; granddaughter Taylor Holihen; and two brothers Joseph and John Holihen. He also now has a grandson William S. Holihen II with his namesake. Bill passed away on December 27, 1995. **Keep hitting them straight.**

Detective William F. Quinn. Born in Providence on April 6, 1942, he was the son of the late Robert and Ellen (Mahoney) Quinn. After serving in the U.S. Navy for two years, Bill joined the Department in April of 1966 and retired in 1996 after proudly serving for over 30 years. During his career, Billy served in the Patrol, Traffic, and Detective Divisions. He also served with the U.S. Marshall Service in Providence and the RI State Police Violent Fugitive Task Force for 11 years before retiring. Detective Quinn was survived by his loving wife of over 44 years Janice (Fitzgerald) Quinn and his children David W., Brian J. and Suzy Quinn. Known for his dry wit, Bill loved playing golf, watching hockey games and an occasional cold one. Bill passed away on March 21, 2010. **Go BU Hockey Terriers!!**

Lieutenant Jay W. “Fitzzy” Fitzgerald. Born in Providence on August 25, 1939, he was the son of the late Michael and Alice (Townsend) Fitzgerald. Jay was appointed to the Department on August 28, 1961 and was currently the Training Officer at the time of his passing. He also served as a Crime Prevention and Public Relations Officer with previous experience as a Lieutenant in the Patrol Division for many years. Never one to be idle, he was also active in the Cranston Western Little League, coached youth basketball and was a members of the Mayor’s Advisory Board on Alcoholism. Lieutenant Fitzgerald was survived by his loving wife Patricia M. (Flynn) Fitzgerald and children Jay, Michael, Thomas and Betsey, and a sister Janice D. Quinn. Jay passed away on February 11, 1982. **Fitz, you will never be forgotten.**

“REST IN PEACE OUR BROTHERS”

Where are They Now?

In this month’s issue of the 10-4, this Bronx born native was hired on February 28, 1972 and retired on February 28, 1990 where he held positions in Patrol, Traffic, BCI, and the Juvenile Division.

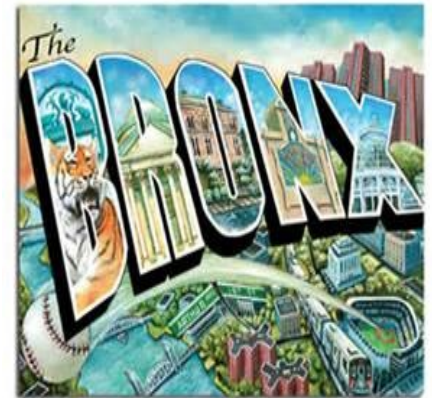
After retiring from the CPD, he went to work in sales for various compa-

nies and eventually moved to Sebastian, Florida where he opened a T-Shirt, Trophy and Sign Shop.

In this issue, our spotlight is on **Juvenile Prosecutor Steve Agresti** who resides in Florida with his lovely wife of 29 years Wanda. They also have two daughters and seven grandchil-

dren who are the love of their lives.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys taking cruises with his wife, working on cars, and an occasional beverage at the local VFW Hall. Stay warm Steve and Wanda and keep enjoying your retirement.



Member of The Month

Our member of the month joined the department on July 1, 1969 and retired on July 1, 1986 after buying back 4 years of his Marine Corps military time. Did you know that this CPD retiree was the only officer to land a helicopter in the Police station lot and deliver coffee to Sgt. Bill Loux and then qualified with his service weapon? He was also the originator and commander of CPD’s first ESU (SWAT) Team.

Congratulations go out to **Det. Sgt. Ron Guilmette** who just completed 30 years of retirement. Ron and his wife Cham now live in Sarasota, Florida. In Sarasota, give Ron a call at 941-922-3826. He would love to see you. **“OOH-RAH”**

THE LINEUP



Off. William White



Off. William Holihen



Off. Roland Manchester



Off. Robert Nunes



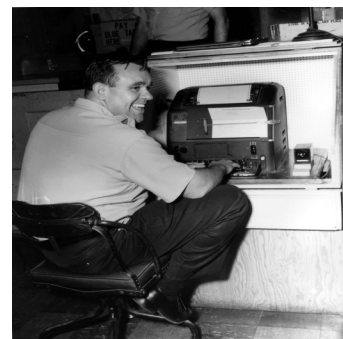
Off. Anthony DiBiase



Off. Arnold O'Desky



Sgt. Louis Corvese



Off. Kenneth Gilkenson



Off. William Quinn



Sgt. John Moretti



Det. John Montanaro



Off. Dieus LeClair

Just a Couple of Irish Lads



Lt. John Smith and Lt. Jay Fitzgerald

CHIPS HAD NOTHING ON US



Sgt. Ron "GUNNY" Guilmette

