



THE 10-4

Founder and Honorary President—Rico Maccarone

Newsletter of the Cranston Police Department Retiree Association

CPDRA WEBSITE AND 10-4 NEWSLETTER BACK ON TRACK

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Special points of interest:

2013-2014 CPDRA Dues

Please send your \$25.00 check or money order to:

Mark Sepe, C/O, CPDRA, 33 Highwood Terrace, Cranston, RI 02920. Checks or money orders should be made out to CPDRA.

If you have special circumstances and are unable to pay your dues at this time, please let us know and we will accommodate you.

Members who are not current with their dues as of **November 30, 2013** will be placed on the inactive list and will no longer receive The 10-4 newsletter or other benefits of the CPDRA.

Please be sure you are up-to-date with your dues.

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After many months of promising our retirees and their family to bring back the Cranston Police Department Retiree Association 10-4 Newsletter and website, I am proud to announce that both forms of information are here again for your reading pleasure.

Since it is the goal of the new officers and board members to provide you with the latest updates on your pension, benefits, and retired

members, we will be diligently working on updating both of these forms of information. However, it is still your newsletter so please feel free to send us articles and pictures so they may be published for everyone’s enjoyment.

For those sending us information or photographs, mail them to Mark Sepe, C/O CPDRA, 33 Highwood Terrace, Cranston, RI 02920 or send them to our email address at cpdrari@yahoo.com. If

mailed, photographs will be returned promptly.

While the first issue of the new 10-4 will be mailed out to everyone, all future issues will be placed on our website. In the event you do not have access to a computer, please contact Pete Sepe at 401-633-5924 and you will be placed on a mailing list for our future issues.

As always, your feedback and input will be greatly appreciated.

A Blast From The Past - “ONE MAN’S IDEA”

The following is an excerpt from a previous article from the 10-4 which was published on February, 2004.

“In May of 1994 just before he planned to retire from the Cranston Police Department, Rico Maccarone had an idea. Rico sent out a letter to all retired members on May 23, 1994 seeking their input and asking them to join a social organization, where the members would meet periodically.

The first meeting was held at the Providence/Cranston Elks Home at 1895 Plainfield Pike, Johnston, RI.

Thirty-one retirees showed up and paid their dues. Rico was elected President, Joe Pelosi, Vice President, Dan Cipalone, Treasurer and Joseph Cicione, Secretary. From this humbling beginning of 33 retirees out of a possible 109, the association has grown to 125 out of 142.

On February 15, 2001 the Association was chartered as a Non-Profit Corporation by the State of RI under the title of Cranston Police Department Retirees Association..

The specific purpose of

the association was to bring all retired members of the CPD under one organization and ***to be committed to helping in social and economic benefits for retirees and their families.*** What was one man’s ideas has become a necessity, after what has transpired over the past year concerning our pensions.”

This issue of the 10-4 is dedicated to Rico Maccarone, Joseph Cicione and all previous CPDRA officers and board members who have given so much for what we have today.



Advertise in the 10-4

For many of you repairing a leaky faucet or replacing a simple wall socket does not present a problem. However, there are those of us that simply dread the thought of facing such issues and do not know where to turn.

In an effort to help those of you in these situations, we are offering CPD retirees an opportunity to advertise their expertise in the upcoming 10-4s. Retirees with experience

such as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. who are available for these type of repairs, please send your information to our CPDRA email address which is cpdrari@yahoo.com.

In turn, those of you with other types of businesses are also welcomed to send your information so it may be placed in the 10-4.

On a side note, did you

know that CPDRA member Sam Baligian still owns and operates the Stadium Cleaners on Park Ave. in Cranston? Next time you are on Park Ave., stop by and see him.



CPDRA Breakfast Still Going Strong and They Want You

Haven't seen some of your CPD retirees in years? Then take some time on a Tuesday morning to join your fellow officers for breakfast at Scramblers Restaurant, 1045 Reservoir Ave in Cranston.

Since breakfast usually

starts around 9:00am, get there early so you can get a seat for having a great opportunity to speak with everyone.

The following is a list of dates for our upcoming CPDRA breakfast:

Tuesday, 24 Sept 2013

Tuesday, 29 Oct 2013

Tuesday, 26 Nov 2013



Pension Update

As of early August, our CPDRA lawyer has informed us that he is still working with the city's lawyers to finalize the proposal that will affect retired CPD officers (this will not affect widows receiving a COLA if approved by the majority of

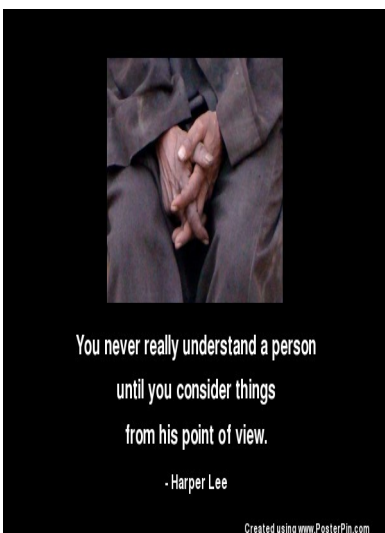
retirees and widows).

Tentatively he is looking at a possible October 2013 hearing date in Superior Court where both sides, for and against, will be heard.

In the event that the judge finds this proposal fair and equitable for all

parties, it is our belief that the city will be ordered to notify all retirees and widows on the option of either accepting or refusing it through mail.

As updates to this issue are received, they will be posted on our new website.





“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 Enrico (Rico) C. Maccarone, Badge#70. Born in Providence to Gabriele and Mary Maccarone, Rico joined the Cranston Police Department on October 2, 1967 and retired on July 29, 1994 as a Detective in the department. As our first CPDRA President and founding member, Rico was a visionary who had an idea and followed it through for benefitting CPD retirees and their family. Never one to stand still, Rico loved travelling, golf, skiing and softball. He was also an avid Yankees fan (we still loved him). Rico passed away on June 10, 2008. **Car 305, this first edition, and all future 10-4 Newsletters, are dedicated to you.**

Major Edward R. Manocchia, Badge# 99. Born in Providence on May 2, 1933, Ed was sworn in as a patrolman on April 28, 1958 and retired as a Major on September 1, 1987. Besides being a co-founder of I.B.P.O. 301, he was a magna cum laude graduate of PC and Roger Williams College and one heck of a polygraph operator for the department. Although having a sometimes gruff exterior, Ed had a heart of gold and was a masterful joke teller. He passed away on May 8, 2010.

Lieutenant Robert J. Carroll, Badge# 137. Born in Providence, Bob graduated Cranston High School East in 1960. He began his career with the Cranston Police Department on September 8, 1965 and retired on September 23, 1991 with the rank of Lieutenant. Besides being a past president of the I.B.P.O. #301, he was very active in our CPDRA association and with other activities within the city of Cranston. As a graduate of Bryant College, Bob took the time to teach Youth and Law at Cranston High East so students could become better citizens. He passed away on January 15, 2008

Officer Michael Gunson. Born in Rochester, NY on February 17, 1958 to the parents of John and Donna Gunson. Mike was sworn in as a patrolman to the Cranston Police Department on September 5th, 1987. Prior to becoming a police officer, Mike proudly served with the U.S. Marine Corps where he trained with the Navy Seals and received numerous decorations. Besides weight lifting and scuba diving, Mike loved running and was a participant in two RI triathlons. He was also a key member in starting the department’s scuba team and was a member of the CPD SWAT Team. He is survived by his wife Maria Gunson, his son Michael, both parents, brother Dennis and sisters Kathy, Mary, and Jennifer. Officer Gunson passed away on October 9th, 1993.

Where are They Now?

In this month’s issue of the 10-4, the officer being recognized was hired on August 12th, 1975 and retired on October 9th, 1995 with the rank of Captain.

He has a BS in Law Enforcement and a Masters Degree in Criminal Jus-

tice from Salve Regina University.

After retiring from the CPD, he went on to serve as West Warwick’s Police Chief for four years and later was appointed as a RI State Marshall.

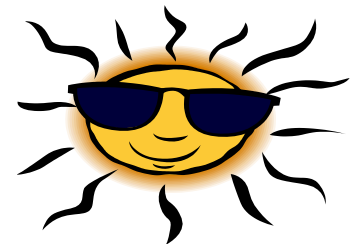
This graduate of the FBI

Academy and inductee to the Cranston Hall of Fame currently is the Security Director at Artis-Naples (formerly the Philharmonic Center) in Naples, Florida.

In this issue, our spotlight is on **Captain Joe Crowley** who resides in Florida

with his lovely wife Mary.

In his spare time, Joe enjoys golfing, fishing and travelling.



Members of The Month

Our first member of the month is a Navy veteran who joined the CPD on December 3, 1956 and retired with the rank of Sergeant on June 25, 1979. Congratulations to **Floyd Smith** who just completed 34 years of retirement this year.

Our second member of the month is a Viet Nam veteran who graduated Cranston East in 1965 where he was an All State football and baseball player. He joined the CPD on January 16, 1972 and retired on April 22, 2002 as a detective. Congratulations to **Jim Perry** who just completed 11 years of retirement this year.

THE LINEUP



Officers P. Sepe, B. Baccari, and B. Quinn picketing for Chief Coffee in front of city hall.



Lt. Ed Mannochia



Sgt. Bill Grady



Officer Joe Mignano



Sgt. Lou Corvese



Lt. Robert Carroll



Sgt. Walter Busby



First CPD Chief John Bigbee



Officer Jim Perry



Officer Steve Robertson



Officer Dave Bell



Officer Joe Pelosi

2013-2014 Dues Form

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