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Special points of interest:

### **2014 - 2015 CPDRA Dues**

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



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# ***THE 10-4***

**Founder and Honorary President—Rico Maccarone**

Newsletter of the Cranston Police Department Retiree Association

## **CPD SALUTES SGT. WALTER BUSBY**



CRANSTON, RI (PROJO Article)— Police Sgt. Walter Busby answered his last call on Feb. 12, 1979.

That was the day that Busby, a 13-year veteran, helped other officers carry a combative and suicidal man down a staircase. And as he did, he suffered a fatal heart attack and became the third and last Cranston officer to die in the line of duty.

Current and past members of the Police Department gathered Tuesday, February 26, 2014 to remember Busby's sacrifice and to dedicate a plaque in his honor to hang in the foyer of police headquarters. Also on hand were Busby's widow and a sister.

The whole thing was thanks to Patrolmen Robert Santagata and Peter Leclerc, who participated in a Police Unity



Tour in May 2013 in the names of Busby, and two others who died in the line of duty, Providence Sgt. Maxwell Dorley and Myrtle Beach, N.C., Officer Joseph McGarry, a Cranston native.

Afterward, Santagata tracked down Busby's relatives, he and Leclerc arranged for the plaque, and in cooperation with the Cranston Police Retirees Association, arranged Tuesday's ceremony, according to Maj. Robert W. Ryan. Among the speakers at the ceremony was retired Cranston Chief Vincent McAteer, who worked

with Busby.

A Police Unity Tour is a bike ride from New Jersey to the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C., to raise donations for the memorial and awareness of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

The other Cranston officers who died in the line of duty were Chief John Bigbee and Patrolman Henry Johnson.

(Above article was written by Gregory Smith and posted in Providence Journal)

**The 10-4**

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***Savings: \$1,795.21***

***Checking: \$2,930.30***

**CPDRA Expenditures to Date:**

***Legal Fees: \$11,766.31***

***CPDRA Website: \$750.00***

***Website 2014 Renewal: \$100***

***RI Non-Profit Corporation***

***Annual Report Fee: \$20.00***

***CPD Memorial Wreath: \$125***

***Sgt. W. Busby Plaque: \$120***

***Mailing Fees: \$620.00***

***CPDRA Ceremony: \$150.00***

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## Past CPDRA President Honored

Despite the cold weather outside the Vasa Hall this past March, inside it was filled with warmth, gratitude and appreciation as CPDRA members gathered to honor its past President, Mr. Joseph Cicione.

As someone who has devoted his life to helping others, Joe was an active member in our International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 301 and has proudly served as our CPDRA President for the

last 10 years.

During his tenure as President, there was never a CPDR issue that he was not on top of. His tenacity and perseverance was certainly second to none and always appreciated.

Joe was presented a \$150.00 gift card to his favorite restaurant and a bouquet of flowers for his lovely and devoted wife of many years.

Thanks again Joe for

everything.



## CPD Receives Grant to Establish New Motorcycle Unit

On Monday, June 9th, Mayor Allan Fung and Acting Chief Kevin M. Barry received the Legislature Grant from Speaker of the House Nicholas A. Mattiello, at a ceremony in front of CPD Headquarters.

This \$15,000.00 grant will enable the department to train officers and pro-

vide two Harley Davidson Police Electra Glide motorcycles to reinstitute a motorcycle patrol.

The unit will assist in tasks including: responding to crimes, policing traffic, and accompanying funerals and parades.

It will be the first motorcycle patrol unit since the 1980s.



## Pension Update—Legal Fee, A Shared Cost

By the time you receive this copy of the 10-4, most of you should of already received your 3% COLA from the city. Although relieved that the process has finally come to an end, it did not happen without a financial cost to the CPDRA and its members.

As listed on the left side

of this page, our legal fee far exceeded the amount of money we collected from most of our members. Subsequently we had to use some of our savings which was approved during a May 21, 2013 CPDRA meeting by the body to pay our legal bill.

However, you should

also know that our legal fees for this process was shared with the Cranston Fire Department's Union and its retirees.

For those that contributed to our legal fund, I personally want to thank you again for your support and patience during this difficult time.

## “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.

**Sergeant William F. Loux Sr.** Born in Providence, he was the son of the late George E. Sr. and Margaret H. (Pierce) Loux. Bill began his career with the Cranston Police Department in 1958 and retired in 1978 with the rank of Sergeant. During his two decades with the department he was responsible for initiating the Department's first K-9 division and the CPD Firing Range, which is dedicated in his name. Sgt. Loux also served in the RI Civil Air Patrol, USAF, The RI Air National Guard, and US Coast Guard. He is survived by his two daughters Karen Casale and Susan Criscione, and his son William F. Loux Jr. Sgt Loux passed away on Sunday February 16, 2014.

**Officer Richard W. (Rick) Norberg.** Born in Providence, RI, he was the son of the late E. Theodore and Shirley (Doane) Norberg. Officer Norberg graduated in 1980 from Salve Regina University with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. After proudly serving the citizens of Cranston on its Police Department, for 20 years Rick went on to work for the Pepsi Cola Company for 15 years before passing. Officer Norberg is survived by his wife Cynthia (Gould) Norberg and his three sons Richard, Ryan, and Matthew. Rick passed away on August 22, 2009.

**Detective Henry V. Crudale.** Born to the parents of Laura (DiMuccio) and Henry A. Crudale, Henry was a 1960 Cranston High School Graduate. He joined the Cranston Police Department in 1965 and retired on June 28, 1996 after completing 31 years of dedicated service to the city of Cranston. Detective Crudale was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bryant College where he received a Bachelors degree of Science in Law Enforcement. Henry also served in the RI Army Guard and was a member of the State Investigative Unit during the Credit Union Crisis from 1991—1992. He is survived by his wife Beverly (Mitchell) Crudale and his children, Henry J. and Bethany Liberatore.

**Chief George J. Coffey.** Born in Providence, he was the son to the late James J. and Sarah (Slavin) Coffey. The Chief was appointed as a Cranston Police Constable in 1943. The following year officer Coffey was appointed as a permanent officer and his first assignment was walking a beat in the Edgewood area. From there he was moved to the Motorcycle Squad until he began his many promotions to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and finally to the Chief of Police in 1969. Upon completing 34 years of service, Chief Coffey retired and joined the RI Capital Police in 1982. At the time of his passing, he was survived by his wife Sophie and his children Dennis, Judy, Brian, Kevin, and Deborah.

## Where are They Now?

In this month's issue of the 10-4, the officer being recognized was hired in July, 1972. During his tenure with the CPD, he worked in patrol, training, detectives, and on the dive team before retiring on May, 1989.

Once retired, he drove his

motor home to Florida where he eventually became a supervisor for Florida Power and Light. After leaving this position, he worked for the Hoveround Wheel Chair Co. as a technician where his service area was the entire United States. In

the meantime he began buying and flipping homes.

In this issue, our spotlight is on **Officer Fred Simmons** who resides in Florida with his lovely wife Patty. In his spare time, Fred enjoys

fishing and cruising on his 24ft Baha cabin cruiser.



## Members of The Month

**Our first member of the month** joined the department on August 28, 1961 and retired on January 1, 1987. Congratulations goes out to **William Begones** (car 307) who will complete 27 years of retirement this August. For some of us, we will never forget his famous fungo bat when Billy coached Babe Ruth baseball on Dyer Ave. in Cranston.

**Our second member of the month** joined the CPD on February 28, 1972 and retired on November 30, 1990 as a detective. Upon retirement he went on to work for the RI Capital Police for 17 years. Congratulations to **Paul Trainer** who has completed 23 years of retirement from the CPD and currently resides in Davenport, Florida.



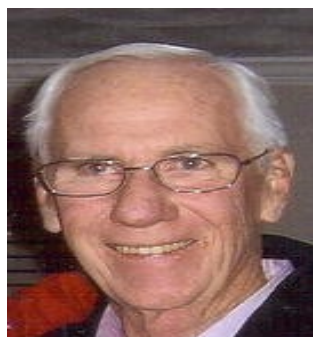
# THE LINEUP



Chief George J. Coffey



Officer Henry Johnson



Captain James Gibbs



Officer William Quinn



Sgt. Harry Sunderland



Officer Alan Hall



Officer Rick Norberg



Officer Arthur Rotondo



Officer Len D'Errico



Officer Cheryl Sturdhal



Sgt. Thomas Lanzi



Officer Nick Ferrante

## Retired CPD ID's

For those interested in updating your Cranston Police Retired Identification Card, please contact the department's BCI office at 401-942-2211 between the hours of 9am—4pm, Monday thru Friday for an appointment.

The only requirement is that you will need to wear at least a collared shirt

for your official photo. No T-shirts please.



## CPDR Info

If you have not sent us your current email address, please do so at your earliest convenience.

While the date of our next meeting is yet to be determined, please keep in mind that we would like to have at least one CPDRA event before the end of the year. Possibilities include either a steak fry in the early fall or a holiday luncheon just before Christmas.

Hope everyone is having a great summer. P, Sepe

**CPDRA is looking for email addresses for** J. Smith, H. Matthewson, J. Cooney, A. Hall, T. Palmer, and J. Montanaro.

