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#### NEXT CPDRA MEETING

Date: April 29, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: CPD Hdqtrs  
(Community Room)



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# THE 10-4

Founder and Honorary President—Rico Maccarone

Newsletter of the Cranston Police Department Retiree Association

## MEET OUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

On October 1, 2014, East Providence native Michael J. Winquist was sworn in as the Department's twenty-second Chief of Police.

Prior to be named Chief of Police of the Cranston Police Department, Colonel Winquist served as a member of the Rhode Island State Police for over twenty-four years where he received numerous commendations and letters of recognition for exemplary police work.

During his tenure with the State Police, Colonel Winquist served in nearly every Division to include Uniform Division, Area Detectives, Narcotics Unit, Providence Police Gang Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Task Force, Fusion Center and Intelligence Unit and Motorcycle Team.

In 2008, Colonel Winquist was charged with developing the State's Fusion Center, which continues to play a vital role in protecting the State from do-



mestic and international threats by sharing intelligence amongst Federal, State and local partners.

Prior to his retirement from the State Police, Colonel Winquist ascended to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Deputy Superintendent, the second highest ranking position within the Division.

Colonel Winquist holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master of Science Degree in the Administration of Justice from Anna Maria University. The Colonel is also a graduate of the 2012/251st session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Academy in Quantico.

In a quote from Colonel Winquist on why he applied for this position he stated, "when the opportunity to apply for the Chief of Police's job presented itself, I applied to the position **without reservation**. I have worked closely with various members of the department throughout my 24 year law enforcement career and have always respected their abilities and professionalism."

Colonel Winquist has gracefully accepted our invitation to speak at our next CPDRA Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00pm at CPD Headquarters.

## The 10-4

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### CPDRA Meeting 29 April 2015

#### Agenda

1. Meet new CPD Chief.
2. Financial Report.
3. Election of new officers.
4. New Business.
5. Tour of Police Hdqtrs.

## Looking to Buy or Sell Your Home - LOOK NO MORE

For many of us, trying to find someone to assist in either purchasing or selling a home can be a nightmare.

### **However, look no more.**

The 10-4 is here to announce that retired CPD Detective Fred Morse has obtained his real estate license and is working for

Keller Williams Real Estate located at 1170 Reservoir Ave, Cranston, RI.

For those of us who worked with and know him, Fred is still an individual who will put his heart and soul into this job and is someone with impeccable honesty and integrity.

For more info, you can visit his website at [FREDSELLSRI.COM](http://FREDSELLSRI.COM) or by contacting him at 401-258-7265



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST - The Birth of IBPO Local 301

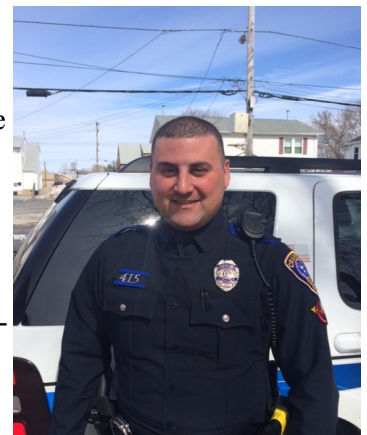
As a result of a promotional exam scandal where it was learned that someone had leaked the answers to the test, seven police officers protested by announcing a boycott of the exam. Subsequently these seven officers were suspended and then later terminated.

Despite their situation, these seven officers worked with the RI General Assembly and were able to have the Police Officers Arbitration Act passed. This legislation gave all police officers the right to organize and negotiate wages, benefits and the conditions of their employment.

As for the “**Magnificent Seven**,” these officers filed a lawsuit and were eventually returned to work and awarded all back pay and the conditions of their employment. In 1964, Local 301 of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (I.B.P.O.) was born in the city of Cranston.

In 1970, the I.B.P.O. became affiliated with the National Association of Government Employees (N.A.G.E.) and have grown in membership to over eighty thousand active law enforcement officers throughout the United States.

As for the status of Local 301 today, it's in very capable hands. The current President of Local 301 is Officer Robert Santagata. Officer Santagata is a 12-year veteran who is currently assigned to the traffic division and looks forward to working with our association.



## Blue Cross for Retirees - ARE YOU PREPARED???

In speaking with someone from city hall recently, I was informed that my Blue Cross would be terminated (which is paid by the city) on the last day of the month of my 65th birthday. In turn, my

wife's Blue Cross would also be terminated and I would need to find alternate coverage for her.

For those facing this situation in the very near future, take some time and go to city hall and

### **find out the facts regarding your situation.**

I was also advised to contact Medicare at least 60 days prior to my 65th birthday to avoid any complication. **Don't Wait.**

## “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.

**Captain Edward J. Ryan.** Born in Providence, he was the son of the late John F. Ryan (former Chief, East Greenwich Police Department), and Florence (Valentine) Ryan and the husband of the late Elizabeth A. (McCarthy) Ryan. Ed joined the force in 1951 and retired with the rank of Captain in 1984 after 33 years of dedicated service. From 1984 to 1994 he was employed as a Child Protective Investigator for the RI Department of Children, Youth and Families. Captain Ryan was a member of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association, and many other organizations. He is survived by a son, Kevin and his wife Colleen and a brother John Ryan and his wife Barbara. Captain Ryan was a regular at our monthly breakfast and will be sadly missed. Ed passed away on September 30, 2014.

**Officer Herbert C. Mitchell Jr.** Born in New Shoreham, Rhode Island to the late Herbert C. Mitchell and Grace (Conley) Mitchell on September 19, 1928, Mitch was a dedicated Cranston Police Officer who retired and then relocated to North Carolina where he worked for the Kenansville Police Department and later retired from the Duplin County Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife June and children Philip Winsor, Michael Mitchell, Debra Rowe and Sandi Landreth; 8 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Officer Mitchell passed away on January 30, 2015. Online condolences may be sent to [junemitchell09@hotmail.com](mailto:junemitchell09@hotmail.com)

**Captain Ernest D. Delmonico.** Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Marco and Louise (Castaldi) Delmonico. For 34 years, Ernie proudly served the citizens of Cranston while serving on its police department and eventually retired with the rank of Captain. As one officer recently stated, “There was never a time I can remember when CAP didn't greet me with a smile and have something nice to say.” At the time of his passing on February 7, 2012, Captain Delmonico was survived by his wife Anna (Bruno) Delmonico and his children Ann Flanagan and her husband Peter, Ernest Delmonico, CFD Ret. and his wife Karen, and Lisa Okolowicz and her husband Thomas of the Cranston Police Department.

### “REST IN PEACE OUR BROTHERS”

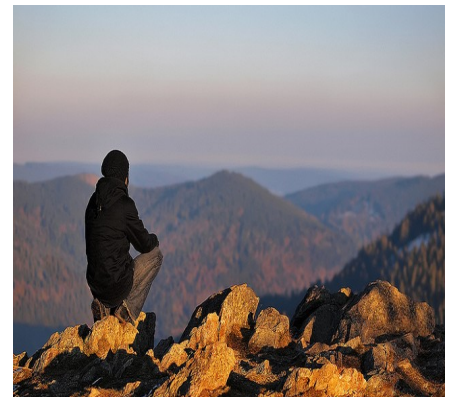
## Where are They Now?

In this month's issue of the 10-4, the officer being recognized was hired on August 4, 1973 and retired in 1994 with the rank of Captain. During his tenure with the CPD, he worked in patrol, detectives, and staff and services. Once retired, this Salve Regina graduate with a Master's De-

gree in Administrative Justice, moved to Ocala, Florida.

Although not ready to fully retire, this officer, went on to work as a Fl. DCF Investigator, science teacher, and finally as a Criminal Justice Coordinator at the College of Central Florida.

In this issue, our spotlight is on **Captain Mike Colacone** who resides in East Tennessee with his lovely wife Terri. In his spare time, Mike enjoys fishing, hiking, boating, and volunteering with the U.S Coast Guard.



## Members of The Month

**Our first member of the month** joined the department in 1989 as a dispatcher. On August 9, 1994 she was sworn in as a patrolwoman and promoted to the rank of sergeant in June 2002. She eventually retired in 2005 and currently lives in Cranston. Congratulations to **Sgt. Trudy Fitta** who will complete 10 years of retirement this year.

**Our second member of the month** was born on June 6, 1937 and joined the Cranston Police Department on August 28, 1961. He retired on January 13, 1984 and currently lives in Florida. Congratulations go out to **Ronnie Stevenson** who just completed 31 years of retirement.



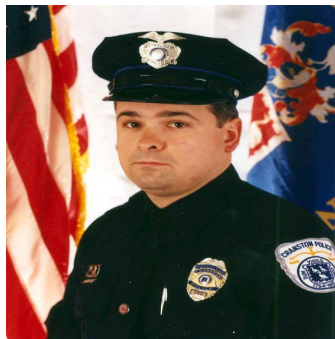
# THE LINEUP



Sgt. Peter Smith



Det. Frank Zito



Off. Mike Falls



Det. Russ Wheatley



Lt. Bill Burroughs



Det. Tom Gaulin



Det. Mike Daily



Lt. Steve Lytle



Det. Lt John Smith



Det Steve Gianinni



Sgt. Trudy Fitta



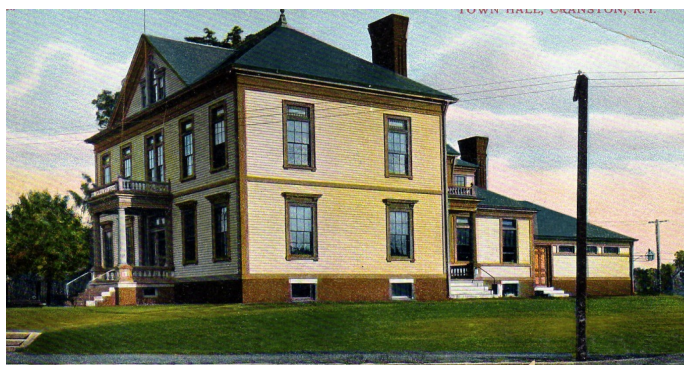
Off. Joe Fillion

## 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.



## Changing Times



Cranston Police Station in 1920's

