



## CPDRA Founder and Honorary President Rico Maccarone



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The following are minutes of the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association (CPDRA) Meeting that was held on April 29, 2015 in the Community Room of the Cranston Police Department located on Garfield Avenue, Cranston, RI:

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the following officers who have passed away since our last meeting:

- A. Captain Edward Ryan.
- B. Officer Franklin "Leo" Knowles.
- C. Officer Herbert Mitchell.
- D. Officer Anthony Carello.

2. Due to a full meeting agenda, a motion was made and passed to waive the meeting minutes of the last meeting.

3. Treasurer Mark Sepe provided members with the following financial report:

- A. Current balance in Savings Account: \$1,795.75.
- B. Current balance in Checking Account: 3,850.30
- C. Outstanding checks to be deposited: 225.00
- D. **Total financial assets to date: \$5,876.05**

4. As previously identified in our last 10-4 Newsletter, Colonel Michael Winquest (22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of Police for the City of Cranston) was introduced by President Peter Sepe as our guest speaker. Colonel Winquest provided us with an insight on many of the changes that have occurred within the department since his appointment and took time to answer all of the questions asked by our retirees. However, more important than hearing about department changes or answering questions, was his sincerity on how honored he was to be the Chief of Police and the importance of interacting with CPD retirees. It was evidence by the comments made by our retirees in attendance to Colonel Winquest that he was the right selection for this position and has our full support as an organization.

5. The next speaker at the meeting was Officer Robert Santagata, President of IBPO Local 301. Officer Santagata echoed the belief of Colonel Winqest on the importance of welcoming the retirees back into the fold of the department and working closely with our association. He also provided us with an update of Local 301's facility on Cranston Street which will be made available to our association in the near future.

6. In the next order of business, President Sepe updated the body on our efforts to procure possible discount in stores like Lowes and Home Depot which military members currently have. While this has been unsuccessful through working with local managers, President Sepe stated that he would now go forward and address our request in writing to both Corporate Headquarters. **Open Item.**

7. An update was provided on the possibility of having a luncheon, steak fry, or golf tournament for all Cranston Police Retirees. After a lengthy discussion with the officers and board members of CPDRA, it was determined that a luncheon would be held during the summer months of 2015 which would allow retirees spending time out of state during the winter to attend. President Sepe also stressed the need for the association to **"give something back to our members"** for all of their years of support and dedication to the CPDRA. Tentatively the time frame for this event will be either in July or August and held on Saturday which will allow those retirees still working to attend. Presently it is the thought to charge all CPDRA dues paying members \$10.00 and \$25.00 for non-paying CPDRA members. This will also be open to all current CPD members in order to bring our past and present officers together for exchanging police talk. **Open Item.**

8. President Sepe then addressed our current financial situation and the need for collecting dues and generating other avenues of money for the CPDRA. Based on the last eighteen months, the following is a breakout of our known annual expenditures for the CPDRA:

A. Flowers for Police Memorial:	<b>\$120.00</b>
B. Publication of two 10-4 Newsletters:	<b>100.00</b>
C. Approximate cost to maintain Police Memorial:	<b>500.00</b>
D. Annual renewal fee for CPDRA Website:	<b>100.00</b>
E. State of RI Annual Report Filing Fee:	<b>20.00</b>
F. Administrative supplies:	<b><u>75.00</u></b>
<b>Approximate Operating Cost for Year:</b>	<b>\$895.00</b>

On advice from Floyd Smith and Joe Cicione, CPDRA will be mailing out hard copy reminders in lieu of emails to retirees that have not paid their dues to date. In referencing CPDRA dues, we were reminded by past President Cicione that the date for paying them was July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.

President Sepe also briefed that CPDRA will also be pushing a drive to all current and past officers for purchasing bricks that will be placed in front of the Police Memorial. For current CPD officers, this will be coordinated through Colonial Winqest's office. **Open Item.**

9. Despite numerous written requests to local and state officials, it was briefed that we have been unable to obtain our annual \$750.00 State Grant which has supported the department's Police Memorial. Hearing this information at the meeting, Local 301 President Robert Santagata volunteered to bring our written request to House Speaker Mattiello. President Sepe has completed our request and delivered it to Officer Santagata. The President also requested that our Secretary open a separate account which will be solely for the purpose of maintaining our Police Memorial to remember those CPD Officers no longer with us. This account will be funded through separate fund raisers, donations, and all possible future state and local grants. CPDRA would like to personally thank Joe Cicione for his \$100.00 donation. This will be the first check that will be deposited into our new Police Memorial account. **Open Item.**

10. For those retired officers wishing to donate CPD memorabilia, please contact Officer Robert Santagata at Police Headquarters. These items will be placed on display at CPD Headquarters.

11. Since there were no nominations or requests to run for the officer positions within the CPDRA, a motion was made, second, and passed to retain all current officers.

12. Before adjourning the meeting, attendees were reminded to check with City Hall personnel on the loss of their individual and family Blue Cross when turning 65 years of age. Although each retiree may be in a different situation, this should be accomplished **"no later than six months prior to one's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday."**

13. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second at approximately 8:00pm. Upon conclusion, members received a tour of Police Headquarters and had their retired Police ID's updated.

14. The next CPDRA Meeting has yet to be determined. Please check our website for this date and other CPDRA information.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Fitta, Secretary  
CPDRA