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TOGETHER WE SERVED



TOGETHER WE REMEMBER



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Although 2018 was a very prosperous year for the CPDRA, it was also one of sadness with the loss of Officers Lenny D'Errico and Cheryl Zola. While gone, their professionalism, integrity and friendship will never be forgotten.

As we begin the new year, our finances have never been better. With donations from the Cranston FOP, Ms. Dolores Carroll, Mrs. Nancy Hackett, Mrs. William Holihan and collecting dues, our checking account is now at \$9,469.87. Coupled with our \$1,795.75 in savings, we now have a total of \$11,265.64 in our accounts. Thank you all for your continued support.

I have completed the CPD Memorial Brick Form

and will soon be sending it to the Colonel for distribution to all current CPD officers and civilians wishing to purchase a brick.

In regards to our memorial, we have decided to temporarily place a hold on its expansion. After speaking with Mr. Scolto, it appears we have sufficient space for honoring our departed members for approximately 3 to 4 years. However, those memorial donations received this year have been documented and placed aside for future memorial use.

The next CPDRA meeting is tentatively scheduled for April. The exact date, time and location has yet to be determined. I am attempting

to schedule an attorney (at no cost to the CPDRA) to brief on the requirements of implementing a RI Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care for this meeting. I will also have some hard copies available for completing this requirement at the meeting.

Recently I had my emailed account hacked and I apologize if this caused you any inconvenience. Please remember that I would never send anyone an email that requested your ID or password to open up a file.

In closing, thanks again for all your support to the CPDRA. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Pete Sepe, President

A SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. ANTHONY SCIOLTO

Since I can remember, Mr. Anthony Sciolto has been answering the call from the CPDRA. From installing and engraving our Police Memorial, to engraving our bricks, he has always treated us fairly and

gone beyond the call of duty to get our requests completed.

Because of his loyal and dedicated service to the CPDRA, we would like to simply say "THANK YOU." The ser-

vice you have provided us has been nothing less than outstanding.

Mr. Sciolto is the owner of A. Sciolto and Son Monuments Inc. located on Dyer Ave in Cranston, Rhode Island.

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CPDRA Finances to Date:

Savings: \$1,795.75
Checking: \$9,469.87

CPDRA Expenditures:
***Flowers for CPD Memorial: \$125.00**

***Annual Web Site Fee: \$100.00**

***Annual Report Fee to State of RI: \$20.00**

***Last 10-4 Mail out and Admin Supplies: \$54.11**



AN USUAL CRANSTON CHIEF'S BADGE



Chief James G. Miller



Cranston Chief's badge with Masonic emblem on back

Recently an acquaintance of mine who is a police officer in Massachusetts, and shares an interest in police history, sent me two photos of a Cranston Chief's badge from his collection that once belonged to James G. Miller, who served as Cranston's Chief of Police from 1929 to 1941.

Chief Miller was one of the first original ten full-time patrolman appointed to the department in 1910 when the city formally established the police department under city ordinance, although he'd served as a police constable since the 1890's. In 1912 he was promoted to Inspector, and served as the department's first detective.

What makes the badge so interesting is that besides the chief's name being engraved on the back, it also has a Masonic emblem attached, which indicates it was likely a "presentation" badge given to Chief Miller by a local Masonic lodge. (I was once told that many Cranston officers in the early 1900s were also Masons.)

Another reason to believe the badge wasn't issued by the department is that its style is inconsistent with the type of badges issued to Cranston officers in that era. The above photo of Chief Miller is a case in point. It shows him wearing a modified patrolman's badge with an eagle top—a style that was still worn by Chief Fouchecourt in the 1960s.

Of course, being the guy in charge, Chief Miller could have worn any badge he chose, and perhaps wore this one on his shirt under his tunic.

I've offered to trade for or buy the badge, but so far no luck.

This piece of CPD history was written by our managing editor, retired CPD Sgt. James Ignasher.

**A LITTLE BIT
OF CPD HISTORY
FOR
YOUR READING
PLEASURE**



Constable James Miller—1898

“Attention to Orders” - NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN



During each issue of the 10-4 Newsletter, we will take this 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 Nicholas A. Gualtieri. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Giuseppe and Angelina (Rattenni) Gualtieri. Nichols was a veteran, and served as an Airman in the Korean War. He attended weekly Mass at St. Bartholomew’s Church where he served as a usher. Detective Gualtieri served honorably with the Cranston Police Department from December 3, 1956 to January 4, 1987. He is survived by his former wife Dolores (Cedrone) Gibbs and his three daughters, Diane, Carol and Maureen Mitchell.

Detective Joseph V. Fortuna. Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Harry and Elizabeth Fortuna. A long time resident of Cranston, Detective Fortuna honorably served with the Cranston Police Department with 35 years of service. After retiring, Joe served another 15 years for the city in the position of truant officer. He is survived by his wife Jeanette (DiLibero) Fortuna and son Edward Fortuna of Cranston.

Officer Leonard F. (Lenny) D’Errico Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Edward J. and Jennie (Calitri) D’Errico. After displaying his football skills while attending and graduating Cranston High School East, he later joined the Cranston Police Department. After honorably serving on the department, Lenny went on to work for the Cranston Public Schools Athletic Department where you could see him at numerous events. Officer D’Errico passed away on December 24, 2018. He is survived by loving children Dawn Piechocki and Derek D’Errico, and his sister Sandra Garganese.

X-COPS BREAKFAST HAS A NEW LOCATION

As the holidays approached last year, I once again had the opportunity to meet with some X-Cops from the department over breakfast. As usual, it was great to tell some war stories and reminisce about the good old days on the job.

Maybe like many of you, I never made time for this event or always had an excuse for not going. However, once I did go, it’s something I look forward to each and every month. While the food is always good, the privilege of being with

these individuals who proudly served the city is immeasurable.

The new location for the breakfast is now the Cranston Diner on Oaklawn Ave in Cranston. We usually start getting there around 8:30am and end “**WHEN WE WANT TO**”. Unless there is a holiday, we usually meet on the last Tuesday of every month.

What do you have to lose? Try it, you may like it.



RI DIVISION OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS (DEA) SERVICES INFO

For those of you that have loved ones that are elderly and living in RI who need assistance, here are some points of contact for you:

RI Legal Services Senior Citizens Program: This program helps low income persons 60 and older with legal advice and assistance. It also assists seniors with problems relating to housing, Social Security, Medical Assistance, Medicare, Food Stamps,

and other problems. This service is located at 56 Pine St., Prov., RI. Call 274-2652 or 272-5335.

RI Bar Association’s Legal Info and Referral Services for the Elderly:

Located at 115 Cedar St., Prov., RI, this service helps anyone 60 and older obtain legal service and advice. Seniors may receive a free initial consultation of up to 30 minutes. A reduced -fee program is available for

moderate income seniors. A no-fee program is available for certain low-income seniors. Call 521-5040 or 421-1666 (TTY). Collect calls are accepted.

You can also obtain copies of the RI form for the **durable power of attorney for health care and living will** are available from DEA by calling 462-3000.

THE LINEUP GALLERY



Off. Peter Sepe



Off. Jack McMahon



Off. Jeanette Adams



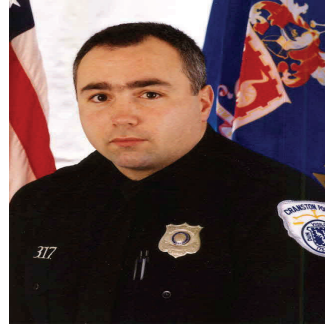
Off. Trudy Fitta



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Off. Alan Loiselle



Off. Donald Bucci



Off. Sean Baxter



Off. Lenny D'Errico(D)



Capt Harold Johnson(D)



Off. Matt Duffy (D)



Off. Arnold O'Desky (D)

LEGEND: (D) after a retiree's last name in the "Line Up Gallery" indicates the officer has passed away.

NOTE: We are still looking for photos from our retirees that have not been either used in our 10-4 or placed on our web site. "How about it folks, sending your photo allows us to properly recognize your dedication and professionalism while serving the citizens of Cranston, RI as a member of the Cranston Police Department.



B.C.I. Det. Mark Zabinski in CPD darkroom, c.1995
Digital camera have made darkrooms obsolete. How times have changed.



A proud moment for the Brown family. Captain Robert Brown Sr. congratulating his son Robert Jr. being promoted to Sergeant.