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TOGETHER WE SERVED



TOGETHER WE REMEMBER



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RETIRED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

When you see the words, RETIRED, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN, on the front on our new coin, what do you think it means?

To me, it is saying to our retired CPD officers and their families that despite your retirement, you are still, and will always be, part of the department. But, with the recent passing of Detectives Bob Baccari, Steve Agresti, and Officer Lenny D'Errico, it has taken on a much greater meaning to me personally.

As police officers, there is a unique bond that the average person can and will not understand. Nor would they ever believe

for coffee during those long, cold winter night shifts.

With each passing year of retirement, we unfortunately lose some of our fellow CPD brothers and sisters. For me, it's always sad because it's like losing a member of my family.

Regardless of your gender, race or background, being a Cranston Police Officer is something special. For me, it was making friends with those special people like Bob, Steve, and Lenny.

So what's the point Pete? My point is for all active and retired officers to not forget the special bond we have/had while on the job. Life is too dam short. So

should not be taken lightly.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Colonel Winquest and the entire Cranston Police Department family for their support during the loss of a CPD retiree. You and your staff have been truly outstanding and I know the families of our deceased officers appreciate everything you have done.

To the families of those officers who are no longer with us, please know that the dedication, sacrifices, and professionalism of your spouse as a Cranston Police Officer will never be forgotten. Their name is engraved on our Police Memorial for all people to see and remember for ever and ever.

In closing, don't forget the good times on the job and those individuals like Bob, Steve, and Lenny that made it happen. Regardless of what anyone says, being a Cranston Police Officer was a great job and I am honored to have worked with so many outstanding men and women.



fifty per cent of our war stories regarding incidents or events that happened during our career. Even when we had disagreements, there was never a time when your back-up wasn't there or someone didn't meet you

make the best of it and make the effort to continue your friendship before it's too late. Don't let differences or petty things divide what you had for so many years. I know we're all busy, but true friendship is something that

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CPDRA Finances to Date:

Savings: \$1,795.75
Checking: \$10,343.65

CPDRA Expenditures Since Last Meeting:

* **Wreath for CPD Memorial:** \$125.00
* **2019 Annual Report Fee for RI.:** \$20.00
* **Annual Web Site Fee:** \$100.00
* **CPDRA Challenge Coins:** \$712.50
* **CPD Memorial Engraving:** \$338.00
* **Challenge Coin Mail outs:** \$481.59

NEXT CPDRA MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 23

Time: 7pm

Location: Community Room at CPD HDQTRS

CPD HISTORY PROJECT PROCEEDING, BUT YOUR INPUT IS STILL NEEDED

As some of you may recall, thanks to retired Sergeant Jim Brooks, back in the early part of 2019 the department received some funding from the former Fraternal Order of Police savings account to spend on a history project chronicling the history of the CPD. The goal has been to collect and preserve departmental photographs and memorabilia, and thus far, about 60 vintage photographs have been scanned, enlarged, and professionally framed, and are now displayed on various walls of the new police station.

Several quality display cases have also been obtained which are now starting to be filled with memorabilia such as old badges and patches, police license plates, radios, obsolete leather gear, and various other CPD mementos of the past.

The project has been spearheaded by Detectives John Ryan, Robert Santagata, and Inspector Thomas Okolowicz, all of whom have done a fantastic job. But they aren't finished yet, and this is where you can help. The department is still looking for old photographs, newspaper articles, and other items of interest we retirees might have sitting in old picture albums or collecting dust in our closets. Items of interest include, but aren't limited to, old photographs, particularly ones of the old cruisers or the old police stations, as well as obsolete equipment and uniforms. All photos will be scanned and immediately returned, or you can scan them yourself, (at a high resolution please), and email them.

If you'd like to help or contribute, please contact Det. Santagata or Insp. Okolowicz.



Vintage Photos of days gone by.



One of the display cases in the inner lobby of the new police station. New officers seem to be very interested in the project.



(Left) A photo of CPD detectives taken in 1951 was enlarged to poster size and now adorns the waiting area of the detective division at the police station. (Photos for 10-4 courtesy of Det. John Ryan.)

Retiree of the Month

After 31 years of dedicated service, Detective John Ryan has retired from the CPD effective March 27th.

John began his career on Feb. 1, 1989. During his tenure he served on the department's SWAT team, and as an instructor in the criminal justice program at the New England Institute of Technology. For the last 19 years he served in the detective division. Good luck John!



New Special Reaction Team Patch

The patch pictured to the right is the latest version of the CPD's Special Reaction Team insignia. It was first issued in 2019, and is worn on the team's call-out uniforms.



Department Re-opens "Cold Cases"

The CPD has re-opened several "cold cases" involving unsolved murders dating back to the 1970s. Anyone having recollections of these cases, whether you worked on them, or just recall being there, are urged to contact the detective division. Your input may be more valuable than you think.

Pictures From The Way-Back Machine



Members of the SWAT Team Circa 1980

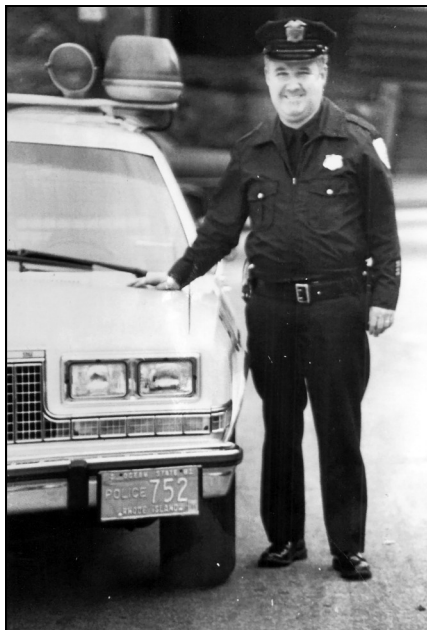
Back Row, L to R: Tom Mooney, Joe Maciorowski, Bob Baccari, Mike Chalek, Frank Gill.
Front Row, L to R: Jim Abbott, Bob Barber.

Pictured at the right is Detective Eugene Hackett next to an early 1980s Plymouth cruiser with "gumball" strobe lights.

Those who drove them can recall how they tended to "fish-tail" in snowy weather.

They were equipped with metal-mesh cages, (Not clear plexiglass); roll-down windows, (Not electric); and a radio mounted to the transmission hump. And no computer.

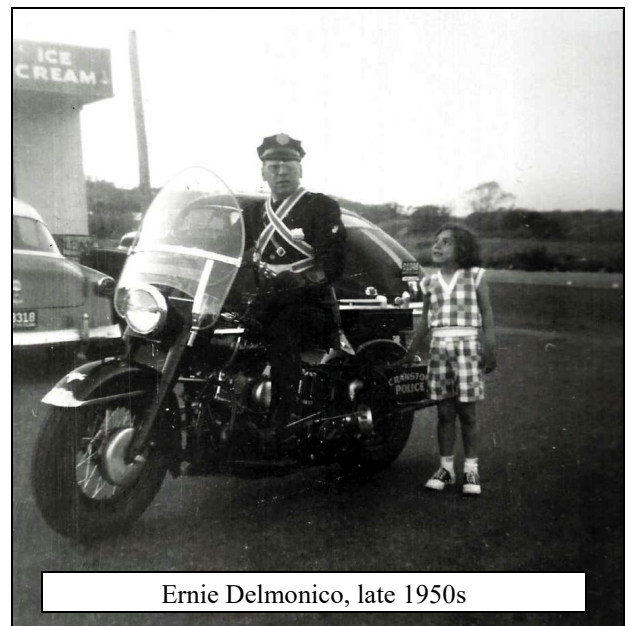
Ah the good old days!



Send us your old photos and we'll publish them!



How many recall this Ford truck used by the city garage?



Ernie Delmonico, late 1950s



"Attention to Orders" - NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN



In each issue of the 10-4 Newsletter, we 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.



Steve Agresti



Robert Baccari



Lenny D'Errico



Bill Palmer



Cheryl Zola



Frank Zito



Nick Gaultieri



Anthony Moretti



Francis Caniglia

Rest In Peace