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**FOUNDER and HONORARY PRESIDENT – RICO MACCARONE**

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TOGETHER WE SERVED



TOGETHER WE REMEMBER



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## A MESSAGE TO OUR CPD FAMILY

As you prepare for the upcoming holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our CPD family a safe and healthy Hanukah and Christmas on behalf of the officers and board members of the CPDRA. I am also asking all of you to take a moment during the day to remember all those retirees that are no longer with us; especially the D'Ambrosio, Cooke, Carello, Nunes, and Massimino families who have lost loved ones this year.

Without question, this has been a challenging year for all of us. While the world and this great country continues to battle this deadly virus,

our brave men and women of law enforcement continue to put their lives on the line to protect and serve the citizens of their community.

As a retired member of this great department, I speak for all CPD retirees when I say that the hard work, professionalism, and dedication to duty of the men and women of this department never goes unnoticed. While we no longer have the privilege and honor to serve with you, we know the sacrifices and risks you're taking to get the job done. We are extremely proud of all of you, so never take any call or car stop for granted and most importantly, **be careful out there.**

Hopefully 2021 will be a better year for all of us and we can return to some normalcy. Whether it's having our monthly X-cops breakfast or holding our annual Police Memorial Ceremony, we need to have our CPD family together again.

From my family to yours, please stay safe and healthy and have a great holiday.

Sincerely,  
Peter J. Sepe, President  
CPDRA

## RETIREE OF THE MONTH—ANTHONY DIBIASE



The motorcycle is a 1959-60 Harley-Davidson "Duo-Glide". It was equipped with a 55 horse-power, four-stroke, Panhead V-twin engine and could reach speeds up to 99 mph.

Note the siren on the front fender.

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**CPDRA Finances to Date:**

**Savings: \$1,795.75**  
**Checking: \$10,854.65**

**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**

**\* Federal ID Processing: \$200.00**

**\*Purchase of 25 Additional CPDRA coins: \$100**



## THE JERRY'S CHEMIST SHOP ROBBERY NOVEMBER 9, 1970



Det. Sgt. Louis Corvese and Sgt. George Carillo examine the bullet holes in the unmarked police car after the shoot-out at Jerry's Chemist Shop.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on the night of November 9, 1970, two men parked a stolen 1966 Oldsmobile on Wheeler Ave. just around the corner from Jerry's Chemist Shop, a drug store and soda fountain located at 1678 Broad Street. Both were fugitives from justice. One was armed with a sawed-off shotgun, and the other with two .38 handguns. Moments later they entered the shop and announced a holdup.

There were six people in the establishment at the time; the owner and his wife, a woman with two young children, and a lone teenaged youth.

Meanwhile Detective Sergeant Louis Corvese and Detective John Smith pulled up in front of the store in an unmarked car unaware that a robbery was in progress. As Smith exited the vehicle he saw what was happening through the window and signaled to Corvese who radioed the situation to send help.

The first backup officer to arrive was Patrolman Anthony Massimino who took a position behind the unmarked car with Corvese while Smith covered the Wheeler Ave. side of the building.

When the robbers realized that police were outside they came out shoot-

ing. As bullets tore into the unmarked car officers returned fire. More shots were exchanged as the holdup men turned the corner onto Wheeler Ave. and both men fell to the sidewalk wounded. No officers had been hit.

The officers had expended all their rounds during the firefight, and as they were reloading one of the robbers got up and began running down Wheeler Ave. and disappeared into the backyard of 113 Wheeler. He was captured the following day.

Both men survived their wounds and were convicted of their crimes.



Jerry's Chemist Shop—1970

### Photos From The "Way Back" Machine



Former Colonels A. Comella, V. McAteer, and K. Mancuso.

### Officers Promoted

On October 19th Colonel Winquist announced that the following promotions were made. Sgt. Brian D'Amico was promoted to Lieutenant, and Det. Thomas Pariseault was promoted to Sergeant. We wish both men good luck success in their new positions.

### Patches Re-ordered



For those who were unable to purchase one of the department's patches honoring those who serve in the military, a re-order of 50 more emblems was placed and are now available. The cost is \$10 dollars each. Those interested should contact the Colonel's office at 942-2211.

For those interested, we're told that the CPD plans to create other specialized patches that will be worn by uniformed officers for the period of one month. These patches will be used to raise money for various worthy causes, and will be available to all active-duty personnel as well as retiree's who wish to purchase them. Additionally, corresponding "challenge coins" will also be created and available to retirees at an additional cost.



BCI Det. Frank Zito (left), and Ptl. Ron Pirolli (right), practicing their archery skills—1990s.



Pictured at left is Sergeant Charles Rogers circa 1950. Note the double breasted tunic and cross-draw holster.

Photo courtesy of the Rogers family, via Detective Paula Duffy.

Sergeant Rogers was later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.



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



***“Attention to Orders” - NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN***



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



Chief John Bigbee



Ptl. Henry Johnson



Ptl. William White



Lt. Edward Walsh



Capt. Edward Ryan



Ptl. William Quinn



Ptl. Francis Schnsie



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