



The Fourword

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Public Safety Day

Saturday, September 19, 2015
10:00-11:00 am

Sensory Friendly Access Hour

The Access Hour is a wonderful opportunity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to spend quality time with local police, fire fighters and other first responders before the Safety Day opens to the public.

11:00 am-2:00pm

Open to the General Public
Milford Mill MTA Lot

4400 Milford Mill Road, Baltimore 21208

Join The Baltimore County Police & Community Relations
Councils and Pathfinders for Autism
for a fun afternoon of games, activities and experiential
learning about keeping your family safe.



Interact with:

First Responders - Police, Fire
and EMS
Police K-9 Unit



See demonstrations of:

Police K-9 dogs in action
Fire Dept. rescues using Jaws
of Life

Explore:

Police cars and motorcycles
Ambulances
Fire engines
Police armored car
Baltimore County Police
helicopter



Representing the Professional Police Officers of Baltimore County



MEETING MINUTES July 2015

- The July General Business meeting was held on July 27, 2015 at FOP Lodge 4. President Weston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Sister Kraemer gave the invocation. President Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

- 1st Vice President Comegna, Brother Cortes and Brother Graff were on vacation, Chaplain Merkle was excused, Brother Rommel was working, all other Officers were in attendance as well as Legal Advisor Mike Marshall.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- A motion was made by Brother Grumbach to accept the minutes of the May General Membership Meeting. A second was made by Brother Speed. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

~ PRESIDENT WESTON ~

- June 23– Met with Chief Johnson concerning stand-by pay and scheduling. Attended the Maryland General Assembly Public Safety and Policing Workgroup hearing concerning recruitment and hiring practices for law enforcement.
- June 24– Addressed the

In-Service Training class. Visited with Chaplain Merkle.

- June 25– Attended fundraiser for Speaker Pro Tem, Delegate Adrienne Jones of the tenth legislative district.
- June 29– Attended a Maryland State FOP Legislative committee meeting in Annapolis.
- July 1– Visited the funeral home with the Vaselaros family. Attended a fundraiser for Delegate Dana Stein of the eleventh legislative district.
- July 16– Visited the funeral home with the Atkinson family.
- July 17– Met with the Montgomery County FOP Lodge #35 leadership concerning the National conference.
- July 23– Attended the Maryland General Assembly Public Safety and Policing Workgroup town hall meeting in Annapolis.
- July 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting. Chaired the Lodge #4 General Membership meeting.

~ 1st V. P. COMEGNA ~

- June 23– Attended a meeting of the Pharmacy RFP Committee, where “technical data” from the bidder’s was evaluated.
- June 29– Attended a meeting of the Police Assistance and Relief Fund (P.A.R. Fund)
- July 2– Visited Precinct #8.
- July 9– Attended a meeting of the Police Assistance and Relief Fund (P.A.R. Fund).
- July 15– Attended “finalists presentations” for the pharmacy RFP.
- July 20– Visited Baltimore County’s Purchasing Department, in reference to the pharmacy RFP.

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~2nd V. P. ROSE~

- June 22– Met with President Weston and Chief Johnson regarding several ongoing personnel matters. Attended the Maryland General Assembly Public Safety and Policing Workgroup in Annapolis.
- June 25– Responded to Precinct #3 along with counsel from SBW for a shooting involving three (3) of our members.
- July 14– Attended the Pension Board of Trustees meeting.
- July 16– Attended the viewing for the mother of Maryland State Lodge First Vice President Atkinson.
- July 17– Met with Montgomery County FOP Lodge #35 members about the National Trustee election in Pittsburgh.
- July 20– Met with President Weston and a member to discuss disciplinary settlement.
- July 22– Contacted numerous delegates from across the state to discuss the National Trustee election in Pittsburgh.
- July 23– Met with Prince Georges County FOP Lodge #89 members to discuss the National Trustee election in Pittsburgh. Attended the Maryland General Assembly Public Safety and Policing Workgroup in Annapolis.
- July 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and the General Membership meeting.

SECRETARY PATTERSON

- June 30– Attended a fundraiser for former Delegate John Olszewski Jr. at Row Boat Wil- lies in Millers Island.
- July 27 – Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and the General Mem- bership meeting.

~TREASURER CASKEY~

July 27– Attended the Lodge #4 executive Board of Directors meeting and the General Mem- bership meeting.

~TRUSTEE PATTERSON~

- June 30 – Attended a fundraiser for former Delegate John Olszewski Jr. at Row Boat Willis in Millers Island.
- July 27– Attended the Lodge #4 Executive Board of Directors meeting and the General Mem- bership meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT ~ Ken Schubert~

- An Executive Board of Directors meeting was held on July 27, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. First Vice President Comegna, Brother Graff and Brother Cortes were on vacation. Chaplain Merkle was excused. All other board members and legal advisor Mike Marshall were in attendance.
- Motions that were made, after receiving a proper second, were discussed, voted upon, and appear in this issue under the appropriate committee reports.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE ~Don Patterson~

- The annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday August 21, 2015. The tournament will be held at Rocky Point Golf Course in Essex. Shotgun start at 0800 hrs. The cost is \$360 per four- some. Call the lodge to reserve your group.

DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE ~Mike DiCara~

- The Donation Review Commit- tee met on July 27, 2015 and the following motions were made and passed.
- Motion to purchase ten (10) tickets in the amount of \$350 for the Law Officers Associa- tion Shrimp Feast on September 26, 2015.
- Motion to make a \$250 dona- tion to the Chrome City Ride to benefit the Benedictine School.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ~Dave Rose~

- No grievances were filed this month.
- The HCRC had an opportunity to review the information the County provided in the variance and claims experience reports. Based on that review, the labor groups that comprise the HCRC notified the County on June 12, 2015 they are prepared to pro- ceed with the grievance over subsidy splits to arbitration. No arbitrator or date has been set at this time.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE ~Steve Comegna~

- The Pharmacy RFP Committee has met several times over the past few weeks. The bidders have been narrowed down and a finalist has been selected. The contract award is anticipated in September of 2015. If there are changes, they would take effect on January 1, 2016.

**LEGAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- The County's initial brief to the Maryland Court of Appeals in the retiree health care subsidy case has been submitted. Our response is being drafted for submission. No date for the argument has been set. The case will be heard in the fall of 2015.
- In the Brandt Bradford case, the ERS/County has filed an appeal to the Court of Special Appeals. The County's initial brief was submitted by June 30, 2015. Our response is due on August 28, 2015. The County's reply is due September 17, 2015. The case will be heard in the fall of 2015.

PENSION COMMITTEE

~Dave Rose~

- On July 14, 2015, the Pension Board of Trustees met and approved fifty-two (52) retirements. Two (2) were from the police department.

**POLICY REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

~Dave Rose~

- The committee members reviewed eight (8) policies this month. There were no bargaining issues identified.

**POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEE**

~Steve Comegna~

- The Political Action Committee met on Monday, July 27, 2015. The committee made the following motion:
- To purchase a \$1000.00 sponsorship to a fundraiser for Councilwoman Vicki Almond on August 27, 2015.

- This motion were presented to the Executive Board on July 27, 2015 and was approved by the general membership on July 27, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

- It was brought up that after the shooting in Precinct #3 the officers were made to go to the range. President Weston had previously talked with the Chief and was under the impression this would not happen and he will speak with the Chief about it again.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- During the month of July FOP Lodge #4 sent four (4) cards and flower arrangements to bereaving members. Two (2) donations were made in memory of a member and a parent of a member who passed away. Seven (7) thank you cards were received.
- Retired Lt. Joe Bangert is organizing a bull roast to assist Brother Jim Morrison, who was injured in a motorcycle accident.
- The Board approved to buy a set of Oriole tickets to raffle off with proceeds going directly to the four (4) suspended officers from Baltimore City Lodge 3.



Bereavements

***Retired Sergeant George
Bangert, Uncle of Retired
Brother Joe Bangert***

***Betty Pleasant, Mother-in-
Law of Retired Brother
Gerald White***

***Mary Davis, Mother-in-
Law of Retired Brother
John Selway***

***Retired Brother James
Yeasted***

***Thomas Maher, Father of
Brother Chris Maher***

***Guy Stone, Father of
Brother Donald Stone***

***Retired Detective Sergeant
Ray Leard (MSP), Father
of Brother Ron Leard***

***Association of Baltimore
County Retired Police
Meetings 2015***

September 8

November 3

***All meetings are held at
Parkville Heritage Gar-
dens at 7:30p.m.***



Police Emerald Society

19th Annual Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday November 21, 2015

7:00 P.M. to Midnight

Tall Cedars Hall

2501 Putty Hill Av. Parkville MD 21234

Tickets \$40.00 each

MENU

**On the Pit: Choice Beef, Smoked Country Ham, Fresh Ham
& Turkey, Bread, Rolls & Condiments**

**Oysters on the Half Shell with Spicy Cocktail Sauce
Homemade Maryland Crab Soup, Sausage with Green
Peppers & Onions, Buffalo Wings, Roast Beef, Mashed
Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Taco Salad, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw. Fresh Fruit, Assorted Cheeses & Crackers,
Seasonal Vegetables with Dips & Pickled Beets, Sheetcake
Budweiser, Miller Lite & Yuengling Lager Can Beers,
Non-Alcoholic Beer**

Wheels, Silent Auction

**DJ Nick Paros, Metro Richmond Police Emerald Society
Pipes and Drums**

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The September

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
September 28, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road

The October

**FOP Lodge 4
GENERAL
BUSINESS
MEETING**

will be held on

**Monday,
October 26, 2015
7:30 p.m.**

at
FOP Lodge 4
9304 Harford Road