



THE COOK COUNTY
SHERIFF'S MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION'S
CCSO NEWSLETTER

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The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation (CCSMF) was established to honor sworn and civilian members of the Cook County Sheriff's Office, both past and present. The foundation also endeavors to provide continued support to surviving family members of sworn members killed in the line of duty while serving the communities of Cook County. The Board of Directors are retirees from the CCSO including the former Assistant Chief from Court Services, the Chief of the Sheriff's Police Department, the Directors of the Department of Corrections, and the Director of the Sheriff's Training Academy.

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Congratulations to the following Retirees:

Correctional Officer Vivian Baker, CCDOC

Correctional Sergeant Michael Barton, CCDOC

Correctional Officer Martha Belk, CCDOC

Police Officer Bruce Loeb, CCSPD

Correctional Officer Randall McClendon, CCDOC

Thank You for Your Service!

**This November, the CCSO
Remembers...**



**Alfred "Butch" Brown, Jr.,
Deputy Sheriff**

**Cook County Sheriff's Office
Department of Court Services**

**End of Watch:
Tuesday, November 17, 1992**

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Congratulations to the CCSO Awardees of the Cook County Sheriff's 2015 Law Enforcement Awards

Medal of Valor

Sergeant James Davis

Detective James Draz

Sergeant Michael Dwyer

Police Officer William Hoefler

Communications Supervisor Megan Kinsella

Detective Abel Torres

Police Officer Viktor Yatsyk

Wounded Warrior Project

Police Director Edward Lewandowski

Police Lieutenant Sean Gleason

Police Lieutenant Nathan Camer

Police Sergeant Richard Velasquez

Police Sergeant Michael Gleason

Police Sergeant David Cammack

Detective Robert Lobacz

Police Officer Adrian Molina

Deputy Sergeant Michael Grady

Deputy Mark Varkalis

Correctional Officer Richard Chow

Investigator Phillip Duignan

Vehicle Services, Frank Yost

Vehicle Services, Robert Garcia

Vehicle Services, Larry Skiver

Thank you for your service,
bravery, and making us all
proud!

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Chicago Crime Commission's 2015 "Stars of Distinction" Awards

Honors the CCSO Human Trafficking Response Team

Congratulations to the members of the Sheriff's Human Trafficking Response Team for being honored by the Chicago Crime Commission at their annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Deputy Chief Michael Anton, Commander William Leen, Officer Patrick Brosnan, Officer Robert Gassman, Officer Daniel Schaller and Brenda Meyers-Powell, along with a prosecution team from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, received the ***2015 Mitch Mars Award for Prosecutorial Excellence*** for their investigation and prosecution in a human trafficking case.

In September 2015, due to the extensive case built by the Human Trafficking Response Team, the defendant plead guilty. The defendant was sentenced to eight (8) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, and was fined more than \$200,000.000 to be paid as restitution to the victims.

Congratulations to the Human Trafficking Response Team for a job very well done!

The Chicago Crime Commission also honored Police Officer Efrain Mata with the
Law Enforcement Excellence Task Force Award

Congratulations!

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Chicago Crime Commission Honors CCSPD Cold Case Detectives For Solving 22-year-old Murder of Local Teen

Four Cold Case Detectives were also honored by the Chicago Crime Commission with the *Meritorious Service Award for Excellence in a Criminal Investigation* for successfully bringing to justice an offender in the 1992 murder of a Morton Grove teenager.

Commander Lawrence Rafferty, Sergeant Scott Lefko and Detectives Robert Lobacz and Christopher McGuire received the award for the arrest in the January 1, 1992 murder of 15-year-old David Chereck.

Detectives worked extensively with the State's Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office to build a case against the offender and track his movements.

The offender, now 71 years old, was taken into custody and charged with the teenager's murder.

Congratulations for your diligent work.

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The Sheriff's Memorial Foundation would like to thank everyone who participated in the events listed in our October newsletter, including the following:

Letters of Support for Our Soldiers

Special thanks to Deputy Sheriff Wanda Gonzalez

Out of Darkness Chicagoland Community Walk

*Special thanks to Special Projects Coordinator Tracey Steele and
SWAP Lieutenant John Lang*

The 9th Annual KLEO Benefit Gala

&

The Cook County Veteran's Benefit Workshop

Upcoming Events

On behalf of our friends the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation, please save the date:

America Recycles Day 2015



Date: Sunday, November 15th

Time: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Location: 2607 W. 17th Street, Chicago
(Lagunitas Parking Lot)

Come recycle your electronics, plastics, paper, clothing, textiles, toner, unused prescription drugs, and batteries!

Questions?? Please call 773.843.5335 or contact sheriff.recycling@cookcountyil.gov

HONORING OUR FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS



12th Annual Fall Fundraiser

Friday, November 20, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

HELD AT 115 Bourbon Street

3359 W. 115th Street • Merrionette Park, Illinois • Free Valet Parking

Proceeds Benefit the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County

- ★ Live Band: Chef Dan and the Appetizers ★
featuring Eddie Volkman - Chicago Radio Personality
- Split the Pot • Pick Your Choice Raffle •
- Prize Giveaways - Cash Raffle •
- Silent Auction Featuring Autographed Sports Memorabilia •

Tickets Available at the Door or by Calling: (708) 424-6749

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DONATION: \$35.00

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Visa/MasterCard Accepted

CCSO Annual Fitness Test

Date: Dec 6th

Time: 8:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

Location: Moraine Valley
Community College
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465
Building A, Room 104

OR

Date: Dec 19th

Time: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Triton College 2000
N. 5th Ave.
River Grove, Illinois 60171
Robert Collins Bldg, Room 308

More Upcoming Events

The CCSO Canned Food Drive

Join the CCSO in an effort to provide canned goods to benefit the South Suburban Family Shelter!

When: November 1st-30th

Where: Facility receptacles

For more information, please contact the Special Projects Coordinator at Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov . Facility Assistant Chiefs will be contacted to arrange for the delivery of the donations to 69 West Washington, Room 1130.

Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey: Circus Extreme

When: November 19-29

Where: United Center

For more information, please contact the United Center's group agent: 312-455-7469.

The 100 Club of Chicago's "Marinarathon"

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Location: Morgan MFG, 401 N. Morgan Street



The 100 Club of Chicago is hosting a cooking competition with Chicago's best Italian restaurants. All proceeds will go to the 100 Club of Chicago, which assists families of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

For tickets and more information, please visit www.marinarathon.com /www.100clubchicago.com.

Participating restaurants include: Rosebud Restaurant, Formento's, Francesca's Restaurants, Nando Milano Trattoria, Coco Pazzo, Volare Restaurant Chicago, Dolce Italian Chicago, Pelago Ristorante, Tocco Osteria, Langhe, Via Carducci La Sorella & La Scarola Italian Restaurant

*The 100 Club is also seeking 5-8 volunteers for this event. If you would like to volunteer, please email Special Projects Coordinator Tracey Steele at Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov.

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From the FOP: Where Can An Officer Go?

Where can an officer go to discuss the emotional, mental, and spiritual burdens of their profession, especially during the holiday season?

*The **FOP IL State Lodge** has created a Critical Incident Support Team with a CIST Hotline that provides peer support and information.*

If you or an officer whom you know needs assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the CIST Hotline at 866-535-1078.

Coming Soon!

2016 Sheriff's Memorial Foundation

**Membership Decals go on sale in December!
More info will be shared at that time. Thank
you to all who purchased a decal for 2015!**

**For more information or to submit a
story, please contact us at
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Happy
Thanksgiving

