



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

**January- February, 2016: Issue #4**

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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## *Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation*

*Presents:*

### 2016 Membership Decals

Join the Sheriff's Memorial Foundation today! Yearly membership with a decal is only \$10.

To purchase your 2016 Active Member Decal, visit [www.ccsmf.org](http://www.ccsmf.org).



To purchase your decal in person, please visit one of the following representatives:

- *DOC – Director Marilyn Martinez*
- *69 West Washington—Tracey Steele*
- *Daley Center—Katie Dunne*
- *Sheriff's Police Headquarters—Penny Mateck*
- *Training Academy — Director Marie Rangel*

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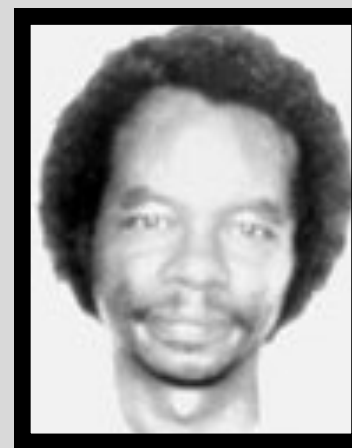
## *In Memoriam...*

**James F. Knapp**  
**Sheriff's Police**  
**Department**



End of Watch:  
Wednesday, January 4, 2006

**Jeffery B. Blakey**  
**Department**  
**Of Corrections**



End of Watch:  
Tuesday, January 5, 1988

## *In Memoriam..*

The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation extends its condolences to the friends and family of the following retired and active duty employees:

**Officer Robert Agins, CCDOC**

**Officer John Carter Jr., CCDOC**

**Officer Charmaine Ollins, CCDOC/RCDC**

**Inspector Sherwood S. Williams, CCSO**

**Officer Marcus White, CCDOC**

**Officer Turhane Boutte, CCDOC**

Please join us by keeping their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

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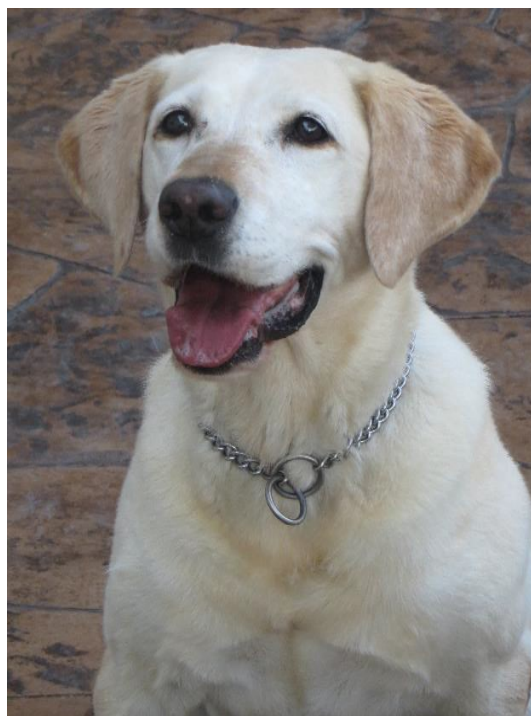
K-9 Taffy was a stray Labrador retriever rescued in Lake County, Illinois and trained by the Cook County Sheriffs Police

Department.

Taffy, worked with Bomb Technician John Gallagher, from 2007 until her retirement in 2013. Taffy was trained in explosive recognition and guns and did everything from conducting searches for President Obama on election night to doing K-9 demonstrations for second graders.

She had alerts at work while searching for homemade explosives, low explosive powders, and a vehicle used in a drive-by shooting. She was the type of dog that everyone trusted at work and loved at home. She will be missed.

## *In Memoriam: K-9 Taffy*



**End of Watch: 2013**

### A Working Dog's Oath

I will lay down my life for you  
and expect nothing but love in return.  
I protect my Officer with my life, and  
would gladly take a die in his place.

I am sent in to locate a bomb.

I am the first sent in and sometimes  
the last to leave.

I am the nose and ears of my Officer.

I will protect and serve him and the community.

I would die for him and for you.

I only ask for compassion and a kind  
word.

**The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial  
Foundation congratulates the  
following retirees:**

Correctional Officer William Custer, DOC

Correctional Officer Glenn Ringgold, DOC

Deputy Sheriff Reason Lee, COURTS

Deputy Sheriff Dennis Young, COURTS

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Meiszcza, COURTS

Correctional Officer Ollie Stinson, DOC

Deputy Sheriff Mark Becker, COURTS

Correctional Officer Kerry Czarnecki, DOC

Correctional Officer Harrison Gougis, DOC

Police Officer Antonio Alejandro Jr., CCSPD

1st AED George Turner, DOC

Correctional Sergeant Michael Meyers, DOC

Investigator Richard Loucius, DOC

Correctional Lieutenant Belinda Blunt-Williams, DOC

Correctional Officer Michael El Mereebi, DOC

Correctional Officer William A. Smith, DOC

Police Officer Donna Mallon, CCSPD

Correctional Officer John J. Sprovieri Jr., DOC

Correctional Officer Peggy Houpe, DOC

Deputy Sheriff Luther Hale, COURTS

Deputy Sheriff Gayle McAuliffe, COURTS

Deputy Lieutenant Donald Dulaney, COURTS

Investigator Robert Senese, CWU

Deputy Sheriff Tina Ruffoni, COURTS

Correctional Officer Paul Anderson, DOC

Deputy Sheriff Angel Martinez, COURTS

Police Officer Robert Maxwell, CCSPD

***(Retirees Continued)***

Deputy Sheriff Gregory Gardner, COURTS

Correctional Officer Harvey Lewis, DOC

Correctional Officer Debra Pitts-Doss, DOC

Correctional Officer Peter Fotopoulos, DOC

Correctional Officer Lyndria Long, DOC

Investigator Leslie Kelly, DOC

Correctional Officer William Kampic, DOC

Correctional Sergeant Debra Calloway-Davis, DOC

Police Officer Karen McIntyre, CCSPD

Correctional Officer Aaron Morris, DOC

Correctional Officer James Brady, DOC

Correctional Officer Teresa Reese, DOC

Deputy Sheriff John L. Sorrentino, COURTS

***Thank you so much for your service!***

## **Spotlight: Officer Wade Wicker**

The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation extends appreciation to Correctional Officer Wade Wicker who on December 9, 2015, performed an extraordinary act of kindness to an injured pedestrian.

At approximately 5:35 p.m. on Dec. 9, Officer Wade Wicker, who works in DOC, was alerted to a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle in the 5400 block of Lincoln Avenue. Officer Wicker found the 81 year-old victim, who had a head injury, lying in the street.

The officer immediately went into action. He checked to see if the man was responsive, which he was. After the officer learned that 9-1-1 had been called, he instructed a bystander to redirect traffic. Officer Wicker told the man not to move in case there were additional injuries to his neck or back and kept the injured man alert and talking until Skokie Police arrived. Paramedics transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

We salute Officer Wicker for his selflessness and compassion to help and for his quick-thinking that aided the on-duty first responders.

**Thank you for your service!**



## Spotlight: Deputy Oscar Luciano

On January 15, Deputy Sheriff Oscar Luciano notified CCSD Radio of a suspicious and out-of-control truck. His notification allowed the truck to be apprehended while he himself identified and reported to County Dispatch the license plate number. Deputy Sheriff Luciano then promptly notified CCSD and EMS when the truck driver, attempting to outrun the officers, struck a tree.

Because of Deputy Sheriff Luciano, the driver was not only apprehended but also discovered to have been driving under the influence and fleeing the scene of an accident.

***Thank you for your service!***

The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation extends its congratulations to Commander John Blair for his Dec. 11 graduation from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia!

*Do you know a CCSO employee who should be featured in "Spotlight"?*

*Please submit your story to [CCSO.Newsletter@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:CCSO.Newsletter@cookcountyil.gov)*

*to see it featured in our next issue!*

## Thank You!

The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation extends a special thanks to **Savers Thrift Store** in Naperville for its generous donation of books to be dispersed to the inmates in the Cook County Department of Corrections, to the residents of local shelters, and to children throughout Cook County via the Sheriff's Social Services Team. The SWAP book pick-up took place December 2015.

The Cook County Sheriff's Memorial Foundation extends its thanks to **Officer John "Mack" Makarewicz** who dressed as Santa to distribute gifts donated by volunteers to the children of women detainees during the children's visitation.

Special thanks are extended to **Supt. Kelly Baker**, **Officer Shaun Claus**, Case manager **Jenny Chavez**, parenting class leader **Cynthia Mims**, and all the generous donors whose efforts ensured the event's success.

*Great job!*



## Have You Heard of Smart911?



***Your safety  
matters!***

Smart911 enables residents to create a free Safety Profile for their households which allows a 9-1-1 responder to attend to any household crisis in the best manner possible, saving precious seconds of potentially life-changing time.

Please create your own free Safety Profile at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com).

You can also share this free service with your friends and family.

If you have any questions or would simply like more information, please visit: [community@smart911.com](mailto:community@smart911.com).



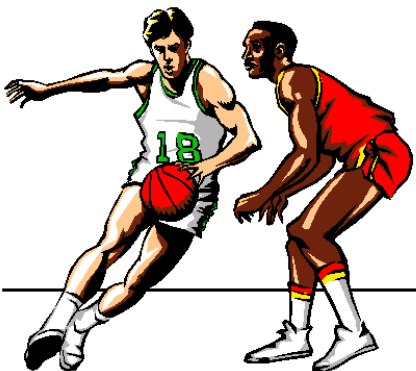
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Save the Date!

Bring Your Friends!



**2nd ANNUAL  
BATTLE  
OF THE BADGES**

**UIC  
BASKETBALL**

COME WATCH  
CHICAGO'S FINEST VS. COOK COUNTY'S FINEST  
PLAY ON THE FLAMES HOME COURT (UIC PAVILION)!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016  
DOORS OPEN @ 12:30PM  
GAME TIME @ 1PM  
PIZZA @ 2 PM

**\$15 per Adult  
\$10 per Child**  
INCLUDES TICKET FOR  
BATTLE OF THE BADGES,  
GAME TICKET FOR  
UIC VS. OAKLAND,  
A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,  
AND POSTGAME PIZZA

FREE BUS FOR  
GROUPS OF 30 OR MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE EVENT:

DOC/ LT. GARY MERRILL:  
773-674-2778

DEPUTY STEVE CAMMACK:  
815-272-5000

SHERIFF'S POLICE - PENNY MATECK:  
708-865-4917

STAY AND WATCH  
UIC VS OAKLAND @ 4PM  
AT THE UIC PAVILION  
525 S. RACINE AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60608

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:**

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
**TORCH RUN**  
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
ILLINOIS

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR  
TO ORDER TICKETS IN ADVANCE:**  
KIM ESSARY  
[kessar2@uic.edu](mailto:kessar2@uic.edu)  
312.996.8188



Bring Your Family!



# ALDERMAN MATT O'SHEA'S **GET BEHIND THE VEST** **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016**

Saint John Fisher School – Kane Hall  
10200 S. Washtenaw Ave.

8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$5 per person / \$25 per family



For more information, please contact Matt O'Shea at [mattoshea@the19thward.com](mailto:mattoshea@the19thward.com) or (773) 238-8766

**I PROTECT THOSE  
WHO PROTECT ME.**



The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation is working to raise \$4 million to replace the 8,000 outdated vests currently in use by Chicago Police Officers and we need your help. On Sunday, February 21st, Alderman Matt O'Shea is hosting a pancake breakfast to support this effort. Your donation ensures that every officer out there protecting you is protected.

**When Chicago Police Officers are hired, they receive a new bulletproof vest. However, a vest isn't bulletproof forever.**

It wears out. It breaks down. It needs to be replaced every 5 years. Just one bullet permanently damages a vest, making it unusable. Chicago Police Officers are responsible for replacing their own vests. At \$500 or more per vest, in addition to other equipment and uniform expenses, the costs can quickly add up. That's why we need your help.

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## Save the Date!

### **Women's Justice Programs Winter Clothing Drive**

**November 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016**

Please don't forget to support the Women's Justice Program's Winter Clothing Drive benefitting women re-entering the community. For more information, please contact Superintendent Kelly Baker, CCDOC: (773) 674-7731.

### **Fight for Air Climb**

Join us in supporting the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb!

**When: March 6, 2016**

**Where: Presidential Towers**



Please join us in celebrating Big Brothers-Big Sisters Cops for Kids' Sake 34th Anniversary!

**When: February 27-28th**

Contact: Alex Hall

[www.bbschgo.org/CPDSheriffsBFKS](http://www.bbschgo.org/CPDSheriffsBFKS)

Manager of Special Events

PHONE: 312-207-5603

### **Glass Slipper Project:**

Help the CCSO collaborate with The Glass Slipper Project to provide free prom attire to over 20,000 young women!

**When: January 15, 2016 - February 29, 2016**

Contact: [Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Tracey.Steele@cookcountyil.gov)

[glassslipperproject.org](http://glassslipperproject.org) (312) 409-4139

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## Events Around Chicago: Save the Date!



**#MAKEASPLASH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHICAGO!**

**CHICAGO polar Plunge**

**SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2016**  
NORTH AVENUE BEACH - 10 AM START FREE BUS FOR TEAMS OF 20 OR MORE!

REGISTER ONLINE AT **CHICAGOPOLARPLUNGE.ORG**

**GREAT PRIZES FOR:**

- Largest team
- Best 3 costumes
- Top 3 individual fundraisers
- Team raising most funds

**Sponsors:** CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS CPS, ComEd, CHICAGO 5, BodyGears, redbox, CAC, 93.3 XRT, 670 THE SCORE, SUBWAY, UNITED, SPLASH, Inspired Giving Events, SPORTS AUTHORITY.

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**CONTACT US:** 312.527.3743 • SCC@SOCHICAGO.ORG

**Special Olympics Chicago** and **Special Children's Charities** logos.

### 16th Annual Special Olympic Chicago Polar Plunge

To join team CCSO, contact:

Tracey.Steele@cookcountylil.gov

When: March 6th, 2016 at 10 AM

Where: North Avenue Beach, Castaways 1603 N. Lakeshore Drive

### Compassion in Action Dinner

Join Catholic Charities for their 12th Annual

Compassion In Action Dinner! The event benefits Catholic Charities programs in the South Region.

**When:** February 20th, 6:00pm-9:30pm

**Please Contact:** Chris Torres, 708-333-8379 or cltorres@catholiccharities.net

**Where:** Glenwoodie Golf Club, 19301 State St. in Glenwood.