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One of Our Own

On April 11, 2024, Mrs. Shirley Brawner, wife of our board member, Charles Brawner passed away. Ms. Shirl was an asset to the BRPBA. She attended mostly all the general meetings she could up until COVID.

Ms. Shirl would sit up front and help Ditty with the 50/50 then she would help with the drawings for the hats. During the holiday party, Ms. Shirl was a great asset to me in keeping track of the big raffle winners.

Ms. Shirl will be missed by not only her family, she will be missed by the Board of Directors and the entire BRPBA family.

Please keep Charlie and the entire Brawner family in your thoughts and prayers.
Kathy Conrad

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Daryl Buhrman*

Hello to all. Quite a lot of wisdom to impart, so I won't bore you with chatter:

1. Retirement: Many officers cannot wait for retirement and no longer have to put their life on the line. Others love the job, dread retirement, and hang around as long as they can. And still others get injured in the line of duty, or grow ill, and have no choice but to retire.

Today's young retirees though do not care about life after retirement because they have no clue what life after being an officer is like. They have no idea how important it is to have a support system when those PTSD symptoms occur, if they occur. And sadly, they do not want to be bothered joining an organization. Joining organizations is down nationwide... from Knights of Columbus, American Legion, United Confederate Veterans, and so many more. That many more includes us, the BRPBA. In 2010, the BRPBA had 1863 members. In 2015, that number was down to 1750. In 2024, we are down to 1580. Retirees just don't understand the importance of the BRPBA, it's Distress Fund, and it's participation in City decisions that affect your benefits and pension.

Please remember that the BRPBA has a Finder's Fee of \$50.00 to anyone who brings a retiree into our fold. So, for example, any member who invites a retiree to the June gathering and that retiree joins, the member will receive a \$50.00 check.

For the BRPBA to stay alive and continue to do the good service it does, we need to keep our membership strong. We need you to help. Please.

2. We held several Board meetings and a meeting before the membership, and decided to change one of our By-Laws to help clear up some confusion for our members. From now on Article X will read:

Article X, Death Benefit/Bereavement Assistance, will read as such:

Section 1: Death Benefit—In order for the beneficiary of a member to be eligible to receive the Full death benefit of Fifteen Hundred Dollars as set by the Executive Board and the General membership of the Association, the following will apply.

- New Retirees must join the association within one year after their retirement date to automatically receive the full death benefit.

- Dues Payments must be up to date.
- If a retiree joins after one year since retirement, the following benefit will apply:

- ◆ 1-year anniversary—\$250.00
- ◆ 2-year anniversary—\$500.00
- ◆ 3-year anniversary—\$750.00
- ◆ 4-year anniversary—\$1,000.00
- ◆ 5-year anniversary—\$1,250.00
- ◆ 6-year anniversary—\$1,500.00

Section 1 A: No Payable Death Benefit

There will be no death benefit payable if a deceased member has no beneficiary form on file with the BRPBA.

The new By-Law booklets have been printed. If anyone wants a copy, we will gladly send you one. Just email us at BRPBAOffice@gmail.com. We will also have them available at our General Meetings.

3. The 2023 Raffle did very well despite a lagging economy. Food, gas, insurances, etc, are begging many and we didn't expect to have as good of a turnout. Thank you.

We are currently working on our 2024 Raffle. Again, there will thirty-five (35) chances to win. We typically sell less than 10,000 tickets, so this is a much better chance of winning than playing the lottery! We can not, unfortunately, raise the prize payouts or the IRS would have to be notified, so we will keep things as they are. Good luck to all.

4. At our June 19, 2024 Meeting, we will hold our annual Shrimp and Bull Roast. Also at the meeting, we will be honoring one of the best, Ellis "Ditty" Baldwin. Ditty has volunteered over 30 years of his life to the BRPBA, from member, to President, to Sgt. At Arms, he has been a viable and valuable addition to the BRPBA. We would NOT be who we are without him. We thank you Sir.

5. Additionally at the June 19th meeting, we will once again be collecting clothing for McVet. As many of you know, we do this twice a year, June and December. Your donations of gently used or new clothing goes towards clothing our homeless vets and those who are working hard to be participating members of the community. Your donation of clothing not only gives them something to wear, but it also helps them obtain jobs. Nothing like a

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good impression at a job interview. If you cannot make a clothing donation, a monetary one helps just as much. Monetary donations go towards food, housing, medical costs, etc. Please bring your clothing to our June meeting in boxes (for ease of carrying). You can always send a monetary donation directly to McVet if you want. Their address is 301 N High St, Baltimore, MD 21202. Thank you.

6. The BRPBA is endorsing two of our members, Brother Earl Kratsch (reelection to State FOP Treasurer), and Robert Haukdal (reelection to the Pension Board). It is imperative that we have a voice for our pension. Bob is our Watchdog, and Earl, as always, does a great job for the FOP. Thank you to both of them.

Hope to see many of you in June.



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RETIRED MEMBERS BUSINESSES!



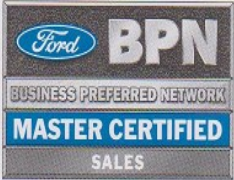
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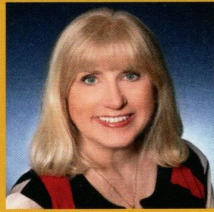
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Violent Crimes in our Nation.

Tens of millions of Americans are victimized by violent and property crimes yearly. Approximate and direct numbers from federal sources and Gallup are below.

This article is based on the number of crime victims regardless of how many times they were victimized (repeat victimization). If a woman is violently victimized by her husband five times, it's not one victim but five separate victimizations.

There are endless disputes about whether crime is increasing or decreasing in the United States. Third quarter 2023 crime data from the FBI indicate decreases in all categories except for vehicle theft and hate crimes while the 2022 numbers from the National Crime Victimization Survey (the latest *national yearly* crime report) state that violence increased 44 percent (the largest increase in the nation's history) with big increases for groups.

The answer gets complex because the sources collect and distribute different numbers based on the varied crimes counted. Regardless of the numbers used and the assumptions made, not everyone will agree with my findings, conclusions, or approximations. That's the case with all articles counting crime.

You are either astounded by the crime numbers in the US (and its impact on cities, people, budgets, and commerce) or you're saying that we have never lived in safer times based on past victimization rates which ended in 2015 per increases in violence from the National Crime Victimization Survey.

Fear of crime is at its highest levels yet endless articles are saying that Americans are delusional about their concerns. Per USA Today, there are people from other countries who skip traveling to America because of crime. The estimated annual cost of US crime is \$4.71–\$5.76 trillion.

The numbers below combine hard (stated) figures from the FBI and the National Crime Victimization Survey (both US Department of Justice agencies) and estimates based on *households* victimized and the average number of people per household.

I use rounded numbers throughout this article.

The numbers below also greatly differ if you include or exclude simple assaults. Assaults are (by far) the most common form of violent crime.

The actual number of Americans victimized by crime yearly ranges from 13,800,000 via the FBI (violent and property crimes) to 39,000,000 per the National Crime Victimization Survey (violent and property crimes) with another 23 million victims of identity theft, again based on the National Crime Victimization Survey. The 39,000,000 number is based on stated federal statistics of household crimes based on an average of 2.5 people per household.

I provide an approximate total of yearly crime victims (and households victimized) in the conclusion.

Gallup offers percentages of households victimized for four crime categories (violent-property-identity theft and cybercrime).

Author

Leonard Adam Sipes, Jr.

An update on SB 1:

SB 1, attempts by the Maryland State FOP Legislative Committee to make corrections to the 2023 Bill failed at 1135 pm on the last day of the General Assembly (Sine Die).

A brief history. The priority of FOP was to redress SB 1 so Retired Law Enforcement Officer's Rights afforded by the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 were maintained.

Throughout the legislative session, the Legislative Committee, Lobbyist, and Legislators worked feverishly to correct SB 1. SB 404 had amendment language submitted, but failed.

SB 1097 was amended and had every prospect of passage. But, at 1135 pm on the last day, Delegate Kathy Szeliga (BaCo) derailed any certainty of passage when she introduced an amendment to the bill. The amendment, theft of a firearm from a home would be a felony. Her insistence and filibuster of SB 1097 in the final minutes of the General Assembly was the demise of the bill.

Fortunately, The 4th Circuit Court had issued the restraining order on SB 1. As of this writing, no one has been negatively affected.

The 2025 General Assembly will be tasked with new bills addressing this most grievous affront to Retired Maryland Law Enforcement Officers.

Dan Fickus
BRPBA Board of Governors

The retiree representatives are very concerned that retirees have not been verifying their listed beneficiaries for the City's Basic Life Death Benefit. This is not related to the Pension system's beneficiary. This is the Retiree Death Benefit negotiated by the active unions and is shown in that contract. This benefit is administered by the 3rd party life insurance vendor who is MET LIFE.

Please copy and paste the link below to your browser and follow the instructions from the open enrollment book to verify and / or update your beneficiary. It can be done on-line or by phone. If you can't remember verifying your beneficiary, please do it NOW!

<http://www.metlife.com/mybenefits> Or MetLife 1-866-492-6983
Pamela K. Shaw

**States/District with the
highest taxes (worst to
best):**

1. New Jersey	13. Minnesota	28. Arizona	43. Tennessee
2. D.C.	14. Virginia	29. Missouri	44. Arkansas
3. Connecticut	15. Maine	30. Ohio	45. South Dakota
4. Massachusetts	16. Wisconsin	31. North Carolina	46. New Mexico
5. New York	17. Nebraska	32. Indiana	47. Florida
6. New Hampshire	18. Colorado	33. Nevada	48. Oklahoma
7. Rhode Island	19. Pennsylvania	34. Georgia	49. Alabama
8. Illinois	20. Texas	35. North Dakota	50. Louisiana
9. California	21. Kansas	36. Idaho	51. West Virginia
10. Maryland	22. Iowa	37. South Carolina	
11. Vermont	23. Hawaii	38. Kentucky	
12. Washington	24. Oregon	39. Montana	
	25. Utah	40. Alaska	
	26. Michigan	41. Wyoming	
	27. Mississippi	42. Delaware	



NOTES OF INTEREST

We've become aware recently that some members have lost their spouses and didn't let us know. Are you aware that when a member's spouse dies, the member is due a benefit from the BRPBA? Please let us know when your family has experienced such a tragedy. Every little bit helps when paying for final expenses.

DO YOU KNOW WE STILL HAVE THE MINI-BADGES? IF YOU WANT ONE, EMAIL
BRPBAOFFICE@GMAIL.COM

REMINDER: Don't forget the \$50.00 bounty to any member who signs up a new member.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN STILL ORDER YOUR PERSONALIZED MUGS IF YOU WANT. TO ORDER A PEWTER MUG WITH YOUR NAME AND BADGE NUMBER ON IT, CONTACT: *The Crafted Cup* AT <https://craftedcupcompany.com/hidden/baltimore-police-tankard/>.

TO ORDER A GLASS MUG (LESS EXPENSIVE), CONTACT *An Etch Above on Joppa Road* (410-682-4969). Our contact person is Kim Lyons (klyons@anetchabove.com.)

I am still in the works of trying to get the merchandise off the ground. Looks as though I have to start from scratch. On a good note, we are in the early process of having challenge coins made. I will keep everyone updated. Kathy Conrad.

Thirty-five years ago, 70% of the clothes we wore were made in this country. Today, that number is less than 2%. Sad.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE NO BRPBA BENEFICIARY FORM ON FILE. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF MISSING FORMS, WE WILL BREAK THIS LIST DOWN OVER THE NEXT FEW NEWSLETTERS. (Email BRPBAOffice@gmail.com for a form)

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Prepare For the Inevitable

Bob Haukdal - F&P Trustee

Updated April 2024

The Boy Scout motto is "Be Prepared." Being prepared for application for pension survivor benefits can prevent an unnecessary delay in processing of the benefits. So, below is a list of steps and documents needed to process the claim.

When the retiree passes away, the Baltimore City Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System (F&P) must be notified. The F&P will then send a letter to the spouse to request the following documents:

- Death certificate
- Birth certificate of spouse
- Marriage certificate
- Social Security Card of the surviving spouse
- Federal and State tax withholding forms (provided by F&P)
- Direct Deposit form (provided by F&P)
- Voided check for direct deposit to checking account. If is to be deposited into a savings account, then provide a document from the bank verifying your account ownership.
- An email address.

Of course, the sooner the F&P receives the paperwork the better the likelihood there is not a break of payment. Once received, the paperwork must be processed to enter the survivor into the payroll system which is sent to BNY Mellon to initiate payment. Normally, the paperwork must be received by F&P by the 15th of the month for the survivor to receive payment on the 15th of the following month.

So, to aid the survivor in completing the process, it would be helpful that you have and know where a copy of your marriage certificate is as well knowing precisely where the survivor's birth certificate and Social Security card are located. To really be prepared, you could email your marriage certificate, your spouse's birth certificate as well as a copy of his/her SS card to the pension system at ContactBCFP@bcfpers.org. Make sure you ask for verification of receipt.

Over the years, your beneficiary may have changed. To ensure the F&P has the name of your current beneficiary, you may call them at 410-497-7929, select option 1 for employee benefits. Then ask for someone to verify your beneficiary. They will ask for your name and SS number to verify your identity.

For members whose spouses predeceased them or never had a spouse, notification to the F&P of your passing by whomever is handling affairs is all that is necessary.

Thanks to Howard Mossovitz, Deputy Executive Director, F&P for his help with this article.

**REST IN PEACE FRANCIS
SCOTT KEY BRIDGE.**



Chaplain's Corner

By: Chaplain Don W. Helms



Thank You and May God Bless You Immensely

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, my police family, my church family, and all my friends and neighbors for their text messages, emails, visits, and phone calls while I was recently hospitalized with congestive heart failure. The response was overwhelming. I tried to get back to everyone, but it was impossible, so I posted on social media. I must say I learned much from the experience. God always has a way to teach and use us no matter what life throws our way.

I have never been a recipient of such a response, until now, but repeatedly I see our members reaching out to each other when in need of love and hope. Reaching out to others in love is powerful. It gives emotional and psychological support. It has a positive impact mentally and emotionally which affects our overall well-being thereby helping to reduce stress, anxiety, and feeling of loneliness. When we feel loved, our brains release hormones, like oxytocin and endorphins, which can promote feelings of happiness and well-being. Feeling loved and supported can provide a sense of security and belonging, which are important for positive mental health. While love may not have the power to cure physical ailments, it is food for the soul, a positive effect on emotional and psychological well-being, and a feeling that passes all understanding and is often referred to as healing. Experiencing love is to experience peace the inner peace that only God can give the peace that passes all human understanding.

When you couple love with prayer, you have a formidable weapon that can overcome any form of adversity that might come your way as long as God is in it, and we trust and obey. Prayer is the most powerful weapon in your toolbox. We are privileged that God has given us the ability to connect directly with Him to share our problems. Our purpose on earth is to glorify God in everything that we do. When we pray and we know God has answered the prayer, and when we tell others about what God has done, we are glorifying God. By glorifying and honoring God, we show that we put our trust in Him and by putting our trust in Him He answers more prayer which continues to glorify Him.

As we move into the future, let us pray that God will draw us closer to Him building our faith to stand against the wiles of the devil by putting on the full armor of God.

Let us be the caring loving family that we are and may we continue to reach out to others, in their time of need, giving love, hope, and encouragement.

Sincerely, thank you all once again for the encouragement, kindness, and prayers. It meant more than words can express.



YA GOTTA LAUGH ONCE IN A WHILE: STORIES FROM BALTIMORE CITY STREETS

OIC X had a rookie officer in his squad. At roll call in the morning of our 8-4 shift, a list of stolen vehicles to look out for was announced. Soon after the shift began, the rookie officer broadcasted on the radio that he was following a stolen vehicle and heading towards the Harbor Tunnel. OIC X's pucker factor went up. Unbeknownst to OIC X, officer Y, (a veteran officer and practical joker) calls the station and asks to speak to OIC X. When OIC X answers, officer Y disguises his voice and tells OIC X that he is the supervisor of the Harbor Tunnel operations. Officer Y continues to inform OIC X that he has received a phone call from the rookie officer requesting that the Harbor Tunnel traffic operations be halted while the rookie officer pursues the stolen vehicle. Officer Y informs OIC X that all tunnel traffic has been stopped at the request of the rookie officer and wishes to know how long will he have to keep the tunnel closed to traffic since it's in the middle of the morning rush hour.

Back around 1976 there was a bail review in front of Judge Melton Allen for a homicide that occurred in Cherry Hill. The States Attorney was reading the probable cause statement when he said that the suspect who was at the bail hearing shot the victim and robbed him, the suspect jumped up and said "Objection, objection. I shot the victim and killed the guy, but I didn't rob him". Judge Allen, who was sitting back in his chair with his glasses up on his head, jumped up out of his chair and said read them rights, read him his rights.

Once during an interview with a complainant while trying to determine the actions of the complainant, the investigator asked him "were you standing on the corner hollering and screaming"? He replied "no I was standing on the corner of Gay and Fallsway".

It was sometime in the late 1980s, I was the Sergeant of the Central District vice unit. Late one night my squad, Agent Tim Longo, Officer Chuck McQuay and Mark Perzan were walking down a dark street parallel to the infamous Block looking to make a vice related case when all of a sudden Officer Perzan stopped walking and stared at the pocket of the jeans he was wearing. We all stopped and asked him what was wrong. At this time, we noticed that the pocket of his jeans was fluttering as if something was inside of his pocket. At this point we observed a bat climb out of his pocket and hang upside down on the lip of the pocket. Three of us ran from Perzan laughing our heads off as he swatted at the bat trying to remove it from his jeans. Fortunately for him he was not bit, and the bat flew off. I'll never forget that night.

In the mid-nineties I was a Platoon Commander in the Tactical Section; where we were frequently detailed to support the Inner Harbor Unit when large crowds were expected. Several NATO ships were making a visit to Baltimore and two of them were docked in the Inner Harbor. The platoon was working the evening shift (5 x 1) and we deployed to the Inner Harbor. There was a large number of people in the harbor area, but the crowd was as pleasant as the weather. As dusk came and went the number of people thinned out, but many remained to enjoy the evening. As I walked around the pavilions and the amphitheater, I checked on my officers and engaged with a lot of the people, many of whom were tourists who were very impressed by Baltimore's Inner Harbor. I made my way down the promenade and was going to visit the Police Kiosk. As I was walking along, I heard a voice beckon to me from behind saying, "Officer, can you help us out?" I turned around and saw a couple in their late twenties, smiling pleasantly at me, with the gentleman saying, "Can you settle a bet for us, we have dinner riding on your response." I looked at them both and said I would try. The man pointed up at the sky where a magnificent full moon was glowing with an orange tint; he asked, "Is that the sun or the moon?" I looked at my watch and it was 11:05 PM, then I looked at them both and asked, "Are you serious?" Both of them, continuing to smile broadly, nodded and said, "yes, we're serious." I then asked, which one of you guessed it was the sun? The man quickly replied, "I did, I did!" I mustered up my serious face and pronounced, "Well Copernicus, you better pony up a nice meal for this young lady, because that is the moon." Crestfallen, the man looked at me and said, "Are you sure?" I told him, it is past eleven at night, and if you recall when the sun goes down it gets dark, you are seeing a full moon at all its glory, and you lose. "Ma'am, enjoy your meal."

IsT showed video of how to deliver a baby. Someone in the back of the room had a turkey baster and started squirting everyone... we had one that passed out. Medic was called .

No names mentioned..... Had an officer using the phone at a convenience store just behind the counter. A gentleman, clearly sight impaired (dark glasses, walking stick) approached the counter for help. The officer proceeded to wave his hands in front of this person rather closely for quite some time until the person says " You know officer, I'm only blind in one eye".

RETIREE BENEFITS INFORMATION

THE LIST BELOW HAS BEEN UPDATED. PLEASE ADD IT TO YOUR FILES:

Insurance:

Blue Choice Advantage (PPO) (Non-Medicare Retirees)
(800) 535-2292 www.carefirst.com

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO)
with Extended Service Area (ESA)
Including Prescription Drug Benefits
(855) 335-1407 TTY 711 <http://www.aetnaretireeplans.com>

Aetna Open Choice (PPO) (Non-Medicare Beneficiary & Dependents)
(877) 440-4711 www.aetna.com

Kaiser Permanente (HMO) (Non-Medicare Retirees)
Kaiser MAPD (Medicare Retirees)
(866) 248-0715 www.kaiserpermanente.org

CareFirst Caremark/CVS (Non-Medicare Retirees)
(Non- Medicare Retirees/Retirees
pending CMS approval)
Call: (866) 234-6781
www.Caremark.com
Vison NVA-National Vision Administrators Call: (800) 672-7723
www.e-nva.com

MetLife
(866) 492-6983 www.metlife.com/mybenefits

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(866) 851-7568 <https://unitedconcordia.com/cityof baltimore>

Delta Dental (BRPBA Only) Group# 17790
(301) 214-7046 Melissa.Pope@NFP.com Plan phone #: 800-632-8555

Medicare:

Medicare Service Center (800) MEDICARE
(800) 633-4227, TTY (877) 486-2048 <https://www.medicare.gov>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Local (410) 786-3000 TTY Toll-Free (866) 226-1819
TTY Local (410) 786-0727 <https://www.cms.gov>

Social Security Administration
(800) 772-1213 TTY (800) 325-0778 <https://www.ssa.gov>

RETIREMENT AGENCIES:

Fire & Police Employees Retirement System
7 E. Redwood Street, 18th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-497-7929 Toll Free 1-888-410-1600 bcfpers.org

Widow/Widower Benefit

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Health Care Benefits
Employee Benefits Division
201 E. Baltimore Street, 5th Floor
410-396-5830

Department of Human Resources (DHR)
7 E Redwood Street, 17th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
T (410) 396-3851, 711 (TTY)

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Baltimore City Employee Retirement System (ERS)
7 East Redwood Street, 13th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
(877) 273-7136 bcers.org

Securian Financial – (Formerly Minnesota Mutual Life)
P.O. Box 64114
St. Paul, MN 55164-0114
1-888-658-0193 www.securian.com

Police Beneficial Association (PBA)
Fiscal Services
Paula L. Williams, Director
410-396-2114
Group #3870

Fraternal Order of Police 3
3920 Buena Vista Ave
Baltimore, MD 21211
410-243-9141 fop3.org

Insurance Benefit \$1,500 to members

Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association
P.O. Box 6217
Baltimore, MD 21206
410-803-2293 brpba.com BRPBAOffice@gmail.com

Death Benefit up to \$1,500 to members

Municipal Employees Credit Union
1 South Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-752-8313 / 1-800-248-6328 www.mecu.com

Old PBA Insurance policies were purchased by TransAmerica. Contact # 888-660-0619.

In the event of the death of a member, it is important to notify the Employee/Retiree Affairs Unit at **410-396-2546**. This office handles benefits entitled to the named beneficiary(s). A member of the Retiree Affairs Unit will assist in completing all the necessary paperwork for pension, health care, life insurance, credit union, etc. **Please keep your beneficiary forms and contact information up to date with everyone. The BRPBA cannot pay out a benefit if there is no form on file.**

Updated 04/2024

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
As of 4/15/2024

Sean Brown
Tiffany Brown
Shirley Conyers
Edward Gray
John Potter
John Whittingham, IV

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember, monthly meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather when:

- Baltimore County Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather; or,
- There is a snowfall after schools are dismissed and the Baltimore County snow emergency plan is placed in operation.

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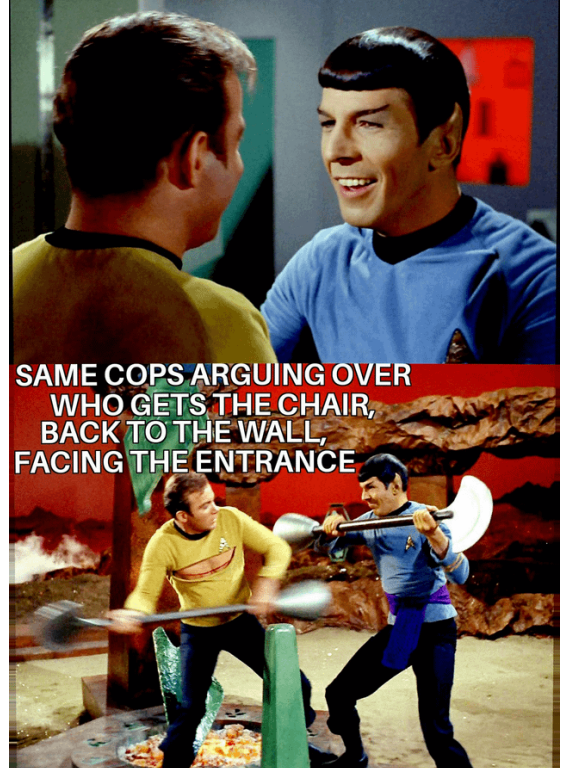
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DISTRESS FUND NEWS

The 2023 Raffle was a great success. Our 2024 raffle will be mailed in early September. Please remember to get your tickets mailed in to P.O. Box 935, Bel Air, MD 21014-7935 before the Holiday get together in December.

Tickets will be sold up until the time of the drawing. The money collected from the purchase of tickets and donations is solely dedicated to our members and widows in need.

The 2024 raffle has **35 chances to win**, and prizes are as follows:

4 \$50.00 winners
19 \$100.00 winners
4 \$200.00 winners,
3 \$300.00 winners
1 \$400.00 winner
4 \$500.00 winners.

Good luck in 2024, and congrats to all the 2023 winners. And... as always, thank you to one and all who donated towards our Distress Fund.

Daryl Buhrman
Distress Fund Chairman

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS:

Linda Bellmyer
Patricia Smith
Dawn Walters, wife
Sherry Marston, wife
Dawn Walters, sister

In Memory Of:

Wesley Wise
Wesley Wise
Sam Walters
Lee Marston
Lee Marston

The BRPBA thanks you.



BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TAG PROGRAM

As of April 2024, we have 725 sets of professional looking tags in Maryland. Many members continue to display their pride of being a police officer, even in this current climate. Our tags are a one time fee of \$25.00 to the MVA and a small donation of \$20.00 to the Distress Fund.

Contact Daryl Buhrman at 410-803-2293 for more info.





Shirley Brawner, wife of Charles Brawner
(04/11/2024)

Anita Hagin
(wife of member Jim Hagin)
(04/04/2024)

Gary E. Martin
(2/11/2024)

Jason Mealey, son-in-law to
Dana Owensby
(04/10/24)

Edward Mullen
(02/17/2024)

Jacqueline Schwaab
(Mother of Douglas Schwaab)
(01/27/2024)

BRPBA FINAL ROLL CALL

As of 2/7/2024

John Blueford, Jr.
(03/26/2024)

David F. Clauss
(03/04/2024)

James Edmonds
(04/03/2024)

Thomas Howard
(04/07/2024)

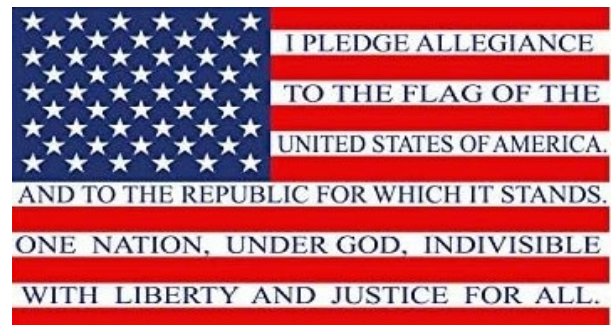
Douglas Kress
(03/07/2024)

Ronald Mullen
(3/3/2024)

Charles Strachan, Jr.
(03/15/2024)

"Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break."

William Shakespeare



"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

— **Aristotle**

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