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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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SUMMER 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A little late, but... Happy Birthday to the USA. We've made it a whopping 245 years as a country. Let's hope we make it another 245 years. To our military past and present who have fought for the freedoms of this country all these years, we thank you. We would be remiss if we didn't also send out a thank you to all fire and police, past, and those during the present who fight a hard fight every day to protect us, despite the current pressure. We do remember the struggle of the job, and it's gotten even harder for this generation.

- In other news, we received word about an interesting organization, and it intrigued us, so we contacted "**The Wounded Blue**", a non-profit peer supported group of police officers. They are not affiliated with any police organization. For more information about who they are and what they do for all active and retired police officers, please see the article further in this newsletter. To reach them, contact Retired Police Officer Dr. Troy M. Stinson, Peer Support Advocate, 1-708-417-7832, at no cost.
- I received a request to aid retirees trying to obtain a new police ID. Currently, you have to appear in person in order to obtain an ID. It's darn near impossible for out of state retirees and any members with mobility issues to get downtown; and two of the biggest concerns we retirees' face when we venture downtown are parking and crime. This system needs to be streamlined, and it would be beneficial for all if we could do this online or by mail. Our ID, as you know, is not only needed for gun permits, but also if you get stopped and you have to tell the policeman you are carrying.

We contacted Chief of Staff to the Police Commissioner, Eric Melancon, and the Office Manager for BPD, James Gillis, on June 24th about this issue. Mr. Melancon responded immediately, stating that he would "look into the matter". We did not hear from Mr. Gillis. As of this moment, we have not received any further correspondence. Imagine that. We will not let this matter go unsettled. Thank you, Jeff Rosen, for bringing this to my attention.

- I have received a lot of calls and emails about Aetna insurance and I'm taking this opportunity to set the record straight. Active and Retired Police and Firefighters are not responsible for the switch from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Aetna Insurance. We privately

spoke with Aetna about obtaining a Medicare Advanced Plan for retirees because Blue Cross/Blue Shield did not have a Medicare Advanced Plan at that time. The city got wind of our discussions, somehow, and interfered, saving themselves ten million dollars by switching without us knowing they had even talked with Aetna.

With that in mind, we are concerned about our future healthcare. Our pension and healthcare need to be preserved. On 7/6/2021, all City Unions met in person or via phone at the Firefighter's O'Donnell and Linwood station. We voted unanimously to have Frank Boston be our lobbyist and to speak to Mayor Scott one on one and advise the Mayor that we are going ahead with legislation to guarantee our healthcare. Frank Boston has been the BRPBA and FOP lobbyist for years and has done an excellent job. He will represent us well with our healthcare concerns. We will all split his costs for representing us.

- In June 2021, the BRPBA's new and revised By-Laws were mailed to each and every voting member. If you did not receive your copy, please email us at BRPBAoffice@gmail.com or call me, Daryl Buhman, at 410-803-2293 and we will get one sent out immediately.
- We still have the \$50.00 finders fee in place for any member who signs up a new member. This seems to be working well, so why don't you try it out?

We hope you have had a safe summer so far and we hope to see many of you at the General Meeting in September. Remember they are going back to Wednesday nights, so see you on 9/15/2021!!

Daryl

SPECIAL NOTE:

Mr. Donald Kent has been the Treasurer for the BRPBA from 2005 to date. This man, with his wisdom and financial leadership, helped increase our bottom line. He volunteered his time for sixteen years, which is longer than many on the Board, and we will not only miss him, but we will always remain grateful for the time he spent with us.

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**BALTIMORE RETIRED
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I would sincerely appreciate it if our members, when they see Don, thank him for the great job he has done or if you would like, you could email him at BRPBAoffice@gmail.com and we will see to it that your kind words are forwarded to him.

On August 11, 2021, the BRPBA unanimously voted in Daniel Miller as the new Treasurer. We hope you will greet him when you see him and thank him for volunteering his time to our great organization.

THANK YOU DON!

WELCOME DAN!

A logo for the 'Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament'. It features two crossed golf clubs (a driver and a putter) in the background. In the center is a red and white fire truck. Above the truck is a banner that says 'WISE AVENUE' and below it is a banner that says 'VOL. FIRE CO.'. The text 'DUNDALK MARYLAND' is also visible.

**Guns and Hoses
Golf Tournament**

Monday, September 27, 2021
**Location: Sparrows Point
Country Club**
**Cost: \$125 per person
(first 25 foursomes)**

Program Schedule
Registration/Cont. Breakfast 8:00am
Shot Gun Start 9:00am
Prizes will be given

Register Now!
Call or text:
Tracy Geho 443-938-1658
Tayvone Jackson 410-814-9862

A circular logo for Sparrows Point Country Club. It features a green tree in the center, with the text 'SPARROWS POINT COUNTRY CLUB' around the perimeter.

All proceeds Support the Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company
We are Looking For sponsors.

As of this writing, there have been 193 LOD deaths.

Remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

MARSHALL HAMILTON
Submitted by Kenny Driscoll

On October 7, 1897, Capt. Samuel T. Hamilton was elected Marshal of Police to succeed Marshal Jacob Frey. Marshal Hamilton was a veteran officer of the Civil War and a man of indisputable courage and integrity. For many years following the Great Civil Conflict he had served on the Western frontier and took part in the unremitting campaigns against the Sioux and other Indian tribes that were constantly waging war upon the settlers and pioneers as they pushed their way toward the setting sun building towns and railroads while trying to conquer the wilderness and its natural dwellers.

In the Sioux campaign of 1876, when Gen. George A. Custer and his command were outnumbered ten to one by the Indians in the valley of the Little Big Horn and were annihilated, Captain Hamilton and his troop rode day and night in a vain effort to re-enforce Custer and his sorely pressed men. It was on 26 June 1876 when the 7th United States Cavalry rode and fought to their deaths, and on the 27 of the same month, just 1 day after the Battle at Little Big Horn, reinforcements arrived, exhausted from their terrific ride across the country.

Captain Hamilton and his troops fought through the rest of the campaign, which resulted in Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, the great Indian war chief, being driven across and into the Canadian frontier. Marshal Hamilton brought to his office pronounced ideas of a semi-military discipline for the police, (what is today called a paramilitary organization) and it may be said that many of the military forms which were adopted under his administration have been of great service to the Department in the matter of the individual carriage and conduct of its members while on the street.



SAMUEL T. HAMILTON
Ex-Marshall Police-Deceased

Ex-Marshall Hamilton, after ceasing his connection with the Police Department, was raised to the rank of Major in the United States Army and granted a pension commensurate with that rank. Accustomed to an active life, he requested the War Department to give him employment, and he was assigned to take charge of the army recruiting district, with headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., where he died in 1906.

<https://www.baltimorepolicemuseum.com/en/item/888-marshall-samuel-t-hamilton.html>

Visit the Baltimore Police Museum website for more interesting stories: <https://baltimorepolicemuseum.com/en/baltimore-police-museum.html>

While assigned to TIS, I got a call to respond to the motor pool for a transport.

On arrival, I was approached by the Deputy Commissioner. He asked me to take him to the Eastern District. Bear in mind we had just gotten the new AMC's - a horrible car for police work. While enroute, he began to tell me all the "good things" this model vehicle brought the Department. I said nothing. Just smiled, nodded & listened.

As he continued, he expressed concern on hearing some officers were complaining about it and others berating command for their purchase. Again, I said nothing. Just smiled, nodded & continued to listen.

As we reached the district and he started to get out, he asked what I thought of the AMC's.

Before I could answer, his left foot caught on the high quarter panel, and he literally fell out of the car.

As he got up & brushed himself off, I said, "Deputy. I think that's just one of the things they are complaining about. What do you think?"

He closed the door, saluted, leaned down, and said, "Thanks for the ride." (Anonymous)

REMEMBER!!!!
BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, OUR GENERAL MEETINGS WILL RETURN TO
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 P.M.

Newsletter

July 2021

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR 2020 TAX REFUND?

Many taxpayers are still waiting for their tax refund. And when they go to the IRS website (www.irs.gov) and click on "Get Your Refund Status" they are told their return is being processed. I know this is very frustrating, but unfortunately there is nothing we can do about it.

The primary causes are the staffing shortages (as of March 5, the IRS had 4,434 unfilled processing positions), tax law changes that were passed in February 2021 but which were effective retroactive to January 1, and problems with IRS printers - many printers are in need of service, with no one to fix them. (This sounds far-fetched, but it is true.)

Where's my refund?

The pandemic shut down IRS offices. Then IRS had to send out **tens of millions of stimulus payments**, which diverted their time away from processing tax returns. IRS has been playing catch-up ever since. In fact, the Treasury Inspector General found that at the end of 2020 more than 8.3 million individual 2019 tax returns and transactions remained to be processed, and as of June 30, 2021 the IRS said it had 35 million unprocessed individual returns (including 2020 returns) in the pipeline.

There's nothing that you or I can do to speed up the process. Definitely don't file a second return, and don't **bother calling the IRS** about when you should expect to get your refund. There's nothing you can do but wait and keep checking "Get Your Refund Status".

CHILD TAX CREDIT (CTC)

Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments are supposed to be sent to eligible taxpayers beginning in July 2021. If you receive these payments, please keep a record of how much you received and when you received the payments, and then give that information to me when I prepare your 2021 tax returns. And if you get a letter from the White House telling you that you will be getting Advanced Child Tax Credit payments, please keep that letter also.



Note: The Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments are an advance on what you normally would receive in 2022 after you file your 2021 tax returns. **If you get the Advanced Child Tax Payments in 2021, you will not be able to claim those credits again in 2022 when we file your 2021 tax returns.**

This can be a problem if you have gotten the child tax credit in previous years. By getting the "Advanced Credit" in 2021, that credit cannot reduce your total taxes when you file in 2022. You will get the money in 2021, or you will get the credit in 2022, but not both. So, if you have gotten the Child Tax Credit in previous years but get Advanced Child Tax Credit payments this year, you will get a smaller refund in 2022, or you might even owe taxes in 2022.

If you don't understand the above, call me to discuss this issue.

EARLY WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR IRA OR RETIREMENT PLAN

As I mentioned in my April Newsletter, Required Minimum Distributions are again required in 2021.

In 2020 Congress also granted a one-time special “Covid exception” to the 10% penalty for early withdrawals from retirement plans and IRAs. This exception was for 2020 only.

There is no COVID exception in 2021 from the 10% early withdrawal penalty. So, if you take an early distribution from your IRA, 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan, etc., and you do not meet one of the exceptions, you will be liable for the 10% penalty.

VACATION HOME INTEREST DEDUCTION

When buying a vacation home, you might have a choice between taking out a (new) mortgage on the vacation home, or getting a home equity loan on your primary residence. (A home equity loan probably will have a lower interest rate.) BEWARE! You should not automatically take the lower rate home equity loan without first evaluating your tax situation.

To deduct the interest payments, you must use the money from the home equity loan to buy, build or “substantially improve” the home that you used to get the home equity loan. If you use a home equity loan on your primary residence to purchase a second home, the interest on the home equity loan is not deductible. But if you take out a mortgage on the second home, the interest on that mortgage is deductible, because the interest on that mortgage is associated with the loan used to buy the second home.

If you expect to itemize deductions on your future tax returns, you may be better off taking out a mortgage on the vacation home, even though the interest rate may be a little higher. If you expect to take the standard deduction, however, then go with the home equity loan. Do your homework first, then decide.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



In February 2021, Maryland passed the Maryland Relief Act making all of your 2020 unemployment benefits tax-free if your 2020 Federal Adjusted Gross Income was less than \$100,000. Then in March 2021, the federal government passed the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act making up to \$10,200 of 2020 unemployment benefits tax free if your 2020 Adjusted Gross Income was under \$150,000

Please be aware that these changes to the taxation of unemployment benefits were applicable to 2020 only. Consequently, all unemployment benefits received in 2021 are fully taxable by IRS and by Maryland.

This quarterly newsletter provides business, financial planning, and tax information to clients and friends. None of this general information should be acted upon without first determining its application to your specific situation.

For additional copies of this newsletter or further details on any article, please contact me.



THE WOUNDED BLUE

As I spoke about in my President's Message, we recently became aware of an organization titled **The Wounded Blue** and I called them to find out more about who they are and what they do.

While speaking with them, I mentioned the plight of Cody Ruhling, the young officer I have written about in the past. They were informative and respectful, and I am comfortably assured they are an honest and helpful organization.

They stated that:

- ⇒ They are non-profit.
- ⇒ They are not affiliated with any agency.
- ⇒ All of their Peer Support Advisors are ICIFS (<https://icisf.org/>) trained in assisting individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention.
- ⇒ It does not cost anything to speak with a Peer Support Advisor, and,,
- ⇒ All conversations are confidential.

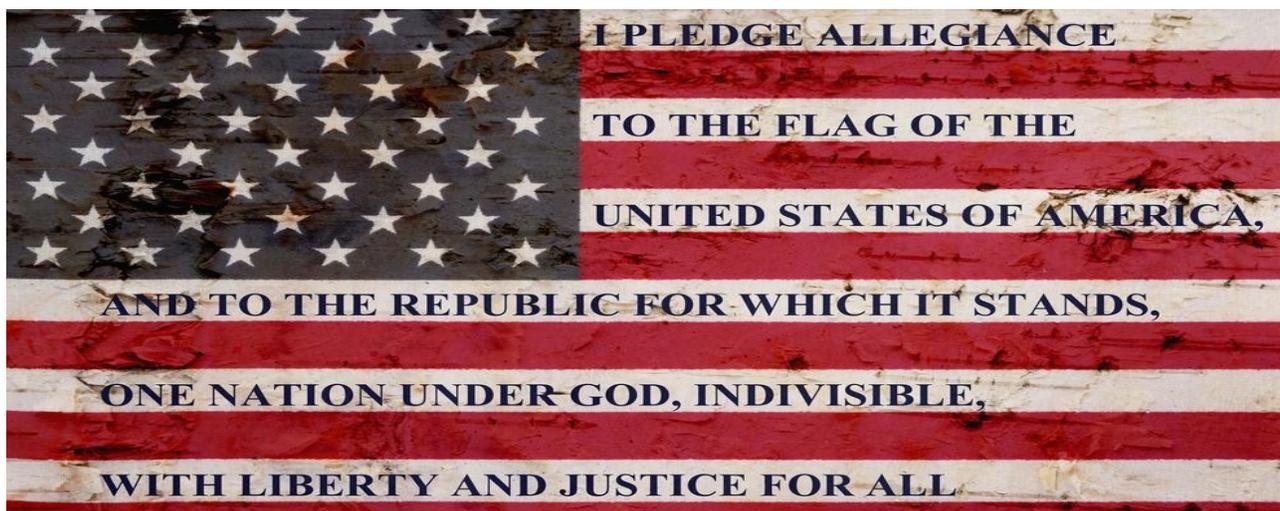
Information I have copied from their main page includes: The Wounded Blue supports officers who were injured on the job by helping them complete the Public Safety Officer Benefit application. They also have "Camp Blue", which is a retreat for injured and disabled officers. They provide training to Law Enforcement Leadership and Rank/File Officers regarding the mental and physical issues facing injured and disabled officers. They provide emergency financial aid, mental/emotional health treatment referrals, legal assistance referrals, membership benefits of medical/dental discounts, and access to private anonymous mental health treatment. And lastly, they fight for stronger laws and protections for injured Law Enforcement Officers.

Check them out. You can reach them through their website, <https://thewoundedblue.org/>, or call 725-222-3967 or the number listed on the first page. They are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Many of our retired officers were disabled on the job, and some just require a helping hand. In addition, we have lost a few of our members to suicide. We do not want to hear of another officer dying by his own hand or from lack of assistance when needed; not when there is help available.

Take care,

Daryl Buhrman



Submitted by Don Healy:

I didn't enjoy writing tickets - But you didn't know

I cried when I found your daughter lying in a ditch, high on meth - But you didn't know

I was devastated when I found the 32 year old veteran dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound - But you didn't know

I missed my kids birthdays, school plays and family trips because I had to work - But you didn't know

I had nightmares about the 2 year old I found crushed under a truck tire while mom was inside buying dope - But you didn't know

I really struggled with EVERY death notification I made to a family about their loved one - But you didn't know

I was never comfortable at social gatherings because with the things I've seen, I can't trust anyone - But you didn't know

I've seen things you could never even imagine - But you didn't know

I really didn't like putting people in jail - But you didn't know

My job was hard on my family - But you didn't know

I had problems, just like everyone else - But you didn't know

The next time you see an officer, or any first responder, remember that they are people first and there is no training in the world that prepares them for the things they see and do on a daily basis.



COPS



What my buddies think I do



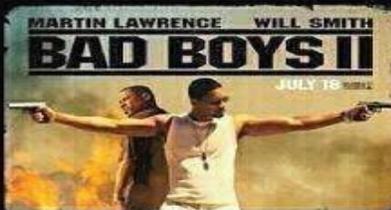
What my mom thinks I do



What kids think I do



What grown-ups think I do



What I think I do



What I actually do

RECENT INTERESTING DECISIONS
Recently the Court of Special Appeals issued a couple of
fascinating opinions.

THE UNSUCCESSFUL HAIL MARY

In *Dejarnette v. State*, Md. Ct. Special App., No. 2316, September Term, 2019, decided July 6, 2021, a State Trooper stopped Alexander Dejarnette on April 6, 2019 at 1:59 AM when he changed lanes without using a signal and then slid onto the shoulder of the road before he jerked his vehicle back into the lane in front of the trooper's car. The trooper smelled alcohol emanating from the vehicle and saw that Dejarnette's eyes appeared bloodshot and "glossy." When Dejarnette exited the vehicle, the trooper smelled alcohol on his breath, and he admitted having had some drinks hours earlier. He performed poorly on the field sobriety tests conducted on the side of the road, so the trooper arrested him at 2:12 AM. The trooper then searched Dejarnette's mouth and pockets, handcuffed his hands behind his back and put him in the front passenger seat of the police car.

They arrived at the Princess Anne Barracks at 2:21 AM where Sgt. George Todd, the duty officer, met them. The arresting trooper, Trooper Brown, conducted another search of Dejarnette in Sgt. Todd's presence, finding nothing. He placed the contents of his pockets in a plastic bag and escorted him to a processing room. From 2:21 AM to 2:37 AM, Brown and Dejarnette were together in the processing room, 8' x 10' with 2 small chairs. Dejarnette was not handcuffed while he was seated in the processing room. After the trooper read him his rights, Dejarnette agreed to take a breath test, which began at 2:43 AM. The trooper never saw him drink or smoke anything or put anything in his mouth, and the two readings obtained both showed a .094% blood alcohol concentration.

Before trial, Dejarnette filed a Motion in Limine arguing that the results of the breath test had to be excluded at trial because a COMAR regulation required that defendants be observed for 20 minutes. The Trial Court denied the motion, determining that both Trooper Brown and Sgt. Todd observed Dejarnette for 20 minutes before he got the test, that neither observed any behavior that would invalidate the test, and that any challenge to compliance with the 20-minute observation period, specified in a COMAR regulation, went to the weight of the evidence and was therefore admissible at trial. Dejarnette got a conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol per se, i.e., that he had an alcohol concentration of at least .08%, and he received a sentence of one year incarceration with all but 10 days suspended and probation for a year as well. He then appealed.

The Court of Special Appeals of Maryland rejected the argument that the test for alcohol concentration had to be excluded because the State could not prove that the police had observed Dejarnette for 20 minutes. The Court noted that under Md. Cts., & Jud. Proc. Code S 10-309, there must be strict compliance with the express provisions of the *statute* (such as the provision of 10-303 that a test be administered within 2 hours of an arrest) *not* a COMAR *regulation*. The plain language of the law does not require strict compliance with State regulations, so any violation of a State regulation does not trigger an exclusionary rule. The power of an administrative agency does not extend to determining if evidence is admissible in court. It cannot unilaterally create an exclusionary rule in a regulation. Moreover, compliance with the COMAR regulation here, ostensibly requiring 20 minutes of observation, does not require a police officer to stare continuously with unbroken eye contact at a suspect for 20 minutes. It is reasonable to permit officers to use all their senses to observe whether an individual drinks, eats, smokes, puts something in his or her mouth or, for that matter, regurgitates prior to administration of the test. The Appellate Court further noted that compliance with a COMAR regulation goes to the weight of the evidence, not its admissibility. A defendant has an opportunity to offer evidence challenging the reliability of the results. If defendants provide "less compelling indicia of reliability," then the judge has the discretion to permit the evidence. At trial, the jury is permitted, not required however, to disregard the evidence of a breath test if they believe it was not administered properly or if, in the administration of the test, the police failed to comply with the COMAR regulations.

BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

In *Latz v. Parr*, Md. Ct. Special App., No. 977, September Term, 2019, decided July 6, 2021, the Court of Special Appeals reversed a Howard County matter in which neighbors utilized the court system to fight like cats and dogs when the defendant's dog got loose and chased the plaintiff's cat into the plaintiff's home. The plaintiff in an attempt to rescue her cat, who was cowering under a bed, grabbed the dog who struggled mightily, causing the plaintiff's husband to jump from the shower, grab the animal and eject it from the premises. Some hours later, the plaintiff began to experience pain. She then sued both Jacob Parr and his significant other of over 9 years, one Vicki Nichols, who used to bring the dog with her when she drove from her home in New Jersey to Maryland to visit Mr. Parr. After she got sued, Ms. Nichols filed for bankruptcy, and Ms. Latz dismissed the case against her.

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A jury trial began on June 25, 2019, and on the second day, the Trial Judge entered a judgment in Mr. Parr's favor on the basis that he did not own the dog. Mr. Parr had made that argument not only at trial, but also before trial in motions he filed then. The Court of Special Appeals, in analyzing Mr. Parr's arguments, ultimately determined, in reversing the case, that Mr. Parr was barking up the wrong tree.

Prior to April 1, 2012, recovery for injuries caused by a dog could be pursued under theories of both negligence and strict liability by which it would not even be necessary to show negligence, but that only occurs when an owner or keeper of a dog has actual or constructive knowledge of its dangerous propensities. In an ordinary negligence case, the negligence that exposes an animal owner who is unaware of the animal's dangerous propensities is the failure to control the dog or to prevent the harm caused by it. The decision also noted that the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland has looked to animal control statutes in determining if a particular defendant's violative conduct was evidence of negligence. For instance, *Moura v. Randall*, 119 Md. App. 612, 647 (1998) considered whether a defendant violated a Montgomery County code prohibiting an owner from permitting a dog to run at large, and in *Hammond v. Robins*, 60 Md. App. 430, 437, the court commented that the "appellant violated the Carroll County Animal Ordinance by not keeping the dog under restraint and by allowing the dog to leave the property unattended and unrestrained." *Id.*

In this case, the Court noted that merely permitting a dog to remain on one's property may not be enough to establish ownership. But, exercising some degree of care and control of a dog on one's premises may be sufficient to establish liability. In this case, the Trial Judge's decision to grant Mr. Parr's motion effectively deprived Ms. Latz of a jury determination. Denied her full day in court, she won at least the right, at this point in any event, to let the jury decide if she should recover.

Michael P. May



SAVE-THE-DATE
CITY OF BALTIMORE
OPEN ENROLLMENT
OCTOBER 18 TO
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
OPENENROLLMENT@BALTIMORECITY.GOV

The poster features various medical icons: a first aid kit, a syringe, an ambulance, a heart with an ECG line, a stethoscope, a bandage, a pill, and a medical bag. At the bottom, it includes the City of Baltimore logo and the Department of Human Resources logo.

The BRPBA would like to ask its members to offer up prayers and special wishes for the grandson of our member, Neil Huber. This ten month old is battling an Optical Nerve Pathway Glioma (Brain Tumor). No ten month old child should have to go through such a hard battle at such a young age. We are in this fight with you Odin.



CUT OUT AND SEND IN IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE ONE ON FILE



Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association
P.O. Box 6217
Baltimore, MD 21206

BENEFICIARY FORM

Please type or print clearly all information below.

TODAY'S DATE

I, _____ upon my death, desire all benefits entitled to me as a member of Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association, Inc., be paid to:

Relationship _____

BENEFICIARY'S NAME

Beneficiary Information:

Home Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Contingency Beneficiary ('s) Name/Relationship/Address:

Member Information:

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Retirement: _____

Social Security # _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

REUNIONS

BPD Fox Trot Reunion
Saturday, November 6, 2021
Noon - 4p
Liberatore's Restaurant
9515 Deerco Road, Timonium, MD 21093

Calling any and all active/former/retired BPD members (and their spouses, partners, guests) who have served for any length of time in or with the Helicopter / Aviation Unit (Sworn and civilian).

A nice luncheon in our own private dining room is being planned. A hot Italian buffet, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. There will also be a cash bar.

The cost is \$32.50 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

Contact Carmine Baratta @ (443) 756-2128 or carmine_baratta@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

Please RSVP if you haven't already done so. Checks should be made out to Carmine and sent ahead of time to his attention. They can be mailed to: 10369 Whitewasher Way, Columbia, MD 21044.

Let's all make this a success; the more the merrier. See you there!

SOUTHWEST REUNION
September 17th at 6:00 p.m.
Glen Burnie Elks Lodge 2266, Severn
Open to SWD retired personnel



We have received a plea from Baltimore City Human Resources asking us to reach out to our members and request that you please keep your contact information up to date with them.

We have this same issue, and so does the FOP, and the F&P.

If you do not keep your information up to date, this will result in lost contact with you, and the eventual inability to get your benefits to your beneficiary at the time of your death. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

We have been pestering everyone for a couple years to please update your beneficiary information with us and we still have several hundred people without beneficiary forms on file.

Please !!!! Update your info with all four of us... Baltimore City Human Resources at 410-396-2530, the FOP at 410-243-9141, the F&P at 410-497-7929 and the BRPBA at 410-803-2293 or brpbaooffice@gmail.com.

WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED INSTEAD OF MAILED? LET US KNOW AT brpbaooffice.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Freddie Baker	Lorraine Marketti
Kenneth Butler	Charles Megibow
Ronald J. Ciraolo	David Milburn
Kevin Clements	Anthony A. Odom
Edward Gorwell	John Sieracki, III
Elmo Griffin	Matthew Smith
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Securian Financial 1-888-658-0193
Municipal Employees Credit Union 410-752-8313
Employee/Retiree Affairs Unit 410-396-2546

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.

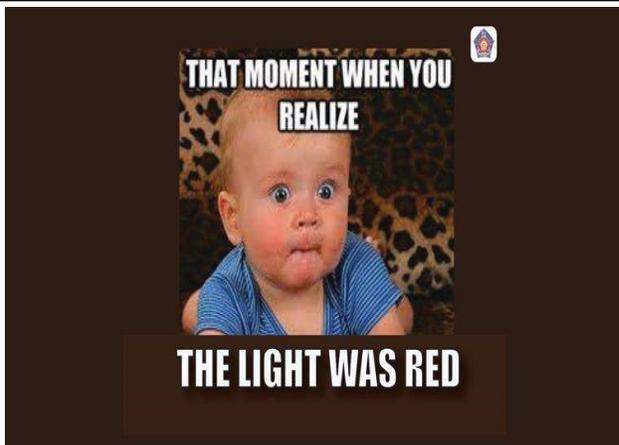
Newsletter Chairman:

Patrick Youells
(cody7762@hotmail.com).

Distress Fund Chairman:

Daryl J. Buhrman
410-803-2293

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.



DISTRESS FUND NEWS

As many of you know, once an officer retires, he or she is no longer eligible for Signal 13 help. That's where the BRPBA Distress Fund takes over. To date, we have assisted 134 members/widows, and we currently have two open cases for widows who need help. Without this help, they could lose their home or utilities. We can't stress enough how very important our Fund is for those in need and we thank you for your continued support.

The upcoming 2021 Raffle will be mailed out the first week of September with a drawing at our Holiday Party on December 15th, barring any further Covid closure mandates.

This year you have thirty (30) chances to win. There will be four (4) \$500.00 winners, three (3) \$300.00 winners, four (4) \$200.00 winners, and nineteen (19) \$100.00 winners. Those are better odds than a scratch off ticket.

All profits are deposited into our Distress Fund account.

The Distress Fund Chairman draws no salary for chairing this committee.

Remember: Raffle winners do not have to be at the party to win.

In Memoriam Gifts

Ret. Sgt. Greg Taylor 1/27/21

In memory of:

Joe Cruse by a friend, Michael Cassizzi, Sr.
Melvin Howell, Jr. by his wife, Suzanne Howell
George Salbeck by his wife, Frances Salbeck
Sam Walters by his sister, Pam Lapides

BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION TAG PROGRAM

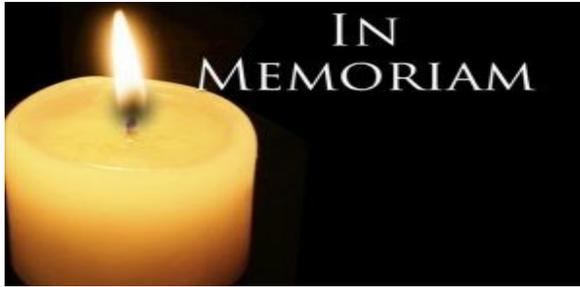
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Robert Donmoyer (04/18/2021)

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John McKinley (05/03/2021)

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P.A. Milton Hensley (05/02/2021)
Major Herman Ingram (08/04/2021)
P.O. Augustus Lake (06/28/2021)
P.O. Stephen Lesniewski (07/07/2021)
Detective Darren Sanders (07/23/2021)
Sgt. Greg Taylor (01/27/2021)

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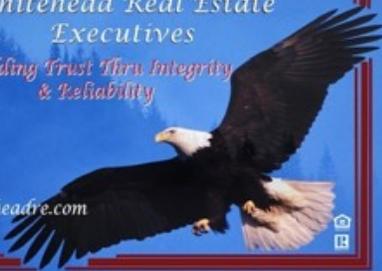
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