



CHIEFLY CHATTER

November 2011

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Association News and Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

HOLIDAY INN, INDEPENDENCE

The General Membership meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association was called to order at 1214 hours by President Harris.

Roll Call Chief Maddox led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Kostura led the Invocation. Secretary Treasurer Loftus called the roll of officers. All present. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes *A motion to accept the minutes of the regular membership meeting of October 20, 2011 as distributed, was made by Chief LaGatta and seconded by Chief Kostura. Motion Passed.*

Financial Report Executive Director Bruckner reported that our account balances are as follows:

\$ 13,353.82	General Fund
\$ 5,135.46	Scholarship Reserve
<u>\$ 5,988.53</u>	Checking
\$ 24,477.81	Total

A Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Chief Viland and seconded by Chief Wright. Motion Passed.

Executive Director's Report Bob Bruckner.

- **Installation Dinner Ticket prices** will remain at \$40.00. They will be on sale the beginning of December for the Instal-

lation Dinner on January 21, 2012 at Landerhaven.

- **Membership Plaques** were again available for distribution to members present.

Legal update Steve Parisi.

- The Federal Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 recently went into effect. Some 12,000 federal prisoners, imprisoned for crack cocaine offenses, could have their sentences reduced an average of 3 years, providing eligibility for the immediate release of 1,800 prisoners.
- The Ohio Supreme Court recently decided not to intervene in a domestic violence case in which the prosecutor wanted a judge to call to the stand a woman who had recanted allegations against her boyfriend. The judge and the 8th District Court of Appeals denied the prosecutors motion. This issue was left at the trial court judges discretion by the Supreme Court.
- The Hamilton County Common Pleas Court judge has ruled that a paralyzed victim's identification of a shooting suspect by using "pronounced, exaggerated (blinking) movement of the eyes" was admissible in trial.
- Smith v. McBride, 130 Ohio St.3d 51, 2011-Ohio-4674. The absence of a mutual aid agreement between two jurisdictions is not determinative of whether a peace officer who

leaves his jurisdiction is on an emergency call for purposes of R.C. 2744.01(A) and 2744.02 (B)(1)(a).

Speaker for Today's Meeting

- **Jim Dillon, Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Program** explained the program and its benefits. Seven area departments currently have an Explorer program. Contact him at 216-458-8908 for information on initiating an explorer post.
- **Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner, Dr. Thomas Gilson** has directed that a medical examiner will respond to all homicide scenes. He will personally respond to police shootings and deaths. His office is offering one day general and advanced "Death Investigation" training courses upon request. He commented on the current capabilities of the Coroner's Office crime laboratory as well as future capabilities. Board certification and accreditation is underway for investigators, the office and all laboratories. The crime lab is already accredited.
- **Chas Lane, President, and Kathy Delaney, Vice-President, Greater Cleveland Police Officers Memorial Society** spoke concerning recent upgrades that have been made to the memorial and the need for funds for the current capital improvement campaign. The Society also assists with funeral planning, immediate financial aid and scholarships. Contact the Society at www.policememorialsociety.com for membership information.

Committee Reports

Membership:

- **Chief Robert Sackett, Garfield Heights Police Department** has been approved for Active Membership by the Board.
- **Chief Steven Hammett, University Heights Police Department** has been approved for Active Membership by the Board.
- **Membership Issues.** The problem of declining Association membership was referred to the Membership Committee for review and recommendation to the Board. Committee Chairman Loftus reported that the Board has approved the following recommendations of the Committee.
 1. Initiate a membership drive and request that each Chief sponsor his second in com

mand for membership and other command staff officers if possible.

2. Request that every other member sponsor one new member.
3. Reduce the annual dues for retired Law Enforcement Administrative Members and Associate Members in order to retain them as members after their retirement.

Life Members: The Board has selected **Retired Chief Lester LaGatta** to serve as Life Member Representative to the Board for 2012.

Person of the Year: The Board has selected **Lewis C. Merletti**, former director of the U.S. Secret Service, currently with the Cleveland Browns organization, as the 2011 "Person of the Year".

Old Business

- The Board met with **Norberto Colon**, Deputy Chief of Staff for Justice, Cuyahoga County Justice Services this morning in order to improve relationships with the county and provide input to county decisions. To this same end, President Harris continues to pursue meetings with the County Executive and the County Public Safety Committee.

New Business

- **A Governor's position is currently open.** Please contact President Harris if you are interested in running for this position in the December election.
- **Summit on "Sexual Assault Response Policy".** The meeting with county executive Fitzgerald, The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and county police chiefs is set for Dec. 8th beginning at 1:00 at the Medical Examiner's office, 11001 Cedar Avenue in Cleveland. Free parking available. An IACP Concept Paper and Model Policy were e-mailed to all member chiefs on November 10th.
- **Mandated Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services** concerning investigations of allegations of child abuse or neglect (ORC Section 2151.421). A meeting with all county Police Chiefs concerning this issue has been set for 0900, Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at DCFS, 3955 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Invitations have been mailed to all Chiefs.

Health and Welfare, Members Ill or in Distress

- **Retired Chief Harold H. Ols, Chagrin Falls Township Police Department**, passed away on November 9, 2011.

Good of the Order

- **Executive Lieutenant Jeffrey B. Porter, Lyndhurst Police Department**, Law Enforcement Administrative member, retired on November 7, 2011.
- **Chief Paul Bican, North Royalton Police Department** will retire on January 21, 2012.

Next Regular Meeting 12 Noon, Thursday, December 15, 2011, Holiday Inn, Independence. Election of Officers.

Adjournment *Motion to adjourn made by Chief Baumgart and seconded by Chief Szeredy. Motion passed.* The Regular Meeting of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association adjourned at 1335 hours.

***Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association
2012 Officers Installation Dinner
Dance***

Saturday, January 21, 2012
Reception 6:30 – Dinner 7:30 – Close 12:00

Landerhaven

6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights

\$ 40.00 per person – Cash Bar
Includes beer, wine, soft drinks, dinner, & dancing

*Dinner choice: Boston Strip Roast, Boneless Stuffed
Breast of Chicken or Norwegian Roast Salmon*

***TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE
2012 INSTALLATION DINNER DANCE!!***

***Please call, fax or e-mail your reservations and
dinner choices to Bob Bruckner. Then send your
check, payable to the CCPCA, to the Association
office. Your tickets will be mailed to you upon
receipt of your check.***

The reservation deadline is 1700,

January 13, 2012.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKKAH
HAPPY KWANZAA
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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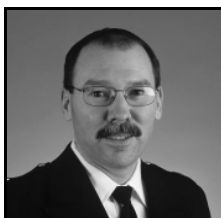


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