Why do People Lie?

History, comparisons, rationalizations and an answer. Part IV

By: Joseph Andalina

Lying, as we’ve seen, comes in many forms, encompassing all people and can be present in a variety of jobs. The punishment for lying can involve that which is “sinful,” where you will get your “just rewards” depending on the nature of your untruths when you meet St. Peter at the pearly gates for those of you who are bothered by such heavenly possibilities.

Criminally, for those who choose to perjure themselves or obstruct justice, one can face time with your new friend “Bubba,” a bunk with our ex-governor, (and soon maybe our current governor) or at the least, a criminal record.

Administratively speaking, reprimands, suspensions, and even termination could be in your future. And socially, mistrust wells deep when it involves lying to your spouse, children, family, and friends.

But that, my amici, pales in comparison to the punishment that would await the poor sap in medieval times who uttered a lie when one’s rear-end was hauled before the Inquisition in a number of European states during that era. The beloved Torquemada, the Spanish interrogator, did it his way with those who were brought before the tribunal for lying. Probably good for all of us that we live in this time and age when it comes to speaking with a forked tongue.

Because there, you see, the punishment that met some wayward speakers accused of telling a fib was the “pear of anguish.” It was a 6–8 inch pear-shaped device made of metal with a ring at the bottom. The smaller blunt end was inserted into the mouth of a restrained “lying” human being and the apprentice operating the device would then turn the ring, allowing the three or four petals of the pear to open slowly and sadistically. As the pear opened, your teeth would splinter and crack, and separate from your jaw.

We all know how bad an exposed nerve can be in a toothache. I can’t even imagine this. All for lying? As blood flowed freely down your airway, your jaw would break apart and in time “the liar” would suffocate. End of story. No more lying for you.

Kind of gross, but it does illustrate how some in power would react just a few centuries ago if they thought you were

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Chaplain’s Corner

By: Chaplain Tom Ross

It looks and feels like spring with temperatures in the 40’s, baseball preseason just weeks away, snow disappearing and the sight of the ground in view and golf is back on TV. It’s been 2 months of a Chicago winter that at times made going out a task we did not want to complete. When Chicago gets like this, it is a depressing time for many as the sun is hardly around to cheer one up. But with spring will come hope and newness that we have all been longing. So have faith and be the optimist—Happy Spring!

“We do not need a voice that is right when everyone else is right. We need a voice that is right when everyone else is wrong.”

From Bishop Fulton J. Sheen; a voice of the Catholic Church in the 50’s–60’s.

A quick quote from an early leader in TV religious broadcasters but words that are very meaningful today. Your call, your vocation to Law Enforcement is a call to speak with that voice of truth. We all recognize how difficult the job is when so many voices speak and sometimes as they say, they say more then their prayers!

A recent story in my local paper about a college student out for a night downtown and passed an incident outside of a local club. The police had individuals against the wall and this student asked what was going on. He was told—none of your business. Well, that was not good enough for him so he persisted and was subdued, resisted and was pepper sprayed under control and arrested for interfering. The story went on to tell of his college friends and professors describing what a wonderful, church going young man he is and how he never should have been arrested for being curious. The local PD stood behind their officers, their subduing him and arrest.

So I asked myself—do people get it? This incident is going on and they are looking for a full news conference to detail the incident to satisfy their citizen curiosity! The answer to my question is NO; many citizens do not get it. But that is today’s society and it’s not going away and just might be getting worse with the advent of Cable TV looking for stories like this to fill their endless hours of broadcasting.

Since this is today’s world we live in, add this to the list of training scenarios that you need to do your job. Add the task of being a PR voice for your department. I am sorry a good, upstanding and educated young man gets himself in trouble as I am sure he did not realize by interfering, for just a moment, this seemingly innocent act could place those officers in danger as they distract themselves from their incident. Maybe a lesson for all here, stay on task even in the face of second guessing.

Being the voice of right is not easy, very demanding and sometimes mistaken as being righteous. But gathering all the facts, evaluating the evidence and proceeding to uphold the law does lead to being ‘the voice of the right’.

Stay safe, enjoy your family. Take time to work hard, live right and enjoy the sunshine. 

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Chief’s/Political Follies

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#1 Nothing but Sunshine over my head!

So says the recently impeached governor of Illinois, Rod “Show me the Money” Blagojevich. At least he felt that way before we all learned that he was up to his knees in cow pie or “pay to play.” Illinois politics is rife with pay to play. There is nothing new here, folks. It’s one thing to pay in hopes that a politician will play. It is another to demand payment to play, then accept the pay or promise before inviting contractees to your sandbox.

But the glorious mop of hair is gone. No more $400 haircuts on taxpayers’ money. No more governor helicopter clogging the sky from Chicago to Springfield. No more state cops escorting Blago and family to far away places like Ohio, carrying his luggage and baby stroller.

I’ve been to the Capitol building in Springfield many times, and never once did I hear a politician say anything positive about the guy. Lots of rolling of eyes, sneering, and bad jokes could be heard when you got near his Blago-less office.

The complaint against the governor makes interesting reading. His use of profanity is in harmony with his demands for more and more. He could teach us coppers a thing or two in the realm of cussing for sure, for sure.

His interviews in the press as he embar- rassed himself more and more have become things of beauty. Quoting historical figures and great leaders to try to garner sympathy and support is truly pathetic and would qualify on that alone for mention in our most esteemed Chief’s Follies. But alas, he is accused of doing much, much more.

But he is gone for now — hopefully for good. It will take quite a guy or gal to clean up this “schifo” (mess) and the office that we, the people, loaned him. Let’s hope he/she is up to it.

And remember, Mr. B., Winston Churchill, the guy whose book you’ve been seen carrying around, did not have the elegant hair that you possess. He was bald. But he was honest.

#2. Pick on someone your own age...

The mayor of Portland Oregon, Sam Adams, recently admitted to having a sexual tryst with an 18-year-old in 2005, just before he (not the young man) was elected. (I do not believe he is related in any way to that wonderful lager of the same name.)

He now admits he lied about it and urged the young’un to lie about it too. The mayor said he made a mistake, that he should have admitted the relationship. “I should have been honest about what happened, but I was not” he told the press. The mayor, 42, met the younger object of his desire when he was 17 and an intern at the Oregon legislature. They discussed how to come out of the closet in the political world, and the mayor says there was no, uh, er, you know what, until the younger fella was 18. He called their relationship “dating.” (Okay—whatever.) The mayor says he knows the law and that he would not get involved with someone under 17. “That’s illegal. That’s just wrong.” But I guess it all becomes right, once you hit Continued on page 5
Legislative Updates

by Joseph Andalina.

Two issues in the news here.

Metropolitan Alliance of Police and the Illinois Labor Relations Board win big before the Illinois Supreme Court

The Illinois Attorney General’s office and MAP chief counsel Joseph Mazzone argued before the Illinois Supreme Court in May 2008 regarding MAP’s effort to organize Du Page County deputies pursuant to the law enacted by the ILRB.

After many months of written briefs, ILRB hearings, more briefs and oral arguments before the Illinois Supreme Court in May of 2008, the Illinois Supreme Court entered a favorable ruling on December 18, 2008.

This ruling and published order reverses the order of the 2nd District Appellate Court and finds in favor of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police and the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

The basis of the litigation and description of the legal dispute is explained in the Illinois Supreme Court Opinion and Order which appears in its entirety on our MAP web site: www.mapunion.org.

Needless to say, MAP and the ILRB have won over the deep pockets of the sheriff of Du Page County and the Du Page County Board. The taxpayers’ money they have shelled out to attorneys is astronomical to say the least over the term of our organizing efforts, not only before the Illinois Supreme Court but in the years’ prior litigation. It has culminated with attorneys fees being ordered to be reimbursed to the ILRB as to the appellate aspect of this case.

This 4-3 favorable decision should go a long way in finally bringing a union to the patrol and court service deputies in Du Page County.

Check out our MAP website for the full document of the Illinois Supreme Court and related letters sent to our members, the Du Page County Board, and the press.

Second Issue: The Illinois Appellate Court is coming back with crossed signals on whether police sergeants and above ranks are supervisors under the Illinois Labor Relations Act or not. Cases by MAP and other unions have come back with mixed results, seemingly contradicting each other.

Three cases thus far have been lost in two different union related cases in the Appellate Courts and one returned with a positive ruling for MAP and its sergeants.

MAP attorneys are continuing to peruse these opinions as we go forward in representing supervisors before the ILRB who have, by the way, ruled favorably on most of our petitions regarding supervisory status under the Act (ILRB). It is at this time only in the appellate districts, where there seems to be some issues. We hope to have a report on this matter in the next MAP Rap Sheet.

On a related matter:

MAP wins Unfair Labor Practice over Sheriff John Zaruba at Du Page County as relates to the reassignment of one of our deputy members.

All information related to this issue can be found at our MAP website. The materials presented include letters sent to the Du Page County Board and our MAP members regarding an unfair labor practice charge that MAP won over Du Page County Sheriff John Zaruba before the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

Coupled with those letters is the full “Administrative Law Judge’s Recommended Decision.” The county filed an appeal, but for now it is a union win for the good guys!
that magic age of 18! Then the hell with morals.

When the whole issue came to light, the young fellow tried to persuade Da Mayor to come clean, but His Honor did not think the citizenry would believe his version of events.

See folks, what I said in our cover story—people lie because they are uncomfortable and fear rebuke—happens to mayors, too. But he should know better. May to December romances never work. And when is young too young? And lying about this stuff when you are in a higher office is never a good thing. Politicians and interns; where have we heard all this before?

Lends new meaning to the phrase “if it feels good, just do it,” doesn’t it? The mayor apologized however, and that should make everyone feel all warm and fuzzy. He said “People should and can expect better of me.” No s---t!

The devil walks among us, or at least one of his protégées. The former Fairview, Oklahoma sheriff was recently convicted of second degree rape and bribery, coercing sex from female inmates and drug court defendants.

Ex-sheriff Mike Burgess was whacked for 13 felonies; five for rape, three for bribery, among other charges. He was acquitted of 23 other felonies of rape, sodomy, and rape by instrumentation. Nasty, nasty, nasty.

The sheriff says he is not guilty. Sure you aren’t, Sheriff.

His attorney says his accusers are either lying or consented to sex. Can’t you just pick one, Mr. Attorney? Or are you trying to cover all the bases here? Well, apparently the jury didn’t buy into this, as state law says, as it does in most places, that inmates can’t legally consent to sex with officers, jailers, or anyone else who controls their incarceration. I think that would include sheriffs, too!

The jury recommended 14 years in the big house. Not enough, people. Sentencing is in March. Pray for salvation. We need to send him back to the inferno.

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#3 Beelzebub disguised as Oklahoma sheriff convicted of rape and bribery

The Mayor of Baltimore, Sheila Dixon, after being indicted on 12 counts of accepting illegal gifts, perjury, and theft over $500, while as mayor and city council president.

She allegedly used holiday gift cards for over four years from several people that were intended for the needy, but were used by Dixon to buy an X-box, a Play Station, a camcorder, travel, fur coats, and other stuff.

*What is it about the holidays that brings out the best in people—especially politicians?*

“Time will prove that I have done nothing wrong and I am confident that I will be found innocent of these charges.”

Sounds a lot like a governor we know from Illinois. At least she hasn’t made the rounds of *The View, The Early Show, Good Morning America,* or *Larry King Live.*

No word if she has been reading Churchill.

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not coming clean, holding back, or just outright lying. Hopefully your IAD or chief won’t read this and get any ideas. Calling in sick to go to the Bears game could have disastrous repercussions.

We could go on and on with lies, and why people do it, but the following are just a few illustrations.

Recently, Isaiah Thomas, the former Piston player and Knicks coach was rebuked by a Harrison, NY, police chief when he appeared to overdose on an unknown sleeping pill and was taken to an area hospital. When the press called, he pointed to his daughter as the one who OD’d, and as the chief said, “He threw her under the bus” to avoid admitting to what he did. Why lie about this?

There is a book on the market titled “Lies My Teacher Told Me” detailing the misinformation and outright lies that pervade so many history textbooks used in school classrooms. In a careerbuilder.com survey, they relate numerous common falsehoods that people used on job résumés; everything from embellishing job responsibilities, starting and ending date of employment, academic degrees, job titles, and so on.

In sports, many of our most cherished athletes are presumed to be less than truthful when they utter these words: “He sustained an upper body injury.” “I didn’t know I was using steroids.” “I have never used steroids.” “I picked up the wrong bat.” “I don’t know who those nine women are who said that I am the father of their children.”

“What pitbulls?”

Many other sports examples abound, but you get the picture. We don’t even want to get into politicians, do we? And what are the signs your spouse is spreading the voodoo? Elaborate excuses, evading questions, hiding out at their pals after an extremely difficult night? Shaking your head no while saying yes. Covering the mouth, coughing, sneezing while talking. Touching your eyes, nose, ears, and other body parts when you’re lying is always a good indicator of deception. Your alibi fails and now you have been outed as a liar.

Lots of ways to tell if you’re being less than truthful to your wife or girlfriend — they know them all. So does your chief.

He reads all this deception stuff, too, you know. He may have gone to the “Reid Interrogation School” also, just like you did. So you know and he knows that he knows that you filled the interview with bull doo-doo.

So now he’s looking at all the indicators and he has the big one to test you on, too. (No, not the “pear of anguish.” The polygraph—F. Lee Bailey’s best friend, and the chief’s, too!

“Officer, I’d like you to take a polygraph to see if you’ve been truthful.” What are you going to say now? No? Well, if you did something stupid and you think they can prove it, you better just admit it and hope your big mouth is too big for the “old pear” and it will fall harmlessly from your pie-hole.

If you did something criminal, you get no sympathy from anyone. Cops just can’t commit crimes and lie about it, and expect any form of leniency, other than making sure all of your rights have been afforded, just like the common criminal you roped in yesterday.

But it’s the stupid crap that gets us in trouble; the sick calls when you ain’t, the accident on mids, the exuberance when arresting some “stroke” after a fight, high-speed pursuits, or hearing what the slimeball wants to do with your sister.

Fudging reports, expanding the truth in court, leaving your beat, missing the burglary, not doing your business checks, as well as all the myriad other forms of being in the no-spin zone and speaking in a way that can befall those of us in police, corrections, or dispatch work.

Telling you—just don’t do it—seldom works. The world is preoccupied with deception and running from the truth. Why? Why do cops lie? Why do people lie in general?

The easiest and most common explanation is simply that from everything I have read and experienced in years and years of being a cop and labor guy defending the rationale behind lies is this; people and cops lie when they don’t feel safe telling the truth.

The second reason is probably that small innocent lie will hopefully help you avoid a rebuke, some punishment, and disappointment in those who expected more out of you. Your chief falls in that section.

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No sunshine raining down on him, but I see prison stripes in his future! The mayors are clogging the judicial system this month.

The Glen Ellyn police chief and the Village Planning Director were recently in the news. Initially, no one knew why the Village Board was going to discipline them. However, as I was a detective for 23 out of 26 years, I thought perhaps some hoo-doo was going on between the two.

Seem like nice people. Who cares if they want to express their like, concern, or maybe love for one another? You love who you love or you’re hot over who you’re hot for, or—never mind.

But eventually it was found to be the old “excessive workplace interaction” that the city fathers tagged them with. Such a nice euphemism, isn’t it?

Lots of people came to their defense for whatever it was they were doing. It was later discovered by the press (I think) via FOI requests that between January and August of 2008, the two communicated text messages to each other 9,637 times. Yes that is correct; 9,637 times.

Way more than all my children did during that same time frame. It is reported they texted from 6:30 am to sometimes 12:00 am. (Midnight, for all you cops not on the midnight shift!)

So I’m assuming the hubbub is because it could be village phones they were using and they may have texted “143” or “lol” or “cul8r” a lot more than a normal teenager would do. Maybe they even made stuff up, like “mlthr” (my lieutenant is here) or “h2tckalfroda” (have to take a call from the mayor).

I’m glad they didn’t get canned or demoted and have been freed to chat some more. But I would suggest that they request unlimited text messaging for all new village phones and employees to avoid these uncomfortable situations in the future.

In a 7-1 vote, the Warrenville City Council censured one of their own alderman, Christopher Halley, for alleged ethics violations (of which, by the way, is legislation he voted for last year).

The only vote against censure was, of course, Halley’s. What a surprise. The press reports he had no comment on the censure, but was defiant during the city discussion. Of course, no one knows if he uttered those words of the oppressed: “I didn’t do nuthin!” Mr. Halley vowed to fight, just like our Mr. Sunshine governor has done, and the other mayor from Baltimore mentioned above.

What, oh soothsayers, were his alleged ethical violations? Please tell me if you’ve guessed correctly.

- Attempts to get friends out of traffic tickets
- Intimidating police officers

You did? Gold stars for you and a round of drinks for all!

During the time frame of alleged ethical violations, he was advised it was improper for an elected official to interfere with the police when he (allegedly) tried to get his pal out of a ticket.

He also asked the chief, and complained about his brother’s speeding ticket. He asked the village prosecutor to do him a favor and dismiss the charge. Most recently, Mr. Halley was stopped for DUI by Warrenville police, asking the police and command staff more than once if they “know I’m an alderman in this town.” He wasn’t cited for anything and that’s too bad. That, my friends, could be construed as intimidation. Never nice when your boss does that. Aldermen might be a big deal in Warrenville, though. This form of intimidation to cops by local politicians is a never ending story once booze and cars are involved. And why do politicians want to know if we know who they are? Doesn’t he know that yes, cops know who the politicians are. Booze can do funny things to your mind and your driving, which is why the police most likely stopped him in the first place. It’s okay

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As this is our first MAP Rap Sheet of 2009, Happy New Year to all you party animals. Did you party like it was 1999, no, er, I mean 2009? Man, has it been 10 years since Prince made that new millennium party song? Yeah, 10 years. Amazing, isn’t it? And what, you still haven’t made sergeant? Well, maybe that will change this year—at least for some.

For the vast majority of you with no stripes or special assignments, 2009 will be a lot like, yes, 2008. Same old, same old. Crime, crime, crime; tickets, movers, parkers, DUIs, domestic batteries, robberies, burglaries, assaults, simple batteries, sexual assaults, and murders. Oh yeah, there will be traffic to direct, political assignments, being nice to citizens who are not-so-nice. Juvenile runaways and missing persons, domestics, acute political emergencies, (A.P.E. cases) and driving home inebriated politicians (in some venues it’s been known to expedite stripes!).

There will be bitching, moaning, groaning, beefing, and complaining, and not just from your sergeant, either. The brass will moan, the mayor will groan, the citizenry will complain, your spouse will nag (and that goes for both sides of the male/female partnership).

Defense attorneys and state’s attorneys generally do all of the above. Judges usually just groan. Your partner will mostly ignore you as long as you keep an eye on things while he is napping on midnights.

Your children will mostly ignore you, too, except to ask mom “who is that man in the closet who looks like Daddy but is babbling that there’s no place like home; there’s no place like home?”

Ah, yes, the joys of policing. Making the city safe for one and all, and it’s all your fault. There may be some informal inquiries; some might turn into formal interviews by IAD. Policemen’s Bill of Rights in your future? How about Miranda warnings, or just little old Garrity and Weingarten readings?

And maybe there is a sergeant’s test in your future. A written, an assessment center, paired comparison, audio review presentation, interrogation by three fat bald chiefs in full battle array which may result in those cherished chevrons.

But then you have all of the above in your future, as well as numerous more management problems to numerous to mention to drive you nuts.

But hey, that’s what job security is all about. Grunt or brass, it can be fun. And sometimes it is. And satisfying, knowing that you did your best to catch the bad guys and put them away.

Making your community safe is its own reward. That’s why we do this job. To do something about the state of the world in your own little piece of heaven.

Good pay helps; benefits, too. And vacations, time off, and a pension that guarantees your future (not like say, Sammy Sosa or Mark McGuire, but it’s palatable.)

So in 2009, even though you may not see those stripes in your future, there is a lot of wonderful things involving this very noble profession. It’s keeping it all in perspective. It’s remembering that this is what you want to do, and keeping in mind how proud you were the first time you put on those baby blues, beautiful browns, or gorgeous greens.

So as the year progresses, keep in mind that it is a wonderful life and above all, make yourself safe so you can ring in the joys of 2010. Count your blessings.

Be safe, stay safe, play safe.
Chief’s Follies

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if Angelina Jolie would ask if you knew who she was when stopped. And the nice policeman would answer yes—you’re Lara Croft, Tomb Raider, while finishing that ticket.

The state’s attorney is reportedly investigating, but my advice to the cops there is to just ignore this guy and go to your chief if he starts again, or to the press. And if that, too, fails, more Chief’s Follies could be in his future.

#8 Okay, one more. An Encore!

Goes to show you that even if you only put your hat in the ring to be a mayor, stupidity spews from your mouth.

Detroit mayoral candidate Stanley Christmas on the city of Detroit losing almost half of its population and commenting on a 14 percent subsequent drop in the homicide rate last year:

“I don’t mean to be sarcastic, but there just isn’t anyone left to kill.”

With fellas like this around, MAP never has to make anything up.

Hope you enjoyed this edition of the Chief’s/Politician’s Follies. They are the chief executives, so they, too, are eligible for inclusion in our Hall of Shame.

See you next time on the other side of the rainbow.

MAP Golf Outing

O nce again the Metropolitan Alliance of Police invites you to our annual golf outing to be held at Carriage Greens in Darien on Friday, June 5, 2009.

$100 covers your cost of 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch at the turn, a couple of drinks, a fabulous dinner afterwards, and a raffle with our own Keith George as MC. No increase from 2008 prices! Check in time is 11 am. Tee-off is promptly at 11:45. Rain or shine, all will have a great time.

Get your foursomes in early to Carol. The outing is quite popular and fills quickly. No pay, no play.

See you there
Member News

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Quote:
All men are frauds. The only difference between them is that some admit it. I myself deny it.

-H. L. Menchen (1880-1956)
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We are not talking about criminal lying here. Again, that is always out of bounds in police work. Rather, it’s the not-just-thinking-what-I-just-said, because I-really-wanted-to-go-to-the-wedding-and-my-supervisor-gives-me-this-bs-about-minimum-manpower!

It’s the plausible deniability angle! Maybe the old man will really buy the story about the deer running into my squad and I miraculously avoided serious injury while Bambi escaped into the woods. Cops feel safe sometimes because they believe in the code—that no fellow officer would rat me out for my indiscretion. (Well, forget that one, Mister. Those days are long over!) TV really makes people believe that the code is universal. It isn't. And if there are vestiges of it in some form still alive, wait until you and your partner do something dumb. Then you’ll see how fast that urban legend disappears.

These are the lies I’m talking about. Stupid and unnecessary, but for some reason uttered out of the mouth of hundreds of law enforcement personnel year after year after year.

My advice, as appeared in an old Bob Newhart skit on bad habits: Just stop it! Yeah, that simple. Don’t lie. Tell the truth. Own up to it, if you did it. Even though just a few paragraphs ago I said that advice seldom works, it really is the easiest solution; truth.

That’s what we do. That’s who we are. We are supposed to tell the truth, and that goes for you boys in the IAD; you too, chief. Build trust in your people. Respect them. Know that they will falter at times. The pressure of the citizens, the press, and the city council is enormous at times. If there is this glitch in the hard wiring of avoiding trouble by fibbing, show some compassion and forgiveness, depending on the circumstances, of course.

Accept blame yourself when necessary. Listen to reason; no knee-jerk stuff and most importantly besides having some empathy, compassion, and understanding, don’t lie or bs the bs’er yourself.

These series of essays will not stop those who are prone to lying. But it will happen and when the officer owns up to a small transgression, it is hopeful that chiefs will see that anyone can make a mistake and be satisfied that you have people that will ultimately do the right thing—tell the truth.

Stay safe

Editor’s note #1: That wraps it up. Might do some other form of reporting on lying in the future, but for now, it’s on to other adventures in the wonderful world of law enforcement.

Editor’s note #2: At press time, MAP is attempting to take a case to the Illinois Supreme Court from Channahon where an officer was fired for—you guessed it—lying. The officer lost in the police and fire commission, and the Appellate Court recently affirmed an administrative review to uphold this officer’s termination. However, MAP has approved the case to file for a Writ of Certiorari before the Illinois Supreme Court. We feel there is a constitutional issue to argue based on the template that it seems to be okay to fire someone for allegedly lying about “police activity” but not for lying on or during administrative issues only. We believe there is some bad law out there when it comes to lying, and are trying to reconcile these cases out there that promote bad law.

The Illinois Supreme Court only grants Cert in one case out of 10, so we’ll see if this goes anywhere, and keep you posted in the future!

In a future issue, we will also have an examination by our legal advisor, Jeff Ortinau, of three Illinois cases that give insight as to how police and other law enforcement personnel who lie are terminated and why.
Hello! My name is Sue DaRif and I am the President of the Illinois Police Association, also known as the IPA. Thanks to the great guys at MAP I can tell you a little about the IPA.

The IPA was formed by a group of police officers who were interested in the welfare of their profession. Their first meeting was on February 11th, 1901 in Joliet, and resulted in the creation of the first police organization in Illinois, the Illinois Police Association.

Through the years the IPA has been instrumental in the passing of legislation benefiting police officers. Some of these laws have dealt with wages, liability payments by the State of Illinois, pensions, promotions, and the indiscriminate use of the polygon just to name a few.

The IPA has successfully lobbied for the creation of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act, the Illinois Pension Code, the Illinois Police Training Act, and the Part Time Police Training Act. The IPA was instrumental in the first major rewrite of the Illinois Pension Code, making it more modern and providing for more liberal police pensions. In 1971 the IPA lobbied successfully for the inclusion of key language to protect police pensions in the Illinois Constitution.

The IPA is the oldest police organization in the state of Illinois. We are not-for-profit and as such, all benefits accrue equally to the members. Benefits to members include:

- $5,000 death benefit if killed in the line of duty
- Annual Conference held yearly at alternating sites within the State Proposal of legislation beneficial to Law Enforcement
- Local Division Meetings where you can socialize and brainstorm with members from other departments in your area
- Competitive Pistol Shoots throughout the state
- Subscription to the IPA Journal
- Membership to the IPA Savings Network where you can show your membership card as select places to save on food, merchandise, etc.
- Window decal for your vehicle which is protected by the Illinois Constitution.

The IPA is one of the founding organizations of the Illinois Police Officer’s Memorial. We are also members of the Torch Run for Special Olympics committee, holding a yearly poker run to raise money for Special Olympics.

The IPA regularly meets with other police organizations within the State of Illinois and also the Midwest to share concerns of law enforcement and make decisions involving legislation.

For more information or to join the IPA, go to ipacpope.org or contact our office at 708-452-8332. You can also visit our office or write to us at 7508 W. North Ave. Elmwood Park, IL 60707.

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MAP and the New Year

by: Joseph Andalina

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ome of you have been with MAP since we started back in 1984. Most of you have affiliated with MAP sometime between then and now. Whatever your status with MAP, I wish to convey our appreciation for your loyalty, support, and continued membership.

Many of you have come from different unions looking for an organization that will listen to you and fight for you. The police, corrections, and related law enforcement employee labor field, as a public sector entity, is different from the private sector unions. Citizens, your employers, and the media are constantly examining everything we do under a magnifying glass. Our every word and deed are scrutinized for mistakes, whether avoidable or not, justifiable or not. We are in a tough business.

The brass and the media are quick to jump on the “bash the cops or correctional officer” bandwagon. Once you get into a jam, you see how far south your relationship with your employer goes. It is easier to release you than save you. Don’t believe me? Call someday and I’ll fill you in about the amount of discipline we have handled this past year, as well as from 1985 in general.

There is always a concerted effort by most employers to separate the officer alleged to be involved in some misconduct from those of you not currently in a jam. It’s as if they can convince you that the officer is a screw-up that his/her fellow brother/sister officers will put distance between them and the alleged offender. It is an ongoing problem in all areas of law enforcement. Coupled with that are government’s efforts to keep you as low paid as possible. Keep your standard of living low, reduce benefits and cry poor mouth. Why is that?

Is it for their own governmental pork barrels? Is it an effort to reduce taxes to gain political support for their next election? Is it a concerted effort to keep public employees public servants, which historically means low wages and give them more power over you? Who knows? Maybe all three, maybe a combination, maybe it’s another unknown rationale that the aliens running some of the municipalities and counties have hidden from us.

Sure, many of us make a decent buck. Usually after our secondary employment or a hell of a lot of hours working details or overtime that we are required to work. Is that okay? Can’t we make a decent living with just one job if we wanted to? Or about missing every kid’s birthday, most Christmases, and other important holidays. There is little sympathy for you from the bosses, but we continue to do this job because we care.

Contract negotiations have become more difficult, simply because we want to increase wages and benefits and get rid of wage reducing government tactics, such as merit and exorbitant steps in grade where you will never actually get to “step 237” and maximize your pay.

Grievances are another area that has seen an enormous increase over the years. M.A.P. preaches constantly to grieve your contractual problems. If your employer is the type to work things out with you, fine. However, if they are obstinate, fail to apply rules equally, or just hard-hearted, then you must strive to enforce the spirit, if not the letter, of your contract to make it viable for everyone.

The big three for police labor unions are not unlike those in the private sector; collective bargaining, legal defense and grievances. We hope that we have shown all of you as a chapter and individually that M.A.P. has kept all of its promises. We have listened, we are accessible, our attorneys negotiate your contract with grievances, and we have ensured that your rights as law enforcement officers (in all areas) have not been usurped. Your employers, the press, and the politicians have recognized that MAP is truly the union for law enforcement and that we will fight for you.

We hope that you know we have spent the necessary time, effort, and money to protect all of your interests. Most of the time we are successful. Sometimes the evidence is there against some individuals facing discipline, sometimes it is not there to sustain favorable arbitration awards. But in every instance, we hope that you know that win, lose or draw, the expenditures of time, effort and money was indeed present.

A good union, as M.A.P. is, will continue to provide this service to all of you in every one of our chapters in the coming year. The new year will see increased activity in all of these areas and many new ones, too, as we represent more correctional officers, telecommunicators, and other members in the law enforcement field.

New members and new chapters are joining M.A.P. on a regular basis. Chapters are leaving other unions because they know they will find with M.A.P. a union that does what it is supposed to do, and that is simply representing its members.

So in this New Year, you can expect more of the same extensive representation from your union, your board, our staff, and our attorneys. Yes, there may be misunderstandings—some glitches in the systems, too. However, just call on us when you need us, or during any phase of our local representation. We will continue to strive to provide the best professional labor/legal services to you at the lowest dues cost possible.

Remember that our only agenda is YOU. Stay safe.
The Violent Nature of our Profession

By: Joseph M. Andalina

One of Metra officer’s alleged killers arrested

Two years ago, Metra Officer Thomas Cook was slain. In early January of this year, one suspect was arrested. Jeremy Lloyd of Gary, Indiana, was charged as an accomplice acting as a lookout, while another (uncharged individual at press time) allegedly shot Officer Cook in the head at close range, and stole his weapon.

Apparently the two lost weapons during a shootout with a Harvey police officer earlier that morning. They thought the best way to get another weapon was to rob and kill a cop. This is why they did what they did—killing Officer Cook—depriving him and his family of their lives together.

During the course of this on-going investigation, the officer’s gun was recovered and witnesses located. The police put the pieces together and an arrest was made.

The alleged accomplice (charged) and the believed shooter (who at press time was uncharged) are currently in Cook County jail. Hopefully more charges are to follow. We, as law enforcement, continue to pray for Officer Cook and his family, and that justice will prevail.

2008 Law Officers Deaths Drop

While our brothers and sisters in law enforcement are still dying in the streets and prisons, 2008 saw a significant decline in these numbers. The total number of 140 deaths dropped 23 percent from 181 in 2007. It includes all manner of deaths; traffic, other accidents, and of course, shootings. Forty-one officers were killed by firearms in 2008, down from 68 in 2007. A huge drop, but still not zero.

An official report cites better training and equipment since the last few decades, when police deaths were much higher as the result in fewer casualties for law enforcement in this and recent years.

Fifteen female officers were killed in the line of duty, which matches the high set in 2002. For the eleventh consecutive year, more of our brothers and sisters lost their lives in traffic related accidents. This again, more than any other variable, is the cause of most law enforcement related deaths.

More work is needed to bring these numbers lower, but the reality is that there is too much violence and hatred, and a lot of it is directed at police and correctional officers.

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News from Around the MAP

**Elections**
MAP wins!
Northwest Central Dispatch’s approximately 70 members were officially certified by the ILRB. Our MAP assigned attorney and representative are currently working on their contract.

**New Chapters on the MAP**
- Evanston
- Posen
- Quadcom Dispatch
- Waukegan Lts and Commanders

**Arbitrations and Mediations (pending)**
- Braidwood
- Cook County Department of Corrections
- DesPlaines
- DuPage Co Forest Preserve
- Lockport
- River Valley Detention Supv
- Others- call for info

**Negotiations in Progress**
Many are currently in some state of negotiations. Call for status.

**Signed Contracts**
- Hickory Hills
- Hoffman Estates Sgts
- ISTHA Call-takers
- Naperville Sgts
- Roselle
- Schaumburg PO
- Sugar Grove
- University of Illinois/Chicago
Joseph Mazzone  
**University of Illinois Chicago Police**  
Five years: Preserve wage structure  
Maintain insurance levels  
Increase Comp from 80 to 160 with 30 hour carryover  

**Schaumburg**  
Five years: 3.5, 3.5, 3.75, 4, 4  
Indemnification language  
Include arbitration for discipline  
Eliminate 8 hours of 15 hour payback  
Increase sick leave buyback  
Lock in GPS language  
Lock in use of video  

**Mt. Prospect Patrol**  
Five years: 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5  
Indemnification language  
Lock in work schedule  
Include arbitration for discipline  
Lock in medical contribution, lock in prescription co-pay  
Increase uniform allowance, increase specialty pay, increase vacation  
Vacation, personal time cash out permissible  
Expand funeral leave  
Reduce health insurance contribution for participation in certain programs  

**Mt Prospect Sergeants**  
Five years: 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.5  
Indemnification language  
Lock in work schedule  
Include arbitration for discipline  
Lock in medical contribution, lock in prescription co-pay  
Increase uniform allowance increase specialty pay  
Increase vacation, vacation, personal time cash out permissible  
Expand funeral leave  
Reduce health ins contribution for participation in certain programs  

**Roselle**  
Four years: 3.25, 3.25, 3.75, 3.75  
Restrict use of part time officers  
Indemnification language  
Lock in work schedule  
Eliminate physical fitness test and agree to work by commit-tee  
Increase comp time from 180 to 480 with 120 hour carryover  
Increase sick leave buyback  
Expand funeral leave  
Increase education re-imbursement  

**Naperville Sergeants**  
One year: 3.5  
Decrease purge time for discipline  
Lock in medical and dental contribution  
Lock in work schedule  
Increase longevity  

**New Lenox Sergeants**  
First contract: Three years  
Average of 5.5% increases in wages per year for 3 years  
Create step and grade pay system  
Eliminate merit pay  
Lock in medical, vacation, holidays, tuition reimbursement, medical insurance premium contribution  

**Richard Reimer**  
**Western Springs**  
Four year agreement  
16% pay increase over 4 years  
One new holiday; Martin Luther King’s birthday.  
New option of pay or comp time for training, new annual buyback of up to 40 hours of vacation time,  
New FTO pay $30 per shift  
New designated OIC, $1800 per year  
Increase in uniform allowance.
Member Chapters

Collective Bargaining Chapters

Arlington Heights
Addison
Algonquin
Algonquin Police CSO's & Dispatch
Bartlett
Bensenville
Bolingbrook
Bolingbrook Civilians
Bolingbrook Sgts/Lts
Braidwood
Bridgeview
Burr Ridge Sgts and Cpls
Carpentersville Civilians
Carpentersville Police
Carpentersville Sgts
Channahon
Chicago State University Police
Chicago State University Sgts
Cicero Lts
Coal City
Cook Co Correctional Officers
Cook County EM/ Dispatch/ Vehicle Service
Cook Co DCSI Deputy Chiefs
Cook Co Dispatch Supvs
Crest Hill
Crest Hill Sgts
Crete
Crystal Lake
Darien Police and Sgts
Darien Police Civilians
DesPlaines
DesPlaines Sgts/Lts
DeKalb County
DuPage Co Patrol/Court Svcs
DuPage Co Coroner
DuPage Co Forest Preserve
East Dundee
Elwood
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Ford Heights
Genoa
Gilbert
Grundy County
Hanover Park
Hawthorne Woods
Hickory Hills
Highwood
Hoffman Estates
Hoffman Estates Sgts
Huntley
IL DOC Investigators
Indian Head Park
ISTHA
ISTHA Call-takers
John Stroger Hospital Sgts
Johnsburg
Justice
Justice Sgts
Lake Forest
Lake in the Hills Police
Lake in the Hills Dispatch/ CSO's
LaSalle
LaSalle Co Correctional
LaSalle County
Lakemoor
Lansing
Lemont
Lemont Sgts
Lisle
Lockport
Matteson
Matteson Sgts
Matthews
Maywood Sgts
McCook PO and Sgts
McHenry Co Court Clerks
Metra
Minooka
Montgomery
Morris
Morton Grove Sgts
Mt Prospect
Mt Prospect Sgts
Naperville Sgts
New Lenox Sgts
Niles Police
Norridge
Northbrook Sgts
Northern IL Emergency Communications Center
Northern Illinois University
Northern IL University Sgts
Oak Lawn
Oak Lawn Telecom, CSO's, & Detention Aides
Orland Park
Osseo
Palos Hills
Palos Park
Park City
Plainfield
Plainfield Sgts
Posen
Prospect Heights
Prospect Heights Sgts
Quadcom
River Valley Detention Center
Supvs
Romeoville PO and Sgts
Roselle
Round Lake Police
Round Lake Supv
St Charles
St Charles Sgts
Schaumburg
Schaumburg Command
SEECOM
Seneca
South Barrington
South Elgin
South Elgin Sgts
Steger
Streamwood
Sugar Grove
Tinley Park
University of Illinois
Villa Park
Warrenville
Warrenville Sgts
Waukegan Sgts
Waukegan Lts/Commanders
Wescom Dispatch
Westchester Sgts
West Dundee
Western Springs
Western Springs Sgts
Wheaton Sgts
Will County Mgmt Assoc
Wilmington
Winfield
Winnetka
Woodridge

Legal Defense Chapters

Addison Sgts
Barrington Hills Lts
Belvidere Sgts
Bensenville Sgts
Bolingbrook Civilians
Channahon Sgts
Cook County Canine
Cook Co Correctional Sgts/Lts
Cook County Sheriff's Police
DuPage County Corrections
Elgin
Evergreen Park
Hampshire
Hawthorn Woods Sgts
Hinsdale Sgts
LaGrange Park
Lake County
Lake Villa
Manhattan
McCook Civilians
Norridge Auxiliary Officers
Northlake
Oak Lawn Dispatch Supvs
Palatine
Palos Park Police part-time
Peotone
Roselle Command
Round Lake Park
Sleepy Hollow
South Barrington Command
Tinley Park Sgts
Winnetka CSO
Woodridge Sgts