A recent Letter to the Editor in a major newspaper contained this:

“According to the American Press Institute, the purpose of journalism is thus to provide citizens with the information they need to make the best possible decisions about their lives, their communities, their societies, and their governments.”

Unfortunately, journalism has, in lot of cases, devolved into a partisan, opinion, and public relations operation for the political party of the journalist’s choice. In fact, political pundit Bernard Goldberg wrote such a book a few years ago: A Slobbering Love Affair, which detailed the medias’ unbridled fascination with President Obama.

And Mika Brezinski of the Morning Joe Show, while discussing the Trumpster and his control over the minds of his supporters retorted “And that’s, that’s our job!” (to control people’s minds).

Basically she is saying that it is not Trump’s responsibility, but the media's job to control what people think. Stupid is what stupid does.

Another paper’s motto is “To fear God, tell the truth, and to make money.” Well, at least they are telling the truth. Making money is the American Way, as long as they do tell the truth.

But as we know, in my humble opinion, most media doesn’t. Or it’s slanted, or yellow, or forgotten, omitted, or outright false. Or it could be fake news.

I was reading an article on the Internet recently where it said that Scarlett Johanssen, the “Black Widow,” was moving to Naperville with her family because of the nice community and wanting to get away from salacious Hollywood.

Great, I thought, When she gets here I’ll go over and apply to be her gardener, landscaper, clean her pool, paint her house, wash her Ferrari, babysit, fix her sink, and be an all-around handyman, even if I don't know a thing about any of it, except flowers; I'm good with plants and reptiles.

Alas, after a while, I realized I was duped by a fake news story. Of all the unmitigated gall!
Chaplain’s Column

By: Thomas Ross

A column from Police One recently addressed the subject of Police Respect. A question posed asked, “In law enforcement, is respect given or earned?” Police Sgt. William Bolt gave his opinion on the topic, below. Check it out and add your own thoughts.

As in my “off-duty life”, I always tried to treat people the way I would want my parents treated. I tried to be kind, professional and sincere. Most people respond to that, depending on the circumstances. It had nothing to do with trying to win their respect, although that was a beneficial outcome. It was just the way I was raised. As a police officer, I applied this attitude to people I encountered, whether or not it was an arrest situation.

I was able to enlist the cooperation of a lot of people, whether they agreed with my actions (red light/yellow light arguments, or something more severe, such as possession of a controlled substance). Many times they would argue — but arguing with me is not disrespecting me.

I guess what I'm trying to say is I tried to be fair in every encounter, and that made my job easier. But I had a job to do, and that was not always popular with some people. Nobody likes getting a ticket or getting arrested. So I did my job, and it was up to them if they respected me or not.

At the end of the day, it was more important for me to respect myself. At the end of the day, it was more important for me to respect myself. Regarding my attitude toward others, I respect them until they prove they do not deserve my respect.

So my default position is to respect others, but it can be deleted based on their subsequent actions.

Well said! A Gallup poll back in October 2016 reported respect for police is at a 70% rating, reporting it as an all-time high. The other side of the coin says 24% do not respect police! So you see what you are up against as you do the job we citizens have asked you to perform.

I think 2017 has seen more support for the job you do but there are still issues. I remember riding along years past on patrol running radar and the officer got a hit and off we went. He quickly pulled the car over, put his spotlight on the driver and announced to me he had stopped a cop's kid. Of course I asked how he knew and he replied, just look at him—hands on the wheel and not moving around.

I am glad to see new drivers’ education programs are now teaching how to interact with police contacts. With the number of guns you encounter on the streets, it is important respect for the law is present for the safety of both parties. So, great this respect is being taught and explained with the whys are so important.

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Chief’s Follies

By: Joseph Andalina

Primer for the Follies

Every three or four years, we re-print our primer on what it takes to appear in our favorite column as indicated by you, our loyal readers, the Chief’s Follies.

Actually, it only takes a chief, mayor, or some other higher up to act like a “jackass” to make it into the Follies. If they do something really stupid to you or others at your PD or do something egregious of a management or criminal nature that also qualifies.

That’s the simple part. But for all of our future contributors who always remain anonymous as long as the below rules are followed, you need to understand how the “participants” are nominated.

We don’t want made-up stuff, or someone having an axe to grind. If the object of your desire is truth, then this comes back at you and the rule of anonymity is lifted. So far that hasn’t happened. That’s because there are so many chiefs out there who just continue to do stupid things and act in a stupid manner, no one HAS to make anything up.

So with on a recap of MAP’s rules on how to send your chief or other applicant to the Follies.

As we follow the yellow brick road for another adventure in Oz, please remember a few points. Here at the friendly MAP office, we get a lot of requests for various chiefs, deputy chiefs, superintendents, and other worldly types to be cast in our Follies.

Before we add a name in our credits, the chief or significant other must audition. That means he must have “acted” in such a manner as to be included in our Star Walk of Fame. Acting can be construed as doing something impossibly stupid (like crime or deviant sexual behavior), or saying something impossibly stupid. (There is, as Howard Cosell might say, “a plethora of this type of behavior”).

But wait! Do you all know who Howard Cosell was? Aw, never mind.

So we’ve got acting stupid or saying something stupid. We also have “these boots were made for walkin’” category; such as a chief or mayor who walks all over you just because he can. Disrespecting you by rubbing your face in the mud or embarrassing you for no reason other than to show superiority is always a candidate for a top story in the Follies.

We also have those little peccadilloes such as lying, cheating, stealing, bearing false witness stuff, you know, the 10 commandment types of sins. There is also the “I really don’t want to do this, but I have to screw you over because someone has got to take the fall” type. Then there is inappropiate or inequitable punishment. Like whacking you for 10 days when you should get a reprimand, or punishing you for silly crap. Very, very popular amongst chiefs.

And finally there is the pretty common union animosity, or we hate you because you went union, filed a grievance, won’t kiss my rear-end, hold my towel for me, blah, blah, blah.

I like those kinds. Always makes good copy. See what I mean a little later on here. Any of the above and a few others will qualify for inclusion in our Halls of Shame.

So remember, they have to audition. Next, it’s also got to be true. No fibbing or fudging. Santa will find out and you will get crossed off his list. It’s got to be in writing and you cannot be anonymous to MAP. If you write it up, we’ll check on it. If it’s true, it’s got a good chance to be included. If it’s published in a paper, internet, or sourced somewhere, it has a really good chance to make our Rup Sheet.

Simply, something has to happen (audition = facts). It’s got to be true (verified). You will be kept anonymous by MAP (unless you don’t care, and many, many officers feel that way).

And it’s got to be somewhat interesting, unique, or incredibly stupid. What won’t make it, you ask?

Simple; personal agendas are a no-no. We won’t make a chief popular because he investigated you for something you did do. Nor will we include the big boy because he cancelled your day off or changed your off days, or assigned you a different tier or beat.

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State
Pension cutting bill rears its ugly head again in Illinois. SB 16, HB 4027, and HB4045 are designed on focusing ways to get around the constitutional protection of cutting pension benefits.

The Illinois Supreme Court has twice found that reducing or cutting pension benefits for current or retired public sector workers to be unconstitutional. But “Rauner the Bruce” just won’t give up the ghost and some lawmakers are following in his footsteps.

In attempting this end around, legislators seem to think that if they give current workers “options” to the pension benefit that this idea of “consideration” would make everything okay and any reductions, takeaways, or cuts would be acceptable.

One bright light is that none of the proposals will affect the benefits of any current retirees. You should probably give your reps a call and voice your dismay and demand a NO vote on all proposals. There is a lot to these bills. You can find them on line. It ain’t pretty.

SB316 and HB2353: As the fog clears, a group called “Coalition for a Safer Illinois” has been able to find sponsors to introduce legislation to prohibit “Mary Jane” and its many aliases from being illegal in Illinois. Marijuana would be legal if the bills would be passed and taxed for adult only use (sure, only adults would use weed — we all know that).

Meetings are to be held soon for legislators. I understand all attendees are expected to bring brownies for every- one. Juiceboxes are optional. Maybe this coalition and their legislators will in fact make up for a “happier” and “hungher” free society in our good old Land of Lincoln.

Death Penalty Blues
Death be not proud
It never is — it’s just dead. In the world of the death penalty, I will never understand liberal and society’s hand wringing for the devils around us.

A stain on his soul
It takes a special sort of evil for this piece of puke did. Bulmaro Mejia-Maya of Schaumburg broke into his neighbor’s apartment Easter morning, raping and killing Tiffany Theasher because he wanted to have sex with her and she wouldn’t obliged. She threatened to call the police so he punched her and a violent struggle ensued while Tiffany fought for her life. Imagine the pain and horror she experienced. He says he doesn’t remember strangling her because he was drunk, but he remembers everything else. He has a violent criminal background and is a royal piece of dung.

Kados and a great job by Schaumburg police who tracked him down in Florida before he could escape to Mexico. As the judge, during Mejia-Maya’s bond hearing, said Tiffany experienced “a single woman’s worst nightmare.” But we can’t kill this waste of human- ity in Illinois. And if convicted he will find a way to live in prison. They always do.

Yes, monsters live among us.
Three demons carjacked a mother’s car with her 6-year old in the backseat. The vehicle was found a short time later with the child still inside, riddled with bullets. You kill a child while carjacking a vehicle? Kingston Frazier just graduated kindergarten and these guys in Alabama executed him for a car?

They do have the death penalty there, so maybe they will use it.

Arkansas wants to fry eight murderers.
Well, maybe not fry, but use the needle to carry out sentences of death to eight inmates before their supply of lethal cocktails expire.

Think about that for a moment. The rush is on because the death mixture will expire and they don’t want to use expired materials on the condemned. What’s the worst that could happen? Well, maybe it wouldn’t work. More likely their death would be prolonged as they gasp for air, pitifully exiting this earth to hell. Well, anyway, a flurry of last minute appeals ensued but the various courts allowed Arkansas to carry out three or four sentences of these depraved killers. You can’t make this stuff up.

If he only had a heart
From the grapevine comes this sad story out of Lisle. One of our long time and loyal MAP members is battling Stage 4 colon cancer. Being a cancer survivor myself, I can vouch for how difficult any cancer treatment can be.

Our officer approached his department about voluntarily working light duty while undergoing chemotherapy. He did not need too, because after 18 years, he had more than enough sick time. But he wanted too.

He wanted to see his co-workers and stay busy. He wanted the attachment to the brotherhood. He wanted to show his co-workers that he was winning his battle. He made the same money at home or work.

His great chief, however, made the decision that after six months of light duty and six months of chemotherapy, the officer’s restricted duty services were no longer needed. He was told that they no longer had work for him. Great way to make accommodations.

Well, total lie. You see, his light duty supervisor was never confronted. And the truth is there was more than enough work for him. So the Chief and possibly the Acting Village Manager colluded together and made this a personal vendetta.

Well, as of this writing, ADA com- plaints have been filed along with grievances. You see, the light duty pro- gram is subjective and given to whom- ever they want. And now, nobody will do the right thing and admit that this stunt should never have happened.

Will, Officer, we are not waiting for the Wizard of Oz to grant your chief a heart. Rest assured, MAP will take on your grievances and look for justice... and a heart elsewhere.

Not bad for swiping $21k
An ex-Sauk Village treasurer got away with a relatively light sentence. James Griegel, 72, got 30 days for em- bezzling the above sum from the police pension fund. Takes reducing cops’ pension funds to a new level, doesn’t it?

Mr. Griegel was on the police pension fund. Takes reducing cops’ pension funds to a new level, doesn’t it? Mr. Griegel was on the police pension board. He had suffered losses, from his wife’s death and other financial burdens and used them as an excuse as to why he stole the money. He also became addicted to narcotics and was earlier charged with drug possession.

Really? Can anyone be this dumb/careless?
Punta Gorda, Florida. A police chief and one of his officers have been ar- rested and charged for shooting and killing a 73-year old woman during a citizens’ academy training session. The officer was charged with manslaughter and the chief with culpable negligence, probably for not knowing what was going on.

During a shoot — don’t shoot sce- nario, the officer shot and killed the woman. He didn’t know the gun was loaded. He thought it was filled with blanks. You mean none of them knew not to use real guns in a citizens’ academy? My, my, my.

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Tension with the press

By Joseph Andalina

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ince our lead story this issue is about the media, let’s continue this narrative. Does anyone really believe or “get” the media anymore? With all the murders in Chicago in 2016 and topping the charts in 2017, headlines still don’t meet the demands of this mayhem.

And what about the almost 4,000 “shootings” the last year and half? Shootings? I don’t know where y’all come from, but “shootings” whereby one tries to kill another are usually classified as attempted murders, or if they hit someone and the victims survive, add “aggravated battery” to the list of offenses.

But it’s always glossed over as just merely shootings, as if it’s an everyday thing. It’s monstrous, isn’t it not?

And all you see is an upset mayor Rahm with his crocodile tears. I think they teach that to you in mayor school, as all mayors seem to embellish this untruthful act once the media interviews them — in between blam ing the cops for everything negative or scapegoating cops or demeaning them and Big Daddy’s attempt to take away your retirement. (See Legislative News — again.)

If I may ask, where are all the race hustlers and that priest in Chicago have been fighting for their survival, add “aggravated battery” to the list of offenses.

These “community leaders” have given the community nothing to begin an ending to these horrors — unless it’s a cop. Then it’s we need police reforms.

The press is disingenuous. They should be beating on politicians every day on every front page. Legislators too — give us laws that punish those who produce this mayhem, and then enforce them.

But mostly you get from the press are stories on how we need “police reform,” reports of how many beasts a cop gets, or how many bullets have been fired by the police over a certain time. And don’t forget — how many criminals were beaten, tortured, or coerced into confessions with little or generally no evidence? Do you really believe that these killings will stop by belatey police reforms? It’s a diversion and it’s wrong to blame a police officer for gangbangers killing one another.

Am I wrong here? Why do “they” think the only thing that will stop the carnage is more gun control? There are laws on the books but the sentencing is not there.

And until recently there has been no support for us grunts. It’s constant bad juju. However, there has been a recently bright spot. Four aldermen in Chicago have been fighting for their police to acquire long rifles to defend themselves, after two boys in blue were shot with rifles and some other murders have taken place using long guns in the city.

Also, Alderman Lopez of the Brighton Park area has also stood up and told the truth about the mayhem occurring in his jurisdiction. In doing so, he has received death threats and not “attempted shooting” threats, either.

Kudos to this man. The entire city council should act accordingly. But they won’t, gotta take care of the ‘hood first.

And while most of suburbs are not experiencing this mayhem of endless murder, they can face the same issues occurring in their towns, albeit on a smaller scale. But our suburban police do also face harassment, disrespect, and assaults by the public. Then there is the harassment by legislators attuned to remove contracts, wages, benefits, and pensions to cover their own malfeasance. And it’s the press that never stops beating the dead horse.

In future issues, I’ll get into the crossfire, as in use of force, excessive force, removing contractual protections as regards our due process when we must act to protect the public, our partners, and most importantly, ourselves.

Political parties and pundits and analysts from all over the globe accuse each other of it all the time. But has it only been this way since Trump went from TV host to president?

Roy Speckard in the Huffington Post writes about post-truth, (the Oxford Dictionary Word of the Year in 2016). Basically it’s denoting objective faith that is less influential in shaping public opinion than appealing to emotion and personal belief. To paraphrase, it’s a part-truth era. In short, people seek answers they can live with.

So you have multiple news outlets, some very admirable, reporting news that we don’t even know is real or fake! Shepard Smith of Fox News defined fake news most accurately when he said “Fake news refers to stories that are created, often by elitists, pretending to be news organizations solely to drive clicks and news based on nothing of substance.”

Yes, it is click bait? Have we all fallen for that? Yes, I believe so. (See Scarlett above!)

Simply, fake news is used to produce answers they can live with.

Look how your own administration expertly sways the truth, spins their own issues and looks to minimize bad news. I get it, but I long for just telling the truth, unfiltered. There’s that CYA again.

So what’s the deal? Well, simply put, I don’t believe you can trust the press much anymore. It’s a merry-go-round. Our story takes you around and round, never really stopping for honesty.

As it applies to us police people, news is almost never good. The press tries to butter you up to talk. What about this case, this incident, this issue? Talk to me; I’ll tell the truth. But they usually are dubious at heart. What they want is something juicy. Cops shooting minorities, cops racially profiling, cops misbehaving, cops and a code, cops using excessive force, police chases, choke holds, Tasers, making too much money, retiring at age 50, rich collective bargaining contracts, pensions, etc. ad nauseum. Don’t fall for the artful dodge, my friends.

As a stringer (independent writer) does a story on cops at a donut shop, coffee with a chief, or reading to five-year olds at the library, they are generally not interested in your day-to-day misery. I know I’m being facetious, there are many well principled positive stories about us, but for the most part, nothing sells papers like a bad cop story. They know you like to see your name in print and will fill your head with sugar plums if you will only give them a quote or three.

Smack someone around and watch the sharks come to feed. Now that’s newsworthy and I guess it should be. But it’s overplayed and usually one-sided. You watch the same loops of tape over and over, and hear the same words over and over, and the sharks come to feeding, often out of context. It’s demoralizing.

It’s designed to make you look bad, probably because you’ve got power and they don’t like it. Just like celebrities and athletes. Raise ‘em up, tear ‘em down. But with law enforcement, it’s worse. Your careers are at stake, your reputation, your family, and your retirement, too.
Was I a good cop?

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thoughts from a cop who retired in ’87. Just before retiring, some young puppy was busting my chops about how law enforcement has changed, and the system is improving for the best. I just smiled and gave him a little laugh.

He asked what was so funny. I told him that I felt sorry for him. When asked why, I told him, “Because in about 15 years, THIS is going to be your good old days.”

We all saw the change in our jobs. I came on in 1965. I used to tell the rookies that our academy lasted 3 months. They gave us a stick, a gun, a dime, and kicked us out into the street. They told us: If you need help, use the dime. If you can’t get to a phone, use the stick. If using the stick pisses him off, use the gun. And the first order we received when we were assigned to a district was from our sergeant. His order was “Don’t you EVER bother me, kid.”

Law enforcement then, was much different than the current. We delivered babies, got rough in the alley and huddled close in the bad. We celebrated the good times, marriages. We gave folks awareness of power and consequences.

The evolution of law enforcement, the modern young officers will never see that form of policing, and of course this is best. The current way is the right way...now. But it was different then (ergo, the Dinosaur Syndrome). When it’s time to go, we wonder if we’re going to miss the job. After all, other than our kids and a few marriages, it was the most important thing in our lives. Actually, it was the other way around. The job was first, but only another cop could understand how I mean that.

But have faith, brother! After a short time of feeling completely impotent (after all, you’re just John Q. now), reality hits like a lead weight.

It’s not the job we miss after all. It’s what we, as individuals, had accomplished while in this profession that we miss. The challenge of life and death, good and bad, right and wrong, or even simply easing the pain of some poor bastard for a while, someone we will never see again.

We know the reality of what’s happening out there. We are the ones who have spent our entire adult life picking up the pieces of people’s broken lives. And the bitch of it all is that no one except us knows what we did out there.

I was once told that being a good street cop is like coming to work in a wet suit and peeing in your pants. It’s a nice warm feeling, but you’re the only one who knows anything has happened.

What I missed mostly, though, were the people I worked with. Most of us came on the job together at the age of 21 or 22. We grew up together. We were family. We went to each other’s weddings, shared the joy of our children’s births, and mourned the deaths of family members and marriages. We celebrated the good times, and huddled close in the bad.

We went from rookies who couldn’t take our eyes off of the tin number of the old timer we worked with, to dinosaurs. After all, what they gave us was just a job. What we made of it was a profession. We fulfilled our mission, and did the impossible each and every day, despite the department and its regulations.

I think the thing that nags you the most when you first retire is: After you leave the job and remove your armor, the part of you that you tucked away on that shelf for all those years, comes out. It looks at all the things you’ve hidden away. All the terrible and all the wonderful things that happened out there. And it asks you the questions that no one will ever answer.

“Do you think I did OK? Did I make a difference? Was I a good cop?”

You know what? Yeah, you were a good cop! And you know it! That’s all I wanted to hear from those who...
**Contract Corner**

**Joseph Mazzone**  
**Arlington Heights**  
2017-2019. Wage increases 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%.  
Minor modification to the composition of the labor-management committee.  
Modification of the Step 2 grievance procedure.  
Modifying dates for annual shift bid procedure.  
Increase in on call compensation.  
Modification to vacation scheduling.  
Modification to call in on holidays to double time for all hours worked on holidays.  
Increase compensation for lateral entry officers.  
Modification to disciplinary appeals providing for the Chapter to write written approval for any written warning to be appealed through the grievance procedure.  
Written reprimand to be removed to meet with the Union. Oral or written reprimand to be removed from personnel file after 18 months (previously 24 months)  

**Steve Calcaterra**  
**St. Charles Sgts**  
Wages, fully retroactive: 2017, 2.0%; 2018, 2.0%; 2019, 2.0%; 2020, 2.0%. Clarification of the grievance steps and process, double time compensation for overtime on holiday.  
Modification of vacation proposal to allow use of leave time to extend creditable service for retirement.  
Addition of Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan, addition of included family members for sick leave, modification of FMLA procedure, extension of funeral leave.  

**Jerry Marzullo**  
**Mokena**  
Four year contract - 2.5% wage increase per year.  
Changed probationary period whereby probation can now only be extended for a period of three months, for good cause only, and Employer is required to meet with the Union. Oral or written reprimand to be removed from personnel file after 18 months (previously 24 months)  
Insurance premiums: 7/1/17: 89%/11% split. 7/1/18: 88%/11.5% split. 7/1/19 88%/12% split  

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know — my brothers and sisters.  
In closing: the best advice I got, by far, was from an old friend who left the job a few years before me. He told me to stay healthy, work out and watch my diet. He said “Cause that way, the first day of every month you can look in the mirror, smile and say “Screwed them out of another month’s pension”  

**Ray Garza**  
**ECom**  
$750 signing bonus. Wage increase of 2% for 2016, 2% for 2017 and 2% for 2018. The ability to bank 100 hour of compensatory time (up from 80 hours). Contract expires May 31, 2019  

**Winfield Sgts**  
Additional rules to address medical marijuana, modification of secondary employment rules, implementation of Retirement Health Savings Plan.  
Wages fully retroactive: 2017, 2.25%; 2018, 2.25%; 2019, 2.25%. Wages only were negotiated.  

**Oak Forest**  
2.5% wage increase for each year of the contract, expires in 2021. Development of a 457 Deferred Compensation plan where the City will match 50% of any contribution up to $500. Health insurance contributions and plan remain the same for the life of the contract.  

**Chaplain’s Column**  
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least improve safety for all the contacts necessary on the job.  
Hopefully you made a stop at one of the many Police Memorials in May and also found time to celebrate the Holy Days of your faith. If not, you are always welcome to step in as the door to faith is always open. Enjoy the summer, family, friends and relaxation. A good mix for a healthy life.  
Peace to all, be good to one another.  
Chaplain Tom Ross, Sr  
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And this extends to retired cops. Isn’t always a fact now. Lots of newbies will write cops tickets like everyone else nowadays. Some look at you like — meh, you were a cop, not important to me. Sad, but true. Nobody cares? I know, boohoo woe is us. But that never happened way back when. But I digress.  
Back then, our academy instructors were badass cops who loved us. Taught us all the little things to save your life and knew and understood what “street justice” was. A misunderstood and forgotten paradigm nowadays. People need to have a little fear of cops. Bad guys more so. But the press and the politicians, as well as the public, have changed that meme. Now, if you cuss, raise your fist or God forbid, “use the force necessary to effect and arrest,” you are vilified.  
Do any of you disagree with this? Just look at Chicago with all the murders and attempted murders that the press call “shootings.” (Makes me chuckle every time I read that.)  
A writer in the Tribune recently wrote: “How do we stop police from unlawfully killing young men and at the same time get young men to stop killing each other?”  
 Really — stop cops from killing young men and get them to stop punks from killing each other? You can fill in what you think about that one. I think it’s bs.  
We didn’t have that Blue Racist bullshit in my time. If you were a stroke, you got treated like one. Streets were tough and we were tougher. But that’s what happens when politicians take over police work, because votes mean money, and money means reelection.  
So as I’ve said for years, politicians have made us the buffer between them and the two P’s — press and public. If you can blame cops, do it. But they will always come to work and do their job. That’s what both the Young Turks and Mustache Pete’s have in common.  
Respect for the blues, the badge, and our jobs. God bless us all.
**Member News**

Michael Lucia

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Crest Hill

Giovanni Veitkus

Stephanie Orozco

James Moore

Auston McLain

Cook Co Disp/Veh Svcs

James Passas

Ismael Lebron

Gerard Hill

Neal Gaynor

James Chausse

Alecja Rozycka

Joshua Younglove

CenCom

Darlene Heinz

Dale Bratthauer

Civilians

Carpentersville

Carol Stream Sgts

Samuel Savage

Steven Young

Arthur Todd

Gwendolyn Lanfair

Annette Franklin-Neely

David Aken

John Stoger Hospital

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Calvin Zirkle

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Christopher Johnson

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Rodrigo Ruiz

Bolingbrook

Cody Cammack

Bridgeview

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John Stoge...
Congratulations
To our Bolingbrook members:
Lt. James Coughlin  Supervisor of the Year
Officer Majorie Higins  Police Officer of the Year.
To our Oak Lawn member:
Officer Sean Heilig, Officer of the Year
In the February 2017 issue of the Judicial Watch publication
Verdict is this tidbit.

It pays to be a politician, especially if you’re Mr. Obama — ex-presidente!
The US Secret Service provided records on the Obama 2015 family Hawaiian vacation. A lofty $1,200,000 smackers of taxpayers' money for travel expenses alone. Total cost of the trip? $4,823,206.88. That includes rental hotels for the president and his family at $5,000 to $10,000 per night, dinner, golf, rentals, and also lodging and other expenses for the Secret Service agents to guard the president was included.
Is this abuse of taxpayers' money for luxury vacations? What do our other fine leaders spend? I’m sure Trump is no better. And we have to be happy with going to Wisconsin Dells or Branson.
And Rauner the Bruce in good old Illinois wants to scuttle your mealy pension and retirement. So the guy who put $50 million is his own campaign and puts millions into Republican candidates just got a $20,000,000 donation from a donor. But our pensions are too rich.
Save us Lord.

Pink pistols
More and more folks on the LGBTQ community are becoming gun owners. I believe liberals are agast. But the Pink Pistols don’t care. These folks, ever since the Pulse nightclub shootings are Second Amendment supporters.
The response, according to the Pink Pistols website, has been massive. You go guys/girls and whatever gender you identify with. About time people wake up and realize you can defend yourself from the crazies out there. Like they say, “armed gays don’t get bashed.”

Reptile Lives Matter

The Beauty:
Here’s an example of a gorgeous creature, (not me) an Eastern Indigo snake. Overwhelming in its grace and form. A prize for every kid and old snake catchers like me. Just loved these when I was a wee laddie. Got a chance to handle one at this year’s Reptile Fest. The blond says I can’t have one.

And the beast!
Nothing can be as horrible as the YouTube video I watched recently. A man was missing in Sulawesi, Malaysia. During the search they found a 7 – 8 meter Retic python, killed it and when they opened it, the missing fellow, Mr. Akbar was found inside. The video of cutting open the snake slowly expressing the individual is unnerving. It looks real but who the hell knows anymore. Stay away from 23-foot Retic pythons. Look it up — too gruesome for a family newsletter.

And in-between
A recent news story says that Illinois Governor Rauner was obsessed with snakes when he was a kid. Well, this is new and the only thing I can admire about Rauner the Bruce. He started out right — what happened?

MAP Steward Seminar
The Metropolitan Alliance of Police is pleased to announce our annual steward training seminar for Thursday, September 21, 2017. MAP representatives and MAP attorneys will be teaming up to provide an educational seminar to provide you the tools and knowledge necessary to effectively represent your members. We are also very pleased to have representatives from Safe Call Now to speak to our members (https://www.safecallnow.org/). Safe Call Now is a confidential, comprehensive, 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, all emergency services personnel and their family members nationwide.

Other topics included will be recognizing your rights while exercising collective bargaining activities, understanding your privileges during discipline hearings, Garrity and Weingarten rights, identifying contract violations and effectively applying the grievance process, negotiating and enforcing your contracts and more.

The seminar will be held at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois in The Krasa Student Center (http://www.ben.edu/about/location.cfm). Seating will again be limited and reserved on a first come first reserved basis. Please provide the name(s) with individual email addresses of attendees, and department/chapter to John Ward at JWard@mapunion.org to reserve your place. Please make reservations by August 30, 2017.
The seminar is Thursday, September 21, 2017. Check in begins at 8:30 and the seminar will begin promptly at 9:30 and conclude at 4:00. Lunch will be provided.

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