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n 2024, MAP has hit the ground running. MAP and our Coalition of Frontline Police Officers ("Coalition") have been instrumental in fostering legislation in Springfield. Through our lobbyists and local politicians, MAP has put forth 3 major bills as part of the Coalition. These bills are the direct result of feedback we have received from our members, Board of Directors, and our labor attorneys. MAP and the Coalition have introduced and drafted legislation beneficial to our members. MAP actively monitors legislation, including any proposed amendments, along with conference committee reports. MAP participates in discussions with stakeholders involved in legislation directly or indirectly affecting our members' pensions.

With respect to this legislative session, we have some interesting proposed legislation to announce. First, MAP drafted legislation designed to eliminate the abuse our members have experienced from unscrupulous chiefs. It came to our attention, police chiefs were terminating our members who had been injured on duty, after their Public Employee Disability Act benefits had been exhausted. Second, MAP has proposed language to permit police sergeants to unionize. As you may know, many frontline police supervisors are precluded from collectively bargaining. This bill ensures working police officers have the same collective bargaining rights as other public sector employees. MAP is effectuating this effort by changing the Illinois' Labor Relation Act to bring the Act into greater harmony with the Workers' Rights Amendment of the Illinois Constitution. Lastly, we have introduced an arrest quota bill which will eliminate police managers from placing an emphasis on quantity over quality. This bill adds arrests to Illinois' existing citation quota ban. This legislation eliminates evaluating our members through an excel spreadsheet and forces management to evaluate our members on their performance as law enforcement professionals.

Most recently, Illinois' House of Labor contacted us to join the current, "We Are One" movement. We Are One was instrumental in protecting public pensions for our members. Today, We Are One is currently focused on modifying, if not eliminating, the Tier 2 pension system. MAP, along with the AFL-CIO, AFFI, Teachers Unions and other unions are attempting to address the glaring problems with the Tier 2 pension system for public sector employees. The We Are One movement has already garnered the attention of Springfield, including Governor Pritzker. As in the past, expect a vigorous public relations campaign which will include television commercials, mailings, and requests for our members to contact their local legislators. We will continue to keep you updated and informed as we move forward.

Please know, you may be contacted and asked to file witness slips for various bills as they move forward in Springfield. Your efforts in the past have clearly gained the attention of our lawmakers in Springfield. We will need to continue those efforts if we want to have an impact and change necessary to assist our members in the future. We are actively involved in the political process on your behalf. It is important to note, MAP does not endorse any particular "party." Rather, MAP supports and champions issues important to police officers, correctional officers, and telecommunicators. Our mission is to advocate on behalf of the needs and desires of our members.

Finally, MAP takes its responsibility to our members very seriously. Our team has been involved with the tragic on-duty death of DeKalb County Deputy Musil, providing immediate resources and financial support for her family. We will continue to stay involved providing whatever assistance we can moving forward.

Be Safe!

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AP members can raise their voices to reform Tier 2 pensions. It's all about fairness, fixing, and fusion.

The We Are One Illinois coalition is ramping up its voice

this year and is highly focused on a strong solidarity of all its members statewide to reform Tier 2 pensions.

"The coalition is made up of many of the public sector unions in the state and the goal is to generate change now," states Jake Lewis of SJL Communications, who serves as Lead Communicator for the effort.

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police is one of its coalition members. To seriously make an impact on fixing Tier 2, it will take the involvement of MAP members to join the cause and make a difference. It's time now to bond with fellow union members across the state and contact State legislators to fix the broken system. Fellow Tier 2 members working along side Tier 1 members, doing the same job, are being treated in an inequitable manner. Why?

The "We Are One Illinois" campaign was first created in 2009-2010 to fight against pension cuts but hasn't been active since 2014. According to Lewis, the current effort is focused on fixing Tier 2, which includes any public employee hired after January 1, 2011 because the Illinois General Assembly severely diminished pension benefits to them compared to Tier 1 employees.

A week of action was held during April 15-18, 2024 to bring this issue to the forefront again.

We are One Illinois members were asked to tell lawmakers to support Illinois' dedicated public workers and fix Tier 2. Retirement income for a host of these workers is not keeping up with inflation and many do not receive Social Security benefits.

For the renewed We Are One Illinois campaign, Lewis notes it was successful with a strong start. "During the week of action, public employees from around the state sent more than 55,000 letters and made more than 5,000 calls to state legislators," he said.

Public employees received a sample letter to send to their legislators as a guide with an opportunity to personalize their messages and make their voices heard. The letter served as a reminder of the unfairness of "Tier 2" created in 2010 and the subsequent separate lower pension benefits for the public employees hired after 2011, over the fierce opposition of a coalition of unions representing public sector workers.

Jake Lewis

Lewis notes that since then, "legislators have refused to act to fix the inequitable system they created, at a huge cost, to our members and the communities they support."

He adds, "We Are One Illinois will continue to raise the issue of fixing Tier 2 pensions through the summer and fall, and we hope to see legislation emerge in the fall of 2024 or winter of 2025.

This action is the first step to push legislators in Springfield to ensure that all public sector workers have a fair, secure retirement after their service, and allow us to recruit and retain the essential workers who keep Illinois running."

Solidarity and support is needed by MAP members to fix the broken two-tier retirement system.

Let your voices be heard.

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MAP CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Rev. Tammy Roach

Basking in the Sun

t's 7:00am and as I look out my dining room window (my make-shift office of the day), I am in awe of the view. The grass is green, the leaves are budding, the squirrels (who like to taunt my dogs) are running on the fence, and our cardinal couple is at the bird feeder preparing to welcome their new family. I am reminded of the awesomeness of spring, bringing new beginnings, new life, and a renewed sense of hope after a long dreary winter.

I love to get outside first thing in the morning; it is part of my daily rhythm. Soon after getting up, I start my first cup of coffee, and head outdoors to toss a red (or blue) rubber ball to my highly dependent golden retriever who cannot do her morning 'business' without this first retrieval. All year round (yes, you heard me)...all year round, I step outside my door in my bare feet and walk to my lawn so I can feel the earth below my feet. I take in the wonder of creation, engage with several intentional breaths, and pray. Even in the midst of winter with the ground well below freezing, sometimes with a dusting of snow, I make this ritual a priority. This practice helps me feel grounded, reminds me that the world is so much bigger than my sphere of control, and keeps me connected to our Creator. While this is a spiritual practice for me, there are also both physical and mental/emotional benefits of starting your day with the first rays of light and from spending time in nature. When we start our day with the first morning light, we help regulate the hormones which impact our circadian rhythm, ultimately resulting in a better night's sleep. In addition, by intentionally going outside in the morning to expose yourself to sunlight you are taking purposeful action to increase your daytime alertness and your mood. Early morning sun exposure is also a great way to help

your body produce Vitamin D, a nutrient that supports bone, muscle, and blood vessel health as well as healthy brain functioning.

In addition to the benefits of early-morning sun exposure, being in nature has additional health benefits. Studies show that time in nature decreases anxiety and negative thinking, and overall feeling of stress; generally, the more time spent in nature the less physical and mental health issues one experiences. This is true whether you are enjoying the green space of summer or the white space of winter. Hence, my own year-round habit of getting outdoors, in my bare feet, first thing in the morning.

How can you make the time to get your own 5-20 minutes of first light exposure every day? First, you can try exercising or walking outdoors – start your day with a brisk 20 minute walk or a leisurely reflective meander through your neighborhood. You could also sit outside (or the sunniest room in your house) to eat a healthy breakfast. This would also be a good time to sit in your favorite outdoor chair and journal, read, or pray. It takes just 5-10 minutes on a sunny day or 15-20 on a more cloudy day to reap the benefits. It does take commitment, but small changes can make a difference that will impact your sleep, your mood, and your overall health and well-being.

Rev. Tammy J. Roach (AKA Tammy, Pastor Tammy, or Chaplain Roach take your pick)

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"Choosing the Public Safety Administration program at Lewis University was a pivotal decision in my career," said Hillside Police Chief Dan Murphy. "The program stood out for its comprehensive approach, combining rigorous academic coursework with practical, real-world scenarios. Faculty members, who are seasoned professionals in the field, brought firsthand insights that were invaluable."

Murphy continued, "The PSA program prepared me for the challenges of being a chief executive in public safety. It taught me to navigate high-pressure situations with a focus on ethical decision-making and community engagement, ensuring that I could lead effectively while fostering trust and inclusivity."

Lewis University's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Administration programs are designed to be challenging, rewarding, and accessible to those who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting others. A Master of Science in Criminal Justice provides students with the theoretical foundation to identify and carry out the industry's best practices. The Master of Science in Public Safety Administration is uniquely designed for aspiring leaders who wish to explore the principles of organizational leadership through the lens of experienced public safety executives.

"Our M.S. in Criminal Justice and M.S. in Public Safety Administration programs are nationally ranked for their quality, value, and accessibility. Courses are taught by high-ranking law enforcement practitioners and premier scholars in their fields of study," said Retired Police Chief Shanon Gillette, who serves as an assistant professor and director in the public safety administration program.

After retiring from his work with the Downers Grove Police Department, Gillette said it's an honor to give back to the profession as an instructor at Lewis University.

"We are here to serve those who have dedicated their professional lives to serving others," Gillette said.

Lewis University has a proven track record of preparing police officers to serve in the highest ranks of their profession. More than 60 chief executive officers have graduated from Lewis University's Criminal Justice and Public Safety Administration programs, including Buffalo Grove Police Chief Brian Budds who earned a master's in public safety administration.

"The PSA program exposed me to both proven and experienced leaders within our profession," Budds said. "The program also enhanced my network and provided incredible professional and personal resources to prepare me for current and future leadership challenges."

Lewis University programs are designed with respect to the demanding schedule facing law enforcement professionals. Lewis University offers an eight-week, accelerated course format and students can earn their master's degree in as little as one or two years.

"The PSA curriculum was designed for public safety professionals, classes were accessible for working adults, and I had the opportunity to network with other like-minded professionals," said Kurt Bluder, retired police chief who served in La Grange and Downers Grove.

Lewis was recently named the No. 1 school for veterans in Illinois. Qualified veterans can enroll in our justice programs tuition-free.

"Lewis University is proud to be a Yellow Ribbon institution, and we are committed to ensuring our military veterans receive the benefits they have worked so hard to earn," Gillette said.

First responders receive a 20 percent tuition discount. Lewis University demonstrates its respect for first responders in a variety of other ways, including deferred tuition billing that allows qualified students to pay their tuition up to six weeks after the conclusion of each course so students can coordinate payment with their employer's tuition reimbursement benefits.





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In Memory of Deputy Christina Musil

A single mother of three and a veteran, 35-year-old DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy Christina Musil tragically passed away in the line of duty when her squad car was struck from behind on May 28 in Waterman. Deputy Musil was transported to the hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

Deputy Musil was known to be a friendly and professional first responder, beloved in her department and the community. She was an Illinois Army National Guard Military Police Afghanistan War veteran and had been with the Sheriff's department for the past five years.

Deputy Musil's funeral procession from the coroner's office to the funeral home included an incredible number of units from near and far, all present to pay their respects and ensure safe transportation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Deputy Musil, her children, family and friends.

Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors Inc. (C.O.P.S.)

Like many families affected by on-duty tragedies, Deputy Christina Musil and her family were supported (and continue to be supported) by the Illinois C.O.P.S. Inc. organization. Vice President and active law enforcement officer with Oak Brook Police Department, Mike McTighe, is passionate about maintaining their immeasurable support to all families and coworkers affected by law enforcement deaths.

"Illinois C.O.P.S. started 20 years ago," he says. "It was started by a group of survivors who realize that there is no better healing than what you get from somebody who understands you. A lot of people during a time of loss say, 'Oh, I understand.' On the law enforcement side, they saw that a lot of people didn't understand what they were going through. There's a big misconception that people who sign up for law enforcement chose this. And yes, although we do know that, we don't plan to get killed in the line of duty."

The surviving widows started the organization 40 years ago, nationally, with the state of Illinois establishing their branch about 20 years ago. "It started as a grassroots movement for everybody to just find a way to connect to each other," says McTighe. "And here we are today. We cover anyone that has suffered from a line-of-duty death."

Illinois C.O.P.S. currently offers 16 hands-on programs. "We call them hands-on programs because they're weekend getaways for each category of survivors, so you have widows, siblings, spouses, extended family, coworkers and, unfortunately, groups dealing with suicides, as well. We have 16 hands-on programs throughout the year, along with trauma and law enforcement classes that we connect survivors and coworkers for a weekend getaway to reflect and get the healing they need."

One of McTighe's favorite programs is their Kids Camp. "It is near and dear to our hearts," he says. "It's held up in Wisconsin and it involves all the kids across the nation who've lost a loved one to a line of duty death and may range from as young as four all the way up to 15." Kids can receive an opportunity to heal with their peers and realize they are not alone.

McTighe wants fellow officers to know their organization is ready to take care of them and their families should a tragic loss occur. "You're not alone in this fight," he says. "There's a group of us that are out here who have been through this, they will assist you in any way, shape or form. We are a group that will do anything for any of our brothers and sisters. We do not try to take over anything, we just come in to assist and help guide everyone through it. I want you to know there's a group out there that's going to come in and help with things we hope we never have to. But unfortunately, we know that's a reality."

To find out more about their various programs or how to help support Illinois Concerns of Police Officers Inc., visit www.ilcops.net.

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JOSEPH MAZZONE

CREST HILL SERGEANTS AND PATROL OFFICERS

- 5 year deal 5-1-22 to 4-30-27
- Wage Increase: 3% retroactive to 5-1-22, 4% retroactive to 5-1-23, 3.5% 5-1-24, 3.5% 5-1-25, 3.5% 5-1-26
- New 15 year step was added to each contract
- Increase in longevity: \$350 after 6 years, \$650 after 18 years, \$950 over 18 years
- Court time increased to minimum of 3 hours paid time
- Compensatory time accumulation increased to 80 hours
- President's Day was added to holiday pay
- Emergency Bereavement leave increased
- Insurance contribution increased. 12% current, 13.5% 5-1-24 and 15% 5-1-25 and thereafter
- Retiree's Insurance was maintained and codified
- Officer Involved Shooting protocol was added to contract along with the incorporation of video, photographic, audio, GPS and other recorded surveillance of an employee being reviewed by the employee prior to any submission to interrogation

FRANKFORT SERGEANTS

- Contract 5-1-23 to 4-30-27
- Wage Increase: Initial wage increase of 3.75% increase 60 days after ratification retroactive to 5-1-23, 3% 5-1-24, 3% 5-1-25, 2.95% 5-1-26
- Work schedule and work hours modified along with roll call show up. Provide for 8 hour/ modified 12 hour work shift and 10 minute show up for roll call paid at straight time.
- Discipline to be included in the grievance procedure
- Matter in which off-duty details of employment shall be posted
- Incorporate the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act into the contract
- Increase vacation accrual
- Increase travel and meal expenses
- Officer Involved Shooting protocol, blood not taken without search warrant

WINNETKA

- Contract 1-1-23 to 12-31-25.
- Wage increases of 3.5% 1-1-23, 3.5% 1-1-24 and 3.5% 1-1-25
- Minor changes to vacation accrual and use
- Changes to sick leave annual buyback
- Changes to funeral leave enhancements consistent with Village policy
- Changes to allow for Family Medical Leave the use of sick, comp and personal time in order at

- the employee's discretion.
- · Increases in physical fitness financial incentive.
- Lock in contribution for medical insurance with 12.5% contribution for the duration of the contract.
- Lock in in and out of network co-pays and prescription program.
- Codify the arbitration of discipline.

RON CICINELLI

OAK LAWN DETENTION AIDES

- 3 year contract
- 3.75%; 3.50%; 3.50%
- Extra sick day total of 5

ADDISON

- Contract 4 yrs 11/1/2023 to 10/31/2027
- Wages 2023 = 3%, 2024 = 3%, 2025 = 2.25%
 AND 2026 = 2.25%
- Compensatory time increased from a max of 44 hrs. to 60 hrs.
- Payout of unused sick leave added an additional payout for employees with 25 continuous years at 88% of a max of 120 hours.
- Sick leave payout added to compensate employees who voluntary separate in "good standing" regardless of years of service. Every full year of service = 1% payout of unused sick time.
- Officer Involved Shooting language added to the CBA – No blood draws unless a valid court order or warrant.
- Removal of "Waiver" language regarding potential demand(s) to bargain, if necessary.

EARLVILLE

- 3 Year contract
- Wages: 2024 = 6.5%; 2025 = 4%; 2026 = 4%
- Part-Time Police Officers' wages increase to \$2.00 less than Full-Time Police Officers' wages.

KEITH KARLSON

■BOLINGBROOK SERGEANTS & LIEUTENANT

- 3-year contract
- Established 3.25% "Certified Supervisor Pay"
 - 2023 Top Sgt with Certified Supervisor Pay moves from \$149,317.12 to \$156,861.23
 - 2024 Top Sgt \$163,578.81
 - 2025 Top Sgt \$170,171.04
 - 2023 Top Lt with Certified Supervisor Pay moves from \$160,672.03 to \$168,789.84
 - 2024 Top Lt \$176,018.26
- 2025 Top Lt \$183,111.81
- Established mandatory minimum training and probation for sgts

- Substantial increase in healthcare premiums
- Improved injured on duty language.
- Obtained shift bid by seniority language.
- Improved definition of stale discipline
- Excellent officer involved shooting language.
- Increased hours for sick leave buyout from 480 to 696 hours.

RAYMOND GARZA

E-COM 9-1-1

- 2-year contract
- Wages: Retro to May 1, 2023, 6%; May 1, 2024, 4%.
- \$5,500 signing bonus.

JERRY MARZULLO

HARWOOD HEIGHTS CIVILIANS

- 3-year contract
- Wages:
- May 1, 2023 April 30, 2024 4% (full retro on all hours worked)
- May 1, 2024 April 30, 2025 4%
- May 1, 2025 April 30, 2026 4%
- Increase in weekly standby pay from \$100/week to \$137.50/week
- May take vacation time in 4-hour increments (previously one-day increments)
- A \$200 bonus will be added to each member's HSA plan.
- Uniform allowance from \$700/yr to \$850/yr in 2024, then \$925/yr in 2025
- Lead Community Service Officer to receive an additional stipend on top of base salary of \$3,600 year
- Annual payment of \$500/yr for every year a member opts out of health insurance.

JOHN GAW

BARTLETT

- 2-year CBA
- Wage increases of 4% and 4%
- Arbitration of Discipline.
- Elimination of waiver of right to bargain midterm.
- Established court stand-by pay.
- Improved performance evaluation pay by \$250
- Established ability to grieve performance evaluations relating to pay
- Body armor reimbursement increased from \$650 to \$900

MICHAEL BUTLER

■HARWOOD HEIGHTS

- Three Year Agreement: 4%, 4%, 4%.
- \$250 increase in the uniform allowance (from \$900 to \$1150 per year).
- Specialty pay for NIPAS (\$2,275 per year).

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Updates from our attorneys about collective bargaining agreements for MAP members.

- Increase in person court overtime (from two hours to three hours).
- Minimum payment for Zoom court appearances (two hours).
- One time bonus payment of \$200 into the HSA plan.

FOREST PRESERVE OF DUPAGE COUNTY MAINTENANCE WORKERS

First Union Contract

- Three Year Agreement: First year (increase varied by chapter member based on the member's position in the previous Salary Step Plan. One chapter member received a 34% salary increase in the first year of the MAP Agreement) second year 3%, third year 3%.
- Reduction of Steps to reach Top Pay reduced from twenty-seven down to thirteen.
- Uniform Allowance increased to \$625.00 per year.
- \$200 equipment stipend.
- Arbitration of Discipline.
- Eight-hour workday with paid meal break (previously eight and one half hour work day with unpaid meal break).

HANOVER PARK CIVILIANS

- Three Year Agreement: 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.5%.
- \$1,000 equity adjustment added to all pay bands, at all steps.
- Additional \$6,000 equity adjustment added to the Social Worker, Accreditation and Grants Manager, Property Custodian, and Code Enforcement Officer pay bands.
- Record Clerk and Record Aid pay band is eliminated and these positions are moved into the Community Service Officer pay band (a higher salary pay band).
- All employees receive \$200 added to their base salary.
- Training Officer pay (one hour for each day spent training, at 1.5 times the regular hourly rate) for all employees assigned to train probationary trainees.
- Community Service Officers will be issued body armor.

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE

- Three Year Agreement: 3.7%, 4%, 4.5%.
- One-time Employee Retention Bonus 2% of Base Pay.
- Additional Longevity Step added at twenty-five years (\$1200).

- Increase in Investigator, Evidence Technician, Interpreter and Drone Operator pay.
- Establishment of Community Engagement Pay (\$500.00 annually).
- Increase from time and one half to double time for working eight premium holidays.
- Safe Driving Day off if not involved in an at fault crash during the calendar year.
- Increased flexibility in use of Vacation and Personal Time.

MOUNT PROSPECT SERGEANTS

- Three Year Agreement: 3.7%, 4%, 4.5%.
- One-time Employee Retention Bonus 2% of Base Pay.
- Additional Longevity Step added at twenty-five years (\$1200).
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If there is a question you would like MAP to answer, please email John at Jholiday@mapunion.org.

The information provided does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice; instead, all information, content, and materials available on this site are for general informational purposes only. You should contact MAP to obtain representation with respect to any particular legal issue related to collective bargaining and your union rights.

What are grievance timelines under a collective bargaining agreement, and why are they important?

Answer: Grievance timelines under a collective bargaining agreement are the specific periods within which a grievance must be filed and processed through various stages of the grievance procedure. Following these steps under the CBA is crucial so that you preserve the right to have your grievance heard at arbitration and you do not allow the Employer to file any jurisdictional defenses to your grievance. You should review and know the procedures in your CBA. Some grievance language requires advancing the grievance in writing; some procedures require that the grievance be advanced to specific employer representatives, and all grievances have time limits for the advancement to the next step of the process. Should you fail to follow those timelines, the Employer could, and most likely would, raise a jurisdictional defense that because you failed to advance your grievance within the required time limits, you have waived your right to proceed to final and binding arbitration. Good labor lawyers have nightmares regarding the failure of their members to follow grievance timelines, and many a "good grievance" has never seen the light of day because the procedural requirements of the timelines were not followed.

WATCH YOUR TIMELINES AND FOLLOW YOUR PROCEDURES!!!

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By: MAP Labor Attorney Jerry Marzullo

What is regressive bargaining, and why should I care?

Answer: Regressive bargaining in labor union contract negotiations refers to a situation where an employer or Union offers terms that are less favorable than those previously offered during the course of negotiations. This can involve moving backward on issues such as wage increases, benefits, or other conditions of employment. Regressive bargaining often leads to charges of an Unfair Labor Practice. The labor relations system in Illinois is designed to funnel the parties TO an agreement, not AWAY from one. If an employer or a Union makes regressive proposals, it may indicate an intention not to reach an agreement, which could be considered bad-faith bargaining. For example, if an employer had previously proposed a certain percentage of wage increases and then later offered a lower percentage without a reasonable explanation, this could be seen as regressive bargaining. Therefore, with each proposal, from initial to final, the Union bargaining committee needs to take good care in how these proposals are crafted to avoid such a charge, and our members need to be educated on proper bargaining techniques to get to a deal.

B Why won't my employer give me all the evidence it has against me during an initial investigation for potential discipline?

Answer: Because they don't have to. There is no requirement that your Employer give you all of the evidence it has obtained while investigating you for discipline. The employer can ask you questions, then interview witnesses, gather outside evidence, and then bring you back in to ask you MORE questions. Look at it as a game of football. The employer is on "offense" investigating you. Once they have made their determination on whether or not they are going to discipline you and, if so, what discipline they mete out, it is then the Union's turn to go on "offense" and challenge the proceedings. Be truthful in your responses to the Employer. Many a labor battlefield is littered with the bodies of those who thought they could lie and get away with it. (Please, don't lie).





Common Mistakes Titling Financial Accounts

It used to be so simple. We went to the bank, filled out some paperwork, got a passbook and checkbook, and then had bank accounts

Now, of course, we rarely, if ever, see the inside of the bank, and if we do, all the desks and offices are empty. We are the only ones in line, and it looks like everyone went to lunch and left the doors open.

We don't just have a bank account but investment accounts in many different formats. Many do it on our phones if we transact business, deposit, pay a bill, or send someone money.

All this financial account variety and technology can lead to common and often costly mistakes.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

If you primarily use your checking account for direct deposits to pay bills and keep a small balance, the account can be titled in your name. The account title can also include the name of your spouse, adult children, or another person for the convenience of easy access to assist you.

- However, if the balance is significant, and you have other beneficiaries in the event of your death, you should not add a person to the account. You may have that person share the account balance in the event of your death. However, they might die with you or shortly after you do, and the account ends up in that person's probate estate. You also expose the account to their creditors and lawsuits.
- You might trust the person to follow your wishes, but their spouse or someone else might have different ideas to justify keeping the funds. Remember, at your death, those funds became the property of the joint title holder.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The same is true for savings accounts. You are better off transferring all savings accounts and checking accounts with a balance of more than a few thousand dollars into a **Living**Trust for the security of transfer to your chosen beneficiaries upon your death.

- Remember, your Living Trust estate plan should include Financial Power of Attorney documents, allowing your agent to access your accounts during your life if necessary. So, there is no need to risk adding that person to your accounts.
- Often, people use <u>TOD beneficiaries</u> for these and other accounts. While effective in avoiding probate for those beneficiaries who are not minors or disabled, TODs do not provide the beneficiary with the asset protection of a *Living Trust* if the beneficiary is sued, divorces, or becomes disabled.

TAX DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Tax-qualified accounts should never be transferred to another name or a Trust name. <u>Doing so would trigger a taxable event</u>.

• The accounts should name a spouse as the first beneficiary and alternate beneficiaries aged 18 (or older if you don't want them receiving all that money at 18) and do not have a disability. In those cases, your *Living Trust* should be the alternate beneficiary.

MINORS AND EDUCATION ACCOUNTS

Many parents and some grandparents open custodial savings accounts for children under age 18, called *Uniform Transfers* to *Minors Act* (UTMA) accounts. The same applies to 529 college savings accounts, such as **Brite Start** or a similar plan.

These accounts require a custodian. If one custodian dies, the account can end up in probate. They should always have two custodians, either the other parent or another person. If not allowed, your Living Trust should provide for a successor.

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If you have property, investments, or bank accounts in your name at the end of your life or incapacitation, they risk probate.

- A Will = Probate. The rule is that no one can legally sign your name. Therefore, all assets in your name are subject to the Probate process, which averages 18 months and is costly.
- A Living Trust avoids Probate.
- Your financial accounts, life insurance policies, and deferred compensation accounts can name your Living Trust as beneficiary, subject to essential tax considerations.
- A Living Trust estate plan includes Health Care and Financial Power of Attorney documents, as well as a Last Will and Testament.
- A Will is necessary for guardianship of minor children. It also transfers assets in your name out of Probate.
- A Living Trust contains a No Contest provision and beneficiary Asset Protection clauses.

YOUR MAP BENEFITS

Call my office today to lock in your MAP 1/3 reduced rate for a complete Living Trust Estate Plan.

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Montgomery Police

Montgomery Police Officers Lindholm and Karner were presented with Life Saving Awards at the Village Board meeting for their heroic efforts resulting in saving the life of a resident suffering from cardiac arrest. Their quick response and vast training sustained the individual's life until paramedics arrived for hospital transport.



Elk Grove Police

Congratulations to Officer Wells on receiving a Life-Saving Award! This prestigious award is given to officers whose actions save the life of an individual in an emergency.

Last month, Officer Wells responded to a medical emergency involving an unresponsive subject. Upon arrival, Officer Wells assessed the situation and administered Narcan, which revived the victim. His assistance in the treatment of the victim allowed for rapid transportation to a medical facility and ultimately saved the person's life.







Bartlett Police

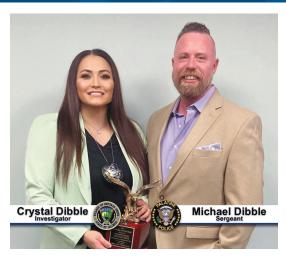
Congratulations to Detective Stephanie Nessling (left), who was selected as Bartlett Police Department's 2023 Police Officer of the Year, Records Clerk Margret Diaz (middle), who was selected as Bartlett Police Department's 2023 Civilian Employee of the Year, and Officer Trevor Wittenbrink (right) who was selected as the Bartlett Police Department's 2023 Spirit Award recipient.



Round Lake Park

Help us wish Officer Maculan and Gunny best of luck on the next 8 weeks of hard training. Today Officer Maculan and Gunny got paired up for their first day of training and are about to create a bond only a K-9 and his handler know. There will be a lot of hard days and long nights for both of them so they need our encouragement. We can't wait to have you both on the street, servicing the residents of Round Lake Park!





Buffalo Grove

Buffalo Grove police Investigator Crystal Dibble has been named the Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove's Officer of the Year Award. The annual honor is awarded to an officer who has displayed a strong work ethic, integrity, and commitment to the residents of the village



Lake Forest

Join us in celebrating Officer Marina Chernikovich, who was honored as the 2023 Most Valuable Evidence Technician by the Lake County Major Crime Task Force.



Steve Brandenburger



Homewood

The Homewood Police Department is celebrating several promotions/new hires this month. Nathan Bruni was promoted from Detective to Sergeant. Steve Brandenburger was promoted from Sergeant to Detective Sergeant. Hanna Nelson was newly hired as a Records Clerk Supervisor. Congratulations to all!

Minooka Police

Members of the Minooka Police Department participated in the Run for Respect 5k at the Minooka High School.



Channahon

Officer Steven Cerovac, School Resource Officer for MCHS South Campus is the recipient of the 2024 William Kennedy Officer of the Year Award. Ofc. Cerovac is a 5-year veteran of the Channahon Police Department. As the School Resource Officer, Steve completed a total safety assessment for the South Campus, ensuring the students and staff are provided the safest learning environment. Through a review of physical measures and administrative practices, Ofc. Cerovac propelled the school to new heights in school safety. Steve also coordinates the Department Polar Plunge Team,



raising thousands of dollars for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Congratulations Officer Cerovac on earning this honor.

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MAP MEMBER NEWS

Polar Plunge

Annually, police departments come together and fundraise for Special Olympics Illinois, an organization dedicated to training children and adult athletes with intellectual disabilities for Olympic sports throughout the year. The Polar Plunge fundraiser is a beloved and popular event for communities and their police departments. Every year, they raise thousands of dollars for Special Olympics while dunking themselves in icy cold water. Thank you to every participant's hard work and passion for the cause.





Wilmington Police



Morris Police



Tinley Park



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Special Olympics Plane Pull at Lewis University









Palos Heights

This week the men and women of the department conducted our annual Active Shooter threat training at Palos East School. This hands on training is taught by certified instructors from the department and equips our officers with the knowledge and skills required to quickly end an active threat event. Officers employ Active Shooter threat tactics through dynamic, interactive drills and scenario based training. The training is challenging and keeps our officers prepared for an active threat. A special thanks to the administration and staff from Palos East School for allowing us to train at their facility during spring break.



Alsip Police Awards

Alsip's recent awards ceremony put a spotlight on the dedication and bravery of outstanding officers.

Most Valuable Partner Award - Officer Billal Haleem; Leadership Award - Sgt. Hector Puente; Alsip PD Officer of the Year - Officer Jason Slawecki; Meritorious Service Award - Sgt. Puente & Officers Bires, Haleem, Stepanek, Shehadah; Lifesaving Awards - Sgt. Tyszko, Sgt. Dollear, Sgt. Puente & Officers Bires, Klopp, Saele; Exceptional Duty Award - Sgt. Dollear and Sgt. Spencer; Top Shot 2023 - Officer Forsyth; Top Shot in Police Academy - Officer Jusino; Top Academics in Police Academy 2022 - Officer Stepanek; Top Academics in Police Academy 2023 - Officer Wood

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Through high-quality research and training, Force Science advances expert decision-making, superior performance, and honest accountability in public safety.

t was my privilege and honor to recently attend the Force Science Certification Course on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP). The course was an intense 40-hour training course put on by Force Science, led by Dr. William Lewinski, Ph.D. Dr. Lewinski has dedicated his career to studying human performance as applied to use of force situations confronted by law enforcement. The stated goal of Force Science is to bring behavioral sciences to officer involved use of force. Topics discussed included principles of biomechanics, the psychology of crisis encounters, human error and memory, vision, and reaction time. Presenters included medical doctors, psychologists, experts in human performance, lawyers, and retired law enforcement.

Each day's session ended with a series of quizzes to reinforce what was discussed in the session. The course was filled with videos and case studies of officers involved in the use of force. What I found most interesting is the amount of research Dr. Lewinski and Force Science has done exploring use of force. Force Science has not left a stone unturned when researching use of force. The following are a few tidbits from the course.

Reaction Time

Force Science advocates for the study of reaction time in use of force situations. They argue reaction time studies have been used prominently in investigating traffic accidents in determining fault and therefore should be used in investigating and analyzing officer involved use of force. Videos were shown and discussed showing different encounters confronted by law enforcement. One encounter discussed was the assailant pointing a gun at an officer and then turning to evade police. Given how little amount time it takes to present with a gun and then turn a full 180

degrees accounts for assailants getting shot in the back unintentionally. One reason offered is that it takes time for officers to stop their actions once they have identified a lethal threat.

Video

One topic of note is the use of video to investigate officer involved use of force. This is critical as we see the advent of body worn cameras (BWC) in law enforcement. Discussion of this topic included the notion that BWC footage does not necessarily capture the officer's true perspective of an event. For example, given the camera angle and lighting, a BWC may capture something not seen by the officer and vice versa.

Memory

As an attorney who frequently shows up on critical incidents, I found particularly interesting the role of stress and exhaustion has on a person's recollection of events. This factors in when an officer gives a statement if any regarding a critical incident.

The course ended with a practical exam covering three (3) case studies discussed in the sessions. Upon receiving the passing grade, I received a certificate of completion bestowing on me the title of Force Science Analyst. Overall, I found the course to be rewarding and beneficial in my work as a MAP attorney. I look forward to applying what I learned for the benefit of our members.

Ray Garza

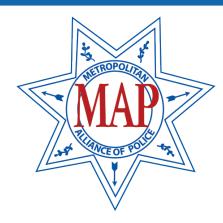
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