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## Auxiliary Police Unit Honored

Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer proclaimed Tuesday, December 30, 1986, as Auxiliary Police Day during a special ceremony in his City Hall Office.

On hand were Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson and several members of the Command Staff as well as more than one dozen members of the Auxiliary Police Unit.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer presents Auxiliary Lieutenant Bernard J. Wolf the Proclamation. Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson looks on.

The proclamation follows:

### PROCLAMATION

By

Mayor William Donald Schaefer  
Designating December 30, 1986

"Auxiliary Police Day" in Baltimore

*WHEREAS, the glory and the promise of the City of Baltimore has been nurtured and enhanced as a direct result of our Auxiliary Police, who give so very generously of their time to help to carry out the noble goals of the Baltimore City Police Department; and*

*WHEREAS, a well-disciplined, uniformed volunteer auxiliary police force provides a unique opportunity for highly-motivated men and women to serve their community more visibly and more directly in crime prevention as well as in other activities supportive of the regu-*

*lar patrol unit; and*

*WHEREAS, for more than four productive and rewarding years Baltimore's heralded Auxiliary Police force has been that type of a unit, with members striving to do their very best no matter how big or how small the assigned task; and*

*WHEREAS, Baltimore is extremely proud of all of our volunteers, who serve in all aspects of City government and who truly play a key role in making Baltimore "work" - and work well . . . and included in this special group of committed people are those who unite to form our Auxiliary Police unit.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim December 30, 1986 as "AUXILIARY POLICE DAY" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to congratulate these brave men and women . . . who carry out both police and civilian duties . . . on their unwavering dedication to people, and to wish them thoroughly rewarding and fulfilling days ahead.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this thirtieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, one-thousand nine hundred and eighty-six.

William Donald Schaefer  
Mayor

Since being re-established in January 1982, members of the Auxiliary Police Unit have performed more than 64,388 hours of community service, more than 10,900 hours in 1986 alone.

Members of the Unit are assigned to virtually every area within the Department. Auxiliary Officers were assigned to 130 activities including 81 baseball games during 1986.

## In-Service Training 1987

"In the 1300 block of West Fayette St., a 1-31 B & E on the North side," reports the dispatcher on the Baltimore Police Department's City-wide communications channel. It's 10:15 at night as units arrive at the dimly lighted location and two suspects are spotted by Officers as they duck behind a dumpster to avoid detection.

Officers approach the location from two directions and encounter the suspects. One, a short man dressed in dark colored clothing, turns toward two of the Officers and the dim light reveals a shiny metallic looking object in his right hand. At this point the Officers . . .

It's a situation which occurs frequently in low light conditions.

While there is no certain response to the unanswered question implied above, Police Officers, Police Agents and Detectives will receive valuable information on how to operate in low light conditions during this year's In-Service Training program which will begin later this month.

Specialized training is the feature of this year's program with courses offered to Officers who perform specialized functions. Among the highlights, will be instruction for Field Training Officers, Investigative Officers, Traffic Enforcement Officers, Booking Officers, Canine Officers and Patrol Officers.

The Director of the Education and Training Division, Major Patrick L. Bradley, says that the new training format represents a response to requests from officers who critiqued last year's training program. Comments included in the critiques were reviewed and evaluated and the special training this year

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# In-Service Training

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represents the effort to address the concerns of many members of the Department.

The entire In-Service Training program exists to meet criteria set forth by the Maryland State Police and Correctional Training Commission so that members of the Department can be re-certified.

Major Bradley sees the new approach to training as an effort to meet the Training Commission's mandate and to address the needs of Officers working in specialized capacities in the community.

Highlights of the specialized training are previewed below:

## PATROL SPECIALISTS

Specific classes which are designed to enhance the performance skills of the sector, foot and operations uniformed officers.

## BOOKING OFFICERS

Designed for booking desk personnel and turnkeys as well as officers designated for temporary assignment under emergency conditions.

Booking officers will receive an overview of the District Court's Tracking Number which represents an effort to provide the common link to tie in the actions of the various criminal justice agencies as they relate to the same incident.

These officers will learn what their part is in making the Printrak system a successful operation.

During this block of instruction, members of the class will participate in taking fingerprints in order to obtain clear, useable, and legible fingerprint cards.

There will also be an hour of instruction in which the booking officer will be taught how to handle special requests from the courts, other agencies and our own personnel.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

This instruction is designed for members of the Traffic Section and patrol officers whose assignments include the operation of radar units or those who are regularly assigned to traffic control duties.

The block of training will re-enforce

and update officers on the new General Orders regarding the proper handling of accidents and citations. The "M.A.A.-R.S." (accident reports) will be reviewed to familiarize officers with areas in which errors frequently appear.

A two hour session will reflect the need and responsibility of officers to enforce the D.W.I. laws. It will include new techniques for spotting the violators, and the General Orders which set out the proper procedures for the arrest and processing of offenders. The proper methods of towing and inventorying vehicles will also be reviewed.

There will also be an update on new legislation in traffic and related criminal laws. Officers will learn more about how to place the proper charges. The most frequently misused charges will also be revealed. For those who use radar guns, a review of pertinent data will be presented.

The other special block of training is designed to re-enforce officer safety in controlling traffic and pedestrians at various scenes (accidents, fires, disorders, etc.).

## INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS

This program is designed for members of the Criminal Investigation Division, district and plainclothes officers and administrative investigators.

An important block of instruction will deal with current domestic and international trends of terrorism, characteristics of terrorism, and the types of terrorists existing in the world today. Special emphasis will be placed on narco-terrorism. Profiles of recent incidents involving United States citizens will also be reviewed.

Investigators will also learn about the mechanics of a con-game, a typical victim profile, along with investigative recommendations and what resources are available.

Another specialized block of instruction will provide an overview of statistics and laws, arson scene investigative techniques and evidence. Other topics will include motivation of fire-setters, vehicle fire, fire insurance and bomb security.

## FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS AND AGENTS

Field Training Officers and candidates for that position will learn the vari-

ous methods of self-defense now covered in the Entrance Level program. Newly developed handgun retention maneuvers will also be reviewed. The FTO's will have an opportunity to practice various defensive techniques and observe methods used for critiques of the trainees' applications of unarmed tactics.

Often a new Police Officer is also a newly licensed driver. The problem is usually a lack of confidence. The field training officers will be made aware of this and other common driving problems experienced by the trainees. The Entrance Level Driving program will be discussed.

Recent criminal case laws will be reviewed with an emphasis on vicarious liability problems resultant from negligent training and retention lawsuit actions.

The field training evaluation form will be discussed in detail. The requirements for each category will be covered along with the need for fair and objective evaluations of an individual officer. The use of the narrative to clarify weaknesses and document remedial efforts will be discussed.

Reporting procedures for trainees experiencing difficulties in particular areas will be outlined.

Emphasis will be placed on the need to provide the trainee with feedback on daily performance and to conduct weekly evaluation sessions in an atmosphere of constructive criticism.

The Firearms In-Service Training program will have a new addition, night firing. During this session, each officer will be given goggles which will simulate night vision or low lighting conditions.

This portion of the training will not be a part of the qualification requirement but is included to expose officers to conditions in which an officer may have to apply deadly force under low visibility conditions.

In-Service Training in 1987 is designed to meet the needs of officers performing a wide variety of functions. The staff of the Education and Training Division is looking forward to presenting this year's course of training. They will be especially sensitive to feedback from officers as they critique the contents of the program.

## Remembering

On December 18, 1986, in the Traffic Division Roll Call Room, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Miller, wife of Police Officer Richard T. Miller, presented a check in the amount of \$7,600.00 to Dr. R Adams Cowley, Director of the Shock Trauma Center of the University Hospital in Baltimore and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, MIEMSS. The check completes a total donation of more than \$9,000.00.



Mrs. Richard Miller gives a check in the amount of \$7,600.00 to Dr. R Adams Cowley, Director of Shock Trauma Center, during roll call in the Traffic Division on December 18, 1986. Colonel Edward V. Woods looks on.

Mrs. Miller said, while presenting the check, that she hopes the money will help the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center continue to do their great work.

Nearly six months ago, family, fellow officers and friends were saddened by the death of Officer Richard T. Miller of the Traffic Division. Officer Miller was killed when a car hit him while he was directing traffic at Memorial Stadium. The driver was arrested at the scene, an ambulance was immediately summoned, and Officer Miller was transported to the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center.

For more than a month, he fought to live. The staff at Shock Trauma cared for Officer Miller through several operations as attempts were made to repair internal injuries. However, he succumbed to his wounds on July 21, 1986.

Officer Miller's wife requested all of those who wanted to give money to the family, as it is traditionally done in times of sorrow, to instead donate to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. His family wanted to express their appreciation for the dedica-

tion shown during the last days of Officer Miller's life.

Traffic Division members Sergeant Wayne Hartel, Officers Ronald J. Burdinski and Paul Aires formed a committee for the Officer Miller Memorial Fund.

On November 30, 1986, a bull roast and dance was held at Martin's Eastwind, 9000 Pulaski Highway, to raise money. More than 800 persons attended. The business community donated door prizes which included entertainment tickets. The Baltimore Orioles donated 2 gloves, 1 autographed by Oriole Pitcher Scott McGregor, and the other autographed by all the players, coaches and Orioles' staff members.

The money was given to the hospital in Officer Miller's name and will help Shock Trauma Center.

## Investigations Result in Major Seizures

Detectives of the Drug Enforcement Section in joint investigations with the Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement agencies seized, within a two week period, 6 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of \$3,000,000.00.

Sergeant John J. McEntee, Jr., Drug Enforcement Section, said that the success of the cases was a result of intensive investigations and cooperation among the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Amtrak Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Section of the Baltimore Police Department.

The first investigation began on Thanksgiving Day when Sergeants Norman Meads, Anthony Cannavale and John McEntee received information from the Amtrak Police Department that a passenger had boarded an overnight train in Miami, Florida, and may have narcotics in his possession. The train's destination was New York City with a stop at Pennsylvania Station in Baltimore. They responded and awaited the train's arrival.

At 8:00 a.m., the train pulled into the station on its scheduled stop and the Sergeants boarded it along with an Amtrak investigator. With the description given to Detectives, the suspect was located in one of the passenger cars.

Officers Gary L. Budny, with his K-9 dog, Fritz, and Carl L. Stambaugh, with

his dog, Blitz, assisted in the search for the narcotics. The dogs "alerted" the officers that drugs may be located in the suspect's suitcases.

The 32 year old passenger was detained and his luggage was secured while a Federal Search and Seizure Warrant was applied for.

After the Search and Seizure Warrant was obtained, the suitcases were opened and 3 kilos of cocaine were recovered. The suspect was charged with possession of cocaine and intent to distribute it.

On December 8, 1986, 11 days later, another major investigation was completed resulting in the seizure of another 3 kilos of cocaine. This investigation had been underway for more than a month. Detective Melvin Utz of the Drug Enforcement Section had made 3 undercover purchases from the suspect during the investigation. During the final undercover purchase, an arrest plan was developed to seize the cocaine that the suspect had transported to the scene. Seized in the narcotic undercover investigation were 3 kilos of cocaine of high purity. A 25 year old man, who Detectives believe was a major supplier to narcotic dealers in Baltimore City, was arrested.

These cases are among the many investigations that are conducted in the Drug Enforcement Section.

Continuing narcotics enforcement efforts, using combinations of Federal and local law enforcement agencies, are resulting in significant arrests and seizures of illegal narcotics.

Participation by citizens, who call the 24-hour Drug Hotline, 685-DRUG, is also contributing to the increasing efficiency of the Federal - local team approach to narcotics enforcement.

## We Won!

The Community Relations Section of the Community Services Division won 1st prize in the indoor category, in the 6th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. The contest was open to Divisions or Units of all agencies throughout the city.

There were 2 categories judged, indoor and outdoor decorations.

Ms. Sue McCardell of the Mayor's Office of Adventures and Fun, who assisted in coordinating the project, said that

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## Holiday Schedule

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## We Won!

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more than 16 entries for indoor decorations were accepted. There were three other entries from the Police Department. They included the Planning and Research Division, Communications Division, and Officer Peter C. Katich entered displays located in other areas within the Headquarters Building.

One of the judges of the contest, Sister Reginald Gerdes, Saint Francis Charles Hall Academy, said the Community Relations decorations showed creativity, originality, Christmas spirit, and were pleasing to the eye.

On December 18, 1986, Sergeant Marion L. Crawford was given a congratulatory letter from Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Sergeant Crawford says the \$100.00

prize will be contributed to the Community Relations Special Fund which provides for programs for children and senior citizens throughout the year.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC SECTION — Congratulations to Ryan M. Hall, son of Police Officer Robert M. Hall, Traffic Investigation Unit, who received his advanced "White Belt" in Karate on December 18.

## RETIREMENTS

DAUGHERTY, CHARLES R., Sergeant, Personnel Division, 30 years of service, December 27.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOMIS, CHRISTY LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul Loomis, Tactical Section, 7lbs. 1½ oz., November 28.

BAILEY, ADAM CHRISTOPHER, son of Police Officer and Mrs. John Bailey, Northeastern District, 8lbs. 3 oz., December 17.

VAUGHT, KEVIN MICHAEL, JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Kevin Michael Vaught, Sr., 10lbs. 6 oz., December 17.

## IN MEMORIAM

BLANEY, MICHAEL FRANCIS, son of retired Police Officer Edward F. Blaney, Central District, and nephew of deceased Police Officer John J. Blaney, Impound Lot, December 13.

DEMBECK, WILLIAM T., infant son of Police Officer Leonard Dembeck, Jr., Western District, December 20.

STEVENS, ANNA L., mother of Police Officer Robert M. Stevens, Sr., Southern District, December 21.

OSTERMANN, HOWARD, father of Police Officer Karen Pfister, Northwestern District, December 26.



More than 60 members of the Menorah Lodge of B'nai Brith International participated in "Operation Brotherhood" on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Members answered phones in the Communications Division during two busy days. This annual event allows some members of the Department to spend time with their families during the holiday season.

Police Communications Assistant I Marsha Smith is assisted by Menorah Lodge members (front row) Mr. Herbert Thaler, Jr. (back row) L to R, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kuperberg, Mr. Michael Kueland, Mr. Steven J. Blank and President Phillip C. Potts.



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## Violent Crime Down in 1986

The number of Violent Crimes reported to the Baltimore Police Department in 1986 was down 1.7% when compared with the figures for 1985. The Violent Crimes category includes Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault.

Serious Property Crimes showed a slight increase of .8%. This category includes Burglary, Larceny, and Auto Theft.

The total Serious Crime Index, which combines all of the 7 crimes listed above, rose .2%.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE YEAR 1985 - 1986

TYPE OF CRIME	1985 Last Year	1986 This Year	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	213	240	+ 27	+ 12.7
FORCIBLE RAPE	592	660	+ 68	+ 11.5
ROBBERY	7,771	7,989	+ 218	+ 2.8
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6,922	6,340	- 582	- 8.4
BURGLARY	13,872	14,321	+ 449	+ 3.2
LARCENY	30,732	29,850	- 882	- 2.9
AUTO THEFT	6,019	6,873	+ 854	+ 14.2
GRAND TOTAL	66,121	66,273	+ 152	+ 0.2

Index Crime Comparison / Year 1985 - 1986

Violent Crime .....	- 1.7% Decrease
Property Crime .....	+ 0.8% Increase
Total Index Crime .....	+ 0.2% Increase

Juveniles (under 18 years of age) accounted for 27.5% of the total number of persons arrested for serious crimes.

There were 240 Homicides in Baltimore. Of this number, 145 were committed by persons using handguns. The highest increase (14.2%) occurred in auto theft. The most significant decrease (8.4%) occurred in the aggravated assault category.

Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson praised members of the Department for their continuing efforts which resulted in such a minimum increase in serious crime. He also pointed to the fact that cooperative efforts between citizens and the Police Department are having a favorable impact in the areas of robbery, burglary, and larceny.

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## Two Wounded in Three Days

Two members of the Patrol Division are recovering from gunshot wounds sustained in the western part of the city earlier this month.

The first incident occurred on January sixth as members of the Western District Drug Enforcement Unit attempted to serve a Search and Seizure Warrant for illegal drugs at a residence located in the 1800 block West Lanvale Street. In the early evening darkness, they forced a door open to gain quick entrance.



SERGEANT BERT RICASA

One of the officers made his way to the second floor to begin a search of that area. After he had checked one bedroom and was about to open the door to a second room, a voice called out, warning the officer that there was a dog in that room. The officer temporarily backed away from the door but was soon joined by Sergeant Bert Ricasa and other officers who would assist in the search.

As Sergeant Ricasa reached the top

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## Violent Crime Down

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The Commissioner appreciates the efforts of members of the Department's Auxiliary Police Unit who donated thousands of hours volunteering their services in the community. Auxiliary Officers assist the Department by directing traffic at Memorial Stadium, helping to patrol the Inner Harbor, and by assisting at special events on a year around basis.

Commissioner Robinson hopes that the Neighborhood Block Watch program will continue to grow. Neighborhood Block Watchers report dozens of incidents daily which has resulted in a reduction of crimes in their respective areas.

## Two Wounded

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of the stairway, the door opened and a large mixed pit bull/boxer type dog attacked him, inflicting severe bites to his stomach and left thigh. The dog then clamped his jaws on Sergeant Ricasa's leg in a vise-like grip.

Attempts to pull the animal free proved fruitless. Although in great pain, Sergeant Ricasa began striking the dog with his service revolver, but was unable to free himself from its hold. He and the officer who had retreated earlier then fired seven shots at the dog, killing it. The dog's jaws were still locked in Sergeant Ricasa's leg. Officers finally freed the Sergeant from the animal's clenches and immediately proceeded to take him to the hospital for treatment of the severe bites. During the struggle and subsequent shooting of the dog, Sergeant Ricasa had also sustained a gunshot wound to his left foot. While his recuperation is progressing, he continues to receive treatment for his injuries.

In the second incident during the early minutes of January ninth, Northwestern District Officer David Dull was in uniform on patrol duty in the 4800 block of Palmer Avenue. He spotted several individuals entering the building and suspected that they had spotted his marked patrol vehicle while transacting a narcotics deal.

Officer Dull left his vehicle and entered the building. Several young men left the building as the officer entered and encountered a 17 year old in the hallway. The officer ordered the suspect to place his hands against the wall and began a "pat down," which revealed a bag of suspected marijuana. As Officer

Dull placed the youth under arrest, a struggle began and both officer and suspect rolled out the front door and down the short flight of stairs leading to the pavement.



OFFICER DAVID R. DULL

At some point during the struggle, Officer Dull's service revolver fell to the ground and the suspect grabbed it, firing once. The officer was struck in the right shoulder.

The suspect then ran from the scene and the officer called for assistance. He also provided a detailed description of the man who had shot him. Officers, responding to that call, arrested the suspect as he attempted to hide in an alley a few blocks away from the shooting scene. The service revolver was later recovered.

Officer Dull was taken to Sinai Hospital for treatment of the gunshot wound to his right shoulder and was released.

Upon completion of the investigation, charges of attempted murder, use of a handgun during the commission of a felony, and possession of suspected marijuana were placed against the suspect.

## A Call For Help

During a Sunday afternoon on January 4, 1987, a news bulletin appeared on television, "Amtrak train accident has occurred, 12 persons feared dead, toll to rise, hundreds of others injured, more details later."

What we learned later were the events of Maryland's worst rail disaster which occurred in Chase, Maryland.

Medical help arrived quickly and rescues were underway. American Red Cross officials knew that with many people hurt, their blood bank supply would be exhausted. An urgent request for blood donations was made immediately. Blood was also shipped from throughout the Eastern United States. Those blood supplies were also severely depleted because of emergencies during the holiday season.

Officer George F. Eckert, Chairman of the Baltimore Police Department's Blood Program, says more than 70 members of the Department gave blood donations between 6:00 p.m., the evening of the disaster, and 9:00 p.m., the next day. A number of those who donated were working the 4-12 shift and made donations on their way home.

The blood given on January 4th will be used to replenish the supply of blood that is needed for emergencies at all times and to restock other blood banks from which blood had been borrowed. "On an average night in Shock Trauma, a patient with serious injuries may use several dozen units of blood," says Officer Eckert.

Officer Eckert says that, "We were called to help and those who handled the disaster were impressed by the response from this agency and expressed appreciation to all those who gave."

## Library's Open

Do you have a spring semester term paper due? Need research information on a project? Do you want to read a mystery novel in your spare time? The Library in the Education and Training Division has reopened. The Department's new librarian, Ms. Ruth E. Mewborne, says that the library is here for members to use and she will be available to assist in locating needed materials.

She comes to the Department with more than 8 years of experience as a

librarian. She has worked at libraries in Harford and Baltimore counties, specializing in children's literature and adult reference material.



Ms. Ruth E. Mewborne, the Department's new librarian checks the book shelves for the reopening of the Library.

A native of Harford County, Ms. Mewborne holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia and a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland at College Park.

The Library has more than 8,000 books in its collection, including a complete selection of law reference books. "Lots of people would be surprised to know that the Library also has an assortment of fiction books for easy reading, best sellers and a collection of magazines," says Ms. Mewborne. The library also has a vertical file of pamphlet material with up-to-date information on subjects from A to Z.

The library has 16 millimeter films on human relations, narcotic abuse, and community relations which may be used as a visual aid during lectures.

Any material which is not available in the Department's library can be ordered from any library system in the State of Maryland but must be requested two weeks in advance.

The Baltimore Police Department's Library is located in the Education and Training Division and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. A selection may be borrowed for up to 3 weeks. Ms. Mewborne says, "Those who have books out can now return them and enjoy new material."

## Tip of the Hat Awards

On January 14, 1987, Tip of the Hat Awards were presented to the Southern District Running Club and to Dr. William Forest, Chief Veterinarian of Vinson's Animal Hospital. The Tip of the Hat Award is given to those persons who, in the opinion of the members of the Personnel Service Board, have gone the "extra mile" during the course of their duties.



Colonel Edward V. Woods, Special Operations Division (2nd from right) presents the Tip of the Hat Award to Dr. William Forest, Chief Veterinarian of Vinson Animal Hospital. Lieutenant Allen M. Baldwin (right) and Officer Freddie Charles, Jr., K-9 Unit, were also present.

The Doctors at Vinson's Animal Hospital were recognized by the Tip of the Hat Committee for the outstanding medical service that has been provided to the Department's K-9's. Their service not only includes extensive annual physical examinations on the dogs but also treatments in times of emergencies when the dogs have received injuries while working.

During the annual checkup, the Department's K-9's undergo routine but extensive physical examinations to assure they remain in good physical condition. The examinations include X-rays to detect arthritis in the spinal area and hip dysplasia. A blood analysis is also performed. Dogs experience similar physical ailments as humans, especially the dogs that work in stressful situations where explosive devices and narcotics are involved.

Last year, the K-9's and their handlers assisted in 1,000 calls for narcotics detection, 144 crime scenes for weapon recovery, and 68 investigations which involved explosive devices.

The staff of Vinson's Animal Hospital is credited with keeping the K-9's in excellent condition.

The 2nd Tip of the Hat Award was presented to the Southern District Running Club for involvement in community activities. Last year, the Southern District Running Club sponsored a Christmas party for needy children. At the party, the children received gifts, had refreshments, music and met with Santa Claus.



Major Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., Commander of the Southern District, was on hand to accept the Tip of the Hat Award from Lieutenant Paul C. Bailey, Chairman of the Tip of the Hat Committee (right). Officer Frank E. Wagner, Jr., Southern District, (left) also attended the ceremony.

More than \$700.00 was raised by the club to be given to the Maryland Special Olympics, victims whose homes were destroyed in a nine alarm fire and for Christmas Baskets for the needy during the holiday season.

The Southern District Running Club is comprised of police officers who are assigned to the Southern District.



More than \$80,000.00 in cash rewards has been authorized by the Board of Directors of Metro Crime Stoppers in its successful effort to assist Police Departments in clearing 703 serious crimes since 1981. The organization's newly designed logo is currently being distributed on posters and bumper stickers in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Howard Counties. By paying cash rewards to those who call the 24 Hour Confidential HOT LINE with information that leads to the arrest and indictment of criminals, the organization is providing a vital service to the community.

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### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY - Observance Day Change

The Board of Estimates has approved a change in the observance of Lincoln's Birthday from Thursday February 12 to Friday, February 13, 1987. The Board's action effectively amends for this year that portion of AM 204-1 that concerns Lincoln's Birthday. With the change, City offices will remain open for normal business on February 12 and close on February 13. Affected City employees will now observe February 13, 1987, rather than February 12 for all purposes as the holiday. Any payroll and personnel policies which apply to holiday observation and compensation would, therefore, now be applicable only to Friday, February 13, 1987.

## Do You Know That...

There is a law which concerns unattended children. It is found in the Annotated Code of Maryland - Family Law

Subsection 5-801 which says the following:

(a) A person who is charged with the care of a child under age 8 years may not allow the child to be locked or confined in a dwelling, building, enclosure, or motor vehicle while the person charged is absent and the dwelling, building, enclosure, or motor vehicle is out of the sight of the person charged unless the person charged provides a reliable person at least 13 years old to remain with the child to protect the child.

(b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both.

## NEWS NOTES

A second reunion for personnel who worked at the Western District between 1960-1966 will be held February 27, 1987, at Libertini's, 7631 Harford Road. Tickets for the reunion, which includes a hot and cold buffet, are \$15.00. The affair will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until midnight. For information, contact Sergeant Frederick Entz at the Eastern District or call 477-9309.

The 1987 Police Chase will be held Sunday, May 2, 1987. Start shaping up now for the 10K (6.2 miles) race or the fun run 3.2K (2 mile) race. There is an \$8.00 fee per entry and all persons in the Department are eligible to participate.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION — All the best to Sergeants Robert P. Wolfe, Robert F. Fischer and Police Officer John L. Shriver during their retirements. Virtually every sworn member of the department has benefited from their more than 90 years of combined law enforcement experience. Each of them can say with pride that they had a part in the building of professional!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLINE, DAVID HARISON, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Herbert E. Cline, Sr., Northeastern District, 6lbs. 9 oz., December 30.

RUSSELL, MELVIN THOMAS, II, son of Police Officer Melvin T. Russell, Eastern District, and Police Officer Alexis Russell, Southeastern District, 7lbs. 3 oz., January 2.

BIELING, KRISTEN MICHELLE, daughter of Detective Police Agent and Mrs. Christopher Bieling, Criminal Investigation Division, 6lbs. 7 oz., January 3.

## RETIREMENTS

SMITH, LEROY E., Sergeant, Central District, 36 years of service, December 22.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

EDWARDS, HENRY ALBERT, retired Police Officer, Central Records Division, December 31.

BRUTSCHE, GEORGE, retired Police Officer, Southwestern District, January 5.

## IN MEMORIAM

BAZE, HOWARD, brother of Police Officer Leonard Baze, Tactical Section, January 1.

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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

February 4, 1987

## Drug Enforcement is Top Priority

Baltimore Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson has reminded every member of the Department that drug enforcement continues to be our top enforcement priority.

In a memorandum issued in January, the Police Commissioner reiterated an earlier statement that consistent with constitutional and legal provisions, we will expend every good faith effort to reduce the availability of controlled dangerous substances (illicit drugs) in the City of Baltimore.

The Commissioner pointed to numerous studies which have shown irrefutable proof of the link between illegal drug abuse/trafficking and crime. Both the buyer and the seller of illegal drugs are considered to be co-conspirators in crime. Members of the Department, therefore, are instructed to make no distinction between drug abusers and traffickers of illegal drugs. The policy of the Police Department is to investigate, arrest, and prosecute offenders at all levels of illicit drug trafficking and distribution organizations.

In August, 1984, Commissioner Robinson reorganized the Police Department's drug enforcement effort, creating the Drug Enforcement Section of the Criminal Investigation Division and a specialized Drug Enforcement Unit in each of the nine police districts.

The enhanced enforcement posture is producing positive results. In 1986, the Drug Enforcement Section made 217 targeted arrests including 128 mid-to-high level distribution/trafficking arrests. Thirteen major drug distribution organizations responsible for yearly sales estimated at more than \$72,000,000.00 were disrupted.

Detectives assigned to the Drug En-

forcement Section seized illicit drugs valued at \$11,669,925.00, 36 vehicles (valued at \$408,000.00), and \$325,000.00 in U.S. Currency.

Activities carried out by the Drug Enforcement Units of the nine police districts and other units within the Department resulted in more than 11,000 arrests in 1986.

Commissioner Robinson has formed the following strategy to ensure that pressure continues to be brought to bear upon illicit narcotics activities:

... The Police Department will encourage and sustain cooperation and support from citizens to reduce the drug menace and its associated incidents of crime. The Department will continue to respond swiftly and forcefully to complaints from the people.

... The Department will continue to develop and implement programs such as "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" to reduce the availability of illicit drugs.

... The Department will seize all conveyances, properties, and monies subject to seizure and forfeiture consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

... The Department will cooperate fully with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

... The Department will endorse and support bonafide research, educational, and treatment programs designed to help reduce the demand for illicit drugs.

The Police Commissioner hopes that each member of the Department will continue to be diligent in apprehending those who buy and sell illicit drugs.

"We will accept only excellence," he says, "in the pursuit of this enforcement mandate."

## Blow The Whistle on Drugs

On September 4, 1985, residents of Baltimore learned that a new program provided an opportunity for them to become directly involved with enforcement of the laws against dealing in illegal drugs. On that date, the "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" campaign began and a 24-hour hotline, 685-DRUG, went into operation.

To date, nearly 12,000 calls have been received on the 685-DRUG hotline. As a result of these phone calls, detectives assigned to the Drug Enforcement Section of the Criminal Investigation Division and of the nine Drug Enforcement Units within the Baltimore Police Department have made nearly 2,600 arrests.

Detectives who answer the hotline say the quality of information received on the telephone is often exceptional. Callers are able to provide the names and addresses of suspected narcotics dealers, types of drugs being sold, and even descriptions of vehicles which are being used to transport illicit drugs. This information that has been received from the callers is then passed on to appropriate enforcement units and investigations are initiated. As investigations conclude, warrants are obtained and searches, seizures, and arrests follow.

While "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" is not the answer to the drug problem in Baltimore, it is a valuable tool which assists the police in getting to many mid-level dealers who would otherwise escape apprehension.

Narcotics investigators say that because of the drug reporting program, many dealers have changed the way they do business. They often move their operations from place to place hoping they will not be reported by their neigh-

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## Blow The Whistle

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bors. Many street-level dealers have stopped selling drugs on the street corners because of pressure brought on them from citizens telephone calls to police.

The "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" campaign continues to receive a high number of calls because citizens know they can provide information to the police and yet remain anonymous. Citizens also have come to realize that the program works. They report a drug dealer and several weeks later they witness the arrest of the person whom they had previously reported to police. This witnessing by citizens of positive action makes the "Blow the Whistle on Drugs" campaign self-promoting.

## Crack Scarce

Members of the Baltimore Police Department's Drug Enforcement Section made their first major seizure of Crack on August 22, 1986. The arrest occurred when a woman alit from a train at Pennsylvania Station. Because of a tip that had been received, her suitcase was searched and 598 vials of Crack were discovered. Law enforcement officers became concerned that this arrest could signal the beginning of a flood of Crack trafficking.

Last summer, members of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice and the Baltimore County Executive's Drug Abuse Coordinator formed a Task Force to find ways to avert the spread of Crack to the Baltimore area. As a result of these discussions, information about Crack was disseminated to the news media who then carried stories about the undesirable side effects of Crack abuse. Schools in Baltimore City and Baltimore County also cooperated by counseling young people to avoid the illegal substance.

To a great extent these efforts appear to have paid off. In Baltimore City in 1986, members of the Baltimore Police Department made 10,264 drug arrests. Of that number only 13 arrests involved charges of possession of Crack.

According to the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, Crack, which is also called rock and cooked cocaine, was first noted in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Houston simultaneously, in

1981, and is now available in Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, New York City, Newark, San Francisco and St. Louis. Availability at some level has also been reported in Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis, Phoenix, and Washington, D.C.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the euphoric effect produced by smoking Crack is far more intense than the effect obtained through snorting cocaine and is at least equal to if not surpassing the effect obtained through injection. Crack's effects occur rapidly, generally within a few seconds of its being smoked, and usually last from 5 to 10 minutes. Immediately after the euphoric effects wear off, the user experiences a restless irritability often accompanied by a severe depression and an almost insatiable craving for more of the drug. It is generally believed that the desire for a more intense "high" sought by users without the complications and dangers involved in freebasing, has been the impetus for this alternative form of cocaine.

While Crack has not appeared in large quantities in the Baltimore area to date, members of the Police Department must continue to be alert for a possible increase in its availability.

## Major Appointed, Two Sergeants Promoted

Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson appointed Melvin C. McQuay to the exempt rank of Major and promoted two Officers to Sergeant during ceremonies in the Education and Training lounge on January 23, 1987.

Major McQuay began his career with the Department as a Patrol Officer in the Eastern District. After his promotion to Sergeant, he was assigned to the Northeastern District where he supervised a squad of officers in the Patrol Sector and Operations Unit. In 1973, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as a platoon commander in the Tactical Section. Major McQuay also worked in the Southern, Southwestern and Northwestern Districts as an Administrative Lieutenant.

He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1984 and was assigned to the

Office of the Police Commissioner as the Commissioner's Assistant. His duties include responding to inquiries from citizens, law enforcement and governmental agencies, and community groups. Major McQuay also insures that major projects and assignments within the Department are completed by their projected due dates. He also performs other administrative duties.

Major McQuay is assigned to the Special Operations Division but will continue to work within the Office of the Police Commissioner.



Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson presents a certificate of appointment to the rank of Major to Melvin C. McQuay.

He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. He is also a graduate of the 146th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy.

John J. Kowalczyk and James R. Horner, Sr., were promoted to the rank of Sergeant during the same ceremony.

Sergeant Kowalczyk is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. He is a seven year veteran of the Department who first worked as a Patrol Officer in the Northeastern District and later as a Detective in the Drug Enforcement Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Sergeant Kowalczyk has received six Official Commendations, including one Bronze Star, a Unit Citation and a

Commendatory Letter. He will be working in the Western District.



Promoted to Sergeant were John J. Kowalczyk (left) and James R. Horner, Jr.

Sergeant Horner joined the Department after serving more than twenty years in the United States Marine Corps. After graduating from the Police Academy, he was assigned to the Eastern District. The remainder of Sergeant Horner's nineteen year career has been in the Department's Inspectional Services Division. His new assignment is the Central District. Sergeant Horner has attended Essex Community College and the University of Baltimore.

## We Made It Through

In two heavy snowfalls an accumulation totaling 22 inches surpassed a 21 year old record for snow accumulation in the Baltimore metropolitan area according to the National Weather Service.

Much of the snow fell upon the city during rush hour traffic as citizens attempted to drive to work or return to their homes safely. Snow-covered streets caused many motorists to be stalled at intersections, leaving others stranded. Traffic accident reports were called into the Communications Division. Members of the Department answered these calls for service, including all other routine calls with little difficulty.

Once the city's weather emergency plan Operation S.W.I.F.T. (snow, wind, ice, flood, tornado) was put into effect, Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson had an additional 100 officers on patrol and 45 four-wheel drive vehicles on the streets. The Department was prepared to handle problems resulting from the storm. On the first night of the snowfall, January 22, 1987, Police Agent Carmine Baratta and Police Officer Norman Jackson of the Helicopter Unit were on street patrol because visibility was too poor for flying. They were stopped at a traffic light at Fayette and Caroline

Streets when a holdup alarm at the Kentucky Fried Chicken, 1500 East Fayette Street, broadcast on the City Wide Radio frequency.

Officer Jackson pulled the marked patrol car to the curb and notified the dispatcher that he and Officer Baratta were on the scene. Both were approaching the store when they noticed a person standing at the store's service window acting suspiciously. Inside the store, an employee with a frightened look on her face began staring at the officers in an attempt to communicate to them that a robbery was in progress. The suspect was, at that point, in the rear of the store holding an employee at gunpoint, demanding that he open the safe.

Prior to the officers reaching the door, the suspect ran out. The officers pursued him on foot over snow-covered sidewalks and slippery streets. At one point, the suspect turned and pointed a handgun at Agent Baratta. Agent Baratta then withdrew his own service revolver and fired one shot at the suspect, missing him. The suspect dropped the handgun and the bag of stolen money and continued to run. After another brief chase, the officers wrestled the suspect to the ground, arrested him, and recovered additional money taken from the store.

On Sunday evening, January 25, 1987, during the second snowfall, Officer Raymond W. Laslett, Jr., Northwestern District, responded to an alarm at a grocery store. When he arrived, he noticed a hole in the wall and footprints in the snow leading to a nearby address. Officer Laslett recovered 4 whole pork loins, 1 lamb chuck, 4 rounds of beef, cartons of candy, Kool Aid, and boxes of crackers valued at \$1,774.00 which had been taken from the store. Four persons were arrested and charged with the burglary.

As the snow was steadily falling on the morning of January 26, 1987, Officer Gregory Fischer, Western District, responded to a burglary call in the 1400 block of Edmondson Avenue. When he arrived, he found merchandise worth more than \$1,000.00 stacked by the door. Officer Fischer arrested 5 persons involved in the burglary and recovered the stolen items.

Just as the city was recovering from the snowfall, on Tuesday, January 27, 1987, Sergeant Ronald J. Readmond was traveling through Loudon Park Cemetery when he noticed something moving near

the Cemetery Administrative Office. He walked over and discovered eight cold, hungry and frightened puppies huddled together. The pups had apparently been abandoned in the snowstorm.



Sergeant Ronald J. Readmond, Southwestern District with two of the pups he rescued in the snow.

Sergeant Readmond took them to the Southwestern District where they were fed and warmed. He also found homes for each one of them.

Looking back, as we dig ourselves out, Officers were hard at work all over the City seeing citizens through the storm. The entire experience showed the professionalism and dedication to service displayed by members of this Department who were faced with crime, and the wrath of nature.

## Unlock a Car Door in Seconds

The Crime Resistance Unit advises members of the Department of the Houdini Emergency Door Lock Opener.



The item is 6½ inches long and unfolds to 22 inches. While folded, the "Houdini" may be more easily concealed than the familiar one piece slim

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## Unlock a Car Door

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The item appears to be covered under Article 19 Baltimore City Code Police Ordinances, Minors — Criminal Tools.

While it is advertised for legitimate and legal purposes, it can also be used for unlawful means to commit auto theft or larceny from vehicles.

## Post Scripts

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the staff of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System Shock Trauma Center, please accept our appreciation for your generous contribution in memory of Officer Richard Miller. Your gift will be placed in the University of Maryland Foundation/Shock Trauma Fund, and will be used to furnish a nurses' lounge in the new R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Facility scheduled for completion in 1988. A plaque recognizing Officer Miller will be installed at that time.

Again, thank you for your gift, which will enable us to continue to provide the best possible emergency medical care for our citizens.

Sincerely,

R Adams Cowley, M.D.  
Professor of Thoracic and  
Cardiovascular Surgery

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Heather Lynn Marcus, daughter of Police Agent Albert Marcus, who was the class winner in the Mathematics Contest — Level I, at the Mount Washington Elementary School #221 during the month of January, 1987.

## WEDDINGS

**SLOAN, THOMAS JAMES**, Police Officer, Communications Division, to the former Grace E. Palabon, Police Officer, Communications Division, January 1.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BASS, JUSTINE MATTHEW**, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Arthur Welsh, Southwestern District, son of Susan and Jay Bass, 7 lbs. 7 oz., January 15.

## RETIREMENTS

**DENT, MINERVA E.**, Office Assistant III-T, South-eastern District, 34 years of service, January 6.  
**GAY, THOMAS P.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 30 years of service, January 8.  
**KAPLAN, HARRY J.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 34 years of service, January 9.  
**WHITEHILL, MARTIN H.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 32 years of service, January 9.  
**BAKER, FRANCIS E.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 29 years of service, January 15.  
**FISCHER, ROBERT F.**, Sergeant, Education and Training Division, 29 years of service, January 17.  
**SHRIVER, JOHN L.**, Police Officer, Education and Training Division, 30 years of service, January 23.  
**NEVIN, THOMAS D.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years of service, January 26.  
**DEVER, PAUL L.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 15 years of service, January 26.  
**DESHON, MARY A.**, Police Report Reviewer, Central

Records Division, 16 years of service, January 31.

**GAITHER, WILLIAM G., JR.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 10 years of service, February 4.

**GOLDBURN, JOSEPH R.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 27 years of service, February 5.

**DEDMON, LEROY, P.**, Lieutenant, Communications Division, 39 years of service, February 19.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**LOWE, WILLIAM J.**, retired Sergeant, Western District, January 10.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JACKSON, HARRY E.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Augustus Scardina, Communications Division, January 4.

**BUCHLER, HELEN J.**, mother-in-law of Printing Operations Supervisor Donald J. Huebel, Property Division, January 9.

**WALLS, BRUTUS**, grandfather of PCA II Margaret Leak, Communications Division, January 10.

**DICKENS, JAMES R.**, father-in-law of OAI Jenita Dickens, Central Records Division, January 10.

**COLLINS, ROBERT**, husband of OAI Agnes Collins, Central Records Division, January 14.

**WETERS, HARRY VERNON**, grandfather of Police Cadet Robert Watkins, Central Records Division, detailed Fugitive Unit, January 14.

## CLASSIFIED

**Pen Pals Wanted!** Ms. Zia Mary Hammond, from South Wales, Great Britain, is interested in corresponding with members of the Department. An employee with the South Wales Constabulary, she finds that pen pals provide a unique opportunity to learn about other countries. She looks forward to hearing from anyone who wishes to reply. The address is:

Ms. Zia Mary Hammond  
"Cefnmbly" Degarrd,  
Ton-Breigham,  
S. Wales  
Great Britain



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# NEWSLETTER

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## "A Textbook Case"

by Lieutenant John L. Sipes  
Helicopter Unit

The policy of the Baltimore Police Department precludes its officers from engaging in high-speed vehicular pursuits in most cases. Because of this policy, police officers often rely on one of the Department's helicopters to assist them to apprehend suspects who use vehicles in an attempt to avoid arrest.

Officer Larry Mize and Flight Officer Barry Wood, of the Helicopter Unit, recently contributed to what might be described as a "textbook" resolution of a vehicle pursuit in an urban environment.

I use the word, "textbook," because events came together so well that a tape recording of the incident was retrieved

from the Communications Division to be used to develop a videotape presentation for use in the Education and Training Division. The videotape may be made available to other police departments as well.

Only on rare occasions does the coordination of the various elements of patrol become so precise that an incident serves as a classic example of how Airborne Law Enforcement can assist ground units to effect a successful apprehension.

The hazards associated with a high-speed vehicular pursuit cannot be over-emphasized. These hazards are multi-

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The skilled aerial observers aboard Foxtrot can keep track of vehicles and people. Working with ground units the need for vehicular pursuits at high speeds is virtually eliminated.

## Deputy Commissioner Rochford Retires



The Deputy Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department's Services Bureau, William F. Rochford, retired Monday after thirty-six years of service. Yesterday, he became the Director of the Maryland State Lottery Agency.

Deputy Commissioner Rochford, 62, joined the Department in January, 1949 and spent nine years in the Northwestern District until his promotion to Sergeant in 1958 and reassignment to the Northern District. He also served as a Lieutenant in the Planning and Research Division and the Criminal Investigation Division.

As a new Captain in 1969, he was designated as Commander of the Northwestern District. He was assigned to the Planning and Research Division in 1971

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## "A Textbook Case"

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plied many-fold in a crowded city and cause concern that litigations may be brought against law enforcement agencies for damages and/or injuries sustained as a result of accidents occurring during high-speed chases.

As a matter of policy, codified in May of 1980, the Officers of the Baltimore Police Department do not engage in pursuits that endanger the public, particularly when the vehicle is wanted for minor violations. Adherence to this policy has reduced injuries and damages to both police and civilians and their vehicles. No fatalities have occurred during vehicle pursuits since the codification of the Department's no pursuit policy.

Our textbook example began with a ground unit spotting what he believed to be a stolen vehicle. The Officer, Kirk Montague, of the Special Operations Division, broadcast the description and location of the vehicle he wished to be stopped. Officer Montague then had the foresight to request "Foxtrot," the police helicopter. He did not attempt to stop the wanted vehicle until the helicopter was overhead.

When the helicopter, manned by Flight Officer Wood and Aerial Observer Mize, was above the scene, Officer Montague advised them that he would attempt to stop the vehicle just after it had cleared a major intersection.

As Officer Montague activated his emergency equipment in an attempt to stop the vehicle, the suspects sped away, trying to elude capture. The helicopter crew was able to broadcast their every move and, using their siren, warned motorists in the area of the danger posed by the fleeing vehicle while Officer Montague followed at a safe speed.

Officer Mize was able to use the radio to contact officers in two districts to converge on the area. As the suspects finally bailed out of the stolen vehicle, Flight

Officer Wood was able to maneuver the helicopter so that Officer Mize could keep both suspects in sight, allowing him to direct responding units to the suspects.

Every officer involved in this incident exercised superior judgment and concern for safety in a potentially volatile situation and the success of their endeavors underscores the importance of team work between air and ground units.

There were no property damages or personal injuries reported as a result of the incident.

## Deputy Commissioner Rochford Retires

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and to the Criminal Investigation Division in 1974. In May, 1974, he was appointed to the exempt position of Major and assigned as Director of the Central Records Division. Deputy Commissioner Rochford also served as the Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Deputy Commissioner Rochford is a Baltimore native. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. He also holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore.

An active member of the International Police Association, he is currently the International Executive Counsel Representative for the United States Section of the Organization and a Charter Member of Region 16 of the IPA. Active also with the American Legion, he was appointed in 1980 as the Law Enforcement Chairman for the Department of Maryland American Legion.

A few days before he retired, Deputy Commissioner Rochford told the NEWSLETTER that after thirty-eight years, he considers the Police Department to be an extended family. Although retired he says that family feeling remains.

Deputy Commissioner Rochford is married and the father of two children. During World War II, he served in the United States Navy.

## Police Officer of the Year Honored

The Cardinal Gibbons Council of the Knights of Columbus recently selected Officer Edward N. Henneman of the Southern District as that organization's Police Officer of the Year.

The nomination for the award detailed an investigation which had been undertaken by Officer Henneman after he learned of a man who had been sentenced to life plus 25 years for a rape which the Officer was convinced had not taken place.

After more than a year of painstaking work, the person who alleged that the rape had occurred pleaded guilty to making a false report in the case. After enlisting the assistance of the Maryland Public Defender's Office, the man serving the prison sentence was freed.



Southern District Commander Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., congratulates Officer Edward Henneman the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Gibbons Council's Police Officer of the Year.

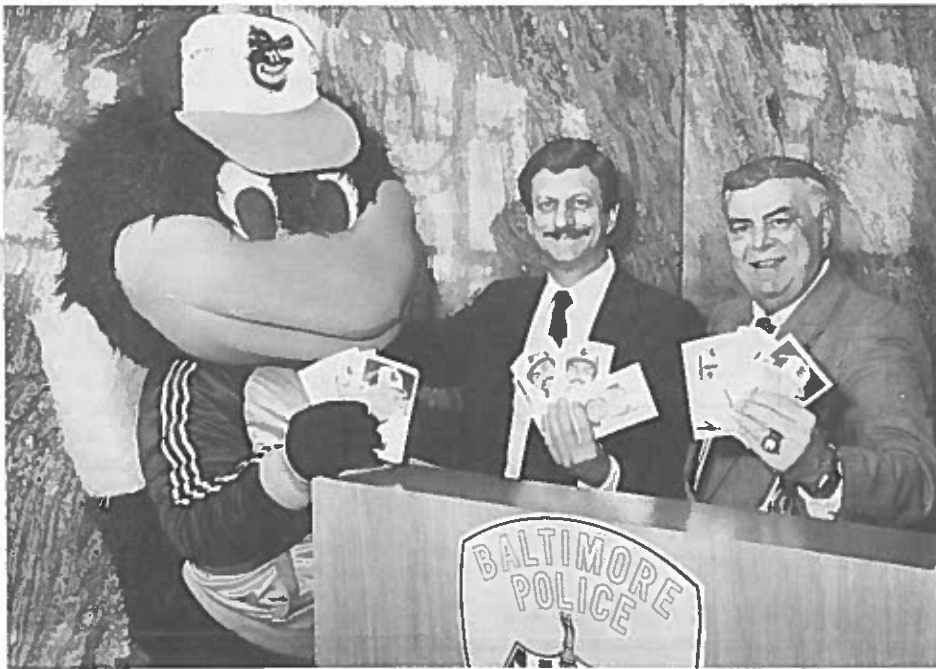
## Baseball Cards with a Difference

The Baltimore Orioles Organization and the Baltimore Police Department recently embarked on a program designed to enhance the safety of children who reside in the city.

The program entails distribution of Baltimore Oriole Safety Baseball cards. These cards portray a photograph of an Oriole Player on one side with a health or safety message on the reverse side. The messages deal with drugs, alcohol, emergency telephone numbers, strangers, exercise, and nutrition. The cards are being distributed by uniformed Patrol Officers.

The Oriole Safety Baseball cards were donated to the Police Department specifically for this program which is in its first year. Other major cities such as Los Angeles, Houston, Denver, and Kansas City have similar baseball card programs in operation.

Thousands of the five card sets have been distributed by Police Officers in the nine Police Districts. The Community Relations Section, Youth Section, and Officer Friendly Program's Officers are also distributing the baseball cards as part of their routine interaction with young people in Baltimore.



The Oriole Bird, Deputy Police Commissioner of the Operations Bureau, Ronald J. Mullen, and Baltimore Oriole Vice President Jack Dunn display Baltimore Oriole Safety Baseball cards at a recent ceremony in the lobby of the Police Department's Headquarters Building.

## Rubbing It Out

Graffiti has been the focus of a year-long campaign of the Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice. Dan Lipstein, Coordinator of the Baltimore Campaign Against Vandalism said the program has been successful. Officers are now more aware of the graffiti problem. They have made more than 278 arrests for graffiti incidents and 166 arrests for acts of vandalism involving city owned

property.

The arrests include individual graffiti writers and those who work in organized groups called "crews." "We can see that since the arrests have been made, graffiti has been appearing less frequently," Mr. Lipstein said.

There were several phases of the program. The first was to make members of the Department aware that graffiti was a growing problem. Members of the

Crime Resistance Unit disseminated written information about graffiti and appeared at speaking engagements, informing residents to be alert and call police when they see vandalism occurring in their neighborhood.

The second phase of the program included extensive investigations conducted by members throughout the Department, identifying graffiti writers and apprehending them. A violator is able to "tag" or write a name on 100 locations in a single night. One arrest, therefore, can be significant to solving the graffiti problem.

Arrests reduce the number of graffiti incidents and prevent larcenies which often occur before graffiti writing takes place. Writers often commit thefts to get supplies such as spray paint, markers, and other things needed for graffiti writing.

On January 19, 1987, Paul J. Nevin, Special Assistant to the Mayor, presented citations congratulating members of the Department who were instrumental in curtailing graffiti activity in the City of Baltimore. Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau, Colonel Michael C. Zotos, Community Services Division, and Captain Howard F. Parrott, the Department's Coordinator for the program, and fifteen officers and agents were recognized.

The NEWSLETTER takes pride in congratulating those members.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Captain Howard F. Parrott  
Agent Joseph Hands  
Agent Charles Hess  
Officer Frank Wagner

### CRIME RESISTANCE UNIT

Lieutenant Robert E. Wilson  
Sergeant Robert E. Lassahn  
Officer Linda V. Rodriguez

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

Agent Richard S. Young  
Officer Kerry G. Council  
Officer James M. Eigner  
Officer Richard Romberger, Sr.

### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Agent Mario J. DiFonzo  
Officer William T. Anderson, Jr.

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

Agent John C. Gentry  
Officer Robert E. Rupkey

### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Agent William McCall  
Agent James F. Markley  
Officer Frederick Dillon

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Robinson:

I would like to bring to your attention the excellent working relationship developed between the Southern District Police Officers under the leadership of Major Joseph Cooke, and their surrounding communities. I am very impressed with the active community involvement of the Drug Enforcement Unit in the Southern District, and the co-operation their activism has prompted from the neighbors.

The people of South Baltimore constantly call Sergeant Robert Raybold or members of his unit directly, in addition to using the 685-DRUG hotline. Also, Sergeant Raybold and Officer Paul Steppe are helping the community, often on their own time, to organize anti-drug awareness programs in neighborhood schools, and to support the activities of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee Bar/Crime Task Force. The community feels the police are extremely responsive to all their concerns, and have successfully alleviated many of the neighbors' fears.

The commitment and caring exhibited by Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe is to be commended. I am continuously approached by community members, singing the praises of these officers, their unit, and the Southern District. It has

been my pleasure to work closely with Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe on the Bar/Crime Task Force and the No Is Not Enough-Project (N.I.N.E.) school program. They are a credit to your department.

I want to thank you, Major Cooke and these officers for the excellent community relations they have established in the area; it makes everyone's job easier when the neighbors realize the system is comprised of caring, dedicated professionals. Please extend my appreciation to Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe.

Sincerely,

Laura T. Kaufman, Vandalism  
Campaign Coordinator  
Mayor's Coordinating Council  
on Criminal Justice

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANCOCK, JESSICA JEANNE, granddaughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Richard J. Hancock, Sr., Northeastern District, 7 lbs. 14½ oz., January 28.

HUEBEL, SHANNON NICOLE, granddaughter of Printing Operations Supervisor Donald J. Huebel, Property Division, and retired Police Officer Edwin A. Andrews, formerly of the Northern District, 7 lbs. 1 oz., February 6.

### RETIREMENTS

WOLFE, ROBERT P., Sergeant, Education and Training Division, 33 years of service, January 31.

LUNDQUIST, DAVID E., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 26 years of service, February 9.

WOODEN, WILLIAM M., JR., Police Officer, South-

eastern District, 25 years of service, February 24.

### FINAL ROLL CALL

FARLEY, DONALD, retired Sergeant, Community Services Division, January 31.

### IN MEMORIAM

HENRIKSEN, FANNY D., mother of Photographer Helen DeJaynes, Laboratory Division, January 16.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE, grandfather of Librarian II Ruth Mewborn, Education and Training Division, January 19.

KEATING, MAY, sister of Police Officer Allen Ringgold, Northwestern District, January 20.

FEDERMAN, DAVID, grandfather of PCA I Linda G. Hoffa, Communications Division, January 21.

DONATHAN, SARAH, mother-in-law of Supervisor Doris Donathan, Central Records Division, January 27.

BERRY, JAMES, father of Eunice Berry, Office Assistant II, Central Records Division, January 29.

QUINLAN, MADELINE, mother-in-law of Sergeant Richard J. Koel, Southern District, January 29.

YOUNG, WARDELL, grandfather of Police Officer Lamont Bivens, Western District, February 1.

DAVIES, STANLEY, father-in-law of Police Agent Louis N. Kulaga, Southeastern District, February 2.

FINK, MADELINE, wife of retired Police Officer George Fink, formerly of the Central District, February 3.

BROWN, EDDIE, father of Detective Edward Brown, Criminal Investigation Division, February 9.

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For Sale: 1982 Corvette, white/saddle, automatic, air, power steering, AM/FM tape player, low mileage, excellent condition. Contact Marty, Youth Section.



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## Police Commissioner Robinson to Retire

March 12, 1987



My dear friends,

On March 12, 1987, I will retire from the finest policing institution in the nation after 35 years of service. The Baltimore Police Department has long been an endearing part of my life. I've had the unusual opportunity afforded very few individuals; to begin my career as a foot patrol officer and ascend through each rank within the organization finally reaching the top. Along the way, I have encountered some of the most dedicated and

conscientious individuals to be found in any organization. You have provided me with many memories that will remain forever close to my heart and I sincerely hope in looking back, you too, will retain fond memories of our days together.

I consider each member, sworn and civilian, an integral part of my family. We have made great strides together and though there has been struggle along the way, we have discovered a new strength enabling us to grow and reach new heights.

I am grateful for the privilege to have been your Police Commissioner, but most of all your friend. I am confident you will lend the same support and dedication to my successor and this agency will continue to be "Baltimore's Finest."

So my friends, I bid you farewell as I take another path and set out to discover a new world. We have shared much together and we've accomplished many goals.

God's blessings upon you and your families and remember to hold on to your beliefs and follow your dreams. Above all, remember old police officers never retire, they're just 10-7.

*Bishop L. Robinson*

## Aviation Safety Seminar

The Baltimore Police Department and Maryland State Police in cooperation with the Airborne Law Enforcement Association and the Federal Aviation Administration will present the 14th Annual Safety Seminar at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel on March 5 and 6, 1987.

The Baltimore Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the United States to present a seminar designed for air crews whose duties include law enforcement.

This year's seminar is expected to attract more than 200 participants from the Eastern portion of the United States and will feature speakers covering a wide variety of topics.

A listing of topics and speakers follow:

### *Pilot Judgment and the Accident Process*

Frances Sherertz  
National Transportation Safety Board

### *EMS Safety Experience*

Chuck Haczewski  
Omni Flight, Inc.

### *Stress Management and its Physiological Implications*

James P. Flynn, M.D.  
Maryland Army National Guard

### *Aerial Speed Enforcement*

John Stevens  
New Hampshire State Police

### *Pilot Decision Making Training*

Russell Lawton  
AOPA Air Safety Foundation

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## Aviation Safety Seminar

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### *Helicopter Emergency Procedures and Crash Survival*

Mike Stock

AOPA Air Safety Foundation

### *Amtrak Train Disaster*

Roy Taylor

Baltimore County Police Department

### *Risk Taking and the Decision Making Process*

Gary Livack

Federal Aviation Administration

### *Visual Performance*

William A. Monaco, O.D.

U.S. Naval Safety Center

### *Cockpit Management*

Gary Livack

Federal Aviation Administration

### *Judgment and Decision Making*

Frank V. Monastero, Sr.

Aviation Consultant

## Safety Course for Boaters

Baltimore's beautiful Inner Harbor has become a focal point for recreational boaters. Hundreds of boats travel through the harbor daily. Members of the Marine Unit of the Baltimore Police Department point out that safety in the operation of a boat is of prime importance.

A 10 week boating course, sponsored by the United States Power Squadrons begins in March, 1987.

Those who attend the sessions will learn how to handle a sailboat or a powerboat. They'll also learn about docking, plotting and following a course chart, using a compass, engine trouble-shooting, and water ski safety.

The instruction is free but there are charges to cover materials needed for the course.

For more information call 282-6464.

## Operation Speed Trap

Investigations of large illegal drug trafficking operations take a lot of talent, dedication and patience. When successfully carried out, these investigations can eliminate targeted individuals and organizations.

In late November, 1985, a detective assigned to the Drug Enforcement Section of the Baltimore Police Department received information from an informant regarding the sale of methamphetamine.

It took detectives several months to gather intelligence information which enabled them to attempt their first "controlled buy" (purchase) of methamphetamine. That purchase occurred in March, 1986. Several more small purchases were made for police by the individual who had first given the information to detectives.

The informant, who had been making purchases under the direction of detectives and special agents, was then called upon to introduce an undercover detective. That detective then began making purchases of larger amounts of methamphetamine.

Because of the high cost of the investigation and due to the fact that the investigators began to see their efforts leading them into Baltimore County, Federal assistance was requested. The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration provided additional personnel and federal funds so that greater quantities of illegal drugs could be purchased. The investigation was given the name "Operation Speed Trap."

By last month, the investigators had identified a high-level supplier. A final purchase of \$17,200.00 worth of methamphetamine, search and seizure warrants were served at locations in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. As a result of this activity, five pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of \$167,750.00, \$7,859.00 in U.S. currency, fourteen firearms and two vehicles were seized.

The seizure of more than a dozen firearms along with the five pounds of methamphetamine demonstrates the tie-in between illegal drugs and illegal firearms.

The investigation is continuing as detectives and agents prepare to make additional arrests and to seize other assets of the illegal drug distribution operation.



Weapons and illegal drugs seized during Operation Speed Trap.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Robinson:

I want to thank you and the officers of your Education and Training Department for assisting the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team in developing a canine capability. I am confident that we now have a canine capability that will greatly enhance the success enjoyed by our Agents, not only on the Hostage Rescue Team, but also by our other Agents in a variety of investigations.

Your Canine Training Unit, led by Sergeant Thomas A. Knott, as well as Officers John F. Barnard, Wayne H. McKenna, and Addison Willie, is among the world's premier canine-handling units. They have provided the Hostage Rescue Team a vast amount of information, and their continuing advice and patient understanding of our unique requirements and problems have been invaluable. These men are the epitome of law enforcement professionals and are a credit to your Department. Our Agents who graduated from your canine handlers course in February have praised highly your officers, and I would appreciate your sharing with them our gratitude for their assistance.

Sincerely yours,  
William H. Webster  
Director

Dear Commissioner Robinson:

I would like to bring to your attention the excellent working relationship developed between the Southern District Police Officers under the leadership of Major Joseph Cooke, and their surrounding communities. I am very impressed with the active community involvement of the Drug Enforcement Unit in the Southern District, and the cooperation their activism has prompted from the neighbors.

The people of South Baltimore constantly call Sergeant Robert Raybold or members of his unit directly, in addition to using the 685-DRUG hotline. Also, Sergeant Raybold and Of-

ficer Paul Steppe are helping the community, often on their own time, to organize anti-drug awareness programs in neighborhood schools, and to support the activities of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee Bar/Crime Task Force. The community feels the police are extremely responsive to all their concerns, and have successfully alleviated many of the neighbors' fears.

The commitment and caring exhibited by Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe is to be commended. I am continuously approached by community members, singing the praises of these officers, their unit, and the Southern District. It has been my pleasure to work closely with Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe on the Bar/Crime Task Force and the No Is Not Enough-Project N.I.N.E. school program. They are a credit to your department.

I want to thank you, Major Cooke and these officers for the excellent community relations they have established in the area; it makes everyone's job easier when the neighbors realize the system is comprised of caring, dedicated professionals. Please extend my appreciation to Sergeant Raybold and Officer Steppe.

Sincerely,  
Laura T. Kaufman, Vandalism  
Campaign Coordinator  
Mayor's Coordinating Council  
on Criminal Justice

Dear Commissioner Robinson:

A couple of weeks ago our house was broken into while we were away. Upon our return, a policeman and a neighbor were already at the house. Our five-year-old daughter was traumatized by the broken door, the fact of the excitement, etc. The officer who responded to the call, J.H. Bell, Jr., was so extraordinarily good in dealing with my daughter, that I want to bring him to your attention.

Officer Bell perceived immediately that my daughter was upset, and he interspersed his questioning and in-

vestigation with discussion with her. He showed enormous sensitivity to a five-year-old by playing guessing games with her about her favorite cartoon shows, where she goes to kindergarten, etc. He seemed to know exactly what to do.

While we would prefer not to have been broken into, the high degree of professionalism that Officer Bell showed made the experience for my wife and me, as well as our daughter, vastly easier than it otherwise would have been. I am sure that Officer Bell reflects the quality of training in the Department as a whole and I want to commend you for it.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely,  
Michael K. Hooker  
Chancellor

Dear Commissioner Robinson:

For the second time in a little over a year my 1984 Toyota Camray was stolen. The next day, Officers from your Northeastern District apprehended two juveniles in the vehicle. As a result of their fine police work, my car was recovered. The Northeastern District Officers involved were: Officer Chester H. Wisniewski, Officer Johnnie M. Young, and Officer Michael T. Pratt.

I simply want to commend these officers, and the Police Department of Baltimore City, for a superb piece of police work. I am indeed most grateful.

At the City Yard where my vehicle was towed, I was most courteously received by Detective George Dash. He got me started with a screwdriver in the ignition, and I made it to the repair garage, thanks to George's efforts on my behalf, for which I am most appreciative.

With kind regards, I am  
Sincerely,  
Robert C. Murphy

## LIBRARY NOTES

The following publications have recently been added to the Police Library collection:

*The Complete Book of Success:*

*Your Guide to Becoming A Winner* by Renee Harmon. Englewood Cliffs. 1984.

*Applicant Investigation In Law Enforcement* by John Harlan. C.C. Thomas. 1985.

*Marijuana, Its Effects On Mind And Body* by Miriam Cohen. Chelsea House. 1985.

*Writing A Successful Grant Application* by Liane Reif-Lehrer. Science Books International. 1982.

*Pictims: A Novel* by Dorothy Uhak. Simon and Schuster. 1986.

*Making It In Any Organization* by Lloyd H. Goodall, Jr. Prentice-Hall. 1984.

*Feeling Good: The New Mood Therapy* by David Burns. Morrow. 1980.

*Epidemic Of Courage: Facing Aids In America* by Lon Nungesser. St. Martin's. 1986.

*City Horse* by Jack Demuth. Dodd, Mead. 1979.

*The Basic Handbook Of Grants Management* by Robert Lefferts. Basic Books. 1983.

*Police Leadership In America*, edited by William A. Geller. Praeger. 1985.

*How Can Police Departments Better*

*Apply Management-By-Objectives And Quality Circle Programs?* The Urban Institute. 1984.

*The Marine Corps 3X Fitness Program* by Martin Cohen. Little Brown. 1986.

## PROMOTIONS

LAKE, MARGIE C., from Office Assistant II-D, Northeastern District, to Office Assistant III-T, Southeastern District, February 25.

## RETIREMENTS

KIRK CHARLES L., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 27 yrs. of service, February 16.

DUNN, MICHAEL J., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 12 yrs. of service, February 20.

OWENS, GEORGE T., Sergeant, Traffic Division, 25 yrs. of service, February 26.

MORAN, JOHN S., Police Officer, Special Operations Division, Services Section, 31 yrs. of service, February 27.

## WEDDINGS

FAULCON, RONALD N., to the former Denise Davis, Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, February 6.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANT, DONALD JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Donald Grant, Northwestern District, 8lbs. 8 oz., January 30.

EDWARDS, LESLIE, III, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Leslie Edwards, Jr., Western District, 9lbs. 2 oz., February 3.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

KESTLER, FREDERICK A., JR., retired Police Officer, Tactical Section, December 24.

BIEMILLER, FREDERICK E., JR., retired Sergeant, Property Division, father of Police Officer Robert Biemiller, Western District, February 13.

GUERRAS, FRANK T., retired Sergeant Central District, February 21.

## IN MEMORIAM

DOHLER, LOUIS, father-in-law of Sergeant William Stone, Property Division, February 13.

GRAYBILL, JOHN B., SR., father of Sergeant John B. Graybill, Community Services Division, Youth Section, February 13.

SMITH, CHARLES, grandfather of Police Officer Rodney Smith, Western District, February 13.

WITHERSPOON, LILIE B., grandmother of Sergeant Goldie S. Phillips, Jr., Northwestern District, and grandmother of Sergeant Harold Farmer, Southern District, February 17.

SORRELL, THEOPHILUS, brother of Police Officer Henry Sorrell, Tactical Section, Marine Unit, February 19.

HEVESY, ANDREW A., father of Sergeant Andrew A. Hevesy, Jr., Central Records Division, February 20.

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For Rent: Ocean City Condominium, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully air conditioned. Prime weeks and weekends available. Contact Helen Farley - call collect, 1-289-7385.

For Rent: Ocean City Condominium, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, sleeps 6. 37th St. and Coastal Hwy. Fully equipped with washer & dryer, color cable TV, private parking for 2 cars, pool on property, boat dock for launching & slip. Weekends available during March, April, May, September, October, November and December. For rates and weeks open, call Sgt. James Wilhelm, NWDist. or 485-3363.

Summer Rental: (weekly), Ocean City Townhouse, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. On the bay with a beautiful view and southern exposure. Good weeks available. Contact Bob Edwards, Property Division.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

March 18, 1987

## Edward J. Tilghman Named Police Commissioner

The Ceremonial Room of Baltimore Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns was packed last Tuesday morning as the Mayor led Baltimore Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson and Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative Bureau, Edward J. Tilghman, to their places behind the large ceremonial desk.

Mayor Burns first accepted the retirement of Commissioner Robinson who has taken the position of Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the State of Maryland. He praised Commissioner Robinson's efforts to modernize the Baltimore Police Department. The Mayor specifically mentioned the implementation

of the 911 Emergency Telephone System, the institution of the Information Management Bureau and the work now in progress to get a Computer Assisted Dispatch System into service later this year.

The Mayor praised Commissioner Robinson's re-institution of the foot patrol officers in the new Neighborhood Foot Patrol Program. And he wished Commissioner Robinson well in his new position within the state government. Commissioner Robinson said that although he has moved to a new position, his heart remains in Baltimore.

In the second part of the ceremony,

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Baltimore's Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns appoints Edward J. Tilghman (left) Police Commissioner as retiring Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson (right) looks on.

## Command Staff Appointments

Hundreds of people gathered at the Baltimore Police Department's Headquarters auditorium last Thursday afternoon as major changes in the Command Staff were announced.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and retired Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson officiated at the appointment ceremony at which two new Deputy Police Commissioners were named. Also appointed were two Colonels, a Lieutenant Colonel and three Majors.

The first appointment was to fill the position vacated by Police Commissioner Tilghman, Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative Bureau. Selected to fill that position was Edward V. Woods, a veteran with 27 years of service with the Baltimore Police Department.



Deputy Commissioner Woods began his career as a detective in the Department's Criminal Investigation

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# Commissioner Named

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Mayor Burns announced the appointment of Edward J. Tilghman to the post of Police Commissioner.

Commissioner Tilghman is a 30 year veteran of the Baltimore Police Department who has served in a wide variety of positions throughout his career.

Mayor Burns said, "I'm choosing a man who began where every officer starts (on street patrol) . . . I believe that everybody who is going to be a leader of people should serve some type of apprenticeship."

Commissioner Tilghman said that he was honored to be selected for his new position and he promised to continue the modernization within the Police Department. He also expressed concern about the continuing drug problem in the City of Baltimore and promised that efforts to seek out and arrest those involved with illegal narcotics activity will continue.

The newly appointed Commissioner also expressed concern about the illegal handgun problem in Baltimore and told those assembled in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room that a new public effort to impact against illegal handguns would be announced within a few weeks.

Commissioner Tilghman also said that one of his personal priorities is with young people. He said he feels that police officers should serve as role models for young people to show them that they too can become contributors to the community.

Members of the Baltimore Police Department will become used to seeing the new Police Commissioner as he periodically visits Police Districts and other locations in the city. He says that the welfare of the sworn and civilian members of the Department is a priority. He has promised to work to assure that the members are provided with the most up-to-date

equipment and training available to law enforcement. He says he will continue past efforts aimed at providing the best salaries and benefits which can be obtained in today's tight economy.

Commissioner Tilghman graduated from Carver Vocational High School and he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. He is married and has three children. Except for his tour with the United States Marines, he is a life-long resident of Baltimore.

## Command Staff Appointments

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Division. He also served in the Inspectional Services Division, Central District, and the Youth Section. In 1971 he was assigned to the Office of then Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau where he served until 1975. Among his command positions were Commander of the Southern District in 1983, Chief of the Traffic Division in 1984, and Chief of the Special Operations Division in 1986.

Deputy Commissioner Woods holds a Master of Education Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College and an Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore.

He is a graduate of the 91st Session of the F.B.I. National Academy and a graduate of Douglas High School in Baltimore. Deputy Commissioner Woods is married and has two children.

The second person to be elevated to the position of Deputy Police Commissioner was Michael C. Zotos, a veteran of 29 years of service to the Police Department.

Deputy Commissioner Zotos began his career in the Northeastern District as a uniformed officer. He has also served in the Criminal Investigation

Division, the Recruitment Unit, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative Bureau and the Northern District.



He was named to head the Special Security Unit at Baltimore's City Hall in 1980, serving there until his appointment as Chief of the Community Services Division in 1985.

Deputy Commissioner Zotos holds a Master of Education Degree from Coppin State College. He also earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore and an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. He graduated from the 111th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. The Deputy Commissioner is a graduate of Baltimore City College. He is married and has three children.



Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., was appointed to the exempt rank of Colonel to become the Chief of the Special Operations Division. Colonel Cooke is a

29 year veteran who began his career as a patrol officer in the Southwestern District. He also served in the Southern, Northern, Central and Southeastern Districts. In 1980, he was named Commander of the Crimes Against Persons Section of the Criminal Investigation Division where he remained until appointed Commander of the Southern District in 1984.

Colonel Cooke holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore and an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore.

He is a graduate of Southern High School in Baltimore. The Colonel is married and has two children.



A 23 year veteran was appointed to the exempt rank of Colonel during the ceremonies last week. Patricia A. Mullen assumed command of the Community Services Division.

Her duties have included assignments in the Criminal Investigation Division and the Personnel Division. In 1978, she was appointed Major and was assigned to head the Youth Section of the Community Services Division.

Colonel Mullen is a Degree Candidate at the University of Baltimore and holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Police Administration from Catonsville Community College.

She graduated from Forest Park High School and has one child.

George L. Christian, a member of the Police Department for more than



28 years, was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief in the Patrol Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Christian began his career with the Department as a uniformed officer in the Central District. He also served in the Criminal Investigation Division, Southeastern District, Northwestern District and in the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of the Operations Bureau. In 1984, he was assigned to the Office of the Police Commissioner before receiving an appointment to the exempt rank of Major later that year with assignment as Director of the Community Relations Section of the Community Services Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Christian has earned a Master of Education Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College. He also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore.

Lieutenant Colonel Christian is married and is the father of two children.

Ronald B. Collins, with 19 years of service to the Baltimore Police Department, was appointed to the rank of Major and was assigned to the Youth Section as its new Director.

Major Collins' first assignment was in the Central District. He also served in the Internal Investigation Division, Education and Training Division, and Southern District.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree

in Sociology from Morgan State University and was a graduate of the 132nd Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. He is a graduate of Salisbury High School in Salisbury, Maryland.

Major Collins is married and has two children.



With his appointment to the rank of Major, Frank A. Russo became the Commander of the Southern District.

The 19 year veteran began his career in that District in 1968.



He has also served in the Northwestern District, Tactical Section, Traffic Division and Special Operations Division.

Major Russo holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. He also graduated from the Traffic Police Administrative Program at the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

He is married and has two children.

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## Command Staff Appointments

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Eugene Tanzymore, Jr., became the new Director of the Community Relations Section upon his appointment to the rank of Major. He began his 23 year career as an officer in the Northern District. He has been assigned to the Western District, Personnel Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Central District and Northwestern District.



He is a graduate of Edmondson High School. Major Tanzymore has earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. He is the father of three children.

## Auxiliary Graduation

Auxiliary Class 87-1 will hold commencement exercises tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the 5th floor auditorium at the headquarters building of the Baltimore Police Department.

At that time, 37 citizens will receive Certificates of Completion after having undergone a thorough training program which has been underway for several months. Four present members of the Auxiliary Police Unit will be promoted during the ceremonies, one to the rank of Auxiliary Lieutenant and three to the rank of Auxiliary Sergeant.

The program will also feature a recognition ceremony for 32 Auxiliary Officers who have reached five years of service with the auxiliary program.

Auxiliary Police Officers are volunteers, both uniformed and non-uniformed, who serve in many capacities within the Baltimore Police Department. Some 25 Auxiliary Officers carry out administrative duties while 88 are uniformed operational officers.

Uniformed Auxiliary Police Officers can be seen directing traffic during events at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium. They also patrol the Inner Harbor and they are found at special events throughout the year as they

assist sworn members of the Department.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Baker, parents of Police Officer Frank Baker, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 8. Their 8 children and 22 grandchildren celebrated the occasion with them and other friends and relatives at an affair held at the Fontaine-Bleu in Glen Burnie.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GRIFFIN, TIMOTHY JOSEPH**, grandson of Police Officer Norman Griffin, Traffic Division, 61bs. 10 oz., February 7.

## RETIREMENTS

**MAGUIRE, DAVID L.**, Sergeant, Southeastern District, 25 yrs. of service, March 3.  
**ECKSTORM, HENRY K.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 28 yrs. of service, March 3.  
**MCCORMICK, JOHN N., JR.**, Sergeant, Traffic Division, 26 yrs. of service, March 5.  
**TIBURZI, SALVATORE A.**, Sergeant, Eastern District, 32 yrs. of service, March 5.  
**SEIDEL, IRVIN C.**, Police Officer, Eastern District, 31 yrs. of service, March 5.  
**CLUSTER, CHARLES E.**, Police Officer, Office of the Chief of Patrol, 26 yrs. of service, March 13.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SHELDON, JOHN C.**, brother of Police Officer William H. Sheldon, Criminal Investigation Division, January 27.

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For Sale: Departmental Commemorative Sword — \$300.00. Appraised - 1-12-85 at \$500.00. Contact Lieutenant Gary Woodcock, Planning & Research Division.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 1, 1987

## Highlandtown Exchange Club's Police Officer of the Year

Officer Frederick V. Roussey, Southeastern District, was chosen as the Highlandtown Exchange Club's Officer of the Year. During a recent ceremony held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, at Highland and Fleet Streets, Officer Roussey received an award for his outstanding investigation. More than 100 persons attended the ceremony which included Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau, Colonel Joseph W. Nixon, Chief of Patrol, and Major Charles J. Dipino, Southeastern District.

The Highlandtown Exchange Club, Incorporation, whose members include professional and business leaders in

Southeast Baltimore, awards those officers who in their judgment excelled in their service to the community.

Officer Roussey is an eight year veteran of the Department who was assigned to the Southeastern District in 1985. Several months after he began working on patrol at Southeastern, he initiated an intense investigation which involved sexual child abuse. Through many hours of research, interviews and surveillances, Officer Roussey learned that as many as 13 children were victims. Some children were as young as 4 years old and several of the offenses occurred in sur-

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## Newsletter's 20th Anniversary

For more than two decades, the Newsletter has strived to maintain its purpose as was noted in Vol. 1 No. 1, . . . "The objective of this Newsletter is to 'pass the word' of interest to all, publish articles related to professional police work, answer questions, and reply to suggestions made by members of the Department."

The Newsletter has provided more to its readers than the mere reporting of events. We have shared times of sorrow, triumphs and transformations which this agency has undergone.

Twenty years later the Baltimore Police Department has become one of the most progressive law enforcement agencies in the nation. The path we have traveled can be seen by looking at topics of interest in years past. Here are excerpts from Newsletter articles written in 1967.

### THE LATEST IN COMMUNICATIONS FOR BALTIMORE'S FINEST

The new communications system is an integral part of providing the citizens of Baltimore the fastest and most efficient service possible. Controlling more than 600 vehicles covering 92 square miles, and serving nearly one million people, this system utilizes 4 base frequencies, 8 base transmitter locations with 8 satellite receiver stations and 10 telephone trunk lines for receiving emergency calls.

The new communications system today is the 911 Emergency Telephone

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Officer Frederick V. Roussey (center) is personally congratulated on his award of "Officer of the Year" from the Chairman of the Highlandtown Exchange Club's Crime Prevention Committee, Mr. Robert Larkin (left) and President of the Highlandtown Exchange Club, Mr. Benjamin Neil (right).

# Officer of the Year

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rounding counties and across state lines.

After nine months of extensive investigation, Officer Roussey arrested 4 persons who were charged with more than 100 violations of the law pertaining to the sexual exploitation of children. Additional charges are pending in other jurisdictions.

Officer Roussey also prepared and executed 6 search and seizure warrants which resulted in seizing valuable evidence used in the prosecution of the four suspects. This investigation is among 177 other arrests Officer Roussey made in 1986. These arrests include assaults, handgun and narcotic violations, felony and misdemeanor crimes.

Prior to working in the Southeastern District, Officer Roussey was assigned to the Western District. He has received seven Official Commendations which include two Bronze Stars.

Officer Roussey, 36, volunteers many hours to basketball and soccer Little Leagues in his community. He is married and has eight children.

## 20th Anniversary

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System. A three digit number dialed quickly connects a person in distress with help. The automatic location feature identifies where the call is originating from, even if the caller can't articulate the trouble.

Each of the Department's 856 vehicles are equipped with the 911 communications system.

### OPERATION BOOTSTRAP

*There are more than two hundred and fifty members of this Department who are at this time literally pulling themselves up, education wise, by their bootstraps in off duty college and university courses. If we are to improve the overall efficiency of our department, we must develop a highly*

*trained and well educated force at the patrolman level as well as in the supervisory and command levels.*

Today, there are more than eight hundred members of the Department who have obtained college degrees, which include 72 Master's, 5 Juris Doctorates, and 2 PhD's.

### PAY

*During the past year we have seen the beginning annual salary of the patrolman increase from \$5,604 to \$6,780 with a maximum in five years of \$8,640. Substantial increases were also provided for the higher ranks. Pension contributions were reduced to a maximum of 6 per cent without an attendant change in retirement benefits.*

### HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

*Construction of a new facility is actually unavoidable since the present building, located at Fallsway and Fayette Street, will be demolished to make way for the southern leg of the Jones Falls Expressway. If the bond issue is defeated, it will force us to find temporary quarters for our headquarters operation until funds for a new building are made available.*

### REPORTING SYSTEM

*Under our new system, each call for police service will be given a control number, and an investigative report will be made to answer each numbered call. Such a system will, in time, provide the historical data upon which studies can be made, thereby, resulting in a more efficient deployment of manpower and resources. Also, by this system, we shall be able to provide a better police service and more equally distribute the work load of each officer on duty.*

Today, the Department answers 80,000 calls for service monthly. Of those calls, 70% result in investigation reports being made which results in review of 180,000 pages of documents a month.

### LUNCH BREAK

*Heretofore, officers on patrol or traffic duty were not authorized a lunch break. With respect to other members*

*of the Police Department, civilian and uniformed, the lunch-time break has not been a problem. The current instructions insure that all members will now have authorization for a scheduled lunch break.*

The staff of the Newsletter looks forward to another 20 years of publications.

## "Citizen's Patrol" Assist in Arrest

For nearly four years, the Northwest Citizens Patrol, NWCP, has played a major part in providing safety and making life comfortable for more than 10,000 homes in the Northwestern section of Baltimore City. In fact, the NWCP won an award in the Baltimore's Best Neighborhoods contest in 1984 and received the Mayor's Citation of Merit in 1985.

The success of the NWCP group is a result of the 400 community members who volunteer their time to aggressively patrol a two square mile area. Each night, eight NWCP vehicles are on the lookout for suspicious activity and to communicate it to the Watch Commander by citizens band radio.

On March 10, 1987, NWCP members were on alert after Officer Donald Leatherwood, Northwestern District, received a report that a 1985 silver Mazda with a unique vanity tag was just stolen.

After the description was broadcasted, the NWCP members joined in the search to locate the car. For nearly an hour, the citizens patrol group rode through the area. One of the NWCP members located the car near Reisterstown Road Plaza. He radioed the location to the Watch Commander who relayed the information to patrol units.

Officer Lloyd Bernard, Northwestern District, was on the scene within minutes to arrest the 15 year old suspect. He also recovered a dent puller and an ignition switch that was used to take the car.

Just two and a half hours after the crime was reported, an apprehension was made, evidence recovered, and a stolen car was returned to its owner with the assistance of NWCP. This is an excellent example of police/citizen teamwork.

## Combined Charity Campaign

Members of the Baltimore Police Department, through their Combined Charity Campaign donations, have designated more than \$19,000 to the Signal 13 Foundation. During the 1986 Combined Charity Campaign, the Signal 13 Foundation was one of more than 123 Charitable organizations that could be chosen to receive your donations. Last year was the first time that members of the Department could contribute to Signal 13 Foundation through the Combined Charity Campaign.

The Signal 13 Foundation is a non-profit organization which provides assistance to members of the Department in emergency circumstances. Each application for assistance remains confidential.

Since its inception in 1983, \$60,000 in interest free loans and more than \$33,000 in grants have been given to members of the Department.

Every month the Combined Charity Campaign will transfer funds to the Signal 13 Foundation through payroll deduction.

Captain Robert T. Lewandowski, the Department's Loan Executive to the Combined Charity Campaign, says that donating to the fund raiser is a way to help co-workers and friends within the Department who we know are experiencing difficult times.

## NEWS NOTES

Join the fun and skate with the Baltimore Skipjacks at "Baltimore's Best" Skate-a-thon on Sunday, April 5, 1987 at the Mount Pleasant Ice Arena from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Skaters will collect pledges for time spent on the ice and all proceeds will benefit the Epilepsy Association of Maryland, Inc.

Participants will have the chance to meet the Skipjack players, win t-shirts and win passes to Kings Dominion. Admission is free for all participants. Pledge Sheets are available at all Skipjacks home games, Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena, or by calling the Epilepsy Association of Maryland at 435-1100.

The event is sponsored by the "Baltimore is Best" Program, the Baltimore Skipjacks Hockey Team, Kings Dominion and the Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena.

Congratulations to those officers listed below who were the 1987 Nominees for the Sunpaper's Police Officer of the Year Award.

Officer Charles R. McQuay, Central District

Officer William G. Geiger, Tactical Section

Detective Michael A. Morreale, Criminal Investigation Division  
Detective Melvin Utz, Criminal Investigation Division

Police Agent Peter J. Yasiliou, Southeastern District

The Vanguard Justice Society will hold its Annual Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 11, 1987, 8:00 p.m. to 12 midnight, at the Palladium, located at Liberty Heights Avenue and Druid Park Lake Drive.

Honorees this year are Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Mrs. Victorine Adams, retired Police Officer Oliver Murdock and Police Officer Robert Alexander will be honored. Officer Alexander died in the line of duty in 1985.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person which include hot and cold buffet, cocktails and entertainment. For more information, contact Detective Bertina Silver, Check and Fraud Unit or call 542 5777. Black tie optional.

This year's 1987 Police Chase will be held May 3, 1987 at 9:00 a.m. The course will include a 10K (6.2 mile run) and a 2 mile fun run starting at Police Headquarters and finishing at

Rash Field. Team trophies and individual awards will be given to top finishers. The entry fee is \$8.00 per runner. For more information, contact Captain Robert Lewandowski, Northwestern District.

## Clothing Inspection

The 1987 annual clothing inspection will be conducted at the following locations:

Location	Date	Time
Central	20, April 87	0800-1500
Southeastern	21, April 87	0800-1500
Eastern	22, April 87	0800-1500
Northeastern	23, April 87	0800-1500
Northern	24, April 87	0800-1500
Northwestern	27, April 87	0800-1500
Western	28, April 87	0800-1500
Southwestern	29, April 87	0800-1500
Southern	30, April 87	0800-1500
Headquarters	Building from	0800-1500
May 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		

Members may attend any location on the dates and times indicated.

## Newsletter Receives National Recognition

The NEWSLETTER is proud to announce it has received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Publications Award by the *Crime Control Digest*.

The *Crime Control Digest* is a weekly publication. Subscribers include more than 1,800 law enforcement agencies across the United States. Mr. Richard J. O'Connell, Publisher, says that the NEWSLETTER was chosen for its informative articles concerning topics of interest in the law enforcement profession.

The Baltimore Police Department was among six agencies that won the award in the "Excellent" category. They included the Charlotte, North Carolina Police Department, Madison Wisconsin, Police Department, Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department and Los Angeles County

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Sheriff's Department.

Below is the *Crime Control Digest's* article:

Several years ago, the then editor of *Crime Control Digest*, James A. George, instituted a tradition of recognizing what we considered to be outstanding examples of law enforcement publications dedicated to communicating by and between law enforcement agencies, the public they serve, and their personnel.

As usual, this year we have seen many such fine publications. This makes the choices very hard. We have nothing but praise for all such efforts and those individuals who don't necessarily have all the resources and money to put those publications together. For all the departments, associations, unions and organizations which recognize the value of communications, we salute you and strongly urge you to continue your efforts no matter how meager you might feel your product is. You done good and should be proud.

The NEWSLETTER Staff extends its thanks to the Property Division, Printing Unit and Laboratory Division, Photographic Unit. Their assistance in the publication of the NEWSLETTER is invaluable.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner:

We wish to thank and commend your department for the support your officers gave us in transporting our nurses during the recent snow storms.

Your timely assistance afforded uninterrupted services to our patients.

Sincerely,

Neal White

Associate Administrator of  
Operations

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Ken and Pam Raffensberger on the birth of their first child, Mallory Kate, born 19 March, weighing 7lbs. 2 oz. The proud grandparents are Major and Mrs. R. Raffensberger.

## RETIREMENTS

**HOOK, WILLIAM H.**, Police Records Sections Supervisor, Central Records Division, 37 yrs. of service, March 26.

**WOJTEK, RICHARD J.**, Police Officer, Special Operations Division, 31 yrs. of service, March 27.

**CZAWLYTKO, WALTER D.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 26 yrs. of service, March 28.

**DISTEFANO, LOUIS R., JR.**, Police Officer, Southern District, 30 yrs. of service, April 1.

**JOHNSON, KENNETH P.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 30 yrs. of service, April 1.

**THOMAS, HARRY L.**, Motor Pool Worker I, Property Division, 16 yrs. of service, April 1.

**CYMEK, DONALD W.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 29 yrs. of service, April 9.

**DEGENHARD, CARROLL T.**, Police Officer, Personnel

Division, Casual Section, 36 yrs. of service, April 9.

**METZ, JOSEPH C.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 15 yrs. of service, April 23.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LEE, MATTHEW**, son of Police Officer Don Lee, Southeastern District, 7lbs. 6 oz., March 16.

**RAFFENSBERGER, MALLORY KATE**, granddaughter of Major R. R. Raffensberger, Tactical Section, 7lbs. 2 oz., March 19.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**GUINN, HARRY L.**, retired Police Officer, Northern District, March 11.

**REYNOLDS, JOHN T.**, retired Police Officer, Pine Street Station, March 14.

**MULLINEAUX, WILLIAM W.**, retired Police Officer Communications Division, March 16.

**PERDUE, WILLIE LEE**, Police Officer, Telephone Reporting Unit, March 23.

## IN MEMORIAM

**PUSATERI, LOUIS J.**, father-in-law of Officer Glen Oliver, K-9 Unit, Tactical Section, March 13.

**RIHA, DONALD RAYMOND**, brother of Sergeant Joseph R. Riha, K-9 Unit, Tactical Section, March 14.

**KOCK, JESSICA**, mother of Sergeant Ernest Judd, Western District, March 17.

**ORTEGA, MIRIAM**, mother of Police Officer, Julio Ortega, Jr., Northeastern District, March 18.

**McCULLERS, MAMIE L.**, grandmother of Officer Bernard Douglas, Northwestern District, March 21.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: 1983 Wellcraft 230 ft. cabin cruiser w/228 Mercruiser. Low hours, excellent condition, enclosed head, galley, sleeps 4. Asking \$17,000.00. Contact Sgt. James Steedman, EDist.

For Rent: Spacious two bedrooms, two baths, townhouse in Ocean City. Beautiful view with southern exposure. Contact Bob Edwards, Property Division.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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## The Oath of Office

"Do you swear or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and that you will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that you will, to the best of your skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality and prejudice, execute the Office of Police Commissioner of Baltimore according to the Constitution and Laws of the State?"

With his right hand held high and his left hand on a Bible held by his wife, Elaine, he responded with a single but resolute, "I will." At that moment, the audience broke into

thunderous applause as Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman affirmed his Oath of Office at the Carver Vocational-Technical High School on April 7, 1987.

The Appointment Ceremony began with an unaccompanied solo of the National Anthem by Mr. Sylvester Graves, a music instructor at the Carver Vocational-Technical High School and member of the Baltimore Opera Company. Members of the Morgan State University Choir inspired those in attendance with two choral selections having special meaning to Commissioner Tilghman: "Amazing Grace" and "The

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## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

On Friday, April 3, 1987, thirty six members of Entrance Level Training Class 86-4 were presented certificates of completion from Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman. Among the graduates were two members of the Baltimore Sheriff's Department.

The graduation concluded 25 weeks of intensive training on the topics such as law, first aid, sociology, and field operations. A part of the Entrance Level Program also included four weeks of field training which allowed the probationary officers to experience calls for service under the supervision of veteran members of the Department.

Valedictorian of class 86-4 was Officer Louis A. Marshall, graduating with an academic average of 96.8. Officer Russell S. Gayle received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence. This award is based upon outstanding leadership abilities and professionalism.

The Graduation Address was delivered to the class by The Honorable Clarence H. "Du" Burns, Mayor of the City of Baltimore. The Mayor commended the graduates on choosing a career in law enforcement and joining the Baltimore Police Department, "... which has enjoyed a history of honesty, integrity, and a standard of professionalism that is unmatched by any other police department in a major metropolitan area."

He said that the career of law en-

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Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman takes the Oath of Office from Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Edgar P. Silver (far right). Assisting Judge Silver was Baltimore Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns and Mrs. Elaine Tilghman.



Police Commissioner  
Edward J. Tilghman  
April 7, 1987



# Oath of Office

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## Impossible Dream."

Highlights of the program leading to Commissioner Tilghman's Oath included remarks by noted Baltimore physician, Dr. Uthman Ray and The Honorable David B. Mitchell, Circuit Court of Baltimore.

Baltimore Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns praised Commissioner Tilghman's 30 years of accomplishment with the Police Department and reaffirmed his and the citizens of Baltimore's confidence in the man he selected to be Police Commissioner.

The Oath of Office was administered by Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Edgar P. Silver who was assisted by Mrs. Tilghman while Mayor "Du" Burns stood nearby as the Appointing Authority.

The Honorable Bishop L. Robinson, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services presented Commissioner Tilghman with his badge of office. Applause again erupted as the Secretary and Commissioner embraced as old friends.

Commissioner Tilghman addressed the audience which included elected officials and a virtual cross section of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of Federal, State and Local governmental bodies. He told the citizens of Baltimore that he would, with all his ability and resources, strive to drive illegal drugs from our streets and continue to work in concert with Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies. Commissioner Tilghman cited illegal handguns as the second major problem to be targeted by the department.

He emphasized that Baltimore must make a commitment if we expect to enjoy peace and tranquility in our city. "I believe that there are three basic components to good citizenship," he said, "the family, the church, and the schools."

Following the appointment ceremony, a reception at the high school gave hundreds of well-wishers the opportunity to share their personal thoughts with Commissioner Tilghman.

# Graduation and Commendations

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forcement presents many opportunities for advancement based upon merit. "Perfect examples of the opportunity to advance through the ranks," said Mayor "Du" Burns, "are Police Commissioner Edward Tilghman, and former Police Commissioners Bishop L. Robinson and Frank J. Battaglia."

Mayor "Du" Burns added that he had observed the characteristics of an outstanding officer and gave the graduates some advice to carry with them throughout their career. He called this advice, "Du's tips for success."

1. "Remember the people that you service are potential friends to you and the Department. They can help you when you need a phone call, information or heaven forbid, physical assistance. Do treat them fairly and with sensitivity regardless of their social, ethnic, or economic background.

2. Don't become complacent. Continue to learn all you can about the Department's procedures and guidelines. Follow these procedures and guidelines and by doing this you will enhance your chance for advancement. Remember that justice without wisdom is impossible.

3. Use your resources to the fullest. There are people in and out of the Department who can offer you good and sound advice. Don't be afraid to seek it and more importantly, don't be afraid to use it. These are the three basic tips for success."

After the Graduation Address, Certificates of Completion were presented to the graduates.

Following the graduation, a Commendation Ceremony took place during which members of the Department,

officers of other law enforcement agencies and citizens of Baltimore received awards and Certificates of Appreciation.

## MEDAL OF HONOR

*The Medal of Honor is awarded by the Police Commissioner to members who distinguish themselves by superlative performance beyond the call of duty in keeping with the highest tradition of police service.*

The Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Officer Richard T. Miller who served 15 years in the Traffic Division and was a veteran of 32 years with the Department.

On June 12, 1986, while directing traffic outside Memorial Stadium, Officer Richard T. Miller was struck by a motorist. Despite the immediate efforts of his fellow officers on the scene and the best medical treatment available, Officer Miller died of his injuries several weeks later. Mrs. Miller accepted the award.

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# NEWS NOTES

Police Officer George Eckert, Personnel Service Board Chairman, requests that retired and active members of the Department send in their Major Medical claims to a new address listed below:

City of Baltimore  
Major Medical Unit  
Central Payroll Division  
401 E. Fayette Street  
Room 800  
Baltimore, MD 21202

On May 15, 1987, the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held in Washington, D.C. The Memorial Service honors those officers throughout the United States who have died in the line of duty. Any member of the Department wishing to attend may contact Lt. Edward Boston by May 1, 1987 at 327-4800. Dress uniform is required, transportation is available.

Metro Crime Stoppers 6th Annual

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Fund Raising Dinner will be held Tuesday, May 5, at Martin's West. The feature speaker will be Bishop L. Robinson, Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the State of Maryland and former Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department. Dennis Farina, star of NBC's weekly series "Crime Story" and a former detective in the Chicago Police Department, is a special guest. Tax deductible tickets are \$50.00 each.

For more information, call Sergeant Larry Leeson, Crime Resistance Unit, 396-2104.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Here is a list of 1987 Magazine Subscriptions that are available in the library.

*Ale Liability Reporter*  
*Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper*  
*Baltimore Magazine*  
*Crime and Delinquency*  
*Criminal Justice*  
*Criminal Law Reporter*  
*Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*  
*Journal of Police Science and Administration*  
*Law Enforcement Technology*  
*Library Journal*  
*Narcotics Law Bulletin*

*Police Chief*  
*Police Marksman*  
*Psychology Today*  
*Special Libraries*  
*Supervisory Management*  
*Training Aids Digest*  
*Videography*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to John McKinley, son of Police Officer John McKinley of the Tactical Section, for being named High School Basketball Player of the Year in Anne Arundel County. He is a 6' 7" senior and graduates this year from Northeast High School. He has received a four year full scholarship from Loch Haven University in Pennsylvania.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HARRIS, LINDSAY MICHELE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Eric Harris, Tactical Section, 7 lbs. 7 oz., March 19.

**RYAN, CORY MICHAEL**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Gene S. Ryan, Western District, 8 lbs. 6 oz., March 25.

**SCHULER, JAMES TED**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James L. Schuler, Central District, 7 lbs. 6 oz., March 26.

## RETIREMENTS

**SCHEIDT, ALLAN K.**, Police Officer, Northeastern District, 31 years of service, March 26.

**PERRICA, LESLIE E.**, Police Officer, Southwestern District, 26 years of service, April 9.

**DUGGINS, DARRELL R.**, Lieutenant, Tactical Section, 32 years of service, April 14.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**VASILIOU, PETER J.**, Police Agent, Active, South-eastern District, April 8.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BOLDER, JOHN**, father-in-law of Sgt. Crawford Blackman, Southeastern District, March 27.

**CRANK, ALLAN DAVID**, uncle of Police Officer Charles E. Feaster, Crime Resistance Unit, March 27.

**SEKINGER, NELLIS BLIGH**, grandmother of Sgt. William Sekinger, Northeastern District, March 27.

**NAUMAN, EDNA**, mother of Police Officer Kenneth Nauman, Northeastern District, March 29.

**FIELDMAN, MICHAEL**, grandfather of Police Officer James Stevens, Southeastern District, March 30.

**JEFFERSON, ETHEL**, grandmother of Police Officer James Jefferson, Western District, March 31.

**BIRCHETT, THOMAS, SR.**, father of Police Officer Thomas Birchett, Jr., Southeastern District, April 2.

**WILLIS, DAVID F.**, uncle of Police Officer Donna L. Gutberlet, Southeastern District, April 3.

**BERENDS, GEORGE**, father of Sgt. Thomas Berends, Northern District, April 5.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: 1982 Yamaha Virago, 920 cc V-twin engine, shaft drive, custom exhaust, 200 original miles, new condition, inspected \$1,900.00. Contact Lieutenant A. Smith, Personnel Division.

Needed immediately: 1 or 2 roommate(s) to share large 3 bedroom single home. Air conditioned, swimming pool, cable TV, washer and dryer, other extras \$150.00 biweekly, includes all utilities, phone and laundry use. Contact P. O. McLaughlin, Central Records Division, Staff Review or in the evenings, 285-5061. Located off of Dundalk Avenue and is close to most Districts and the Headquarters Building (8 to 15 mins.).

For Sale: 17 cu. ft. Whirlpool refrigerator, green \$100.00. 20" Sears gas power mower and gas can, \$75.00. 16 ft. metal ladder, \$20.00. 2 drawer metal file cabinet \$10.00. Fire place accessories, firewood ring, mall and 2 wood splitters, nylon wood tote bag, \$65.00. 6x9 gold wool rug, \$250.00. 6x9 oriental rug, \$200.00. 22" kettle grill, \$35.00. Call Major Spiwak, CDist.

For Sale: Washer and dryer, Apt. size. Kenmore, gold finish. \$300.00 for both. Call Agt. Paul Miller, SEDist.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 29, 1987

## First Quarter Crime Statistics

Baltimore Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman announced last week that Serious Crimes reported to police during the first three months of 1987 increased 1.3% when compared with the same period of last year.

Violent Crimes which include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault went down 2.5% when compared with 1986 while Property Crimes including burglary, larceny and auto theft rose 2.5%.

Among the seven serious crimes which comprise the Index Crime statistics for the first quarter of 1987, the only category of increase was auto theft which rose 29.4%.

Arrest statistics indicate the continued decline of juveniles taken into custody for the commission of serious crimes. Just 10 years ago, those under 18 years of age accounted for nearly 50% of all persons arrested for serious crimes. During the first quarter of 1987, 27.7% of arrests for serious crimes involved juveniles. The national average for juvenile involvement, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is 30.7%.

During the first quarter of 1987, the Baltimore Police Department cleared 26% of serious crimes. The national average for the same period is 21%.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1987

TYPE OF CRIME	1986 Last Year	1987 This Year	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	53	53	0	0.0
FORCIBLE RAPE	140	134	— 6	— 4.3
ROBBERY	2,082	2,006	— 76	— 3.7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,359	1,351	— 8	— 0.6
BURGLARY	3,454	3,384	— 70	— 2.0
LARCENY	6,945	6,840	— 105	— 1.5
AUTO THEFT	1,597	2,066	+ 469	+ 29.4
GRAND TOTAL	15,630	15,834	+ 204	+ 1.3

Index Crime Comparison / First 3 Months of 1987

Violent Crime	— 2.5% Decrease
Property Crime	+ 2.5% Increase
Total Index Crime	+ 1.3% Increase

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## Victims Rights Week

This edition of the NEWSLETTER lists 15,834 serious crimes reported to police during the first three months of 1987. Purely statistical information often fails to tell the entire story. But behind these abstract numbers are real people.

This week throughout the nation, attention is being focused on those in our communities who have been victimized. Tragically, for some victims, this awareness has come too late.

Crime recognizes neither age nor race, sex or status. Anyone, anytime, anywhere can be a victim of crime.

IN THE UNITED STATES . . .

every 6 seconds someone is burglarized

every 7 seconds someone is assaulted

every 30 seconds someone becomes the victim of a robbery

every 4 minutes someone is raped

every 16 minutes someone dies as the result of a criminal act.

Unfortunately, victims are often left feeling isolated and neglected. Many victims continue to suffer financial, physical and emotional pain long after they have survived the criminal incident.

The Baltimore Police Department has long been aware of the need to support victims not only through the solution of crimes, but in assisting victims to secure the services and resources available to help them cope with their losses or trauma.

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# First Quarter Crime Statistics

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## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1987

ARRESTS	1986 Last Year	1987 This Year	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	65	44	— 21	— 32.3
FORCIBLE RAPE	81	52	— 29	— 35.8
ROBBERY	580	492	— 88	— 15.2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	484	457	— 27	— 5.6
BURGLARY	876	911	+ 35	+ 4.0
LARCENY	1,548	1,552	+ 4	+ 0.3
AUTO THEFT	490	700	+ 210	+ 42.9
GRAND TOTAL	4,124	4,208	+ 84	+ 2.0

Index Arrest Comparison / First 3 Months of 1987

Violent Crime Arrests	— 13.6% Decrease
Property Crime Arrests	+ 8.5% Increase
Total Index Crime Arrests	+ 2.0% Increase

## Commissioner Promotes Eleven

Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman awarded Certificates of Promotion to a new Captain, two Lieutenants and eight Sergeants. The ceremony was held in the Education and Training Division lounge on April 10, 1987.

The newly promoted members of the Department are:

*Captain Kenneth J. Anderson*  
Communications Division

Captain Anderson, a native of Waukegan, Illinois, is an 18 year veteran of the Department. He began his career as a police officer in the Tactical Section and later worked in the Northern District and Criminal Investigation Division. In 1974, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Southeastern District. As a Sergeant, he also worked in the Northwestern District and Criminal Investigation Division.



KENNETH J. ANDERSON

Promoted to Lieutenant in 1980, Captain Anderson, served as Shift Commander in the Southern, Northeastern and Southwestern Districts. He later supervised major investigations in the Criminal Investigation Division. Captain Anderson has received four Official Commendations including a Bronze Star for taking part in a special task force known as "Concentration On Drug Enforcement."

## Victims Rights Week

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The Department has this week joined forces with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the National Organization for Victim Assistance. This effort is to heighten our communities awareness of the special needs of the crime victim through this years National Crime Victim's Week theme "VICTIMIZATION: A COMMON BOND."

Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman has called upon community groups and citizens throughout Baltimore to graphically illustrate their support and concern for victims of crime by lighting porch lights or by placing a light or electric candle in a window of their home throughout this week.

In addition, hundreds of posters have been placed throughout Baltimore, including the Headquarters

Building and District Station-houses, to remind everyone that this is National Victims Rights Week. Victims Rights and the Department's "Victim Services Program" will be discussed at the Community Relations Council meetings in all nine police districts.

The Department's "Victim Services Program" was established in 1985 to address the needs of victims of crimes. Under this program, each victim or witness of a reported crime is given a "Baltimore Police Department Victim Assistance/Incident Information Form" and a "Crime Victim and Witness Bill of Rights Form" to assist them in securing services and resources designed to help them cope with their losses or trauma.

National Victims Rights Week is providing support to all victims of crime. The concern of the Police Department and the thousands of lights turned on throughout Baltimore gives ample testimony to all victims that we care about you and understand your needs.

Captain Anderson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore and an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. He honorably served in the United States Armed Forces, is married and is the father of five children.

*Lieutenant Gerard F. Busnuk*  
Southeastern District

Lieutenant Busnuk joined the Department in 1971, and was first assigned to the Western District. In 1972 he was designated a Police Agent and later served in the Southwestern and Southern Districts. Promoted to Sergeant in 1975, he saw service in the Communications Division, Northern and Southwestern Districts.

Lieutenant Busnuk has two Official Commendations and holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore.

*Lieutenant Douglas T. Kress*  
Northwestern District

Lieutenant Kress is a native of Baltimore and has an Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore. He was appointed a Police Officer in 1969 and began his career in the Northwestern District. In later years, he worked in the Office of the Chief of Patrol and the Criminal Investigation Division.

In 1975, Lieutenant Kress was promoted to Sergeant and has worked in the Tactical Section, Internal Investigation Division and Southwestern District. In October of last year, he returned to the Northeastern District where he has remained until his most recent promotion.

Listed below are the newly appointed Sergeants and their assignments:

Sergeant Timothy G. Keel — Central District

Sergeant Daniel T. Gunter — Northern District

Sergeant Kurt J. Ellinger — Communications Division

Sergeant Raymond J. Fisher — Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Services Bureau



Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman, (second from left), received his Baltimore Police Chase t-shirt, hat and warm-up jacket when he signed up to be a participant. On hand for the presentation was (left to right) Captain Robert T. Lewandowski, Northwestern District, Lieutenant Matt Immler, Northwestern District, and Major John C. Lewandowski.

The Baltimore Police Chase takes place on May 3, 1987 at 9 a.m. starting in front of Police Headquarters. There is still time for you to sign up to run in either the 10K (6.2 mile run) or the 2 mile fun run. Team trophies, awards and two prizes to Ocean City will be given to participants.

For more information contact Lt. Elmer, at 396-2466.

Sergeant Andrew F. Leso — Southwestern District

Sergeant Melvin W. Sisson, Jr. — Southwestern District

Sergeant Craig A. Mosier — Eastern District

Sergeant Walter A. Vaughn — Southeastern District

## Commendation Ceremonies

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### SILVER STAR

*The Silver Star is awarded by the Police Commissioner for an exceptional act of execution of duty performed in the presense of great danger and personal risk without endangering or jeopardizing the lives of others, and performed in such a manner as the performance must clearly indicate that the sworn member displayed outstanding ability and judgment in the performance of duty.*

Officer James Weiglein, Traffic Divi-

sion, was working in Southeast Baltimore when he smelled smoke. He began searching for the source of the smoke and found the fourth floor in an apartment building engulfed in flames. Officer Weiglein summounded help and entered the apartment to rescue the occupants. He carried a severely injured child to safety and notified firemen that there were others. As a result of Officer Weiglein's assistance, all persons in the apartment were rescued.

Officer John Herndon, Central District, was inside the Lexington Market when he observed an armed person, wanted for shoplifting, being pursued by a private security officer. Officer Herndon joined in the pursuit and the suspect was apprehended after a brief struggle. Officer Herndon was stabbed several times during the incident. He has recovered from his injuries.

Officer Brenda May and Agent Paul

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## Commendations Ceremonies

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Renaud were investigating robberies of pizza delivery persons. While working in an undercover capacity, they were confronted by armed gunmen who shot at the officers. Officer Renaud was injured. After summoning help, Officer May pursued the suspects who, with the assistance of additional officers, were arrested. Officer Renaud was previously commended.

### BRONZE STAR

*The Bronze Star is awarded when the circumstances of bravery, dedication to duty and general achievement exceed those standards established as routine police work.*

Lieutenant Gary Martin, Communications Division, was off duty and was with friends at a local pub when suddenly two armed men entered and began robbing the establishment and patrons. When the suspects were momentarily distracted, Lieutenant Martin lunged at one of the suspects in an attempt to make an arrest. After a brief struggle, and with the assistance of additional police officers, the suspect was arrested and charged with robbery, aggravated assault, handgun violations, resisting arrest and assault on a police officer. All of the stolen property and the handgun used

in the offense were recovered.

Officer Robert Jones, Tactical Section, and Officer George Jones, Central District, heard a broadcast describing a suspect and vehicle involved in a robbery of a gas station. The officers began canvassing the area and located the vehicle matching the description several blocks away. The officers followed the vehicle and with the assistance of other police units were able to apprehend the suspect. Through further investigation, twenty-five (25) additional gas station robberies were cleared.

Police Agent John Nolan and Officer Steven McMahon, Northwestern District, were executing a search and seizure warrant for narcotics. As the raid party was entering the house, a bedroom door opened and a suspect began shooting at Agent Nolan and Officer McMahon. The officers withdrew their service revolvers and shot back at the suspect who retreated into the bedroom.

The officers then heard another person in the bedroom and they began to negotiate with the suspect to surrender. After a few minutes the suspect came out of the bedroom with his hands raised.

Recovered from the house were two handguns, and a large amount of marijuana and cocaine.

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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAGNER, DANIELLE LAUREN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Frank Wagner, Southern District, 7lbs. 9 oz., March 30.

McDONOUGH, MEGAN LIN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Thomas G. McDonough, Tactical Section, 7lbs. 2 oz., April 1.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

NERKIEWICZ, ANTHONY CASIMER, Foot Traffic, retired, April 18.

BRANDENBURGER, ROBERT P., Central Records Division, active, April 22.

## IN MEMORIAM

BLACKBURN, BENNETT, father-in-law of Police Officer William Reinsfelder, Jr., Northeastern District, April 10.

EDEL, HUGHES, uncle of Police Agent Paul Miller, Southeastern District, April 12.

GUARTE, AMANDA L., mother of retired Police Officer Edward J. Buck, Inspectional Services Division, April 15.

DEWITT, SARAH, aunt of Sergeant Barry Johnson, Northeastern District, April 17.

HILL, CLYDE S., father of Director Dennis S. Hill, Public Information Division, April 23.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Mosin Nagant M-91 Russian rifles, (collector's item), caliber 7.62 x 54R, 1908 and 1915 models available. Contact Sgt. Van Der Meulen, C.I.D. Vice Section.

Rental: Condominium in Ocean City, 37th & Coastal Highway, "Bradley," 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, sleeps 6, fully equipped with washer/dryer, color cable TV, private parking, private pool on grounds, boat ramp & dock for tenants. Also air conditioned and private deck. Weeks available, June 20-27, June 27-July 4, July 18-25, August 15-29. Also weekends in the off season. Call Sgt. J. Wilhelm, NWDist or at home, 485-3363 for additional information.

For Rent: Ocean City Townhouse, two bedrooms, two baths, beautiful bayside view with southern exposure. Bob Edwards, Property Division.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

May 13, 1987

## Police Chase VI

At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 3, more than 500 men, women and youngsters crowded together and edged toward a line strung across Fayette Street adjacent to City Hall.

Police Commissioner, Edward J. Tilghman, raised a pistol into the air and fired. This shot caused the assembled mass from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, along with families and friends, to surge forward heralding the start of the Sixth Annual Baltimore Police Chase.

The 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) course took the runners through the Inner Harbor area, South Baltimore and Fort McHenry before ending at Rash Field. For those who were willing but . . . , a two mile Fun Run gave more than 100 runners the opportunity to also participate in the days festivities.

Participants representing nearly 30 law enforcement agencies from as far away as New Jersey participated in the Chase. Some agencies fielding teams were the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, the Department of Defense, Maryland State Police, Annapolis Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Wilmington, Delaware Police Department, the Baltimore States Attorney's Office, the Montgomery County Police Department and many more.

The winner of the Sixth Baltimore Police Chase was Joe W. Abrams representing the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in a time of 31 minutes, 9 seconds (31:09). He was

followed by Jeff Gross of Trenton, New Jersey, 32:37 and Chris Cortez of Dumfries, Virginia, 33:06.

The Baltimore Police Chase began in 1981 simply as a way to promote physical fitness within the Department. Since then, it has grown to be the largest and by most accounts, the best organized law enforcement oriented competitive race on the East Coast. Each year its popularity has continued to grow as a competition and a springtime "happening." And each year, more members of the Department become a part of this tradition. This years event saw more Command Staff members running than ever before.

After sending the 10 kilometer runners on their way, Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accompanied the 2 mile Fun Runners to the Inner Harbor, where he encouraged others across the finish line. Joining him on the Fun Run were: Deputy Commissioner Edward V. Woods, Administrative Bureau; Major Daniel O. Caulk, Northern District; Major Bernard Harper, Northwestern District; Major John A. Barnes, Eastern District; Major Patrick L. Bradley, Education and Training Division; Captain James Durner, Northeastern District; and Doctor Frank Barranco, Chief Physician.

Several Command Staff members competed in the 10 kilometer run. They were: Colonel Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., Special Operations Division; Major Mervin L. Spiwak, Central District; Major Marcellus Boles, Western

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## Officer Dunn Wounded

The midnight shift of May 2, 1987 had been relatively uneventful for Officer Paul G. Dunn, an eight year veteran assigned to the Southeastern District. Just before sunrise, he was on Lakewood Avenue preparing to set up a traffic radar when a citizen came to him and said that two men were trying to get into the yard of a nearby marina.

Responding to the 1200 block of Lakewood Avenue, Officer Dunn saw two men walking from the marina property. Drawing his car near, the officer detained the two young men and had them place their hands on the patrol car. Both men initially complied, but one became argumentative and attempted to flee. Officer Dunn tried to subdue the man when he suddenly turned and attacked him.

In an instant, he was grabbed from behind by the other suspect who reached for Officer Dunn's holstered service revolver. The officer was desperately trying to shield his weapon when he was struck several times on the head by what is believed to have been a hammer. Officer Dunn fell to his knees as the pair kicked and pummeled him, fracturing his wrist. No matter how hard they pulled, however, the assailants could not remove the officer's weapon from its holster. But finally, the holster could not withstand the savageness placed upon it and broke away with the weapon still inside. With weapon in hand, the suspects fled to a nearby car and sped away.

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# Police Chase VI

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District; Major Joseph P. Newman, Internal Investigation Division and Captain Michael Andrew, Central District.

Following the race, an awards ceremony and reception was held at Rash Field hosted by Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and members of the Police Chase Committee.

## TOP FEMALE FINISHERS

1. Nancy Beiger — New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
2. Stephanie Hall — Non-affiliated
3. Lisa Bell — United States Federal Attorney

## TOP TEAM STANDING

1. Baltimore Blues — Baltimore Police Department
2. The Striders — Maryland State Police (Western Maryland) and Cumberland Police
3. New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice

## YOUNGEST 10k FINISHER

Miss Jane Parron, 10 years old — 66:17 daughter of Officer John C. Parron, Northeastern District.

## YOUNGEST FUN RUNNER

Miss Jennifer E. Durner, 6 years old — daughter of Captain James A. Durner, Northeastern District.

## OLDEST FUN RUNNER

Office Assistant III Ellen Durken 6 . . . ? years old, Northeastern District.

"The Fraternal Order of Police Trophy" was awarded to the Northeastern District for fielding the most competitors completing the course.

The "Vanguard Trophy," sponsored by the Vanguard Justice Society, was awarded to Officer Frank Wagner, Southern District, as the first Baltimore Police Department representative to finish the race.

The Independent Order of Brith Shalom's Shomrim Lodge of Maryland presented its "Shomrim Trophy" to the Special Operation's Division's Tactical Section for being the first

finishing Baltimore Police Department team of five or more members.

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives awarded "The Noble Trophy" to Major Joseph P. Newman, Internal Investigation Division, for being the first 10k finisher among Command Staff members.

The Arlington County Virginia Police Department was presented the "I.P.A. Trophy" from the International Police Association as the agency outside of Baltimore with the most Police Chase participants.

The first Baltimore Police Academy "Challenge Trophy" was awarded to the Baltimore County Police Academy.

At the conclusion of the Sixth Annual Baltimore Police Chase, bodies were tired and sore but spirits were high. One needed to have only looked around to see the winners . . . there were 535 of them.

## Officer Dunn

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Officer Dunn, seriously injured, bleeding and semi-conscious, staggered back to his car. He got in and started to drive after the escape vehicle but stopped and blacked out.

Fortunately, a short distance away, a citizen saw Officer Dunn's desperate struggle and ran to a nearby phone and called 911.

Officer Rich Addy, Southeastern District, was responding when he saw the suspects' vehicle. The vehicle stopped after several blocks and the suspects "bailed-out" and ran into an alley. Officer Addy began to pursue them on foot when one of the men turned and fired at the officer. Officer Addy took cover behind a pole and the suspects escaped.

Responding to the aid of Officer Dunn, Officer Charlene Watkins saw one of the suspects running. The officer stopped the patrol vehicle at which time the suspect pointed the stolen service revolver directly at her windshield but did not fire. Officer Watkins jumped out of her vehicle at which time the suspect continued to

flee and was lost from sight.

A Baltimore Fire Department Medical Team arrived at Officer Dunn's location and after initiating medical stabilization procedures, transported him to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Officer Dunn's head injury required nearly 100 stitches. He was released from the hospital the same day.

Throughout the day, dozens of Officers, Detectives, K-9 Units and Fox-trot searched the Canton and Highlandtown areas for the suspects. They were believed to have been sighted by citizens several times but still were able to elude police.

The stolen service revolver was recovered in the early afternoon at a Southeast Baltimore construction site by an alert citizen.

Officer Dunn is recovering from his injuries at his home and is expected to make a full recovery.

With the help of an alert citizen, one of Officer Dunn's assailants was captured in the early morning hours of May 7. His 2nd attacker was arrested the following day in Charlottesville, Virginia.

## Commendation Ceremonies

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### UNIT CITATION

*The Unit Citation is presented from the Police Commissioner and is awarded for extraordinary law enforcement performance, attention to duty and contribution to the Police Department from any Bureau, Division, Unit, or Squad.*

The Western District Drug Enforcement Unit received a Unit Citation from Commissioner Tilghman for their 12 month investigation involving narcotic violations. As a result, 628 persons were arrested, 105 Search and Seizure Warrants were executed. Their investigations resulted in the confiscation of 5 vehicles, 50 handguns, police scanners, beepers, and jewelry. Members of the Western District Drug

**Enforcement Unit are:**

Sergeant Bert Ricasa  
Officer Frederick Bealefeld  
Officer Michael Caperoon  
Officer Glenn Williams  
Officer Dorsey J. McVicker, Jr.  
Officer Sheree D. Peterson

A Unit Citation was also presented to the Southeastern District Vice Squad for their outstanding vice enforcement efforts during 1986. Their investigations resulted in the arrest of 523 persons and the service of 29 Search and Seizure Warrants which resulted in the seizure of more than \$96,000. Members of the Southeastern District Vice Squad are:

Sergeant Richard Rieman  
Sergeant Louis Hill  
Agent Edward Frost  
Officer Gregory Thurston  
Officer Jacqueline Klock  
Officer Francis Ruppert

*Commendations will continue in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.*

## Hey Buddy!

Tuesday, June 2, will be a night to remember for hundreds of youngsters and baseball fans who are a part of the various youth programs of the Baltimore Police Department.

This evening has been designated "Baltimore Orioles Buddies Night," by the Baltimore Orioles Baseball Club and Buddies, Inc. Featured will be a 7:35 p.m. baseball game between our Orioles and the Oakland Athletics. Baltimore Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns will start the game by throwing out the first ball.

Tickets for the game are available at all District Stationhouses, the Community Services Division or at the Orioles' Ticket Office. Upper and lower reserved seats are on sale for \$6.50 and general admission for \$5.50. Net proceeds derived from ticket sales will benefit Baltimore Police Youth Clubs and help keep Camp Walter F. Perkins operating this summer for youngsters who live in the inner city.

Buddies, Inc., a non-profit organ-

ization of businessmen and private citizens, has strongly supported the Police Youth Clubs since 1953. This is the fifth year that this fine organization has sponsored "Baltimore Orioles Buddies Night."

Baltimore Orioles Buddies Night is sure to be a hit for the entire family. And no matter what the final score, there will be a guaranteed winner . . . the Police Youth Clubs and the children of Baltimore.

## NEWS NOTES

### SIGNAL 13

The Signal 13 Foundation, Inc., established in 1983, stands ready to provide assistance to members of the agency during times of emergency.

Throughout the Department, a number of officers have had extraordinary burdens eased through the efforts of this fine organization.

Remember . . . the Signal 13 Foundation is here for you. Funds are available and no member with a legitimate

need should ever hesitate to request assistance. All requests for assistance are handled with strict confidence.

### ALERT

Recently, a number of motor vehicles in Baltimore have suffered damage in the name of fashion. Hood ornaments from Mercedes Benz, B.M.W., Audi and Cadillac vehicles have been broken from the cars and placed on gold chains to be worn as a necklace.

Members are requested to be particularly mindful of these vehicles or of persons wearing ornament necklaces.

### TEE'D OFF ? !

Calling All Duffers . . . ! Two golf tournaments will be held next month that are sure to test your skill on the links.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation will host a tournament at the Fort George G. Meade post golf course on June 2. Cost is \$30.00 per

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In conjunction with Law Enforcement Week, members of the Command Staff and the Baltimore City Retired Police Benevolent Association gathered in Headquarters Lobby at the Memorial Shrine for a solemn ceremony on May 1. In tribute to fellow Police Officers who died in the line of duty, the Association placed a floral wreath at the Shrine. Similar floral arrangements were also placed in each District Stationhouse. Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accepted the wreath on behalf of all Headquarters personnel and memorialized our fellow heroes. Pictured above with Commissioner Tilghman were, (left) retired Sergeant Joseph E. Siegmund, Jr., President of the Baltimore City Retired Police Benevolent Association and (right) retired Lieutenant John A. Riggins, also of the Association.

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person and includes green fees, golf court, continental breakfast, lunch, popular beverages and prizes. Only 120 golfers are being accepted for this tournament. For more information, call Herbert Reisig at 265-8080.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department will hold tournament play at the Dwight D. Eisenhower course in Crownsville, Maryland. Entry fee is \$35.00 and includes green fees, golf course, food, beverages, trophies and prizes. This tournament is limited to 136 golfers. For further details, contact Sergeant Mike Birmingham at 987-7150.

## Retiree Notes

Recently, the Baltimore City Retired Police Benevolent Association, Inc. held its annual election of officers.

Elected for 1987 - 1988 are:

President ..... Gilbert Derrenberger  
 Vice President .. John Nagle  
 Treasurer ..... Frederick Glock  
 Financial  
 Secretary ..... James Hallameyer  
 Recording  
 Secretary ..... Robert List  
 Sergeant at  
 Arm ..... Joseph Judd  
 Trustee ..... George Nizer

Retired Deputy Commissioner Wade Poole is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Condolences to retired Officer Edward Sherman on the loss of his sister Edna Sherman.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

"Members of the Laboratory Division extend their deepest sympathy to Crime Laboratory Photographer Layalla Strand on the loss of her grandmother."

## RETIREMENTS

TIMCHULA, STEPHAN, Captain, Communications Division, 28 years of service, April 28.

BUETTNER, JOHN R., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 26 years of service, April 29.

WILLIAMS, DIANE M., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 5 years of service, April 30.

WHALEN, THOMAS B., Police Officer, Planning and Research Division, 24 years of service, May 4.

BUCHACZ, MARION J., Police Officer, Communications Division, 32 years of service, May 21.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

KREATCHMAN, CHARLES A., retired Police Officer, Headquarters, April 22.

SCHAEFFER, JOHN HENRY, retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, April 27.

FERENCE, JOSEPH F., retired Police Officer, Eastern District, April 27.

TROY SR., JEROME C., retired Police Officer, Central Records Division, April 30.

MEALEY, DANA LEROY, retired Police Officer, Communications Division, father of Sergeant Dale Lee Mealey, Northeastern District, May 2.

## IN MEMORIAM

ROSINA, CATHERINE, grandmother of Police Officer Joseph Peters, Central District.

WILLIAMS, NORMAN J., father of Police Officer Diane Williams, Southwestern District, April 16.

PUMPHREY, NETTIE M., mother of Police Officer Melvin J. Pumphrey Jr., Central District Vice Unit and sister of retired Police Officer Norman B. Mike, April 22.

BARKOWICZ, SOPHIE, mother-in-law of Police Officer Daniel Markowski, Central District, April 26.

GARLAND, LIZZIE KATE, aunt of Police Agent Keith D. Matthews, Southeastern District, April 27.

PHELAN SR., ROBERT JOHN, father of Police Agent Mary Phelan, Northeastern District, April 29.

HARDY, CHARLES, brother of Data Entry Operator Barbara Watson, Communications Division, April 30.

CLARK, PEARL, grandmother of Police Officer Vernell Murdock, Tactical Section/Inner Harbor, April 30.

SMITH, JAMES, father-in-law of Police Agent Charles Wells, Central District, May 1.

ELLISON, JAMES, brother of Report Reviewer Rose Ellison, May 1.

GOODMAN, JERRY L., brother of Cadet Sharon Goodman, Central Records Division, May 1.

OROS, ANDREW G., grandfather of Police Agent Robert Oros, Education and Training Division, May 3.

SCHLICH, HELEN, aunt of Police Officer Michael Maurer, Western District, May 4.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Suzuki GS 450E Motorcycle, 6,000 miles - racing faring. Excellent condition. Contact Lt. Col. J. R. Bolesta, Deputy Chief, Area III.

Apartment for Rent: Ashburton area, Callaway Avenue. Attractively furnished, private bath. Call Sgt. G. Phillips, Northwestern District.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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May 27, 1987

## Twenty Agents Appointed

On May 21, 1987, Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presented his first Certificates of Appointment to twenty new Police Agents in ceremonies conducted at the Education and Training Division.

To qualify for the position of Police Agent, a candidate must meet the entrance level requirements for the position of Police Officer and hold a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university. In addition to the Baccalaureate Degree, an individual must satisfactorily complete a minimum of one year in the Patrol Division as a Police Officer.

The selection process also includes an oral interview, a physical examination, psychological testing and a review of the officer's past performance.

During the Appointment Ceremony, Commissioner Tilghman encouraged the new Agents to continue to ascend through the ranks of the Department. The academic achievement they have

acquired, he noted, will serve them well in their careers and will be of continuing benefit to the Department. The Commissioner also thanked the families and loved ones of the Agents for the support they gave the Appointees during their pursuit of academic excellence and quest for Police Agent designation.

The Police Agents appointed last week and their assignments are as follows:

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

Agent Timothy J. Longo  
Towson State University  
B.S., Law Enforcement 1986

### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Agent Stephen C. Nalewajko, Jr.  
Kings College, Pennsylvania  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1979  
Agent Michele Lewis  
St. Augustine's College, N.C.  
B.A., Psychology 1983

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## Officer Rumpf Award

On February 16, 1978, an apartment fire in the Bolton Hill area grew into a major conflagration. Through the heroic efforts of several Central District Police Officers, no resident died or was seriously injured. One fatality did occur however.

Officer Edgar J. Rumpf, in his attempts to evacuate the residents of the apartment building was himself trapped by the flames. Firefighters made desperate and repeated attempts to locate the officer. Finally, the reality of the situation was clear, Officer Rumpf lost his own life saving the lives of others.

As a memorial to Officer Rumpf, the Mount Vernon Improvement Association has, since 1979, annually singled out officers who have meritoriously served the Central District Community.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1987, in the Central District Roll Call room, Officers George Jones and Robert E. Jones, Sr. continued this tradition as co-recipients of the Edgar J. Rumpf, Jr. Memorial Award.

In late 1985 and early 1986, gasoline stations were being held up at gunpoint at a rate which eventually approached one hold-up every other day.

It was believed that the same individual was responsible for the majority of the hold-ups in that the victim attendants gave similar descriptions of the assailant. One particular petroleum company's outlets were especially favored by the gunman. These loca-

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Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman stands with the first group of twenty Police Agents appointed by him during ceremonies conducted on May 21, 1987.

# Agents Appointed

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## NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Agent Charles A. Snitzel  
Central Missouri State University  
M.S., Criminal Justice

Agent Christopher J. Neff  
University of Dayton, OH.  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1983

## NORTHERN DISTRICT

Agent Paula T. Johnson  
Bowie State College  
B.S., Business Administration 1981

## NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Agent Dennis J. Reinhard  
East Stroudsburg State College, PA.  
B.A., Criminal Justice 1980

## WESTERN DISTRICT

Agent Richard V. Piel, Jr.  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
B.A., Social Science 1977

Agent Eugene J. Cassidy  
York College of Pennsylvania  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1983

Agent Ronald K. Pettie  
University of Maryland  
B.A., English 1982

Agent Timothy J. Devine  
Canisius College, N.Y.  
B.S., Management 1984

## SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Agent Osborne McCarter  
University of Baltimore  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1981

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Agent Harry J. Peterson  
Eastern Kentucky University, KY.  
B.S., Police Administration 1982

## TACTICAL SECTION

Agent Albert H. Taylor, Jr.  
Coppin State College  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1986

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Agent Marvin E. Sydnor  
Morgan State University  
B.S., Business Administration 1983

Agent John L. Scarbrough  
Kutztown State College, PA.  
B.S., Criminal Justice 1987

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Agent Diane K. Dutton  
Western Maryland College  
B.A., Spanish & Education 1972

## EDUCATION & TRAINING DIVISION

Agent Sonya C. Moore  
Lincoln University, PA.  
B.S., Sociology 1980

## INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Agent Paul E. Murphy  
Towson State University  
B.S., Law Enforcement & Psychology  
1986

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Agent Stephen R. Olszewski  
University of Maryland  
M.S., Social Work 1977

After receiving their Certificates of Appointment, the new Police Agents joined with Commissioner Tilghman and the Command Staff at a brief reception.

# Rumpf Award

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tions were consequently given extra attention by officers throughout Baltimore.

On January 26, 1986, the bandit made the mistake of holding up a gas station in the area patrolled by Officers George and Robert Jones.

Immediately following the robbery, the officers initiated an intensive search of the area for the suspect. Their diligence was rewarded when they sighted the get-away car. When the officers attempted to stop the car, the suspect turned off the vehicle's lights and sped away. Calmly and coolly, the officers kept the car in sight and broadcast the suspect's route to other nearby officers. Eventually, the suspect's vehicle struck a curb, blew a tire and came to a stop. The officers immediately apprehended him, seized the handgun used to commit the hold-up, and recovered the proceeds of the robbery.

During subsequent interviews, the

arrestee was able to recall at least twenty-five gas station robberies he had committed.

Of these two officers, Major Mervin L. Spiwak, Commander of the Central District said, "The police work performed by Officers George and Robert Jones in this case was in the finest tradition of the Baltimore Police Department and of professional law enforcement." "A dangerous felon," he continued, "who had committed numerous criminal offenses was brought to justice through the coordinated efforts of various units of the Baltimore Police, spearheaded by these two officers, at no loss of life, no injury and only minor property damage to the suspect's vehicle."

Officers George and Robert Jones received their awards in the form of commemorative plaques and a monetary gift for each of them presented by Mr. Clifton Larmore, Acting President of the Mount Vernon Improvement Association. On hand to congratulate the officers were Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau, Colonel Joseph W. Nixon, Chief of the Patrol Division, Major Mervin L. Spiwak, Captain Michael J. Andrew, Assistant Commander of the Central District and other members of the officers' command.

# Secretary Robinson Honored

Former Baltimore Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson will be honored at the "William 'Box' Harris Memorial Youth In Government Roast," to be held at Martin's West on Friday, June 19, 1987.

"Roast Master" for the program will be Mr. Samuel Daniels. Among the celebrities who will speak are Mr. Art Lewis, State Comptroller Louis Goldstein, Ms. Carol Todd, Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman, and The Honorable Hattie Harrison.

Presenters for the occasion are Governor William Donald Schaefer and Baltimore Mayor Clarence H.

**"Du" Burns.**

Tickets for the "Roast" which begins at 7:00 p.m. are \$30.00 per person. Gold Circle Tickets are \$75.00.

Music for the evening will be provided by the Lewis Hamlin Orchestra.

For tickets or information contact Ms. Karen Poe at 396-4370.



The Orioles and Buddies, Incorporated take to the field for the annual "Baltimore Orioles Buddies Night" to benefit the Baltimore Police Youth Clubs and Camp Walter F. Perkins on June 2, 1987 against the Oakland "A's." Pictured with Orioles star first baseman Eddie Murray are: (rear, left to right) Officer Carl Smith, Youth Section, Mr. William Ramsey, Vice-President of Buddies, Inc., Eddie Murray, Colonel Patricia A. Mullen, Chief of the Community Services Division and Mr. William Stair, a Board member of Buddies, Inc. Representing Baltimore's youngsters are: (front, left to right) Gerard Kinsler 9 yrs., Adam Welch 12 yrs., Mary Welch 9 yrs., and April Revia 9 yrs. Tickets for Baltimore Orioles Buddies Night are available at all District Stationhouses, the Community Services Division or at the Orioles Ticket Office.

## Lieutenant Wilson Achieves Distinction

Early this month, Lieutenant Robert E. Wilson, Community Services Division, Crime Resistance Unit, joined a distinguished group of security professionals who have earned recognition from the American Society for Industrial Security as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP).

These members represent 70% of the Fortune 500 Companies in addition to public utilities, agencies of several governments and the law enforcement community. Lieutenant Wilson is one

of only a few Certified Protection Professionals associated with law enforcement in the State of Maryland.

During the past decade only 3,000 security practitioners worldwide have been awarded the Certified Protection Professional credential.

The CPP certificate, according to the Society, attests to Lieutenant Wilson's . . . "Mastery of the body of security knowledge through job experience and academic study."

To earn the CPP designation, Lieutenant Wilson had to pass a difficult battery of mandatory and optional examinations, after having met strict experience and educational prerequisites. To maintain the CPP credential, Lieutenant Wilson is obligated to pursue a program of continuing education and professional activity to earn required recertification credits every three years.

## NEWS NOTES

A Crab Feast will be held on June 28, 1987 at St. Benedict's Hall, 2600 Wilkens Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be applied to a Memorial Scholarship at the University of Baltimore in memory of retired Sergeant Donald Farley, Youth Section.

Tickets are \$18.50 each or \$180.00 for a table of 10. For further information or tickets, call 644-5241.

## Commendation Ceremonies

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Officer Jeffrey Fugitt, Central District, was removing an intoxicated man from the doorway of a tavern when the man began to stab Officer Fugitt with a lock-blade knife hidden under his coat. Responding to Officer Fugitt's call for help was Officer Charles R. McQuay and Edward Coker also from Central District. A crowd gathered which prohibited the officers from exercising deadly force. Before the suspect was subdued, Officer Mc-

Quay received a stab wound to the wrist, shoulder, and lip. Officer Fugitt was injured in the left and right shoulder and the neck. The officers have recovered from their injuries.

In the early morning hours of last October, Officer McNamara, Central District, received information that the occupants of a vehicle were involved in a robbery. As the officer approached, the vehicle sped off. Several blocks away the car struck a utility pole.

Officer McNamara ordered the armed suspect to surrender. The weapon and the property taken in three robberies were recovered.

Officer Juan Rodriguez and Officer Steven Cothorn, Northern District, were stopped by a citizen who advised of a fire in the .3200 block of Keswick Road. The Fire Department was notified while the officers began evacuating residents from the building. Hearing screams from the second floor of the building, they found a woman in a window surrounded by flames and smoke. Officer Rodriguez climbed onto Officer Cothorn's shoulders to reach the second floor window and rescued the occupant.

Officer Joseph Dugan and Lynette Nevins, Northwestern District were investigating the robbery of a convenience store. They were informed that the suspects would return to rob the store again.

Officers Dugan and Nevins hid in the store and waited the suspects' return. When the armed suspects returned to the store they were arrested.

Officer Scott A. Harrold, Western District, was assisting an ambulance crew with a stabbing victim when his partner was suddenly confronted with a knife wielding suspect. During the struggle to subdue the suspect, Officer Harrold was stabbed in the abdomen. It was discovered later that Officer Harrold's soft body armor kept him from suffering serious injuries.

*Commendations will continue in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.*



On May 13, 1987, Baltimore Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns was the special guest of the Southwest Police Youth Club as the Department and youngsters of the Club thanked him for his aid in arguing a heating and cooling system for the facility. The Mayor's personal assistance with obtaining the system allowed the Club to stay open this past winter and will provide the youngsters a cool haven from the summers heat. Pictured above with the Mayor are: (left to right) Buddies, Inc., Board members Mr. Barry Finglass, Mr. William Stair and Mr. George Moniodis, Colonel Patricia A. Mullen, Community Services Division, City Councilman Joseph J. DiBlasi, Sixth District, Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — David J. Fuller, son of Officer and Mrs. Joseph C. Fuller, Tactical Section graduated from Loyola College with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Summa Cum Laude, with a average of 3.8. David has taken a full time position with the Gipe Associates, Inc., in Timonium, Maryland as an Electrical Engineer.

**TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION UNIT** — Congratulations to Ryan Hall, son of Officer Robert Hall, T.I.U. On May 14, Ryan received his yellow

belt in Karate. Ryan displayed enormous durability in obtaining his belt.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Drug Enforcement Section, Crystal J. Clements, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph G. Clements, C.I.D., qualifies for a place on the Honors List at UMBC for the fall semester of 1986.

### RETIREMENTS

**LANDSMAN, JERRY**, Lieutenant, Criminal Investigation Division, 29 years of service, June 3.

**NEFF, ANNA K.**, Police Officer, Community Ser-

vices Division, 25 years of service, June 24.

**DANKO, STEVE P.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, 25 years of service, June 29.

**WROE, DALE L.**, Sergeant, Western District, 27 years of service, June 30.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GORDON, RYAN LAMAR**, son of Cashier Vanessa Gordon, Central Records Division, 71bs., May 6.

**FOSTER, TYLER HARRISON**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Innes R. Foster, Central District, 91bs. 5 oz., May 11.

**GAVRILIS, KRISTYN ALEXANDRA**, daughter of Secretary III Patricia Gavrilis, Operations Bureau, and Sergeant John E. Gavrilis, Inspectional Services Division, 71bs. 7 oz., May 12.

**AMES, NICOLE MARIE**, daughter of Office Supervisor Christine A. Ames and William B. Ames, Planning and Research Division, 61bs. 10 oz., May 14.

### FINAL ROLL CALL

**WORREN, NICHOLAS**, retired Sergeant, Central Records Division, May 7.

**McNICHOLAS, ANTHONY L.**, retired Sergeant, Casual Section, Women's Detention, May 10.

**STREBECK, WILLIAM I.**, Police Officer, Electronic Data Processing Division, active, May 14.

### IN MEMORIAM

**HEGGEKE, MARSHA**, aunt of Police Officer Scott Heggeke, Northeastern District, May 3.

**EISNER, NORMA**, mother of Office Assistant II Joan F. Wightman, Laboratory Division, May 14.

**BUCHLER, EUGENE**, father-in-law of Mr. Donald Huebel, Printing Unit Supervisor, Property Division, May 14.

**THOMPSON, WILLIAM**, father-in-law of Officer Frank Vasek, Communications Division, May 16.

**GARDNER, HENRY L.**, father of Police Officer Lawrence M. Gardner, Northeastern District, May 16.



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## Explorers Say No To Drugs

On May 23, 1987, more than 50 Baltimore Police Department Explorers from six Police Districts participated in the "Kids Helping Kids — Just Say No to Drugs" parade. Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns designated May as "Just Say No to Drugs" month during which activities such as fashion shows, mini olympics, skating, pep-rallies and spelling bees were organized to inform youngsters about the hazards of drug abuse. The parade culminated "Just Say No to Drugs" month.

Ms. Anita M. Chavis, Senior Analyst for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, said that the substance abuse prevention program began two years ago to make children aware that there are other alternatives to life than using narcotics. "We want to expose

the children to happy and healthy alternatives to drug use," says Ms. Chavis.

The idea for an awareness program for children who reside in Public Housing Developments originated with a suggestion from Sergeant Andre M. Street, Supervisor of the Special Tactical Operations Patrol (STOP Squad). The STOP Squad is assigned to the Public Housing - Developments throughout the city and have conducted many investigations of Narcotics trafficking at those locations.

"Children need to know that illegal drugs are not only against the law but that there are many positive things to do with their spare time. I felt that a program with recreational resources

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## School Salutes Officer

Recently, enthusiasm filled the auditorium at Hamstead Hill Elementary School as more than 300 students between 5 and 8 years old gathered to perform a skit and sing songs about a lesson well learned. The lesson was not about reading, writing or arithmetic but perhaps equally important — safety. "The children wanted to show that they really understood government, citizenship and safety and have incorporated such ideas in their habits," says Mr. Sherman D. Tassel, Assistant Principle of Hamstead Hill Elementary School.

The staff at the Hamstead Hill Elementary School feels that the success of the Safety curriculum is attributable to Officer Jesse W. Chambers, Community Relations Section. Officer Chambers has visited the school 3 times annually since 1982. "Officer Chambers has a unique personality that gives him the ability to reach children when he is communicating important details of safety," says Mr. Tassel.

Teachers and students learned that Officer Chambers, a 30 year veteran of the Department, may be retiring and will not be returning to do the presentations for the next school year. One student when she learned that he would not be returning, cried at the program in the auditorium. The bond that developed between Officer Chambers and the students stems from his classroom instructions in the Officer Friendly Program.

The Officer Friendly Program,

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# Explorers

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would be helpful in addition to the Department's enforcement efforts," said Sergeant Street.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Program is comprised of members of various city agencies who have been sponsoring activities for the youngsters since 1984.

More than 2,000 spectators lined the 2 mile route of the parade to cheer on the Explorer Honor Guard, high school bands, and youth drum and bugle corps.

The Explorers have not only been involved in this program but have been active in crime resistance programs through distribution of literature throughout many communities. Explorers are between the ages of 14 to 21 and have assisted in giving Christmas baskets and raising money for charities.

The goal of the Explorers is to become Police Officers. The 140 Explorers engage in many activities which gives them the opportunity to examine all phases of Law Enforcement.

Officer Dawn L. Jessa, Southeastern District said that, "We were glad to have taken part in the parade so that the youngsters can also know that the Explorers Program can be another activity which is a good alternative to crime."

## School Salute

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which began in 1972, is a three part program where Officers of the Department visit the Elementary Schools throughout Baltimore City. The first phase of the program is an orientation during which Officer Friendly introduces himself and the program to teachers and pupils.

The next phase is classroom instruction for kindergarten through 3rd grade students. The children learn how to identify an officer, how to call for help and the rules of good citizenship.

Officer "Jesse," who has been working with children since 1959, says that over the years he has developed unique ways to capture the attention of 5 year olds for 30 minutes. As he lectures to the students about safety, Officer Chambers uses gestures to emphasize important safety facts that he would want the children to remember, and his lectures are entertaining and humorous to the students.

Mrs. Shirley M. Curtain, Principle of the Hamstead Hill Elementary School, nominated Officer Jesse Chambers to WJZ-TV for the Channel "13 Salute." The award is given to "Those persons who are recognized by the community to have given outstanding service and have gone above and beyond the call of duty." It was presented to him by Mr. Richard Sherr, from Channel 13, at the school program. Also on hand for the surprise presentation was Colonel George L. Christian, Patrol Division, Area II and Major Eugene Tanzymore, Jr., Community Relations Section.

At the end of the program, the children sadly said good-bye to Officer Chambers who they have come to know as "true friend."

## Commendation Ceremonies

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BRONZE STAR AWARDS

Officer Stewart Thrasher, Western District, and Vincent Moulter, Southeastern District, were investigating a call reporting that shots were being fired from a window near a playground. As the officers arrived on the scene, they were able to locate from where the shots came. The officers positioned themselves outside the window and began talking to the suspect for nearly forty minutes. It soon became apparent that the suspect would not surrender and immediate action needed to be taken.

The officers entered the window and without the use of deadly force, arrested two suspects and recovered a

sawed-off shotgun.

Officer Michael Maurer, Western District, was off duty when he saw smoke and fire coming from a home. He asked a citizen to call the fire department and entered the burning building. Officer Maurer was able to rescue a seventy-three year old woman who was suffering from smoke inhalation.

Officer John J. Wiley, Northwestern District, observed a narcotic transaction in progress. The suspect fled and fired a shot at Officer Wiley as he was approaching. After a long foot chase, the suspect was arrested and narcotics were seized.

Officer Lamont Bivens, Western District, was searching for a suspect involved in a shooting. He saw the suspect running in the 2100 North Avenue and began to chase the suspect. The suspect fired a shot that barely missed Officer Bivens.

Officer Bivens withdrew his revolver and ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. The suspect surrendered and a .38 caliber revolver was recovered.

Officer Bivens had just graduated from the academy ten months prior to the incident.

Officer Ralph Archibald, Western District, observed a narcotics transaction. As he approached, one of the suspects brandished a handgun several times at the officer.

Officer Archibald pursued the suspect several blocks where he was arrested and a loaded handgun was recovered.

While on routine patrol, Officer Warren Harding, Western District, spotted a man with a rifle threatening a group of neighbors. Coming up quietly behind the suspect, Officer Harding lunged at the man. He was able to wrestle the weapon from the suspect and place him under arrest without injury to the neighbors, the suspect or himself.

Officer Timothy W. Fiori, Southwestern District, was investigating a robbery of a service station during which the suspect shot at his victims several times before escaping.

Officer Fiori conducted a preliminary investigation and obtained a description of the suspect. Searching a warehouse that could be used as a hiding place, he found the suspect in a pile of large discarded boxes.

The suspect aimed his weapon at Officer Fiori, who was able to disarm the suspect of a 41. magnum revolver and make an arrest.

Officer Edward Henneman, Southern District, conducted an investigation which involved several reports of sexual child abuse. Through Officer Henneman's research, it was discovered that all of the sexual child abuse claims in his case were false reports resulting from a domestic dispute. Officer Henneman's investigation did not end there. He also discovered that a person was serving life plus twenty-five years in prison on charges related to this case in another state. After eleven months, all the charges were dropped and all the reported child abuse cases were found to be false. The suspect who was serving a prison term was released.

*Commendations will continue in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.*

## ***Federal Asset Sharing Program***

On June 2, 1987, Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accepted, on behalf of the Baltimore Police Department, a check for \$37,418.20 from U.S. Marshal John Spurrier. These monies represent the Department's share of drug related assets forfeited in joint Federal/BPD narcotics investigations.

The Federal Asset Sharing Program establishes a means by which our department directly received a portion of forfeited assets from investigations in which we participate with federal agencies.

Since the inception of this program in October, 1984, the Baltimore Police Department has received money and vehicles valued at \$500,000.00 which supplements our current operating budget.

## **A Flame Of Hope**

To be able to go on a morning jog, complete laps in the pool or perform hours of weight repetitions in a gym is taken for granted by many of us who accomplish this daily. But for many disabled citizens, physical fitness requires additional endurance and courage to accomplish such goals.

Each year, the Maryland Special Olympics, Inc. sponsors the competitive "Special Olympics," for these special athletes to enable them to demonstrate new skills learned and share the joy with others. It is often the first time these special olympians have a chance to show their families and the community what they have accomplished.

On the day before the "GAMES," law enforcement officers throughout the nation will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Members of the Department will be among 2,000 other law enforcement officers who will run along routes covering 5,000 miles through hundreds of communities in America.

The goal of the Torch Run is to publicize the Special Olympics, serve as a fund raiser, and demonstrate support from the Law Enforcement community that athletic competition is important to these special citizens.

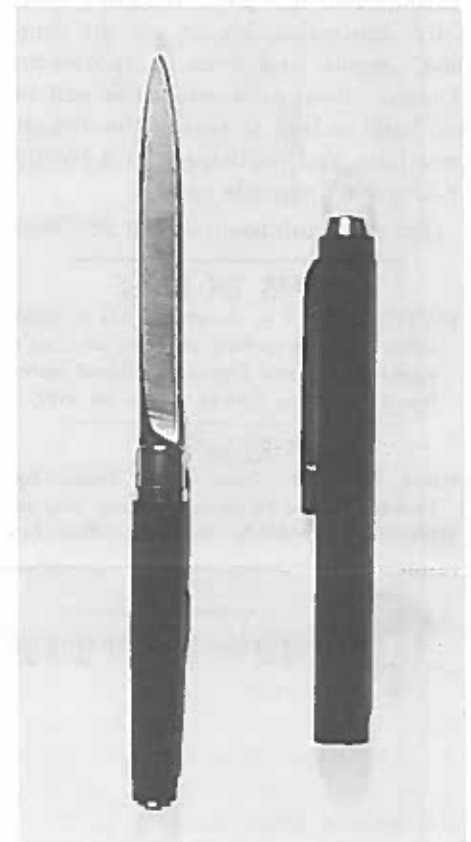
In Maryland, the Flame of Hope, a torch used in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, will be relayed through Maryland and will be passed to a member of the Baltimore Police Department at 11:30 a.m. at Potee and Hanover Streets. Officers of the Department will pass the torch, carrying the spirit of the Special Olympics through the City until 1:15 p.m. It will then be given to Police Officers of Baltimore County who will accept

the torch and relay it to Towson State University Stadium where the Special Olympics will be held on June 13, 1987.

Each participant donated \$5.00 to the Special Olympics to help sponsor the event. In past years, more than \$250.00 was raised, nationwide.

Sergeant Edwin Schillo, Education and Training Division, Torch Run Coordinator for the Department said, "More than \$1,000.00 was donated last year from the Department to Maryland Special Olympics, Inc., and hopes that nearly 100 officers will take part in this year's torch run, also making it another successful year."

## **ALERT!**



The Inspectional Services Division has notified the "NEWSLETTER" of a pen knife that was purchased in the metropolitan area. The above pictured pen knife has a 2½ inch blade that can be removed and inserted into the body of the device to resemble an ink pen. Members of the Department should be on ALERT for this weapon.

## NEWS NOTES

The Johns Hopkins Health Plan will sponsor a fund-raising event entitled "The Sports, Fitness and Health Expo," to benefit the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center. The Expo will be held in Festival Hall on June 13 and 14. *If you bring this article from the NEWSLETTER to the Expo, you will receive \$1.00 off the regular admission price of \$3.50 for adults or \$1.50 for children.* Exhibitors will include fitness centers, health food stores, sporting goods stores, health screenings and information, and sports associations. Exhibitors from the City will include Parks and Recreation, the Department of Education, and the Police Department. Demonstrations will be held throughout the day, including aerobics, dancercise, karate, tai chi, fencing, tennis and even a sportswear fashion show. Area celebrities will be on hand to host several of the demonstrations, and participate in a Health Education Jeopardy game.

For more information call 522-9998.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Gail Montgomery on being awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State College on May 24, 1987.

### RETIREMENTS

**RUBIN, ROBERT F.**, Police Officer, Special Operations Division, 28 years of service, May 26.  
**STEPHANS, HOWARD B.**, III, Police Officer, Per-

sonnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years of service, May 27.

**DORSEY, CATHERINE C.**, Office Supervisor, Northern District, 23 years of service, June 1.

**LAMOREAUX, NATHAN R.**, Police Officer, Special Operations Division, 34 years of service, June 17.

**SAS, JULIUS E.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 30 years of service, June 18.

**MULLIN, JOSEPH B.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 29 years of service, June 25.

**SCHMIDT, HENRY W.**, Police Officer, Community Services Division, 31 years of service, June 25.

**MATTHEWS, THOMAS R.**, Police Officer, Western District, 34 years of service, June 29.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HANCOCK, HOLLY ANN**, granddaughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Richard L. Hancock, Northeastern District, 81bs. 14 oz., May 23.

**BOSTON, FRANK CHARLES, JR.**, grandson of Lieutenant and Mrs. Edwin Boston, F.O.P. President, 71bs. 11 oz., May 27.

**DORSEY, STEVEN RONALD**, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Ronald Dorsey, Eastern District, 81bs. 11 oz., May 30.

### FINAL ROLL CALL

**MILLER, ROBERT L.**, retired Sergeant, Traffic Division, May 23.

**VON NORDECK, CHARLES**, retired Officer, Central District, June 2.

### IN MEMORIAM

**BONDS, LAURA L.**, aunt of Officer Alexis Russell, Southeastern District, May 6.

**GARDNER, HENRY**, father of Officer Timothy Gardner, Southeastern District, May 16.

**FRANCIS, BERNARD**, uncle of Detective George Francis, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Unit, May 19.

**KOSMICKY, MARY E.**, mother of Officer William G. Edwards, Communications Division, May 20.

**KOSHUTE, GEORGE**, uncle of Officer Anthony Yankowsky, Northeastern District, May 22.

**CORCORAN, BERTHA**, aunt of Officer David D'Addario, Northwestern District, May 23.

**NUTH, ANTHONY F.**, grandfather of Detective Joseph Cruse, Criminal Investigation Division, Fugitive Unit, May 25.

**RAGSDALE, OLLIE J.**, brother-in-law of P.C.A.I. Veronica Ragsdale, Communications Division, May 26.

**ROBERTS, LAWRENCE, JR.**, father of Officer Denise Roberts, Northeastern District, May 26.

**PINKEY, ROBERT**, uncle of Officer Linda McLaughlin, Northeastern District, May 31.

**MURPHY, JOHN EDWARD**, uncle of Agent Robert DeAngelis, Southern District, May 31.

### CLASSIFIED

For Rent: Ocean City Townhouse, two bedrooms, two baths, on the bay. Contact Bob Edwards, Property Division.



Captain Harry Koffenberger, Assistant District Commander of the Southeastern District, recently presented a plaque to Helen Wheeler, President of the Southeast Police Community Relations Council for her \$1,200.00 donation from the Council to purchase materials to renovate the Roll Call Room at the Southeastern Station.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Child Abuse: A New Investigative Mandate

The most precious residents of any community are its children. Many of the worst crimes which occur within the community find those precious children as the victims.

In recognition of this fact, Baltimore Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman has redirected all investigative efforts concerning child abuse. All of these investigations are now being conducted by specially screened and trained members of the Youth Section of the Community Services Division.



Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presents a Certificate of Completion to Officer Alex Vallair, Youth Section. Officer Vallair was one of forty-six persons who participated in four days of intensive child abuse investigation training at the Police Academy.

In the past, complaints of child sexual abuse and related sex offenses were investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division, Sex Offense Unit. The Youth Section had been responsible for investigations concerning child abuse.

On June 18, 1987, Commissioner Tilghman recognized 46 Police Officers, Supervisors and selected repre-

sentatives of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services' Child Protective Services Unit and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Offices' Child Advocacy Network who had completed a schedule of intensive training dealing with child sexual abuse investigations and child related sexual offenses. Certificates of Completion were presented during a ceremony conducted at the Education and Training Division Library at the Police Department's Headquarters building.

Commissioner Tilghman also acknowledged the generous assistance extended by the following agencies which contributed to the training program:

- The Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office
- The Baltimore City Department of Social Services
- The Johns Hopkins Hospital
- The Francis Scott Key Medical Center
- Psychology Consultants Associated
- The Children's Hospital of Washington, D.C.
- The Baltimore Center for Sexual Assault Victims
- The Montgomery County Police Department

Because of the uniqueness of child abuse investigations, a special interview room was designed to facilitate interviews with suspected victims of child abuse.

The room, designed in cooperation

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## Eric Goes On Patrol

The Department's newest member, a 200 pound, 5 foot 4 inch, uniformed officer, has unique qualities. The officer does not need sleep or a lunch hour, and must be disassembled before traveling. The officer's police cruiser is a trailer. When on "foot patrol," the officer goes no faster than 2 miles an hour.

Officer ERIC (Electronic Robot in Command) is a mechanical robot used by the Community Services Division as a visual and audio aid in community safety messages and to present crime prevention tips. Eric will be an addition to the Officer Friendly program to help teach youngsters that safety must be a daily part of their lives. Already he has become a friend to hundreds of elementary school children.

"The Department," says Sergeant Harold A. Nixon, Community Relation Section, "realized that we are living in an age of technological advancement and a robot provides not only visual but audio aids to capture the attention of youngsters."

Although a machine, its human-like personality makes it very appealing to children. Its right arm can wave, salute or shake hands with the youngsters. When talking to a group, Eric can turn its fiberglass head and plastic body in any direction to personally address a question asked by anyone nearby. The head is equipped with a video camera which can record any activity in the room and be played

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## Child Abuse

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with experts in psychology, features child size furniture, a special color scheme and special toys, games, dolls, coloring books and other items which will make it easier for investigators to obtain needed information.

The furnishings and colorful decorations will provide comfort and emotional security for children who visit the Youth Section. Specially selected carpeting was also included in the

design of the room so that Police Officers could sit on the floor and talk with the children.

The Youth Section's Children's Interview Room was entirely furnished by Saints and Sinners, Incorporated and by leaders of the Baltimore Business community.

The consolidation of responsibility for all child abuse investigations within one will, it is anticipated, facilitate an improved working relationship with other agencies involved in the child abuse investigatory process.

## Eric

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back through a monitor on its chest.

Eric's left arm contains a traffic light than can be activated in a color cycle to aid in class discussions of when it is safe to cross the street.

Around Eric's waist is a vehicle safety belt to help the children learn how to "buckle up."

The secret of Eric is the special effect sounds that he can make, such as robotic noises, sirens, musical songs, and a human voice transmitted by a person up to 100 yards away.

All of Eric's features are powered by an 80 amp marine battery with a 12

volt charger built into the unit.

The name Eric was the suggestion of fourth grader, Greg Jones of the Hazelwood Elementary School. Greg was the winner of the "Name the Robot" competition among all public Elementary Schools in Baltimore.

On June 11, 1987, at the Hazelwood Elementary School, Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presented Greg a \$100.00 savings bond for being the first prize winner. Commissioner Tilghman also presented a \$50.00 savings bond to Devenna Edwards, a student from Patapsco Elementary School and to Jerilyn Mays of Park Heights Elementary School as honorable mention winners.

Sergeant Marion L. Crawford, a

committee member of the "Name the Robot" contest said that the name Eric is a creative idea to graphically describe the Department's newest member.

Prior to assuming his assignment, Eric was recently sworn in by Commissioner Tilghman. During the swearing in ceremony, Eric proudly rolled to the front of the Education and Training Division lounge before more than fifty children who witnessed the "historic moment."

Eric faced Commissioner Tilghman and raised his right hand. As Commissioner Tilghman read, Eric repeated his Oath . . . "As a Law Enforcement Officer, I agree that it is my fundamental duty to serve mankind and to perform the functions of a goodwill ambassador of the Baltimore Police Department." After witnessing the Oath, Commissioner Tilghman placed a badge on Eric.



Eric and Commissioner Tilghman stand with three award winners in the "Name the Robot" contest. They are, left to right, Jerilyn Mays, Park Heights Elementary School, Honorable Mention; Greg Jones, Hazelwood Elementary School, First Place; and Devenna Edwards, Patapsco Elementary School.

To all assembled, Eric said, "As a mechanical member of the force, I promise to do my best in working with the human members of the Department. I will keep by batteries charged, oil level high and my electronic body in prize working order. My mission is clear and that is to provide an extraordinary means for communicating very serious public safety messages! To my duties, I am firmly committed!"

Eric then went on patrol.

## Investigation Results In U.S. Supreme Court History

In May of 1982, three members of the Criminal Investigation Division, Agent Albert Marcus, Officer Russell Shea, and Sergeant Joseph Schanken obtained a search and seizure warrant for a dwelling in the Central District. Prior to obtaining the warrant the officers attempted to verify who lived there.

They received information that there was only one apartment on the third floor.

When the officers arrived at the address to serve the warrant, they encountered the apartment's resident in front of the building. They used his key to gain entrance to the first floor hallway and to unlock the door at the top of the stairs on the third floor. As the officers entered, they met another building resident standing in the hallway. An officer could see into two rooms on the third floor.

A search was conducted in both rooms. After the second room was entered and heroin, cash, and drug paraphenalia found, the officers realized that the third floor was actually two apartments. As soon as they became aware of this fact, the search was discontinued.

The evidence found during the search was suppressed in court. The case was eventually argued in The Supreme Court.

The United States Supreme Court said it had, "No difficulty concluding that the officers' entry into the third-floor common area was legal; they carried a warrant for those premises, and they were accompanied by McWebb, who provided the key that they used to open the door giving access to the third-floor common area. If the officers had known, or should have known, that the third floor contained two apartments before they entered the living quarters on the third floor, and thus had been aware of the error in the warrant, they would have been

obligated to limit their search to McWebb's apartment. Moreover, as the officer recognized, they were required to discontinue the search of respondent's apartment as soon as they discovered that there were two separate units on the third floor and therefore were put on notice of the risk that they might be in a unit erroneously included within the terms of the warrant. The officers' conduct and the limits of the search were based on the information available as the search proceeded. While the purposes justifying a police search strictly limit the permissible extent of the search, the Court has also recognized the need to allow some latitude for honest mistakes that are made by officers in the dangerous and difficult process of making arrests and executing search warrants."

Mrs. Ann E. Singleton, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Division, commended the officers in a letter to Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman. In her letter she says, "The three officers' determination and responsible action resulted in a major victory for law enforcement personnel across the country."

## Commendation Ceremonies

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### BRONZE STAR AWARDS

While walking a foot post on March 6, 1986 Officer Brian Schwaab, Southern District, saw a person he recognized as fitting the description of a suspect wanted for many local robberies. When confronted by the Officer, the suspect fled. During the chase the suspect attempted to shoot Officer Schwaab and other responding units. Officer Schwaab returned fire and wounded the suspect who is being investigated for eleven (11) armed robberies.

On May 16, 1986, Officer Edward Eilerman, Southern District, received information that a suspect involved in an arson he was investigating was in a local bar. Upon entering the bar,

Officer Eilerman confronted the knife-wielding suspect who was in the process of assaulting another patron. Realizing he could not use his weapon in the crowded bar, Officer Eilerman wrestled with the suspect and, despite being wounded, apprehended him.

### CITIZEN AWARDS

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to citizens of the community whose valuable, courageous, and heroic acts were of assistance to the Department. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following people:

Ms. Brenda Ransom  
Mr. Claybon McCullers  
Mr. Edward Rucker  
Mr. Andre Craig  
Mr. Erwin A. Burtnick  
Mr. Roosevelt Barnes

### SPECIAL CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Special Certificates of Recognition are awarded to sworn members of other law enforcement agencies who have assisted the Baltimore Police Department in arrests and investigations. Those who received Special Certificates of Appreciation were:

*Baltimore County Police Department*  
Detective Sergeant Joseph Lurz  
Detective James A. Barr  
Detective Robert J. Castagnetti  
*Mass Transit Administration Police*  
Officer Thomas Stanowski  
*Baltimore City School Police*  
Officer Ernest Jones  
*Maryland State Police*  
Trooper Randolph Smith

## NEWS NOTES

The Baltimore Police Department expresses appreciation to the Maryland Jockey Club of Baltimore City, Incorporated for their donation to the Department's Explorer Scout program. A check in the amount of \$2,135.00 was presented to Mr. Sol Hirsch, president of the Northwestern District Community Relations Council from Mr. Bill Ramsey of the Pimlico Race Track.

On May 16, 1987, more than 40 Ex-

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plorers participated in Preakness Day activities by distributing handouts to the public at the race track.

The gift will be divided among the various Explorer Posts to help support many of their activities.

The Auxiliary Police Unit is in need of uniform shirts and trousers which are in good condition. Any member of the Department who wishes to make a donation may contact Sergeant Gary West, extension 2553.

Ever since it was reported in the NEWSLETTER, Volume 21 Number 5, that Officer Michael J. Dunn retired from the Department on February 20, 1987, Officer Michael P. Dunn of the Eastern District has had an identity crisis.

Officer Dunn, Michael P. Dunn that is, just wants everyone to know that he's still with the Department and has several years to go before he retires.

## LIBRARY NOTES

*The Executive Dilemma, Handling People Problems at Work*, edited by Eliza G. C. Collins. John Wiley & Sons. 1985. (HD58.7.E95 1985)

This extremely well edited collection of articles illustrates the ramifications of "people side of manage-

ment." One of the most profound articles, "Two Women, Three Men on a Raft," draws an analogy between a raft trip and the workplace. The author discusses the power plays that subtly occur between men and women on the job. Other articles creatively explore subjects such as sexual harassment, minorities, retirement, executive burnout, and career development. The editor is a Senior Editor for the *Harvard Business Review*. This is recommended reading for all managers and those aspiring to top-level positions.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Carre, Jr., on their marriage on May 23.

Congratulations to PCA I Sterling Edwards on his marriage to Cathy Taylor, May 23.

Congratulations to PCA I Tina Bonner on her marriage to Charles Blanding, June 6.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Jennifer Petrecca, daughter of Office Supervisor Linda Petrecca and Sergeant Ronald Petrecca of the Maryland Toll Facility Police. Jennifer was selected as "Student of the Month" for May at the Holabird Middle School and is now in-line for "Student of the Year."

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Congratulations to Major Joseph P. Newman from the men and women of his Division on his recent graduation from the University of Baltimore with his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

## RETIREMENTS

MON, JOSEPH M., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 19 years of service, June 3.

BOLESTA, WILLIAM B., Police Officer, Personnel

Division, Casual Section, 19 years of service, June 16.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RYAN, CHRISTOPHER ROBERT, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Herbert L. Ryan, Northeastern District, and grandson of Police Officer Robert Edwards, Property Division, 7 lbs. 7 oz., June 15.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

LARICOS, WILLIAM G., Sergeant, Southwestern District, June 11.

WIRTH, ROBERT JOSEPH, retired Detective, CID, Pawshop Unit, June 16.

## IN MEMORIAM

ROCCAMONTE, JOHN, father-in-law of Major Patrick L. Bradley, Education and Training Division, May 24.

FRIEDEL, JOHN, uncle of Sergeant Louis Hill, Southeastern District, May 31.

LAFLAME, JOHN L., uncle of Agent William McCall, Southeastern District, June 1.

LOTTERER, GEORGE M., grandfather of Officer Thomas Lotterer, Northeastern District, June 2.

HOFFMAN, MARGARET, grandmother of Officer Kevin McCarthy, Northeastern District, June 3.

PREROFF, ADELE, grandmother of Officer John W. Dodson, Central District, June 4.

LATVANAS, ALEXANDER, father-in-law of Detective Earl Robinson, CID, Property Crimes, June 4.

THOMPSON, PHILLIP III, brother of Cadet Pamela Williams, Central Records Division, June 5.

BAILEY, HAZEL, aunt of Lieutenant Paul F. Bailey, CID, Property Crimes, June 6.

DUFF, JOHN C., father-in-law of Officer Donald Crabill, Communications Division, June 7.

MCINTYRE, CORA, aunt of Officer David E. Olson, Central Records Division, June 8.

ILGENFRITZ, GAYLE, aunt of Officer Phillip Section, Western District, June 10.

BRIGHT, GOLIATH, father of Officer Miles Bright, Central District, June 10.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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## Licenses May Be Denied

*George couldn't wait until his 16th birthday so that he could obtain his driver's license. The day finally came and George, about to realize his dream, began the application process. Time passed and a letter from the Motor Vehicle Administration finally arrived. It contained bad news, he had been denied consideration for a learner's permit.*

*It seems George loved to drive so much that he'd been caught driving other people's autos 6 times when he was 14 and 15 years old. The juvenile auto theft charges and collateral violations charges had brought convictions. Information concerning the juvenile convictions had been forwarded to the Motor Vehicle Administration which assigned George a soundex number and the "points" began to stack up.*

*It would be a long time before George would be allowed the privilege*

*of a Maryland Driver's License.*

The story outlined above hasn't happened yet but it probably will occur in the future because of a cooperative effort among members of the Baltimore Police Department, the State's Attorney's Office, the Juvenile Court and the Motor Vehicle Administration of the State of Maryland.

Effective immediately Baltimore Police Officers, in addition to arresting juveniles operating stolen vehicles, will also charge them with any moving violation which occurred i.e. operating without a license, or fleeing and attempting to elude police.

Since 1984, auto thefts have increased steadily in Baltimore in spite of increasing arrests. Similar increases have been experienced throughout the state and nationwide in cities of the same population group as Baltimore.

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## Class 87-1 Graduates

Thirty members of graduating Class 87-1 concluded 24 weeks of extensive entrance level training from the Department's Education and Training Division. During the mid-morning commencement exercises, held in the Headquarters auditorium, the graduates received Certificates of Completion from Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman.

The commencement address was delivered by Mr. Charles O. Monk, II, Deputy Attorney General, State of Maryland. Following his remarks to the graduating officers, several awards were presented to members of the class for outstanding academic performance.

The Commissioner's Award of Excellence was given to Officer Scott S. Baker. The Award of Excellence is presented to a member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of fellow classmates, best exhibits the characteristics of a professional Police Officer. Officer Baker was also valedictorian with an academic average of 97.2. Officer Charmaine M. Ford had the second highest academic average of 96.8.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Officer Chris A. Wade who served as Class Commander during the 24 weeks of training. As Class Commander his responsibilities were to assist the academy staff in the supervision and management of the training class. The selection of the Class Commander is based upon supervisory skills, professional attitude and willingness to serve.

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## Licenses

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Sixty-two percent of all persons arrested in Baltimore for auto theft during 1986 were 17 years of age or younger compared to 38% nationwide.

Traditional law enforcement efforts have proven less than successful in convincing juveniles of the seriousness of "joy riding." There is nothing joyful about the costly burden to society resulting from the crime of auto theft in the guise of "joy riding." Innocent people have been killed or maimed, lives and routines disrupted in the name of misguided fun. These thefts have contributed to skyrocketing insurance rates.

An innovative approach by the Baltimore Police Department and co-operating agencies will impact on the future driving privileges of juveniles found delinquent of certain offenses relating to theft of a motor vehicle. If a young person steals an automobile, he or she may be denied the privilege of a driver's license at a later date.

The vast majority of unauthorized use or theft of vehicle cases also involve "collateral" traffic violations such as operating without a license or fleeing and attempting to elude a police officer.

A delinquent finding in Juvenile Court of violations of the Maryland Transportation Code will be reported to the State Motor Vehicle Administration. Even if the juvenile does not have a Maryland operator's license, a "soundex" number is assigned and points are assessed to the juvenile's driving record. Subsequently, when the juvenile applies for an operator's license or learner's permit he could be denied.

Records reflect that between January 1, 1986 and April 30, 1987, 261 personal injury and property damage accidents involved stolen vehicles.

Foreign made autos such as Mazdas, Nissans, and Toyotas are most often stolen. Interviews with juvenile

auto theft suspects revealed a number of reasons why they prefer these vehicles.

They have soft ignition locks which the juvenile can defeat. The smaller vehicle gives the under aged operator the appearance of being older than he is. These cars have good stereo sound systems; and they can be driven around for long periods even if the owner has left little gasoline in the tank.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman is hopeful this program will not only have the effect of reducing auto thefts in Baltimore but will also reduce youthful contact with the Criminal Justice System. "Our young people must realize," he said, "that a driver's license is a privilege and not a right of citizenship. An operator's license is a reward for productive citizenship and maturity. Those who would place unnecessary burdens on the property and lives of others through illegal activities must be held accountable for their actions. Society demands nothing less."



Dr. Frank T. Barranco, Chief Police Physician and member of the Maryland Army National Guard, was honored with a formal military review and presentation on June 14, 1987, during which he was presented the Legion of Merit, the Maryland Distinguished Service Cross and the Sacred Order of Saint Barbara Medal for artillery. Dr. Barranco was also promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. General Barranco retired from the National Guard on July 1 with 29 years of distinguished service.

Pictured above is Dr. Barranco (center) receiving his Brigadier General Stars from Major General James F. Fretterd, Adjutant General of Maryland, who was assisted by Mrs. Beverly Barranco.

## Graduates

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Officer Berry F. Beck was the first recipient of the Outstanding Defensive Driver Award. This award is given to that member of the class who received the highest score in completing an obstacle course during defensive driving classes.

At the conclusion of the graduation exercises, a commendation ceremony was held during which citizens and members of the Department were honored for contributions well above what is expected of good citizenship or attention to duty. At the Commendation Ceremony, Commissioner Tilghman presented Unit Citations to the Laboratory Division Latent Fingerprint Unit and Central District Drug Enforcement Unit.

### BRONZE STAR

*The Bronze Star is awarded when the circumstances of bravery, dedication to duty and general achievement exceed those standards established as routine police work.*

On January 6, 1987 members of the Western District Drug Enforcement Unit and uniformed officers conducted a drug raid at a home. Sergeant Bert Ricasa responded and was attacked by a large vicious dog. In the ensuing struggle, Sergeant Ricasa was severely bitten on the stomach, thigh and leg. The animal had to be killed before the Sergeant could be freed from the grip of its teeth. For these severe injuries endured in response to assist a fellow officer, Sergeant Ricasa was awarded a Bronze Star.

On November 8, 1986, Officer Lonnie Luedtke, Southern District, saw a twin engine aircraft struggling to maintain altitude. As a crash seemed imminent, he followed the plane until it did crash in a marshy area near South Baltimore Hospital. Officers William Kirtz and David Jones also arrived on the scene along with several citizens. They rushed to the plane when fire broke out. The united goal of all was to rescue the passengers and crew. These efforts continued until

the aircraft was engulfed in flames and exploding. Three of the persons aboard were safely rescued. The valiant efforts of the rescuers, several of whom were injured in their attempts, were undoubtedly responsible for their lives being saved. Officer Jones, Luedtke and Kirtz received a Bronze Star and six citizens received Certificates of Appreciation.

In the early morning hours of January 16, 1987, Officer Robert K. Edmondson, Southeastern District, was informed that two persons were acting in a suspicious manner outside of a local convenience store. Responding to the scene, Officer Edmondson confronted the suspects who were wearing stocking masks, outside the store. When ordered to stop, one of the suspects pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the officer. Before the gunman could pull the trigger, Officer Edmondson shot and wounded him and apprehended his partner unassisted.

On the evening of May 5, 1987, Officer Charles Strachan and Officer Tom Simpson, Eastern District, received a call for a person firing a weapon. Seeing the suspect armed with a shotgun in a second story window, the officers took cover inside of the building. After cautioning neighbors to clear the area and calling for assistance, the officers decided to confront the gunman before he started shooting again. Seizing an opportunity, the officers subdued the suspect without injury. He was found to be armed with a shotgun, four rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

### CITIZENS AWARDS

#### *Certificate of Appreciation*

Mr. Charles Martin  
Mr. Robin D. Gibson  
Mr. David W. Bosse  
Correctional Officer Harold Macklin  
Firefighter Bartlow Wooden  
Mr. James Chaney  
Mr. Milton Ordakowski, Jr.  
Mr. Daniel Rogers  
Mr. Gary Tingler

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Three Crime Laboratory Technicians recently received commendations for outstanding work performance in retrieving latent fingerprints on crime scenes.

Latent fingerprints are perhaps the most well-known form of physical evidence, and without a doubt, one of the most valuable to investigations.

In such crimes as burglary and auto theft, the fingerprints left behind by the perpetrator are many times the only evidence left by the suspect.

Lifting latent prints from crime scenes requires skill and a trained eye. Latent prints, by their physical makeup, are fragile and susceptible to destruction by even the slightest act of carelessness.

Crime Laboratory Technician Theodis Warnick, Jr., led the Mobile Crime Laboratory in 1985 and 1986 in recovering latent prints where a perpetrator was identified.

The other technicians who received commendations were John L. French, Jr., and Salvatore J. Bianca.

## Needs A Partner

The last issue of the NEWSLETTER introduced ERIC (Electronic Robot in Command) to the Department. Eric, who was recently "sworn in" as an Officer by Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman, is used by the Community Services Division as a visual and audio aid in community safety messages and to present crime prevention tips. Already he has become a friend to hundreds of elementary school children.

The NEWSLETTER has learned however, that Eric has a problem. It seems that Eric doesn't have a "partner."

The Community Services Division is seeking an individual to join Eric in his journeys throughout Baltimore.

The position is open to Police Officers, Agents and Sergeants. In addition,

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On June 16, 1987, Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman (second from left) received a check in the amount of \$30,267.22 from Mr. Charles Henry, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Baltimore District Office. The check is a part of the Federal Asset Sharing Program where assets forfeited in joint Federal/Baltimore Police Department narcotic investigations are shared by both agencies.

On hand for the presentation was (far left) Mr. William Nelson, Drug Enforcement Agent; (far right) Mr. John Spurrier, U.S. Marshal's Office.

## Needs A Partner

tion to operating Eric, applicants must have a creative personality and have a good rapport with children.

Members interested in becoming Eric's partner are encouraged to contact Major Eugene Tanzymore, Jr., Community Relations Section.



Fifteen year old Thomas R. Siegmund, Jr., son of Sergeant Thomas R. Siegmund Sr., Personnel Division, celebrated his July 4 holiday by arriving in Amsterdam, Holland for the 1987 European Soviet Soccer Cup Tour. The tour will take Thomas and the Maryland Team USA to competitions in five countries in addition to the Scandanavian Youth Cups, the Holland Cup and the Dynamo Festival in the Soviet Union. These competitions will showcase some of the world's finest young soccer players. Thomas, who is a "forward" plays soccer locally for the Martin Spalding High School in Anne Arundel County and the National Capital Soccer Team in Anne Arundel County. The tour will return to the United States early next month. Good Luck to Thomas and Maryland Team USA.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to David Joseph Farace, son of Lieutenant Phillip Farace, Traffic Division, for winning the 1987 Scholar Athlete Award at McDonough High School. He also won the McDonough Abroad award which is a 6 week trip to England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France. In the fall, David will be attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA.

**CRIME RESISTANCE UNIT** — Congratulations to 8 year old Jennifer Seltzer, daughter of Police Agent Martin Seltzer. Jennifer, student at Timber Grove Elementary School, received the Domino's Pizza "Student of the Month" award. She was presented with a gift certificate for her efforts as an exemplary student.

## RETIREMENTS

**MICHELBERGER, LOUIS W.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 16 years of service, June 24.

**POWELL, ROBERT L.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 22 years of service, June 24.

**SHRADER, PAUL J.**, Police Officer, Northern District, 27 years of service, June 30.

**FISHER, FRANCIS E.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 26 years of service, July 10.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KEMP, CAROLINE MARIE**, daughter of Officer and Mrs. Mark Kemp, Southeastern District, 8lbs. 7½ oz., June 19.

**NAUMAN, MELISSA DANIELLE**, daughter of Officer and Mrs. Kenneth Nauman, Northeastern District, 8lbs. 8 oz., June 25.

**MORRIS, HEATHER ASHLEY**, granddaughter of retired Lieutenant Herbert C. Hoover, Property Division, 8lbs. 14 oz., July 5.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**WIRTH, ROBERT J.**, retired Police Officer, Criminal

Investigation Division, June 16.

## IN MEMORIAM

**CLAYTON, ROBERT**, uncle of Officer Charles L. Clayton, Sr., Southeastern District, June 12.

**BEST, PAUL**, uncle of Officer Christine Carlton, Northwestern District, June 12.

**ROTONDO, FRANCES**, grandmother of Major Herman R. Ingram, Personnel Division, June 20.

**MEALEY, RANDAL**, uncle of Sergeant Dale Mealey, Northeastern District, June 21.

**WATROBA, RICHARD**, uncle of Cadet Sean White, Central Records Division, and Officer Edmund White, III, Central District, June 21.

**DUGAN, JAMES**, uncle of Officer Joseph Dugan, Northwestern District, June 21.

**HAMPTON, TROY**, stepfather of Officer Archie Price, Northeastern District, June 22.

**HAUG, HENRY**, uncle of Officer Joseph W. Beckhardt, Central District, June 22.

**DOUGLAS, ROBERT E.**, father of Police Agent Robert E. Douglas, Jr., Crime Resistance Unit, June 25.

**LOVELL, WILLIAM H.**, uncle of Supervisor Karen Guerrasio, Central Records Division, and brother-in-law of retired Colonel Maurice Guerrasio, Traffic Division, June 26.

**HOPKINS, NATTLEY MARIE**, daughter of Officer Bushrod Hopkins, Northeastern District, June 28.

**KNOTT, EDITH**, sister of Officer Carroll Lloyd, Communications Division, June 29.

**HARTMAN, NANNIE**, aunt of Officer John Bailey, Northeastern District, June 29.

**SHRIVER, MARIE**, mother of retired Officer John Shriver, Education and Training Division, June 29.

**WHITE, BELLE**, aunt of Officer Charles Brawner, Western District, June 29.

**BARLOW, FRANCES**, mother of Detective Frank Barlow, Homicide Unit, July 1.

**KOCH, MARY M.**, mother of PCA I, Mary C. Koch, Communications Division, July 2.

**McDANIEL, WALLACE**, uncle of Officer Jules Denitto, Northwestern District.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Serious Crime Drops

Serious crimes, reported to Police in Baltimore dropped 2.9% when compared with the first six months of 1986.

Violent crime during the period fell 5.9% while crimes against property showed a decrease of 2%.

The Violent Crimes include Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault.

Property Crimes include Burglary, Larceny and Auto Theft.

The greatest increase during the period was in the number of automobiles which were stolen. That increase amounted to 17.4%. A decrease of 13.4% was the area of greatest reduction in the six month statistics.

Continued optimism is expressed in the lessened involvement of juveniles taken into custody for the commission of serious crimes. Juveniles account for just over 28% of Baltimore's serious crime. According to annual figures compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from across the country, Baltimore's local juvenile involvement is less than the national average.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1987

TYPE OF CRIME	1986 Last Year	1987 This Year	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	103	110	+ 7	+ 6.8
FORCIBLE RAPE	314	272	— 42	— 13.4
ROBBERY	3,864	3,559	— 305	— 7.9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2,982	2,895	— 87	— 2.9
BURGLARY	6,913	6,496	— 417	— 6.0
LARCENY	14,863	14,205	— 658	— 4.4
AUTO THEFT	3,332	3,911	+ 579	+ 17.4
GRAND TOTAL	32,371	31,448	— 923	— 2.9

Index Crime Comparison / First 6 Months of 1987

Violent Crime .....	— 5.9% Decrease
Property Crime .....	— 2.0% Decrease
Total Index Crime .....	— 2.9% Decrease

## Officer Grant Injured

On July 9, 1987, Officers Morris Butler and Roy Neil Grant, Southwestern District, responded to a call in the 600 block of S. Payson Street for an altercation in progress. When the officers arrived a large crowd had gathered. The officers were attempting to disperse the crowd and to resolve the disturbance when a 21 year old



ROY N. GRANT

woman became disorderly. After several warnings, she refused to leave the scene and was arrested. The arrestee called out for her boyfriend. Suddenly, a man emerged from the crowd and struck Officer Grant with his fist causing Officer Grant to fall back striking his head on a bumper of a parked car. He then fell to the ground, unconscious.

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## Officer Grant

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Officer Butler called for medical help for Officer Grant and disseminated a description of the suspect who fled the scene.

Additional units responded to the area to search for the suspect while medical personnel transported Officer Grant to the Shock Trauma Unit, University Hospital.

The suspect was arrested several blocks away.

Officer Grant is a nine year veteran of the Department. After graduating from the Education and Training Division, he was assigned to Southwestern District until 1980. Officer Grant worked in the Tactical Section before returning to Southwestern District in 1983.

A native of Liverpool, England, Officer Grant attended high school in Montgomery County, MD. and attended the University of Maryland.

The 35 year old veteran has received one Official Commendation and is married and has one child.

He remains in the hospital, however, he has been removed from the Shock Trauma Unit to the Intensive Care Unit. His condition is serious but stable.

## Commendation Ceremonies

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### UNIT CITATION

*The Unit Citation is presented from the Police Commissioner and is to be awarded for extraordinary law enforcement performance, attention to duty and contribution to the Police Department from any Bureau, Division, Unit or Squad.*

A Unit Citation was given to five members of the Latent Fingerprint Unit who's dedication and conscientious work performance has been a vital asset to investigations throughout the Department.

The Department's Latent Print Unit has far exceeded the number of comparisons and identifications per person, per year than other agencies of comparable population and crime rate. Even with the 1984 purchase of the DE LA RUE Printrak Computer System to assist in fingerprint identification, the work load has increased. There are some latent prints which are unacceptable for entry into the computer, and more than 50% of the prints must still be examined manually, resulting in numerous additional comparisons and identifications.

The members of the Latent Fingerprint Unit are:

Latent Print Examiner Supervisor  
Sharon S. Talmadge

Latent Print Examiners  
Benjamin F. Bowles  
Robert N. Purvis

Crime Laboratory Technicians  
Lorraine P. Lansey  
Roy M. Jones

A Unit Citation was also presented to the Central District Drug Enforcement Unit. Since 1986, members of the Unit have more than doubled the number of persons arrested for narcotic violations resulting in a corresponding increase in property and narcotics seized in the Central District. During the year, \$30,000.00 in cash was seized in addition to narcotics valued at \$135,000. Eleven vehicles, 37 firearms and other assets such as stereos, jewelry and clothing worth \$50,000 were also seized.

A 95% conviction rate on 895 charges placed on those arrested is an indication of the outstanding investigative skills of the Unit.

Their cases not only included investigation of narcotic violations but of other crimes. One investigation resulted in the clearance of 70 burglaries committed in the Mount Vernon area.

The Central District Drug Enforcement Unit members did not stop at the enforcement level, they attended community meetings, visited schools,

and gave lectures on drug abuse.

Many letters of appreciation have been received from the community in addition to the Unit Citation.

Members of the Central District Drug Enforcement Unit are:

Sergeant Frederick Koch  
Officer Wayne Warnick  
Officer Harry Sheppard  
Officer Michael McCormick  
Officer Dennis Turman  
Officer James Moynihan



Officer Jason Smith, Jr., Special Operations Division, was off-duty and walking to his car in the 500 block of Bloom Street when he was confronted by a suspect with a gun. The suspect shot Officer Smith in the chest and abdomen after robbing him of his service revolver and personal property. Through the cooperation of concerned citizens in the community, the suspect was later arrested.

Officer Smith has been released from the hospital and is now at home recuperating.

## Trained Eye

Detectives Horace Comegna and Paul Denver of the Criminal Investigation Division's Property Crimes Section were on patrol in the Southeast District when they noticed three people engaged in conversation. Sergeant Roger Brown, Criminal Investigation Division said, "Based on his training and experience, he believed that a crime was taking place."

As the Detectives continued their observation, the three persons walked to a vehicle with out-of-state tags which was parked near a bank. Two people got out of the car, went into the bank and returned a short time later. When the Detectives had reasonable suspicion that a Flim-Flam was in progress, they approached the car. A Flim-Flam is a confidence game in which persons attempt to obtain valuables or money by devious means. It is a form of theft.

The Detectives interviewed the three persons. They learned that two people had approached a 56 year-old victim claiming they had found \$60,000.00 and wanted to divide it with her. The two suspects attempted to convince the victim to withdraw \$10,000.00 from her bank account to add to the \$60,000.00 which would increase the

amount each person would get individually, after paying taxes.

The Detectives arrested the suspects and recovered a bundle of cut paper with \$20.00 bills on the top of the stack. This bundle was used as a disguise of \$60,000.00 of the found money.

Further investigation revealed that both suspects were named in numerous warrants along the Eastern Coast for theft.

Sergeant Brown said, "Arresting suspects when a Flim-Flam is in progress is unusual. Most of the time an arrest is made after an extensive investigation is undertaken."

Captain Charles R. Blondell of the Criminal Investigation Division, presented the two Detectives with commendations during roll call on June 5, 1987.

## Officers Of The Year

Two organizations recently presented five members of the Department with "Officer of the Year" awards.

The Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City, Inc., selected Detective Donald E. Worden, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit as their 1987 Officer of the Year.

Detective Worden was recognized for his outstanding investigative skills. During 1986, Detective Worden's investigations included seventeen murders, more than 50 serious assaults and numerous questionable deaths and suicides. In his efforts to solve each case, Detective Worden used his experience and extensive network of contacts in the communities to collect information on the perpetrators of those crimes.

One of his outstanding investigations in 1986 involved the murder of a 79 year old victim.

The assailants had entered the victim's home through a rear window. Once inside, they murdered the elderly victim, and escaped with valuables from the dwelling.

Detective Worden conducted an ex-

tensive investigation by recovering paint chips and analyzing crime patterns. As a result of his compiling the various pieces of evidence, three suspects were arrested and convicted. Several items were recovered during the course of the investigation.

A 24 year veteran of the Department, Detective Worden, has investigated violent crimes for the past twelve years. He has shared the knowledge he has gained with other investigators and has often assisted fellow officers.

On June 11, 1987, a luncheon was held at the Merchant's Club, 200 E. Redwood St. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City, Inc., presented Detective Worden a plaque before members of the community. Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman was also in attendance.

The Kiwanis Club of Baltimore City, Inc.'s membership is comprised of nearly 100 business persons who donate funds to programs that sponsor activities for young people. Mr. Clarence Taylor, Kiwanis Club President says that the organization has been chartered since 1917 and has

contributed to Buddies, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, Inc., and McKim Community Association. The organization also recognizes individuals who strive to make communities a better place in which to live through "Officer and Firemen of the Year" Awards.



(Left to Right) Officers Essex R. Weaver, Lee D. Surkin, Frank A. Schoff, and Melvin T. Russell, recipients of the Eastern District Community Relations Council's "Officer of the Year" Award. Eastern District Commander, Major John A. Barnes, (background) thanks members of the Community Council for their cooperation in working with those at Eastern District throughout the year.

The Eastern District Police Community Relations Council presented four Officers from Eastern District the "Officer of the Year" award. A ceremony at La Fontaine Bleu on Erdman Avenue took place on June 29, 1987 to honor these officers.

Essex R. Weaver, a Youth Service Officer in Eastern District was recognized for the many hours he has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and Police Explorer's Club. He also has counseled delinquent juveniles many times while off-duty in an effort to steer the youngsters to a life away from crime. Some youngsters contact him any time day of night to talk about difficulties they might be experiencing.

Officers Frank A. Schoff, Jr., and Melvin T. Russell, both 7 year veterans of the Department were selected "Officer of the Year" for the many narcotic arrests made while working in patrol and the Eastern District Drug Enforcement Unit.

Officer Lee D. Surkin, a 4 year veteran was recognized for his work with the Eastern District Community Relations Council in strategic problem solving of complaints made by various neighborhood residents and businesses.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

This is just a short note to thank you and the entire Baltimore City Police Department for their fine work during The Baltimore Sun's recent strike.

The assistance and attitude displayed by your officers during this unfortunate event was excellent and you should feel very proud of their professionalism.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Franconeri

Vice President/Operations

Dear Colonel Mullen:

It was so nice to see you at the critique meeting of the Walk-a-Thon Committee today.

I would like to thank you and the Baltimore City Police Department for the excellent, magnificent cooperation which you and the Police Department have shown during and preceding the Walk-a-Thon.

Without your cooperation, we could never achieve the success that the Baltimore Walk-a-Thon has enjoyed.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hyman Aaron Pressman  
Comptroller

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Sergeant Rosario Buzzuro who retired July 15. Enjoy your retirement Buzz.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Sex Offense Unit — Congratulations to Detective Dorothea Parker who recently received an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. She will pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Baltimore this fall.

**Arson Unit** — Congratulations to Raymond Paul Lioi, son of retired Detective Sergeant Paul J. Lioi, who graduated on June 22, 1987 from the University of Maryland, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Cum Laude.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Deepest sympathy to Officer John Perdue and his wife Mary on the passing of her mother Daisy Krausch.

Deepest sympathy to Officer John Elton and his wife Janet on the recent passing of her brother Robert J. McCoy in Pensacola, Florida.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to our Officer Ray Neil Grant who is presently recovering from a serious head injury in University Hospital - hurry back Neil.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Officer Layton Irvin and Officer Darryl K. Osborne who are now at home recuperating from recent surgery.

## RETIREMENTS

**BUZZURO, ROSARIO D.**, Sergeant, Northwestern District, 28 years of service, July 5.

**BUSCH, WILLIAM T.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, 18 years of service, July 7.

**SCHLEIG, NED K.**, Sergeant, Southeastern District, 25 years of service, July 16.

**HALL, ROBERT J.**, Sergeant, Northeastern District, 33 years of service, July 30.

**JENNINGS DON R.**, Crime Lab Technician Supervisor, 16 years of service, August 8.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HUGHES, DEAN MATTHEW**, son of Police Officer Susan Hughes and grandson of retired Sergeant Bob Fischer, 9lbs. 12 oz., May 26.

**AMES, DANIEL PAUL**, son of Sergeant and Mrs. John Ames, Jr., Planning and Research Division, 8lbs. 1 oz., July 8.

**JONES, HEATHER NICOLLE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John R. Jones, Central District, 6lbs. 13½ oz., July 12.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**WRIGHT, GEORGE H., JR.**, retired Sergeant, Tactical Section, July 6.

**BANDY, ALBERT**, retired Officer, Northern District, July 8.

**McGINNIS, WILLIAM B.**, retired Officer, Northeastern District, July 12.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HURDLE, CHARLES A.**, uncle of Criminalist II, Robert J. Hurley, Laboratory Division, June 27.

**STROMBERG, MARGARET C.**, wife of retired Colonel James P. Stromberg, Community Services, July 1.

**COOK, HILDA**, mother of Officer Gregory Cook, Northeastern District, July 5.

**CAMPBOR, JOHN LOCKWOOD**, father-in-law of Sergeant Rudolph Holly, Southern District, July 6.

**FLEMING, NATHANIEL**, uncle of Officer John Mitchell, Northeastern District, July 8.

**PARKER, FREDERICK PAUL**, uncle of Cadet Stuart Parker, Fugitive Unit, July 9.

**GINYARD, ELIZA**, aunt of Officer Gerry McCall, Tactical Section, July 9.

**WILHELM SR., CLYDE VERNON**, father of Sergeant C. Vernon Wilhelm, Check and Fraud Unit and father of retired Detective Richard Ayres.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: Golden Retriever puppies, tide-water line, AKC registered, 1st shots, references available. Contact P.O. Sheila Savalliski, NEDist.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

August 5, 1987

## Metro Crime Stoppers A Successful Partnership

Eleven years ago, a group of Baltimore business leaders banded together in an effort to improve the quality of life in our city by impacting upon criminal activity. They called themselves "Business United to Stop Trouble" (B.U.S.T.) and supplied rewards for information regarding crime cases in Baltimore City. The program was so successful that in 1980, the members of B.U.S.T. decided to encourage the program to encompass the entire Metropolitan area and renamed themselves, "Metro Crime Alert." Thus was born "Metro Crime Stoppers." In 1985, Metro Crime Alert affiliated itself with scores of other communities across the United States as a member organization of National Crime Stoppers and became today's Metro Crime Stoppers.

Sergeant Lawrence E. Leeson, Criminal Investigation Division, Crime Resistance Unit, is the Department's liaison and coordinator with Metro Crime Stoppers. The assistance of Metro Crime Stoppers grows year after year. Recently, Sergeant Leeson was asked the impact that this fine organization has had on the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Sergeant Leeson writes:

The 72.8% increase in activity this past six months of the Metro Crime Stoppers Hotline graphically displays how a committed organization can help law enforcement solve crimes. The all volunteer Metro Crime Stoppers Board of Directors raises funds

to pay cash awards of up to \$1,000.00 to those who call the Confidential 24 hour Hotline, 276-8888, and provide information that helps lead to the arrest and indictment of those responsible for crimes or wanted felons.

During June alone, 53 confidential code numbers were issued to callers and the Board authorized a total of \$4,400.00 in cash rewards during its meeting in July. This is the largest



amount of money that Metro Crime Stoppers has authorized for any one month since its inception in March, 1981. The awards were approved for callers who provided information that assisted in the arrest of twelve suspects and the clearance of 35 felonies.

In the first six months of 1987, calls to Metro Crime Stoppers assisted in the arrest and indictment of 51 suspects and the clearance of 126 felonies. This includes 58 armed robberies, 30 burglaries and 14 homicides.

Members of the Department who,

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## Officer Martini Shot

On the morning of July 23, 1987, a series of events unfolded which led to Officer Thomas E. Martini being shot in the upper shoulder near his left arm in an area not covered by his soft body armor.



THOMAS E. MARTINI

At 8 a.m. that day, Sergeant James Sharpe, Tactical Section, was on his way to work. In East Baltimore he observed a 1987 Dodge Aries being operated in an erratic manner. The car pulled to the curb where the driver fired a shot from a revolver out of the window at no intended victim before speeding away. Sergeant Sharpe followed the vehicle until it again came to a stop. Sergeant Sharpe got out of his vehicle and approached the Dodge, identifying himself as a police officer. The suspect drove off, stopped

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# Metro Crime Stoppers

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## SIX MONTH COMPARISON OF METRO CRIME STOPPERS ACTIVITY

	Since Inception	1986	1987	Increase/ Decrease
CODE NUMBERS ISSUED	1,703	136	235	+72.8%
CODE NUMBERS CLEARED	222	25	43	+72%
TOTAL CRIMES CLEARED	830	36	126	+250%
PERSONS ARRESTED	300	34	51	+50%
REWARDS AUTHORIZED	\$93,225.00	\$8,400.00	\$12,000.00	+42.8%
REWARDS PAID	\$79,975.00	\$5,450.00	\$9,900.00	+81.7%

during the investigation of criminal cases, have received Call Information Forms from Metro Crime Stoppers, respond favorably to the extra help. Sixteen per cent of all calls taken by the Telephone Reporting Unit of the Communications Division result in a reward being authorized. Many of the remaining tips, though accurate do not add new information to the investigation. Nor in some cases can it be established that the individual was responsible for the crime and the case remains open. Investigating officers frequently report back to Metro that the tips, in addition to helping solve the case, saved numerous manhours. Often the telephone tips are instrumental in the resolution of a crime that may never have been solved, had it not been for the call.

Interestingly, not all the callers to Metro Crime Stoppers are interested in the cash awards. Many are looking for, and find in Metro Crime Stoppers, a confidential way to communicate with law enforcement and provide information about the activities of the criminal elements plaguing their communities. Others just never call back for the money. In fact, there is currently \$13,250.00 in unclaimed rewards in the fund.

Awareness of Metro Crime Stoppers is increasing. Members of the community see its benefits through the media, law enforcement officers, wanted flyers, and Metro Crime Stoppers

posters and stickers. And they are calling the Hotline with valuable crime tips in greater numbers. Media response and assistance is vital. Not only is WMAR-TV Channel 2 airing photographs of wanted felons during their newscasts for Metro, but other media outlets are promoting the efforts of this non-profit community based organization.

The bright red Metro Crime Stoppers "Stop Sign" logo is becoming a familiar symbol throughout the Metropolitan area and is an appropriate one. The Board of Directors' goal is to present a united front against participants in crime. By joining together, local business leaders, members of the community, the media and law enforcement are helping each other to stop crime in Baltimore and in Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Howard counties.

## Officer Martini

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a short distance away, leaned out of his vehicle and pointed a revolver at Sergeant Sharpe. The suspect did not fire the weapon, but proceeded into the 900 block of Aisquith Street where he pulled the car to the curb, got out and escaped on foot. Sergeant Sharpe continued to follow the suspect.

Officers from the Eastern District responded to the area where they met Sergeant Sharpe and continued their search for the man. They learned

that the suspect had entered a home in the 1100 block of Webb Court. The officers approached the door and were talking to an occupant in the house when suddenly the suspect appeared inside and fired a shot from a handgun striking Officer Martini.

Officers took Officer Martini to a safe area and summoned medical aid while others ordered the suspect out of the house.

The suspect was arrested and charged with assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault and handgun violations. He remains in City Jail on \$1,000,000.00 bail.

## Wade H. Poole

The Baltimore Police Department, along with members of the community, mourn the death of former Deputy Commissioner, Wade H. Poole. Deputy Commissioner Poole died on July 27, 1987, after a long illness. Deputy Commissioner Poole joined the Department in 1940 and served it for 31



years. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1948 and to Lieutenant in 1952 serving at the Northwestern District. While assigned to the Northwestern District he was promoted to Captain in 1957. Two years later he was appointed as Commander of Western District. His rapport with the community helped foster a number of cooperative efforts during his six years as Commander of the District. This

wide spread rapport was demonstrated at a testimonial dinner where nearly a thousand civic leaders and residents of West Baltimore gathered to honor him as he accepted command of the Central District.

In July 1966, he was appointed a Major and named Deputy Chief of Patrol Area I. A year later he was appointed to Chief of Traffic, and finally to Deputy Commissioner of the Operations Bureau in 1967.

Deputy Commissioner Poole will long be remembered as a Commander who was a "Patrolman at Heart," and was loved by the community.

Services were held at Lisbon United Methodist Church on July 31, 1987. He was laid to rest at Crestlawn Gardens of Memories in Marriottsville, Maryland.

## Investigators Honored

On June 15, 1987, 13 members of the Criminal Investigation Division were honored for investigations of two Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Cases by the Baltimore District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigations occurred during November, 1986, and February, 1987, and reached as far as North Carolina before it was brought to a conclusion.

More than 5 pounds of Methamphetamine valued at \$167,700.00, 6 vehicles, a \$180,000.00 motor home and nearly \$10,000.00 in cash were seized.

Lieutenant George Smith of the Criminal Investigation Division said that, "Although the investigations required hard work and countless hours of surveillance, it was the cooperation between the two agencies that was responsible for our success."

Special Agent-in-Charge of the Baltimore District Office presented certificates of Appreciation to Detectives who initiated the investigation and others who lent support.

On hand for the ceremony were Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mul-

len, Operations Bureau, Colonel Richard A. Lanham, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division, and Captain Michael J. Fannon, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section.

Those who received Certificates of Appreciation were:

Lieutenant George Smith  
Lieutenant Thomas Marks  
Sergeant Carl Brown  
Detective Arnold Adams  
Detective Debra Evans  
Detective Lloyd Caster  
Detective Darryl Massey  
Detective Warren Gadowski  
Detective William Ritmiller, Jr.  
Detective Christine Davis  
Administrative Assistant Margaret Talbott



DONALD MATTHEWS

On July 21, 1987, Officer Donald Matthews, Northwestern District, was off duty and refueling his disabled personal vehicle at Security Blvd. and Interstate 70, where a car swerved off the road onto the shoulder, hitting him and pinning him between the cars.

The suspect left the scene on foot indicating that he was going to call for help. He never returned to the accident scene. Fortunately, other motorists stopped to assist Officer Matthews who was flown to University Hospital, Shock Trauma Unit.

His right leg was amputated due to the seriousness of his injuries. Hospital staff could not save his left leg which also had massive injuries. He remains hospitalized in critical condition but his injuries are not life threatening.

Officer Matthews, a 30 year veteran of the Department, has been a long time friend, advisor, and at times "Fatherly" to many younger officers. He has worked throughout the Department including the Traffic Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Northeastern District and Northern District.

## Pistol Team Wins Top Honors

The Baltimore Police Department's Pistol Team recently participated in the 33rd Annual Allentown Police Department Pistol Tournament and finished with top honors. There were nine additional awards won by team members.

The two day pistol competition held in Allentown, Pennsylvania is sanctioned by the National Rifle Association. More than 180 participants from Police Departments along the East Coast attended. It is one of the largest Pistol Tournaments in the Eastern United States.

The members of the Department's Pistol Team were divided into two teams for this competition, Gold and Blue teams.

The Gold Team won 1st place in the Bulls Eye Match. The Bulls Eye Match is a 60 round course shot 25 yards from the target in timed sequences.

The Blue Team won top honors in the B Division Combat Match. The Combat Match competition is similar to the Baltimore Police Department's In-Service Training Course. The match has timed sequences from various distances from the target.

The Baltimore Police Department's Pistol Team has won many championship trophies during its existence which stretches back more than 50 years.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

This is to express my deep appreciation for your response to my request a short time ago with respect to our June 22nd ground breaking ceremonies downtown. Your police officers were outstanding toward assisting the Veterans Administration contingent with traffic control and all-around visibility which contributed greatly to the success of the event.

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Coordinated by Baltimore City Police Lieutenant Patricia Loveless, the services of your Traffic Division officers were superb. They were Sergeant John Sharp and Officers William J. Council and Tom Joyce.

In addition, Tactical Commander Regis Raffensberger provided us with help through Police Officers Gary W. Terry, Lewis W. Stotler, Jr., Ronald Burke, and Patricia Smith. There were others whose names we have been unable to obtain, but the performance of your personnel was, as usual, peerless.

We thank you again for your continued support in the interest of the public which we serve.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Christian  
Medical Center Director

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

Thank you once again this year for your cooperation in helping make our 8th annual "mini-program" at the Baltimore Inner Harbor on June 6 to kick-off National Safe Boating Week such a success.

We could not have done it without your assistance and the attendance of your enthusiastic personnel.

Yours in boating,

Howard and Connie Barry  
Dundalk Power Squadron

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Lieutenant Matt Immler of the Northwestern District for receiving a Master of Arts Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Sergeant Celio Oliveras — Happy 50th birthday, August 15. "You still look marvelous after all these years."

## RETIREMENTS

**GRIMES, NORMAN R.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 23 years of service, July 22.

**SHENK, EDWARD F.**, Police Officer, Casual Section, 21 years of service, July 22.

**GEORGE, CHARLES L.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 26 years of service, July 23.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SINGLETERRY, CRAIG R.**, son of Officer and Mrs. Craig R. Singleterry, Northeastern District, 10lbs. ½ oz., April 10.

**BROWN, JESSICA LAUREN**, daughter of Detective and Mrs. David Brown, Homicide Unit, 7lbs., 3 oz., June 8.

**WILSON, ASHLEY NICOLE**, daughter of Officer and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Southern District, June 18.

**RABBITT, CARA MICHELLE**, daughter of Officer and Mrs. Timothy Rabbitt, Southern District, 10lbs., 3½ oz., June 30.

**JONES, GABRIELL PAIGE**, daughter of Officer and Mrs. David Jones, Southern District, 6lbs., 8 oz., July 7.

**AUSTIN, CASHAWNA LATRALLE**, daughter of OAIL Cassandra Austin, Internal Investigation Division, and OAIL Marvin Austin, Education and Training Division, 8lbs., 8 oz., July 24.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**POOLE, WADE H.**, retired Deputy Commissioner, Operations Bureau, July 27.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SAUNDERS, LEONARD J.**, uncle of Office Supervisor Cynthia Johnson, Western District, and

uncle of Officer Francis Edwards, Northwestern District, July 10.

**STANFIELD, IDA**, aunt of Officer Perry Stanfield Northeastern District, July 14.

**MILLER, LEIGHTON EDMOND**, father of Officer Daniel Miller, Southern District, July 15.

**GOODE, JESSE, SR.**, father of Officer Jesse Goode, Jr., Office of the Police Commissioner, and father-in-law of Officer Patricia Goode, Personnel Division, July 15.

**GEOGHEGAN, GLORIA**, aunt of Officer Jerry Flanary, Northeastern District, July 16.

**JACKSON, DORIS**, sister of Officer Joan C. McKintyre, Personnel Division, July 19.

**FIELDS, PAUL**, uncle of Officer Dale Fields, Southern District, July 19.

**VALLIANT, STEPHEN C.**, uncle of Sergeant Wilbur Holland, Northeastern District, July 20.

**GARNER, LESTER**, uncle of Officer Albert M. Diggs, Southeastern District, July 20.

**MULLIGAN, WILLIAM**, uncle of Secretary II Theresa Dawdy, Education and Training Division, and Officer Richard Guerin, Southwestern District, July 21.

**MARSHALL, MAGGIE NETTIE WOODS**, aunt of Police Communications Assistant I Theresa Sexton, Communications Division, July 23.

**DIGGS, BRENDA JOYCE**, half-sister of Officer Elsie L. Madden, Communications Division, July 24.

**JOHNSON, LLOYD**, uncle of Officer Larry Johnson, Western District, July 25.

**ANDERSON, HELEN S.**, mother of Officer William Anderson, Tactical Section, July 25.

**KRAFT, MARIE**, grandmother of Officer Josiah Massey, Southern District, July 25.

**CROWELL, SOL**, brother of Officer Percy Crowell, Southern District, July 25.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: "This End Up" sofa bed, \$275.00, queen size mattress and box spring, \$150.00. Contact Lieut. Tress, Tactical Section.

For Sale: 1987 Nissan Sentra, 2-dr., 5 speed, low mileage, am-fm stereo, excellent condition and still under warranty. \$5,000.00. Contact P.O. George Eckert, Personnel Division.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

August 19, 1987

## National Night Out '87

by: Police Officer Linda V.S. Rodriguez  
Crime Resistance Unit

It was a beautiful night for a block party, and the residents of the McElderry Street-Decker Avenue Community Association knew how to throw one in gala style. There was a seven piece band, flood lights, as well as Christmas lights strung along the row houses by the residents. Red, white and blue wreaths hung along street lights and balloons and streamers decorated the numerous food tables lining the sidewalks.

This was the third year that the McElderry - Decker residents have thrown such a block party, and each

year they keep getting bigger. Why all the hoopla? This southeast neighborhood was only one of more than 75 communities and 13,000 households in Baltimore which participated in "National Night Out in Baltimore" on August 11.

"National Night Out" is a nationwide crime prevention project sponsored by the National Town Watch Association and co-sponsored locally by Baltimore area police department.

During this special "Night Out," residents were asked to join with millions of citizens across the country in turning on an outside light, stepping

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## Preparing For Tomorrow

Computers, Society . . . Law Enforcement

The Baltimore Police Department, as well as law enforcement agencies across the nation, can turn to their histories and identify technologies that caused revolutions in the profession.

In 1885 for example, the nation's first Call Box System was installed in Baltimore's Central Police District. Other police agencies in the nation soon adopted this "highly advanced" form of communication which allowed officers to be in direct contact with their station houses. The old way wasn't the best way any longer.

In 1933, fourteen "Scout Cars" were equipped with one-way radios. Now officers could be contacted and dispatched faster than ever before via this "ultra-modern" technology. The old way wasn't the best way any longer.

Today, a new technological revolution has overtaken not only law enforcement but the very way in which we conduct our lives. The old way isn't the best way anymore thanks to computers.

Computers are now utilized in virtually every aspect of society. Often we are unaware that computers are the marvels of modern technology that make daily activities quick, accessible, and sometimes the only way possible.

Numerous daily tasks, such as completing bank transactions, are dependent upon the programming of a com-

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Assisted by a young child, Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns kicked off "National Night Out in Baltimore" with the lighting of an antique street light in front of his home in East Baltimore. Joining with the Mayor were Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman (left) and Councilman Nathaniel J. McFadden (right). Several members of the Command Staff, as well as scores of area residents joined with the Mayor and Commissioner in the lighting of Baltimore's first light for "National Night Out."

## Night Out '87

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out on their front porches and spending some time with their neighbors from 8-10 p.m.

The event was designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local police/community anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen community spirit and help overcome the "after dark fear of crime"; and (4) Send a message to the criminal community letting it know that neighborhoods are watching!

The night's festivities were kicked off by Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns who read a proclamation and turned on the first light of the evening in front of his home in the 2600 block of Mura Street. Also present for the ceremonies were Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and members of the Command Staff.



More than 200 members of the McElderry Street-Decker Avenue Community Association converged on the 3000 block of McElderry Street in Southeast Baltimore for a "National Night Out in Baltimore" block party.

The Fire Department showed its support by pulling its vehicles out in front of their station houses and sounding their sirens and bells for 30 seconds at 8 p.m. The Business Owners and Management Association (B.O.M.A.) generously lent their support by lighting up many of Baltimore's downtown office buildings.

Members of the Crime Resistance Unit spent the evening visiting many of the participating communities with "McGruff" the crime prevention dog.

District Neighborhood Services and Patrol personnel were also actively involved, visiting as many of the neighborhoods and numerous festivities taking place throughout the city as possible.

"National Night Out" is more than just a one night event. It is the awareness and involvement by individual citizens and neighborhoods in crime prevention throughout the year. Over the past five years, Baltimore's Neighborhood Watch Program has grown to include over 115,000 Block Watchers who have indicated their willingness to support the police and anti-crime efforts by acting as the "eyes and ears" for police. The success of the joint crime fighting efforts by law enforcement and citizens can also be seen in the growing number of "Citizens On Patrol" groups and other highly successful programs such as "Metro Crime Stoppers" and the Narcotics Hotline, "685-DRUG."

Last year Baltimore was ranked third in the nation for participation in "National Night Out." This year the enthusiasm and participation of Baltimore's citizens was almost double, making "National Night Out in Baltimore, 1987" the most successful to date. When Sgt. Robert Lassahn of the Crime Resistance Unit, and Coordinator for Neighborhood Watch was questioned, he said that they were already making plans and asking people to mark August 9, 1988, on their calendars - the date for next year's "Night Out!"

## Preparing For Tomorrow

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puter. The ability to make bank transactions 24 hours a day is made possible by a computerized automatic teller machine.

The use of calculators, telephones, electronic typewriters, word processors, video games, and automobiles are all dependent on computerized components.

Law enforcement has certainly not gone untouched by the computer era. Technology has already brought many

advantages to the profession and the future holds even greater potential.



Probationary Officer Bruce S. Finkel is one of 38 members of the Education and Training Division's Entrance Level Class 87-3 who were the first to complete a 3 credit Community College of Baltimore computer course as a part of their law enforcement training.

Major Patrick L. Bradley, Education and Training Division, says that the Department recognizes the change that society and the law enforcement community is undergoing. "We want members of the Department to have a sense of where the computer era is taking us. To accomplish this, Entrance Level Training Class 87-3, is the first class to complete a 3 credit Community College of Baltimore Course, 'Computers and Society.' The course is designed to introduce the probationary officer to the fundamentals of computers and available computerized resources."

"We are training officers for the future," says Major Bradley, "and we want them to have a basic knowledge of what the computer can offer, so that more officers may be motivated to expand the use of the computer in their investigations."

Major Bradley notes that police officers years ago who walked a post and sounded a night stick on cobblestones as a means of communication probably received some type of orientation to the "new" technology of automobiles and call boxes. "They most likely had to develop an ap-

preciation for 'new' technology and learn how to apply it to their daily responsibilities," said Major Bradley.

The computer course is a pilot program tailored to law enforcement and makes the Baltimore Police Department one of the first law enforcement agencies on the East coast to introduce an accredited computer course to its members.

Those who successfully complete the course will obtain 3 undergraduate college credits. This course is in addition to the 17 college credits each trainee currently earns when completing Entrance Level Training. Other accredited courses include psychology, sociology, physical education and four courses in the criminal justice curriculum.

Computers, in years to come, will be operated as easily and routinely as portable radios are today, and officers will be preparing to adapt to the even newer technology of the future. And when that new technology comes along . . . today's way will no longer be the best way.

## Have You Done Your Homework ? !

In just a few short weeks, colleges and universities will begin fall semester courses. Civilian and sworn members attending the Community College of Baltimore, and will apply for 100% reimbursement, should make sure that they have fulfilled the requirements for assistance.

1. The course taken must be *job related* or a course that will attain a job related degree.
2. At the time of registration, the employee must take Tuition Aid Forms to the Community College of Baltimore to be filled out.
3. The form then is to be taken to the member's supervisor to be approved and signed.
4. The Tuition Aid Form and a Condition/Release Agreement is then given to the Librarian in Education and Training Division.
5. Tuition does not need to be

paid prior to attending classes.

Members of the Department who are planning to attend 2 year Community Colleges (except CCB) or 4 year colleges and universities, must complete the following:

1. Tuition fees should be paid in full by attending student.
2. After completion of the course, a transcript of the grades, receipt of payment of all fees, and a notarized promissory note must be forwarded to the Librarian. The promissory note is not a requirement for civilian personnel.

Six credits per semester can be reimbursed at 100% for grades of "A" or "B," 75% reimbursement for grade of "C" to sworn members.

Civilian members are eligible to take a maximum of 10 credits per semester for reimbursement at 50% for grades C and above.

Additional information regarding Tuition Aid and College Reimbursement Programs can be obtained from Librarian Ruth Mewborne, Education and Training Division at 396-2518 or refer to General Order 2-83.

## NEWS NOTES

### PROMOTIONAL POLICE CAPTAIN EXAMINATION

A competitive promotional examination for the position of Police Captain will be held on October 6, 1987, at 8:30 a.m., at the War Memorial Building, Lexington and Gay Streets.

Applications are to be filed with the Director, Personnel Division, by 1600 hours Friday, August 21, 1987.

The Police Captain Examination is open to all Police Lieutenants who meet the qualifications on the attached announcement received July 27, 1987, and who will have one (1) year in rank as of October 6, 1987.

A retirement party for retired Sergeant Charles Daugherty and Rosario Buzzuro will be held on September 8, 1987, at the Fire Officers Union Hall,

O'Donnell Street and Linwood Avenue. Tickets are available from Mr. Frank Perkowski, State's Attorneys' Office, 396-1987, and Sergeant Vernon Wilhelm, C.I.D., Check Unit, 396-2400.

Tickets are \$15.00, which includes hot and cold buffet and cocktails.

### PROMOTIONAL POLICE LIEUTENANT EXAMINATION

Promotional Police Lieutenant Examination will be held on October 17, 1987, at 8:30 a.m., at Lake Clifton Senior High School, 2801 Saint Lo Drive.

Applications are to be filed with the Director, Personnel Division, by 1600 hours Friday, August 21, 1987.

The Police Lieutenant Examination is open to all Police Sergeants who meet the qualifications on the attached announcement received July 27, 1987, and who will have one (1) year in rank as of October 17, 1987.

### PROMOTIONAL POLICE SERGEANT EXAMINATION

Promotional Police Sergeant Examination will be held on November 7, 1987, at 9:00 a.m. Test sites will be given in future Police Commissioner's Memorandum.

The Police Sergeant Examination is open to all Police Officers and Police Agents who meet the qualifications on the attached announcement received August 5, 1987, and who will have three (3) years of service as a Police Officer/Police Agent as of November 7, 1987.

Yellow promotional applications must be on file with the Director of the Personnel Division, Baltimore City Police Department, 601 E. Fayette Street, 7th Floor, Room 747, Headquarters Building by 1600 hours on Friday, September 4, 1987.

Congratulations to four members of the Department who recently participated in the Baltimore Road Runners 16th Annual Ten Mile Relay. The runners were grouped into teams of two persons who ran 5 miles each.

Officers Frank E. Wagner, Jr., South-

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ern District, and Thomas J. Engel, Inspectional Services Division, finished in 7th place.

Sergeant Michael D. Lasky, Tactical Section, and Crime Laboratory Technician Arthur J. Fassio, Jr., crossed the finish line in 57 min. and 30 seconds, giving them 13th place.

A 5K Sunset Run will take place on August 21, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. The race is sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, a non-profit public interest organization.

The Sunset Run will start at Memorial Stadium, proceed west on 33rd St., south on Charles St., and finish at Saratoga St., by the Charles Street Market. Awards and prizes will be given to winners.

Registration fee is \$10.00. For more information, call Mr. Larry Glose, Race Consultant, 539-1369.

### PROMOTIONS

BOWMAN, ROSALIND A., Criminalist II, Laboratory Division, August 6.

DABKOWSKI, DAVID M., Radio Maintenance Technician II, Communications Division, August 6.

QURESHI, SALEEM P., Radio Maintenance Technician II, Communications Division, August 6.

### RETIREMENTS

HONEYCUTT, WILLIAM M., Sergeant, Community Services Division, 26 yrs. of service, August 13.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEALEFELD, KATIE ELIZABETH, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Bealefeld, Central District, 6lbs. 4 oz., July 24.

FALLON, ANDREW PATRICK, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James M. Fallon, Southwestern District, August 7.

EDGERTON, HARRISON DEMETRI, son of Detective and Mrs. Harry Edgerton, C.I.D., Homicide Unit, 7lbs. 6 oz., August 10.

EKLUND, RONALD LEE, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Ronald Lee Eklund, Sr., Tactical Section, August 11.

### FINAL ROLL CALL

CROSS, ALAN G., retired Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, August 1.

McKENZIE, CHARLES PAUL, retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, August 10.

LANSEY, WILLIAM A., Detective, C.I.D., Homicide Unit, August 11.

### IN MEMORIAM

KOCZOROWSKI, JEANNETTE, grandmother of Police Officer James Kulbicki, Northeastern District, July 31.

HOOK, EDMUND L., father-in-law of Police Officer William L. Burch, Tactical Section, August 5.

ANDERSON, WILLIE, father of Police Officer Billy Anderson, Helicopter Unit, Tactical Section, August 5.

CONNELLY, ANGELA MARY, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Connelly, Deputy Chief of Patrol Area I, August 7.

EWING, ROLAND, brother of Police Officer Robert Ewing, Southern District, August 11.

### CLASSIFIED

For Sale: 1949 Plymouth 4-door Special Delux, black, no rust, new interior. Flat head six, 3-speed, re-chromed. Is driven daily. Excellent condition. \$2,500.00 or best offer. Contact Sgt. Lewis, Crime Resistance Unit or 239-2193.



The Emergency Vehicle Unit has recently put into operation two new cruising patrol trucks. The new Fords are smaller and more mobile than the older cruising patrols but retain the capacity to carry several hundred items for emergency situations.



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# NEWSLETTER

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September 2, 1987

## Speed Limit Enforced on JFX

The 135 million dollar project to renovate Baltimore's Jones Falls Expressway continues to move ahead of schedule. Extensive modification and rebuilding of the roadway is moving into its major final stage with construction to be complete in a little more than a year from now.

Motorists who have been traveling the Jones Falls Expressway have been noticing more and more construction equipment and more workers on the roadway as reconstruction continues.

Baltimore's Department of Transportation Director, George Perdikakis, in a press conference last week, said that traffic on the JFX will have to slow to a maximum of 40 miles per hour for the next year or so to facilitate the reconstruction and to enhance

the safety of both construction workers and motorists.

Last week, radar-keyed signs were posted to let motorists know how fast they are driving. Colonel Joseph H. Cooke, Jr. of the Baltimore Police Department's Special Operations Division says that a recent survey, by police, showed that many motorists are either not aware or they are not obeying the lower, 40 mile per hour, speed limit.

After a period of education, with the radar-signs and an advertising campaign on radio and television, special enforcement teams will be assigned to the JFX to identify and ticket speeding motorists.

Mr. Perdikakis pointed out last

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## Property Crimes Conference

The Baltimore Police Department hosted a conference on August 25, 1987, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for Property Crimes Investigators. "It was not the traditional conference," says Captain Charles R. Blondell of the Criminal Investigation Division.

The conference allowed more than 30 detectives representing law agencies in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area, Federal Government, and Military Police Investigators to exchange current trends in burglaries that are occurring within their various jurisdictions. "Burglars are becoming very specialized in the type of burglaries they are committing and are becoming more and more mobile," says Lieutenant William A. Robbins, III, CID. Therefore, investigators must share information and investigative techniques because a particular burglar may be committing the same crime in several jurisdictions.

An example of how mobile a burglar may become can be seen in those incidents of burglaries at construction sites, hotels, and residential burglaries where precious metals are taken. There is often a network of communications among thieves to distribute the stolen goods to other areas.

Most citizens are not interested in purchasing construction site tools, riding lawn mowers or valuable coins. The stolen goods are often sold by a dealer or a "fencing" operation in the city and several surrounding counties. "Years ago the traditional residential

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Police Officer John Dodge, Traffic Investigation Unit, checks the speed limit of motorist on the Jones Falls Expressway by radar as a part of the new enforcement program.

## JFX

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week that there have been no fatalities or injuries to JFK construction workers so far during the projects progress. But, he said, nationally, there have been record numbers of highway construction workers killed by speeding motorists. "Our new lower speed program," he said, "is aimed at assuring that a tragedy does not occur."

Earlier this year a motorist was killed when he drove his vehicle into the rear of a piece of construction equipment. The investigation into that incident revealed that the motorist was driving at a speed far in excess of the posted speed limit.

The next phase of construction will involve lane changes and lane shifts. There will be more construction equipment parked by the side of the roadway. Officials estimate that the construction work force will often exceed 500 workers on the expressway at any given time. Construction will be taking place, to some degree, virtually 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

In addition to special attention to speed and safe driving practices, the public will continue to be encouraged to use one of the many alternate routes which have been designed to get them to their destination without having to use the JFX.

The alternate routes have proven to have been quite effective for the movement of traffic and for reducing the number of vehicles using the expressway as a commuter route on a daily basis.

## Property Crimes

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burglar lived within a four-block radius of the home that was burglarized. With a mobile society and easy transportation on the inter-state highways, burglars can move stolen goods through the State of Maryland with ease," says Sergeant Joseph Richardson, of the Property Crimes Section. A "fencing" operation is critical to a

burglary ring. Unlike money which is often taken in robberies, burglars cannot dispose of their stolen items as easily, therefore, as each item is sold, a long trail begins that a Property Crimes Detective must travel to identify the perpetrator of the crime.

"It is not unusual for a burglar to reside in one area of Maryland and commit crimes in another. With inter-agency observations and investigations the person can frequently be identified and arrested," says Lieutenant Robbins.

Since last November, the monthly conferences among investigators enhanced cases in several incidences. "I saw the need to have more formal lines of communication rather than one Detective contacting another jurisdiction on a one-time basis. Through interaction and joint investigations, the Criminal Investigation Division can be ahead of the criminals," says Captain Blondell.

## Why Join The Auxiliary Unit?

On August 20, 1987, 15 members of the Auxiliary Training Class 87-2 were presented Certificates of Completion from Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman. They have persevered nearly three months of extensive training to volunteer their time providing services to the citizens of Baltimore. Since 1983, the Auxiliary Police Unit has contributed more than 74,000 hours, assisting in traffic control and crowd control at special events, crime resistance, and administrative duties.

Each of the auxiliary officers bring unique talents to the Baltimore Police Department and are dedicated to the duties they are assigned. Some may ask why the auxiliary officers donate their valuable services and how do they find the time to do so in addition to their careers and other responsibilities?

Ms. Jeraldine Nelson, a member of Auxiliary Training Class 87-2, said that working in the Auxiliary is a way

to fulfill a lifelong dream. "I come from a family where a career in law enforcement is traditional, and I always wanted to be a police officer, but back in 1958, the opportunity was not available to women," says Ms. Nelson. Although she chose a career as a secretary, at age 46 she joined the Auxiliary Unit to experience being a part of law enforcement.

Mr. William George, a supervisor for the Highway Maintenance Division, joined the Auxiliary Unit because he wanted to live in a community where crime is not a major factor and citizens are not apprehensive to leave their homes. I volunteer my time so that sworn officers can concentrate on serious crime," he said. "I feel that if I can take on some of the minor responsibilities, it will allow sworn officers to devote their attention to making our neighborhoods a safer place in which to live. Through volunteering, I am offering what I can to fight crime."

Ms. Shirley Hicks, another member of the class called police several months ago seeking help in locating a missing family member. "When I visited the station house to learn how the investigation was progressing, I realized the magnitude of paper work that is involved," says Ms. Hicks. The family member was located and she joined the Auxiliary Unit to assist the administrative staff at one of the Department's nine districts. As a teacher in the Baltimore Public Schools, Ms. Hicks says that hopefully some of the skills she uses at work will be helpful.

"We have auxiliary officers from throughout the community and each officer offers the Department a resource that enables us to better serve Baltimore," says Sergeant Gary P. West, Auxiliary Unit Administrator.

As graduation ceremonies took place in the Police Headquarters Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., some asked, "Why join the Auxiliary Unit?" They have joined quite simply to serve their community. The NEWSLETTER wel-

comes each graduate. They are:

Harry Blackwell	Vincent T. Mazziott
August Dorsey	Jeraldine Nelson
Joseph Edwards	Michael L. Patton
William H. George	Michael A. Watson, Jr.
Paul Harrison	Timothy F. White
Shirley Hicks	Lisa Young
Ellwood Klump	Rose Lee Ostrunder
Rebecca Knox	

Following the graduation ceremonies two auxiliary officers were promoted to the rank of Auxiliary Sergeant. They are Harry A. Schoen, Administrative Section and Russell Brown, Uniform Section.

## NEWS NOTES

A retirement party will be held on Thursday, October 1, 1987, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for Sergeant James B. Dixon, Western District. The semi-formal affair will be held at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue. Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes dinner, cocktails and dona-

tion for a gift. All money for the tickets are due by September 17, 1987. For more information, contact Ms. Jackie Taylor at the Western District.

The Education and Training Division and the Community College of Baltimore are offering a four credit basic shorthand course for departmental civilian personnel.

Under the City of Baltimore's Tuition Waiver Program, students who successfully complete the course will not be charged tuition fees. Students will be required to buy the textbook at \$35.00.

Classes will be conducted on departmental time each Monday and Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. beginning with registration on September 9, 1987.

Interested personnel should submit a request to attend to their Commanding Officer who reserves the right to limit and select students. Upon ap-

proval, commanders will forward requests to the Education and Training Division.

## Monkey Business



Photo Courtesy of The Evening Sun

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson of South Baltimore hold their 14 month-old Guenon monkey. Thea escaped from her home last week for a swinging good time. Officers of the Southern District didn't monkey around when the call went out for a "wild animal" running loose on South Gilmore Street. Thea was found bounding across rooftops and through trees with the local dog population hot on her trail.

Thea proved too much for police, her owners, neighbors and animal control agents for more than five hours. Finally, tired of all of this monkeying around, experts from the Baltimore Zoo were called in. Thea's adventure was finally brought to a close when she mistakenly went into a home four doors away from her's where she was captured. Maybe she thought, her uncle lived there. . . ?

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

May I take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the manner in which officers of your Department quickly responded and apprehended a suspect involved in the robbery of a teller in our corporate headquarters on August 1, 1987. The situation was handled in a most ef-

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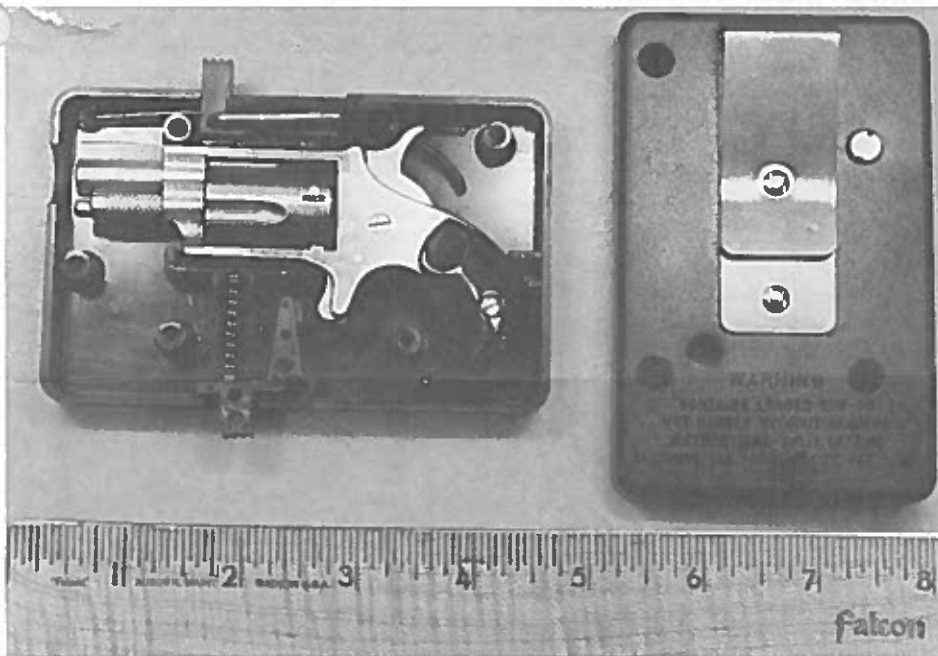


Photo Courtesy of the F.B.I.

## ALERT

The above weapon was recently reported in the F.B.I. LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN. The "Perilous Personal Pager" resembles a message beeper used in many professions.

A five shot, 22 short barrel revolver

can be easily concealed in the square plastic case. The weapon can be cocked and fired without being removed.

The "Perilous Personal Pager" can have a label, a telephone number and belt clip similar to traditional pagers. Members of the Department should be on Alert for this weapon.

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ficient manner and resolved without incident. This reflects the effectiveness of your organization and, in particular, the high competency level of the dedicated men and women who fill its ranks.

I cannot sufficiently express how reassuring it is to the management and employees of our Company that when serious situations of this nature occur, "Baltimore's Finest" can be counted upon to do their professional best.

Your splendid cooperation is greatly appreciated and we are thankful for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Herbert D. Coss, Jr.

Vice-President, General  
Services

Baltimore Gas and Electric

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Melvin Wilson on the birth of their daughter on 15 August, 1987, at St. Josephs Hospital. Courtney Denise weighed in at 4½ lbs.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer John Elton who is presently at home recuperating from recent arm surgery.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Drug Enforcement Section — On August 13, 1987, Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph G. Clements cumulatively donated their 80th pint of blood, or ten full gallons, to the American Red Cross Blood

Donor program. Blood donors for many years, Sergeant Clements and his family have been more than active participants.

Congratulations to Ms. Crystal Clements, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph G. Clements, for being on the Honor Roll for outstanding academic record. Their daughter attends the University of Maryland.

## RETIREMENTS

**DORSEY, LORRAINE E.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 27 years of service, August 20.

**KEITH, EDWARD R.**, Police Officer, Northern District, 30 years of service, August 26.

**BRAWNER, BERNARD R.**, Police Officer, Special Operations Division, Traffic Section, 31 years of service, August 27.

**MORRIS, EARL L.**, Sergeant, Southeastern District, 16 years of service, September 3.

**PINKERTON, WILLIAM K., III**, Police Officer, Southeastern District, 32 years of service, September 3.

**TORRES, SALVADOR**, Lieutenant, Southeastern District, 30 years of service, September 3.

**DAY, ROBERT P.**, Police Officer, Special Operations Division, Traffic Division, 23 years of service, September 8.

**DIXON, JAMES B.**, Sergeant, Western District, 33 years of service, September 28.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**QUASNY, ZACHARY DAVID**, grandson of Police Officer George Quasny, Southern District, 8½ lbs. 11 oz., July 31.

**SZUBA, SHANNON DENISE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John G. Szuba, Jr., Central District, 7½ lbs. 9 oz., August 12.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**BURKE, ALFRED J.**, retired Police Officer, Northeastern District, August 11.

**GRANGER, JAMES D.**, retired Police Officer, Tactical Section, August 15.

**MACIEJCZYK, BENEDICT**, retired Sergeant, Inspectional Services Division, August 17.

**McKENZIE, CHARLES P.**, retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, August 19.

**ZECHMAN, PAUL F.**, retired Police Officer, Tactical Section, August 20.

**KUZYK, EUGENE S.**, retired Sergeant, Traffic Division, August 25.

## IN MEMORIAM

**LEVENDOSKI, ROGER LEE**, brother of Police Officer Kenneth Levendoski, Southern District, August 2.

**ANDERSON, WILLIE**, father of Police Officer Billy Anderson, Tactical Section, Helicopter Unit, August 5.

**HOOK, EDMUND L.**, father-in-law of Police Officer William L. Burch, Tactical Section, August 5.

**HINES, ROBERT**, father-in-law of Police Officer Richard D. Curley, Jr., Communications Division, August 17.

**LADOLCETTA, ROSALIE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Kenneth Molenstra, Northern District, August 17.

**WALKER, DELORES**, sister of Firearms Supervisor Joseph A. Reltz, Laboratory Division, August 17.

**WRATCHFORD, CHARLES G.**, brother of Police Officer Eugene D. Wratchford, Traffic Section, August 17.

**SHAULIS, PETER G.**, father of Major Peter C. Shaulis, Central Records Division, August 20.

**METZGER, ELMER L.**, father of Police Officer Rudy L. Metzger, Community Services Division, Youth Section, August 22.

## CLASSIFIED

Wanted: Roomate (F/M) to share 2-bedroom and 2 bathroom apartment in the Bolton Hill area. \$200.00 a month plus ½ of utilities. Garage included. Call 225-9323 and leave a message.

For Sale: Owings Mills townhouse, 2-bedrooms, 1½ baths, dishwasher, disposal, basement rear yard with deck, minutes from 695, 795, 83 and Owings Mills Mall. \$66,000.00. Contact Agent Olszewski, Youth Section.



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## Twenty Members Promoted

On September 10, 1987, Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presented Certificates of Promotion to 5 new Lieutenants and 15 Sergeants. The morning ceremony was held in the Education and Training Division Lounge.

Those promoted were:

*Lieutenant John R. Draa*  
*Criminal Investigation Division*

Lieutenant Draa, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, joined the Department in September, 1974. As an officer, Lieutenant Draa was assigned to the Southeastern District. A year later he was appointed Police Agent. In 1979, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Northeastern District. He has also worked in the Tactical Section and Criminal Investigation Division.

During his 13 years of service, Lieutenant Draa has received 7 Official Commendations including 2 Bronze Stars, 1 Commendatory Letter and a Unit Citation.

The Unit Citation was awarded for an investigation which led to 116 arrests of persons who violated narcotic laws. The investigation resulted in the seizure of 21 vehicles and 28 firearms. Fourteen significant drug organizations were disrupted.

*Lieutenant Lawrence B. Bennett*  
*Central District*

Lieutenant Bennett has a Bachelor of Science Degree in English Literature from the University of Delaware. He joined the Department after serving in the United States Army. After graduating as an officer from the Edu-

cation and Training Division, he was assigned to the Northern District. In 1977, Sergeant Bennett was designated as a Police Agent. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1985.

During his 11 years with the Department, he has been awarded the Citation of Valor.

*Lieutenant James R. Steedman*  
*Eastern District*

Lieutenant Steedman, a 18 year veteran of the Department, has worked in the Eastern District since his promotion to Sergeant in 1975. He has received 9 Official Commendations including a Commendatory Letter, 4 Bronze Stars and a Unit Citation. The Unit Citation was awarded for the outstanding achievement of the plainclothes squad in the Eastern District in 1980.

Lieutenant Steedman attended the Community College of Baltimore and the University of Maryland.

*Lieutenant Francis K. Melcavage*  
*Southeastern District*

Lieutenant Melcavage has a Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Maryland. He joined the Department in 1970 and a year later was appointed as a Police Agent.

As Police Agent, he served in the Criminal Investigation Division and remained there after his promotion to Sergeant in 1976. Two years later, he was assigned to the Education and Training Division until his most recent promotion.

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## Right There in the Middle of Things

The Police Community Relations store front in Southern District is located in a shopping center in the Cherry Hill area. It is in the heart of what's occurring in the community. Although the Southern District Station house is located nearby, the Community Relations post remains busy with citizens. Some just stop in to talk . . . others have genuine concerns.



Police Agent Karen Jackson, Community Relations Section (right) hands a crime prevention pamphlet to a community resident outside the Community Relations store front in Cherry Hill.

Community Relations Specialist Iasiah Larkin, Jr., who has worked the center for 2 years, says that it is the Department's only Community Relations store front. It has been vital to

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# Promotions

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*Lieutenant Michael H. Waudby*  
*Central District*

Lieutenant Waudby joined the Department in 1971 and was assigned to the Southeastern District until his promotion to Sergeant in 1978. As a Sergeant he served in the Northern District. A native of Baltimore, Lieutenant Waudby graduated from the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland.

Below are the newly promoted Sergeants and their assignments:

*Sergeant Matthew J. Bauler*  
*Northeastern District*

Sergeant Bauler, a 13 year veteran, has been awarded 4 Official Commendations which includes 2 Bronze Stars. One Bronze Star was awarded for his participating in "Concentration on Drug Enforcement," a special task force that focused on narcotic violations. The second Bronze Star was given in 1981 for an arrest of a suspect who was charged with Armed Robbery and Handgun violations.

Sergeant Bauler has worked in the Southwestern and Central Districts and the Criminal Investigation Division.

*Sergeant Barbara Brennan*  
*Southwestern District*

Sergeant Brennan, a native of Yonkers, New York, is a 5 year veteran of the Department. She has been assigned to the Southern District and Property Division.

*Sergeant Ernest W. Wright, III*  
*Western District*

Sergeant Wright joined the Department in 1981. After graduating from the Educating and Training Division, his first assignment was the Western District and later the Southeastern District. He has an Associate of Arts Degree from Catonsville Community College.

*Sergeant John J. Wiley, Jr.*  
*Central District*

Sergeant Wiley has been a member

of the Department for 6 years. During this time, he has been awarded a Bronze Star for Stolen Auto arrests and a Unit Citation for over 60 arrests of persons involved in Assaults and Robberies, Burglaries, and Narcotic Violations. He also received 5 additional Official Commendations. A native of East Rutherford, New Jersey, Sergeant Wiley has worked in the Northwestern District and Criminal Investigation Division.

*Sergeant Oy Ben Lieu*  
*Northwestern District*

Sergeant Lieu, an 11 year veteran, has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. Since joining the Department, Sergeant Lieu has worked in the Western District for 5 years prior to his being assigned to the Internal Investigation Division.

*Sergeant Kathleen T. Patek*  
*Eastern District*

Sergeant Patek was appointed in December, 1974. After graduating from the police academy, she worked in 3 police districts, Southwestern, Southeastern and Northeastern Districts.

Sergeant Patek is a graduate of Western High School and has attended the Community College of Baltimore.

*Sergeant James G. Cappuccino, Jr.*  
*Northwestern District*

Sergeant Cappuccino, a native of Paterson, New Jersey, has been a member of the Department for 5 years. As a Patrol Officer in the Southeastern District, he received 2 Official Commendations including a Bronze Star.

*Sergeant John F. Tewey*  
*Southeastern District*

Sergeant Tewey joined the Department in 1977 and was assigned in the Eastern District for 3 years before assignment to the Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit. He has received 2 Official Commendations.

*Sergeant Paul E. Davis*  
*Western District*

Sergeant Davis was appointed Police

Agent in 1978, a year after he joined the Department. He has been awarded 3 Official Commendations including 2 Bronze Stars. One Bronze Star was for his outstanding performance of duty during a Barricade Situation in 1981. The second Bronze Star was awarded for the arrest of a suspect charged with Assault with Intent to Murder.

*Sergeant Edward M. Frost, III*  
*Communications Division*

Sergeant Frost has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. A 10 year veteran of the Department, Sergeant Frost was appointed Police Agent in 1980. He has worked in the Criminal Investigation Division, Western and Southeastern Districts.

*Sergeant Tony C. Restivo*  
*Communications Division*

Sergeant Restivo joined the Department in 1971 after serving in the United States Army. During his career, he has been the recipient of 7 Official Commendations including 3 Bronze Stars and a Unit Citation. He has worked in the Northeastern District and the Criminal Investigation Division.

*Sergeant Michael L. Tabor*  
*Central District*

Sergeant Tabor is a 16 year veteran of the Department. He has worked in the Northern and Southeastern Districts. He is the recipient of 1 Official Commendation.

*Sergeant Michael P. Tomczak*  
*Western District*

Sergeant Tomczak, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the University of Baltimore. He was appointed as a Police Officer in 1980, and 5 years later designated as a Police Agent.

Sergeant Tomczak has been awarded 3 Official Commendations.

*Sergeant Walter J. Tuffy*  
*Central District*

Sergeant Tuffy, a 5 year veteran, has worked in the Southeastern District and has been awarded 4 Official Commendations including 1 Bronze Star

given for the rescue of a suspect who attempted suicide.

*Sergeant Jonathan K. Miller  
Northwestern District*

Sergeant Miller holds a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Baltimore and an Associate of Arts Degree. A member of the Department since 1980, he has been assigned to the Northern District. In 1981, he was appointed Police Agent and has been the recipient of 3 Official Commendations.

## In The Middle

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the community for over a decade. "Often the citizens may see the Police Department from a reactive standpoint, such as investigating a crime which has occurred. But the Community Relations outpost shows citizens that a Police Department can be pro-active as well with teaching crime prevention and attending community meetings," says Specialist Larkin.

The store front is strategically located where many citizens travel to shop. This resulted in more than 300 persons stopping in last year with various situations that Specialist Larkin assisted in solving. The store front also provides a covert means to many who assist in solving crimes. Often citizens will come in to give information on a crime that has occurred because they may be hesitant to go to the station house, concerned that someone will see them. "The store front is in the main thoroughfare of the community where patrol officers also stop in," says Specialist Larkin. "This meeting place atmosphere helps to keep dialogue open between the Baltimore Police Department and the community," he continued.

Some concerns that citizens come to the Community Relations post with are non-crime related. These may concern problems with housing, unemployment, or health care information. Many citizens come to the post because they don't know anywhere else

to go. "I just lend an ear and begin to refer them to the appropriate agencies," says Specialist Larkin.

Last year a parent walked in with a child who was having difficulty in school assignments. The parent attempting to locate the patrol officer who had previously stopped and talked to this parent and child. The officer stressed to the youth that good citizenship begins with following the rules at school and home. The parent told Specialist Larkin of the officer's positive influence on the child's behavior. Even though the officer could not be found, the 13 year old student began to often stop at the Community Relations store front from school. Specialist Larkin, a former math, biology, and chemistry high school teacher, developed a rapport with the child and began to assist in homework assignments. In June 1986, the youngster finished the eighth grade class with straight A's.

The store front reaches out to a group of citizens who may not come in contact through any other programs or services the Department provides. Specialist Larkin says that the police are where you need them, right in the middle of things.

## Frank J. Battaglia Honored

Retired Baltimore Police Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia received an unexpected surprise and honor at the Annual Jimmie Swartz Foundation Awards Ceremony held recently at Martin's West.

Commissioner Battaglia was told, as he stood before those attending the ceremony that The Signal 13 Foundation, which he was instrumental in creating, had been re-registered with the State of Maryland with a new name. It is now known as the "Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, Inc."

The purpose of the foundation remains the same. It exists to provide assistance to members of the Baltimore Police Department during times of

personal emergency need. Since its creation, the foundation has been able to make loans or financial grants to scores of members of the Police Department.

The Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation is a beneficiary of the Combined Charity Campaign for Baltimore City Employees. Last year members of the Police Department designated more than \$19,000.00 to help members of the agency when the need arose.

The opportunity to make that designation again during the 1987 Combined Charity Campaign will be coming up in a few weeks. Details of the upcoming campaign will be discussed in a future edition of the NEWSLETTER.



Officer William K. Humble, Jr. (pointing) and Police Agent Kate V. Wood, (far right) Central District, conducted a tour throughout the Police Headquarters Building for 36 high school students from France and Spain. The visit to the Baltimore Police Department was one of many stops during their month's long visit to the United States. The students compared the differences in police functions and technology between law enforcement agencies in their country to those in the United States. One of the highlights of the tour through Headquarters was the weapon display located in the Laboratory Division.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner:

I would like to take just a few minutes of your busy time to thank you and the professional officers of the Baltimore City Police Depart-

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## Post Scripts

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ment for handling what could have been a very serious incident at one of our 7-Eleven Stores on the evening of June 24, 1987, at 11:42 p.m.

The incident was a store robbery at 4438 Reisterstown Road in the Northwest District. The robbery was in progress when one of your officers pulled in the lot and was observed by the suspect. Your officer, without backup, got all the employees and customers out of the store with no injuries and secured the scene until assistance could arrive. With the assistance of the S.W.A.T. team, the suspect was apprehended without incident.

This in itself shows the professionalism of the officers of the Baltimore City Police Department.

Once again, thank your officers for making a very dangerous situation end without an incident.

Sincerely,

Charlie Beard

Senior Area Loss Prevention  
Manager

## LIBRARY NOTES

*City Horse* by Jack Demuth, Dodd, Mead, 1979.

Hannon, a high-spirited police horse, patrols the streets of New York City with his rider Officer Mike Sicignano. This is an excellent book

for youth service officers to share with all ages (black and white photographs).

*Applied Psychology For Criminal Justice Professionals* by Virginia L. Revere. Nelson-Hall, 1982. Describes how to effectively deal with all types of individuals in a changing society.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to John Leso, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Andrew F. Leso. John spent the Summer completing advance courses in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, R.O.T.C. Training included air assault courses at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and medical training at Fort Meade, Maryland. He returned home and was promoted to Cadet Captain in the R.O.T.C. program. John returned to Johns Hopkins University this fall to complete his undergraduate studies in clinical psychology.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Police Officer Donald "Chick" Matthews is convalescing at home and is reported to be doing well. Cards and letters should be forwarded to the Northwestern District for immediate delivery.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Arson Unit — Congratulations to Sergeant Richard Ellwood on his marriage to Sharon Peters on August 22. The new Mrs. Ellwood is the daughter of Baltimore Oriole General Manager Hank Peters. "Good luck Richard and Sharon . . . stick with those 'Birds.'"

## RETIREMENTS

CRABILL, DONALD E., Police Officer, Communication Division, 31 years of service, September 9.

BAXTER, CHARLES L., Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, 34 years of service, September 9.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAKER, BRITTANY ALEIGHA, daughter of DEO I

Branda Baker, Central Records Division, 8 lbs. 1½ oz., August 7.

MOHR, SHANE DAVID, son of Police Officer John Mohr, Northwestern District, 7 lbs. ½ oz., August 24.

HENNEMAN, CORRINNE NICHOLE, granddaughter of Sergeant George T. Henneman, Northern District, 6 lbs. 15½ oz., August 31.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

ZECHMAN, PAUL F., retired Police Officer, Tactical Section, August 20.

KUZYK, EUGENE S., retired Sergeant, Traffic Division, August 25.

NEIZER, GEORGE B., SR., retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, August 29.

JACOBS, SIDNEY, retired Police Officer, Eastern District, September 1.

GAY, CHARLES H., retired Sergeant, Traffic Division, September 2.

## IN MEMORIAM

HEID, CASPER N., father of Police Officer Gerald Heid, Northeastern District, August 31.

STEWART, LINARD, uncle of Police Officer Clinton Stewart, Central District, September 1.

WALKER, WILLIAM O., father of Police Officer Arlene Manning, Planning and Research Division, September 1.

EYRING, ADOLF R., father-in-law of Sergeant Francis Melcavage, Education and Training Division, September 2.

HOOVER, ALICE, mother of Police Officer Louis Hoover of the Central District and Police Officer Gary Hoover of the Southern District, September 3.

WILLIS, RONALD, brother-in-law of Police Officer Tyler Tyson, Northeastern District, September 4.

HOWELL, TIM, son of Police Officer James Howell, Central District, September 4.

WILLIS, EDWARD R., JR., brother of Police Agent Stanley A. Willis, Sr., Personnel Division, Casual Section, September 4.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Crime Prevention Month "Watch Out, Help Out"

During the month of October, many citizens will be learning about how to prevent crime. The Baltimore Police Department has joined law enforcement agencies across the nation to provide information to the community about ways neighbors can "Watch Out, Help Out," which is Crime Prevention Month's motto. Preparations for the month long festivities began on September 16, 1987, when Lieutenant Robert E. Wilson, Crime Resistance Unit, opened a seminar at the Education and Training Division for Neighborhood Service Sergeants and Community Relations Staff from the nine police districts throughout the Department.

At the seminar, Neighborhood Services Sergeants received information

on Neighborhood Block Watch programs, Metro-Crime Alert, and procedures for home security surveys. It is anticipated that with the publicity campaign, many citizens will request that security surveys be undertaken at their homes. "We expect to have a substantial increase in requests for information on methods to secure homes, as a result of Crime Prevention Month campaign. We are hoping to reach many citizens who may be experiencing crime in their neighborhood but don't know what to do about it," according to Sergeant Robert E. Lassahn, Crime Resistance Unit. Members of the Department along with McGruff, the nationally famous crime dog, will be attending church meet-

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Sergeant Hezzie T. Sessomes Jr., III, Crime Resistance Unit, explains how to improve security in the house to nurses Sandra Cotton (left) and Pat Spilman at a Crime Prevention display at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



"Charity Is A Combined Effort," is the theme for the 1987 Combined Charity Campaign for Baltimore City Employees. The campaign, now in progress, encourages members of the Baltimore Police Department and the employees of all other City agencies to assist 177 different charitable activities.

In 1986, members of the Police Department donated \$58,000.00 to the campaign. The Frank J. Battaglia Signal 13 Foundation, Inc., which assists members of the Police Department in times of personal need, received \$19,000.00 as a "designated charity."

Most members of the Police Department are familiar with emergency situations and the lasting problems it often causes. Everyday Police Officers deal with family members who have suffered serious injuries, or citizens who suddenly have to cope with unexpected crises.

Very often Police Officers find themselves referring people in need to charitable agencies which exist to offer assistance. A family or several families lose their residences and all of their belongings in a fire. The Red Cross is there to locate temporary housing.

A teenager who has run away from home walks into a station house asking for assistance in getting back home to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has no money. The Traveler's Aid Society of Baltimore is there to provide as-

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## Crime Prevention

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ings, festivals, shopping centers, and other locations such as the Baltimore Zoo to distribute crime prevention materials.

The campaign's focus is for citizens to know that crime prevention is something that everyone can become involved with regardless of age.

"Once people are aware the statistics about crime, they know the importance of crime prevention," says Sergeant Lassahn. Although serious crime has recently decreased in Baltimore, statistics from the National Crime Prevention Council show that:

- Twenty-five of the nation's households were touched by a crime of violence or theft in 1985.
- Thirty-five million Americans are hurt by crime every year. Six million of these are victims of violent crime. Six percent of violent and property crime victims missed one to five days from work in 1983 because of crime.
- Crime costs businesses up to 300 billion dollars a year.
- Participation in community crime prevention programs is growing with an estimated 19 million Americans now involved in neighborhood crime watch programs. Areas which have active crime prevention programs have reduced certain types of crimes by as much as fifty percent.

A community organization that the Crime Resistance Unit will be working with during the month of October is the McElderry-Decker Community Association. This two year old community group was selected as a winner during the 1987 "Baltimore's Best Neighborhoods" contest. The residents worked together to combat crime problems. They worked on removing and preventing graffiti and other hazards in Ellwood Park and formed a Neighborhood Block Watch group. They were active participants in the "National Night Out" on August 11, 1987. This community group provides an example of what can be

done when a neighborhood acts to prevent crime.

"During the next 31 days," says Sergeant Lassahn, "We will have a comprehensive outreach program, teaching the communities to take a positive approach to crime prevention by establishing new community groups and expanding the old ones."

## Combined Charity Campaign

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assistance in getting the youngster back to her family.

A family enroute from New York to Atlanta becomes stranded in the city after their automobile breaks down. They have very little money and the children are hungry. The Maryland Food Committee exists to supply meals to soup kitchens and emergency food centers.

There are 177 different agencies under the umbrella of the Combined Charities Campaign and each one provides services which will be vitally needed by someone.

This is why every member of the Police Department is being asked to consider making a donation. It is very easy to do, simply designate up to five specific charities or let the Combined Charities Campaign select those which will benefit from your donation.

Every member of the Police Department has or will soon receive a payroll deduction pledge card. It is hoped that members of the Police Department will take a few moments to read the 1987-1988 Directory of Agencies and Services. Along with a listing of the 177 agencies needing your assistance is a brief description of the services which are offered by each of those agencies.

Fill out and sign the card and return it to the Combined Charities representative in your unit. Even a modest contribution, when combined with those of other members of the Police Department, will add up to provide valuable services to people in

need, for indeed, "Charity Is A Combined Effort."



On September 10, 1987, Major Eugene Tanzy, Jr., Community Relations Section, (right) accepted a check in the amount of \$3,930.00 from Mr. James Richerson, Store Manager of Sears-Roebuck and Company, at Security Mall. The money was donated to the Department's Officer Friendly Program for materials used throughout the school year. The Officer Friendly Program will begin its 15th year of classroom instruction for more than 120,000 elementary school age students in Baltimore City. The purpose of the program is to teach children the functions of a police officer and respect for law. The donation is from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, a nationwide program that began in 1966.

## A Phone Number That Brings Action

Two years ago the Baltimore Police Department began a program to remove drug dealers from the neighborhoods in Baltimore. We told the citizens of this city that with a phone call police would investigate illegal drug activity that has made life uncomfortable for many.

The Police Commissioner and Mayor traveled throughout the city on trolley rides encouraging citizens to call the hotline and "Blow the Whistle on Drugs." Additionally, members of virtually every city agency were involved in the promotion of the 685-DRUG phone hotline.

After two years of operation, the 685-DRUG hotline is known as a phone call that brings action. Since September 4, 1985, nearly 16,000 calls have been received from concerned citizens. Information generated from these calls resulted in more than 3,400 arrests of suspects charged with possession or distributing narcotics.



Although the program was focused on street-level dealers, some information has resulted in raids which have tumbled several illegal drug organizations. "Often the street-level dealer's arrest may lead to information on the supplier of a larger quantity of drugs," says Sergeant John J. McEntee, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division.

The 685-DRUG hotline is answered by a trained member of the Department, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Information received about illegal drug activity in progress, is immediately investigated by a police officer. The calls are *not* recorded and the caller can remain anonymous.

"It is a success," says Sergeant McEntee, "investigations, and arrests will continue. The ever increasing number of calls demonstrates the public's growing awareness that 685-DRUG calls bring action!"

## NEWS NOTES

The Baltimore Zoo is accepting applications for its Fall-Winter Educational Adventures Program. The program includes courses in T'ai Chi, an ancient Chinese physical fitness program, a mountain backpacking course and an Easton Waterfowl Festival and numerous other activities. For more information on additional courses, fees and times, call 467-4387.

Five members of the Baltimore Police Department were among over 700 runners who participated in the Executive Stampeed Corporate Challenge Race. The event took place on September 13, 1987, at Hunt Valley, Baltimore County.

The runners from the Department persevered the 6 mile hilly terrain, through humidity and heavy rains to win 1st place in the team category. More than 60 teams representing corporations, businesses and government agencies competed in the race.

Representing the Police Department were: Officer Frank E. Wagner, Jr., Southern District, Officer Thomas J.

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## *Eighteenth Annual City Fair*

### *We Were There!*



Officer James D. Hill, Central District, stops and chats with WMAR Reporter Beverly Burke at the Metro Crime Stoppers Booth. The Metro Crime Stoppers confidential 24 hour Hotline is 276-8888. A citizen can give information that helps lead to arrest and indictment of those persons responsible for crimes.



Officer Cecil Lawson, Traffic Division, keeps the traffic flowing for thousands of motorists coming to the City Fair.



(Left to right) Cadets Charles O. Earl and Claudine K. Sehirnbeck and Officer Charles Washington, Recruitment Section, answer questions from two people who inquired about joining the Department.

Engel, Inspectional Services Division, Officer Troy Lewis, Special Operations Division, Crime Laboratory Technician Authur J. Fassio, Jr., and Officer Stephen J. F. Grenfell, Tactical Section.

The Department's band, "Sounds of an Era," is looking for new members. Any member of the Department, sworn or civilian, who plays a musical instrument may join. Practice times are Wednesdays at 1230 hours. For more information, contact Detective Harry McDonald, Sex Offense Unit.

## *Post Scripts*

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank everyone who attended the retirement party, at the Tom Frazier Fire Hall, at Linwood and O'Donnell, September 18, 1987. It was indeed a pleasure.

I would like to specially thank Frank Perkowski, Vernon Wilhelm and Nick Giangrosso for all their hard work in putting the party together and making it such a success.

Thanks guys, you are true friends.

Sincerely,

Charlie Daugherty

Retired Sergeant, Baltimore  
Police Department

## **LIBRARY NOTES**

Landreth, B. *Out of the Inner Circle: a Hacker's Guide to Computer Security*. Microsoft Press. 1985 (HF5548.37. L36 1985)

Landreth provides suggestions for preventing intrusions into computer systems. Insights on the personalities of hackers are also provided.

Neff, Pauline. *Tough Love: How Parents Can Deal With Drug Abuse*. Abingdon Press. 1982. (RC564.N4 1982)

This book briefly describes how several families deal with their drug abusing teenagers through the Palmer Drug Abuse Program. The writer only skims the surface of this evasing problem.

*The Crime Victim's Book* by Morton Bard. Basic Books. 1979. Provides methods for police, counselors and other professionals to assist victims of crime and their families.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sergeant Anthony Sarro who is presently recuperating from recent surgery.

Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. Dennis Barry on the birth of their first child — a daughter, Kelly Marie who was born on 9-8-87 at Union Memorial Hospital. Kelly weighed in at 8 lbs., 11 oz.

Congratulations to Police Officers James Shelley and his wife Kathleen on the birth of their daughter Emily Anne, on 8-31-87, at Mercy Hospital. Emily weighed in at 8 lbs. 6½ oz.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations — On September 12, 1987, Police Officer Rodney Matthews married Rita Jeannine Colleir.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Members of the Division extend a warm welcome to Patricia J. Stover, Office Assistant III-D, who joined us on Monday.

**TACTICAL SECTION — K-9 UNIT** — A happy retirement to Officer Gilbert B. Schoff who will be leaving the Department on October 3, 1987. Officer Schoff is the most senior member of the K-9 Unit for 19 of the 30 years he has been with the Department.

## PROMOTIONS

**VOLK, DEBORAH B.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Communications Division, August 27.

**COLLACCHI, CATHERINE M.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Community Services Division, August 27.

**WOZNIAK, HELEN A.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Criminal Investigation Division, August 27.

**BELL, JEAN L.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Criminal Investigation Division, August 27.

**BOLLIN, DOROTHY L.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**BROCKINGTON, PHYLLIS A.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Communications Division, August 27.

**CLARK, BARBARA A.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**HEARNS, BETTIE A.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**HICKS, MARY L.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**JAMES, PHYLLIS D.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**LEBRUN, BARBARA A.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**PARRAN, JACQUELINE O.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**PERRY, AZARIE K.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Communications Division, August 27.

**RONE, DENISE M.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Central Records Division, August 27.

**SATTERFIELD, HELEN G.**, from Data Entry Operator I to Data Entry Operator II, Communication Division, August 27.

**CLASING, TERESA M.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Data Entry Operator II, Planning and Research Division, August 27.

**HARRES, JACQUELINE E.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Data Entry Operator II, Planning and Research Division, August 27.

**LEVERETT, OPHELIA D.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Data Entry Operator II, Planning and Research Division, August 27.

**BERKLEY, DARLENE V.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Data Entry Operator II, Planning and Research Division, August 27.

**HILL, THERESA L.**, from Secretary II to Secretary III, Office of Deputy Commissioner, Administrative Bureau, August 27.

## RETIREMENTS

**CARLISLE, CAROLE S.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 5 years of service, September 11.

**PERENY, FRANK M.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 18 years of service, September 11.

**GRANT, STAN W.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 29 years of service, September 18.

**GRAMS, JOHN E.**, Sergeant, Planning and Research Division, 31 years of service, September 25.

**SCHOFF, GILBERT G.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 28 years of service, October 4.

**MULLEN, EDWARD T.**, Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 26 years of service, October 15.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**HAROLD, CHARLES E.**, retired Police Officer, formerly assigned to the Tactical Section, September 15.

**HAYNIE, ADMIRAL DEWEY**, retired Lieutenant, formerly assigned to the Traffic Division, September 15.

## IN MEMORIAM

**BREMMER, DOROTHY**, aunt of Office Assistant II Diane Bettleyon, Special Investigation Section, September 11.

**HARDING, FREDERICK E.**, step-father of Police Officer Larry Schmidt, Southeastern District, September 13.

**WILHELM, DOROTHY**, aunt of Sergeant Vernon Wilhelm, Special Investigation Section, Check and Fraud Unit, September 13.

**BALDWIN, ALTON LEE, JR.**, brother of Sergeant Ellis Baldwin, Northeastern District, September 14.

**SCHMIDT, ROSALIND I.**, grandmother of Police Officer Lawrence Schmidt, Southeastern District, September 15.



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## Special Operations Division Stresses Specialized Training for Law Enforcement

As our society prepares for the 1990's and beyond it has become obvious that law enforcement agencies need to constantly update their skills and technologies in order to remain effective in efforts to deter crime and meet unexpected challenges.

The Special Operations Division of the Baltimore Police Department, headed by Colonel Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., has been very active in creating or sponsoring training which is being utilized by this Department and other law enforcement agencies from throughout the Eastern portion of the United States.

In September, the Department hosted a two day seminar entitled, "Profiling for Negotiators." The training covered topics such as "Predicting Suspect Behavior," Methods of Dealing With Violent Barricaded Suspects," and "A Suspect's Propensity for Violence During a Hostage or Barricade Incident."

Among the guest lecturers were Special Agent Ronald Walker of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Behavioral Science Unit and Dr. Dennis Kutzer, the Baltimore Police Department's Hostage Negotiation Team's Psychiatrist.

The seminar, which attracted 117 participants, was conducted in the auditorium of the downtown Police Headquarters Building. In addition to

members of the Baltimore Police Department, representatives from surrounding counties, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs Service, Maryland Toll Facilities Police and United States Park Police participated in the seminar. Others in attendance came from law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C., New York City, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Police, Wilmington, Delaware, Jamestown, New York, Chesapeake, Virginia, Cranston, Pennsylvania, Franklinton, New Jersey, Loudon County, Virginia, Mount Lebanon and Tredyffrin, Pennsylvania and the New York State Police.

The Community College of Baltimore issued "Continuing Education Credits" for all of those who attended the seminar.

### RADAR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The Special Operations Division recently sponsored a one-week Police Traffic Radar Instructor Training Course which was presented by experts from the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

This course prepared instructors to conduct traffic radar training that will improve the effectiveness of speed enforcement through the proper, effi-

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## Baltimore Hosts National Conference

by Police Agent Paul B. Hawkins  
Planning and Research Division

During the week of September 13-18, 1987, the Baltimore Police Department hosted the *Seventh Annual National Association of Police Planners' (NAPP) Conference* at the Omni International Hotel in Baltimore. NAPP is a non-profit police planner



Director Diane W. Gordy, Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice (right) presents a Proclamation to (left) Ms. Lillian Taylor, former president of the National Association of Police Planners (NAPP). Director Gordy presented the Proclamation on behalf of Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, who designated the week of September 13, 1987 as NAPP week in Baltimore.

organization consisting of members in 43 U.S. States, seven Canadian Provinces and two foreign countries dedicated to improving communication and cooperation among member police planners. The Association actively seeks the goal of excellence in police planning by providing a forum for the exchange of innovative strategies, programs and policies.

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## Specialized Training

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cient and legitimate use of speed measurement radar.

Officers of the Baltimore Police Department and several other law enforcements, left this specialized week of training with the ability to return to their unit or Department and be able to instruct others in the proper use of speed measurement radar.

### DWI TRAINING

Also presented by the Northwestern University's Traffic Institute was a one-week course which prepared officers to become more effective at detecting and arresting persons who drive their vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.

The purpose of this 40-hour block of instruction was to enable police personnel with traffic law enforcement and training responsibilities to develop knowledge and skill requisite to successful performance of their duties when developing and conducting in-service training programs utilizing instructional materials specifically designed for the detection, apprehension and prosecution of offenders driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### HELICOPTER SAFETY

The Tactical Section of the Special Operations Division earlier this year sponsored its annual Helicopter Safety Seminar. More than 160 law enforcement flight officers and aerial observers came to Baltimore to take advantage of presentations concerning the safe operation of helicopters in large urban settings.

Speakers from the Federal Aviation Agency and other specialists presented programs dealing with many of the functions performed by law enforcement flight crews on a daily basis.

Law enforcement personnel from throughout the Eastern United States attended the conference.

The Baltimore Police Department looks forward to continuing to sponsor and present special training so that all of the law enforcement agencies in our area will be able to keep pace with changes in technologies and will be better able to serve their communities.

## National Conference

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Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman, Deputy Commissioner Harwood Burritt, Information Management Bureau and Major Robert L. DiStefano, Planning and Research Division, welcomed the 150 plus attendees to this year's National Conference. The conference was planned and implemented by the members of the Baltimore Police Planning and Research Division. The conference agenda included such prestigious speakers/panelists as the Honorable Norman P. Ramsey, United States Judge; Mr. Darrell W. Stephens, Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum; Mr. Breckinridge L. Willcox, United States Attorney; Dr. Elsie Scott, Executive Director of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and other notable and respected guest speakers from state, federal and private sectors.

## JFX... Speed Limit Enforced

Because of the extensive modernization of the Jones Falls Expressway which has been underway for more than a year, it was necessary, in early September, to lower the maximum speed limit to 40 miles per hour. This lowered speed limit is designed to enhance the safety of both motorists using the expressway and construction workers who are on the roadway virtually 24 hours a day.

Enhanced radar speed limit enforcement began on September 7, 1987. During the first month of enforcement, 1,186 Speeding Citations were issued. Speeders received citations for

speeding violations of up to 79 miles per hour.

The Traffic Section of the Special Operations Division will continue the radar detail with particular emphasis on "drive times," those periods when motorists are coming to or going home from work.



Mr. and Mrs. Authur Troop, (center), recently visited the Baltimore Police Department from Stamford, England. Mr. Troop is the founder of the International Police Association (IPA). The IPA has members in more than 50 countries throughout the world. Its objectives are to raise standards of performance of the police profession and to establish communications among law enforcement professionals throughout the world. The hosts for our honored guest were Colonel Richard A. Lanham, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division (right), and Captain Charles M. Dickens, C.I.D.

## Tip of the Hat Award

Dr. Arthur H. McTighe, M.D., Chief of Pathology at Maryland General Hospital received the Tip of the Hat



(Left to right) Officer George F. Eckert, Jr., Dr. Arthur H. McTighe, M.D., Lt. Paul F. Bailey.

Award from the Personnel Service Board on September 24, 1987. The Tip of the Hat Award is given to

persons who, in the opinion of the Personnel Board have gone the extra mile to assist members of the Department.

Dr. McTighe, and his staff have been cooperative in providing prompt and accurate results of tests for officers and arrestees who have been exposed to communicable diseases. This allows the Department's Medical Section to respond quickly with treatment and reassurance for those officers.

Dr. McTighe is recognized as an expert in the field of testing for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS, and has made himself available to answer any questions from the Medical Section concerning the potential exposure of members of the department in specific instances. Dr. Frank T. Barranco, Chief Physician of the Medical Section said, "Dr. McTighe was nominated for the award because of his cooperation, expertise and availability. He has been an invaluable asset to members of the Department in cases of suspected AIDS exposure."

On hand to present the Tip of the Hat Award were Officer George F. Eckert, Jr., President of the Personnel Service Board and Lt. Paul F. Bailey, Chairman of the Tip of the Hat Committee.

## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies took place for Class 87-2 in the auditorium of the Baltimore Police Department's Headquarters Building on October 2, 1987. The commencement concluded 24 weeks of extensive entrance level training at the Department's Education and Training Division.

The thirty-four members of the graduating class listened to Dr. Calvin V. Burnett, President of Coppin State College, the guest speaker for the ceremony. Dr. Burnett described the important roles that police officers play in society and the challenges which

emerge as they attempt to accomplish their professional goals. He encouraged members of the graduation class to keep their standards of professionalism high and stressed the importance of good community relations. "Although your job may at times be difficult, many of us in society understand your difficult task," said Dr. Burnett. He cited personal experiences in which an officer of the Department handled a situation effectively but also with care and courtesy.

After the commencement address, Dr. Burnett helped Police Commissioner Tilghman to present Certificates of Completion to the graduates.

The Commissioner's Award of Excellence was given to Officer Eric D. Heck. The Award of Excellence is presented to a member of the class who exhibits characteristics of a professional Police Officer. Officer Heck was also valedictorian with an academic average of 97.

The class spokesman was Officer Kenneth Jones, Class Commander. As Class Commander his responsibilities were to assist the academy staff in the training class. The selection of the Class Commander is based upon supervisory skills and a professional attitude.

A Commendation Ceremony followed the graduation. This ceremony recognized members of the Department and citizens of Baltimore who have assisted others and rendered outstanding services to the community.

Commissioner Tilghman presented Commendations to twelve members of the Department and Certificates of Appreciation to ten citizens. Among the citizens who were commended, five were teenagers. The youngsters were playing ball on an empty lot in the 1000 block of Watson Street when they observed a man place a plastic bag over his head, tie a rope around his neck and attempt to hang himself. After seeing this, the youngsters went to assist the man. Master Alonzo Phillips, 14, cut the rope from around the victim's neck. The other youths, Lequan High, 14, Marshall Jones, 15,

David Walker, 15, and Vashon Christopher, 13, lifted the victim in order to prevent strangulation. After carefully placing the man on the ground, the youths called a police officer.

Captain Harry J. Koffenberger, Southeastern District, said that the young men were nominated for the Citizen's Award because "the manner in which they reacted, demonstrated compassion for their fellow man. It was truly a commendable act and should not go unnoticed."

The other citizens who received Certificates of Appreciation were:

Thomas J. Perry  
William Mulford, II  
Monica Cruse  
Janet Shettle  
Stanley Roberston

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## Retiree Notes

The Personnel Service Board is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist retirees.

However, in an emergency (death), this office should be notified on a 24 hour basis at 396-2546.

The Baltimore City Retired Police Benevolent Association will be selling Entertainment '88 Books for the price of \$30.00 each. Also on sale are The Taste of Baltimore Books for \$23.00 each. Both books can be used the entire year. Coupons in the books give discounts at restaurants and other attractions.

All proceeds go to the Widows and the Death Relief Fund of the Baltimore City Retired Police Benevolent Association. To order the books, contact Retired Officer Kenneth Withers at 396-2550 on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

The family and friends of Tommy D'Alesandro will always cherish the memory of his farewell, because of the Love of those who worked to make it so special.

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## Post Scripts

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I am writing to thank you and the members of your Command Staff for your kindness.

The protection that we received, and the escort of the motorcade to and from the cemetery was a credit to you and your department and will never be forgotten by the D'Alesandro family.

I extend deepest appreciation for the beautiful flowers sent by you and other members of your Command Staff.

The names prominent in your Department are as follows: Dep. Com. Harwood Burritt, Dep. Com. Ronald J. Mullen, Dep. Com. Michael Zotos, Col. Joseph Cooke, Col. Leon Tomlin, and Maj. Charles Dipino.

Kindly ask the Command Officers to express our thanks to all officers involved.

Thank you again for all you did to make Tommy's leaving us less painful.

Gratefully,  
Nancy D'Alesandro  
and Family

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Agent Paul B. Hawkins on being elected President of the Maryland Association of Police Planners. The organization is comprised of police planners from more than

18 Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the State of Maryland.

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PATROL DIVISION** — Congratulations to Office Assistants III, Laura Webber and Tracy Harper on your promotions. Welcome aboard Tracy!

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Get well wishes to Lieutenant Allen Baldwin and Officer Cathy L. Calhoun. We look forward to your return.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Congratulations to PCA I Elizabeth Cook on the birth of her granddaughter on September 24, at GBMC. Kristin Nicole weighed 7 lbs., 11½ oz. Her proud parents are Tom and Kathy Scilipoti.

## PROMOTIONS

**DYSON, LYNN M.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Office Assistant III-T, Southwestern District, September 28.

**THOMPSON, ROSLYN R.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Office Assistant III-T, Criminal Investigation Division, September 28.

**WEBBER, LAURA J.**, from Office Assistant II-D to Office Assistant III-T, Office of the Chief of Patrol, September 28.

**STOECKER, MELBA J.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Personnel Division, September 28.

**KESSLER, GAIL A.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Eastern District, September 28.

**WILLIAMS, ISABELLE M.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Central District, September 28.

**HARPER, TRACY E.**, from Office Assistant II-T to Office Assistant III-T, Office of the Chief of Patrol, September 28.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WILLIAMS, GERARD LEE**, son of Office Assistant III Isabelle Williams, Central District, 8 lbs., 2½ oz., September 26.

**EMMINIZER, JUSTIN**, son of Police Officer John Emmnizer, Central District, 4 lbs., 14 oz., September 26.

**LORD, ROBERT KEITH**, grandson of Lieutenant and Mrs. Grover Sharp, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, and son of Lisa and Bryan Lord, 8 lbs., September 30.

## RETIREMENTS

**CUFFLEY, MICHAEL D.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 19 years of service September 24.

**KENNEDY, JOHN I., JR.**, Sergeant, Northwestern District, 27 years of service, October 7.

**HARRIS, CHARLES E.**, Police Officer, Northwestern District, 26 years of service, October 9.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**COSTELLO, JAMES**, retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, September 29.

## IN MEMORIAM

**SAUNDERS, ISABELLE**, aunt of Police Trainee Robert Bland, Jr., Education and Training Division, September 16.

**HARDESTY, AMANDA**, grandmother of Police Officer Rodney George, Central District, September 20.

**GRIFFIN, JOHN**, uncle of Detective Agent Theodore Black, Criminal Investigation Division, Fugitive Unit, September 20.

**RAUF, ADOLF**, uncle of Police Officer Sharon Sheckells, Northeastern District, September 22.

**STARGHILL, CONSTANCE**, sister of Police Officer Ainsley J. Starghill, Northeastern District, September 22.

**CUNNINGHAM, EDDIE**, father of Police Agent Theresa Cunningham, Education and Training Division, September 23.

## CLASSIFIED

For sale: Smoke Craft boat, 12 ft., aluminum. 7.5 HP Sea King motor. Smoke trailer, spare tire and extras. \$1,000.00 firm for total package. Very good condition. Contact Sgt. Jim Comegna, Community Relations Section.

For Sale: One pair of Bose 901 speakers with Equalizer and stands. \$600.00. Contact Officer Dave Gunter, Evidence Control Unit.



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## BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 28, 1987

## Index Crime Decreases

Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman, has announced that serious crimes, reported to Police in Baltimore, decreased 2½ % for the first nine months of 1987 as compared with the first nine months of 1986.

Violent Crimes, murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, were down 8.1%. Property Crimes, burglary, larceny and auto theft decreased by .8% for the nine months period.

Commissioner Tilghman attributes the decrease in serious crimes to the fact that Neighborhood Foot Patrol efforts are becoming more effective and to the fact that Neighborhood Block Watchers are becoming more proficient in spotting strangers in the areas where they live.

The only serious crime to show an increase during the reporting period was auto theft which was up 12.3%. According to arrest statistics, 57.9% of the suspects arrested for auto theft were juveniles. Studies indicate that the majority of juvenile auto thefts involve "joy riding." The automobiles of choice for the majority of juveniles are Japanese products equipped with so called "soft ignition systems" which can be made to start an automobile with a screwdriver. These systems along with the door locks can be made to operate by a youngster after a minimum amount of practice.

Commissioner Tilghman is optimistic that with continued citizen cooperation, the crime rate will remain stable for the remainder of 1987.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1987

TYPE OF CRIME	1986 Last Year	1987 This Year	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	176	173	— 3	— 1.7
FORCIBLE RAPE	513	445	— 68	— 13.3
ROBBERY	5,838	5,326	— 512	— 8.8
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4,865	4,525	— 340	— 7.0
BURGLARY	10,779	10,038	— 741	— 6.9
LARCENY	22,704	22,513	— 191	— .8
AUTO THEFT	5,011	5,626	+ 615	+ 12.3
GRAND TOTAL	49,886	48,646	— 1,240	— 2.5

Index Crime Comparison / First 9 Months of 1987

Violent Crime	— 8.1% Decrease
Property Crime	— .8% Decrease
Total Index Crime	— 2.5% Decrease

## Agent Cassidy Shot

The first indication that 27 year old Police Agent Eugene J. Cassidy, Western District, needed help shortly after 11:00 P.M. on October 22, 1987, was when a citizen called 911 about an officer down at Appleton and Mosher Streets. Responding officers found him lying on the sidewalk suffering from two gunshot wounds to the left side of the face.



EUGENE J. CASSIDY

An ambulance was immediately called and his fellow officers administered first aid until the paramedics arrived. He was rushed to the Shock Trauma Unit of University Hospital where, after extensive surgery, he remains in critical, but stable condition.

A detailed investigation then followed to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident and who was responsible.

Western District Officers and Hom-

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## Agent Cassidy

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icide Detectives interviewed numerous witnesses and questioned a number of possible suspects.

It was determined that Agent Cassidy approached the intersection to disperse a group of individuals standing at the corner, unaware that a drug transaction was occurring. As he was talking, a shot rang out and the impact forced Agent Cassidy against the wall. Before he could even react the suspect fired a second shot into the agent's head and successfully fled the area in a vehicle.

Within 24 hours the 18 year old suspect was identified and arrested. He is currently being held at Baltimore City Jail without bail.

Surgeons at Shock Trauma have successfully removed one bullet and are closely monitoring his progress, hoping to soon be able to remove the second projectile that is lodged in his brain.

## Bond Issues

*Nine questions will be included on November 3, 1987 Ballot of the Baltimore City General Election. The following information is intended as an aid to members of the Department in making an informed decision on each of these questions.*

### QUESTION A

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN**  
\$7,300,000

Will continue funding for the revitalization of neighborhoods throughout the City as well as continue City support for federally-funded community development block grant projects. Funds will be targeted for housing rehabilitation, alley and sidewalk repair and open space restoration. Additionally, funds will be allocated to complement private investment in Market Center through streetscape improvements, continue improvements along the Charles Street Corridor, and complete the Charles Center Plaza renovations. Finally, waterfront projects including improvements of the Center Dock Area and

Piers 5 and 6 as well as and improvements of public access points from the Inner Harbor to Canton will be funded by this Loan. Neighborhoods will also receive matching funds for their efforts to maintain and improve public spaces. This loan will help stabilize declining neighborhoods and fund the Building Blocks Vacant House Program that helps stop blight by preventing further deterioration of vacant houses all over the City.

### QUESTION B

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN**  
\$1,500,000

Funds will be used to construct a modern fire station to consolidate Engine Company No. 40 and Truck Company No. 12 located at 5200 and 3901 Liberty Heights Avenue respectively. The existing stations were designed as single equipment houses, and are too small for modern trucks and other emergency fire apparatus. Additionally, the new station will combine the engine and truck company into one central location, which will increase first-alarm coverage while reducing response time. This project is part of a City-wide plan to improve neighborhood fire protection services.

### QUESTION C

**ZOO LOAN**  
\$1,750,000

Will continue efforts at upgrading the Baltimore Zoo by providing funds to construct a new African Watering Hole exhibit. The existing pedestrian boardwalk will be extended allowing thousands of zoo visitors to closely observe African wildlife. This new attraction, containing more than five acres, will house a number of animal species, such as rhinoceros, zebra, leopards, crocodile, and ostriches, in an open and naturalistic African habitat. The State is also contributing to this endeavor.

### QUESTION D

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN**  
\$4,300,000

This loan will enable continued development of business and industrial resources at the Seton Business Park, the Center for Medical Technology and the Hopkins-Bayview Biomedical Research Campus. Funds will be used for improve-

ments and select acquisitions to support industrial retention in areas such as Central Avenue, Key Highway and Canton. The City's Capital Fund, which offers financial assistance to small, start-up business, will also be funded as will efforts to continue industrial site inventory development. The Economic Development Loan will create and retain jobs while expanding our tax base.

### QUESTION E

**CITY JAIL LOAN**  
\$1,250,000

This loan will support our law enforcement efforts and help meet federal court inmate housing requirements. Administrative offices and laundry facilities currently located in the Women's Detention Center will be moved to the former BG&E building on Madison Avenue now owned by the City. The relocation will release space in the Center for conversion into sleeping quarters for 302 inmates. This loan will be matched equally by the State.

### QUESTION F

**OFF-STREET PARKING LOAN**  
\$9,000,000

The 1987 Off-Street Parking Loan will be used to finance the construction of a parking garage west of the Inner Harbor to deal with the demands of downtown employees as well as the thousands of patrons visiting the recreational and cultural facilities in the Inner Harbor. In addition, this parking garage could help serve the parking needs of the proposed new stadium. This loan will be self-supporting and will be repaid by revenue from the parking garage.

### QUESTION G

**MUSEUM LOAN**  
\$1,500,000

Will provide funds for construction of a new wing for the Baltimore Museum of Art. The additional gallery space is needed to house the Museum's expanding collections of 20th century art and to free display space for American Decorative Art and the Arts of Africa. The new, three-story addition will add 26,600 square feet of galleries, public areas and office space. This loan will help leverage State and private funds. The expansion of the Baltimore Museum of Art will im-

prove this outstanding cultural attraction for all the Citizens of Baltimore.

### QUESTION H

**STREETS, DRAIN AND FLOOD  
MANAGEMENT LOAN  
\$6,000,000**

This self-supporting loan will be used to resurface and rehabilitate streets and alleys throughout the City. In addition, \$1,500,000 will be used to upgrade drain system and \$500,000 of the loan will provide funds to continue floodplain management activities including the acquisition of properties located in flood zones.

### QUESTION I

**SCHOOL LOAN  
\$3,000,000**

The 1987 School Loan will be used to design the renovation or replacement of Guilford Elementary No. 214 built in 1916 and Arlington Elementary No. 234 built in 1925. Additionally, funds will be used to replace Armistead Gardens Elementary No. 243 and Hampstead Hill Elementary No. 47.

Approximately \$1 million of the loan will be used for modernization and roof replacement at schools throughout the City.

## Commendation Ceremonies

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SILVER STAR

*The Silver Star is awarded by the Police Commissioner for an exceptional act of execution of duty performed in the presence of great danger and personal risk without endangering or jeopardizing the lives of others, and performed in such a manner as the performance must clearly indicate that the sworn member displayed outstanding ability and judgment in the performance of duty, resulting in the prevention or solution of a crime, and the arrest of those responsible, and is thereby set apart and distinguished from other members.*

During the early evening hours of May 11, 1987, Officer Charles Carter, Eastern District and Lieutenant James R. Steedman, then a Sergeant attempt-

ed to stop a twenty-one year old man to conduct a field interview. When they called out to him, the man began to run. Officer Carter and Lieutenant Steedman chased the suspect a short distance before he suddenly stopped, reached into a black bag that he had in his possession, removed a handgun, and fired six shots at Officer Carter. Officer Carter returned one shot before the suspect broke a window and entered a home in the 1700 block of East Chase Street. The house was occupied by five adults and six children, who later became hostages.

A Command Post was established, a Hostage Negotiation Team and a Quick Response Team responded to the area. The Hostage Negotiation Team communicated with the suspect by telephone and for ninety minutes negotiations resulted in all nine hostages being released. The freed hostages told police that the suspect had two handguns, a large amount of ammunition and had injected 75 capsules of cocaine.

Negotiations continued into the early morning hours, however, Officers became more concerned for the safety of residents in the area when the suspect began to fire several shots inside of the house.

After several canisters of tear gas were fired into the house, the suspect continued to discharge the weapon down the stairwell at the Quick Response Team on the first floor, and refused to communicate with the negotiation team.

When gun fire would periodically cease, Quick Response Team members attempted to ascend to the second and third floors. As they approached each level, the danger of being shot increased. Once reaching the third floor of the dwelling, officers exchanged gun fire once more with the suspect. After a volley of shots, the Quick Response Team attempted to have the suspect surrender. Each attempt was answered with more gun fire.

The suspect finally emerged from the room, where he was hiding with a gun in his hand and began to fire at the officers. They returned fire, shoot-

ing and killing the suspect and ending the eleven hour siege.

For placing themselves physically between a deranged gunman and the community under threat of harm, the following members of the Tactical Section were awarded the Silver Star:

Lieutenant Samuel D. Tress  
Sergeant Robert D. Edwards  
Police Agent Raymond Jones  
Police Officer Stephen Kuhn  
Police Officer Robert Letmate  
Police Officer Lee Towers

*Commendations will continue in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.*

## Post Scripts

To all members of the Department:

On behalf of the family of Lieutenant Allen Baldwin, K-9 Unit, we would like to thank all his friends and fellow workers for the overwhelming amount of concern and interest shown during his unexpected stay in the hospital. Their visits, offered help, and words of comfort were so greatly appreciated.

A special "thank you" to all the men and women of the K-9 Unit who offered and gave their assistance to our family in our time of need. They will always have a special place in our hearts.

Needless to say, our undying gratitude goes to Major Regis R. Raffensberger, Commander, Tactical Section, who encouraged Al to seek help; and to Sergeant Joseph Riha, K-9 Unit, who persuaded and brought him to Johns Hopkins Hospital, and in all probability saved his life.

From the supervisors to the office employees, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We feel so proud to be part of such a wonderful family . . . "The Baltimore Police Department."

Sincerely,  
The Baldwin Family

Dear Commissioner Tilghman:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the

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## Post Scripts

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entire United States Park Police, to commend the members of your Criminal Investigation Division who participated in a recent manhunt for Kendall Alexander who was wanted for shooting one of our officers.

On August 21, U.S. Park Police Officer Patrick Gavin was shot in the head after effecting a traffic stop on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Riverdale, Maryland. Two suspects were apprehended in the wooded area nearby. Kendall Alexander, the subject who shot Officer Gavin, escaped the area and was believed to be in the Baltimore area.

An intensive manhunt was organized in Baltimore involving detectives from the U.S. Park Police and detectives from the Baltimore Criminal Investigation Division. The Baltimore Police detectives devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to the investigation. Our detectives were at a great disadvantage, being unfamiliar with the area and lacking adequate communications. Your detectives paired up with ours and worked very effectively together. Numerous turn-ups were conducted and surveillances were set up on various locations.

As a result of the collective efforts between both agencies, the outcome was successful. On August 30, Ken-

dall Alexander was arrested by members of the U.S. Park Police and the Baltimore City Police Department.

Please express my thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Robert E. Langston  
Acting Chief of Police

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Welcome to Sergeant Lawrence E. Leeson as he begins a second tour of duty in our division.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer R. Kevin Bernard and his wife, Dawn, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ashley Renee, who was born at GBMC on September 24, and weighed in at 6lbs.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer John Perdue who is presently recuperating from back surgery.

Welcome aboard to Office Assistant III, Lynn Dyson, who was recently assigned to the Southwestern District.

Congratulations to Police Officer Joseph Weih, Sr., who became a grandfather again on September 10, when his son, Joseph, Jr. and his wife Cheryl presented him with a grandson, Shawn Michael Weih, who weighed in at 10lbs., 2 oz.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Edward 'Mike' Ellerman on his marriage to Police Agent Mary Phelan, Education and Training Division on September 25.

Congratulations to Heather Lynn Marcus, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Albert Marcus. Heather has scored high grades on the California Achievement Tests to be accepted into the G.A.T.E. (Gifted and Talented Education) program at Mt. Washington Elementary School (P.S. #221). Heather is in the 4th grade.

## RETIREMENTS

SMITH, DONALD R., JR., Police Officer, Eastern

District, 8 years of service, October 1.

DAVIS, GLORIA G., Office Supervisor, Central Records Division, 22 years of service, October 21.

GLEZMAN, RICHARD J., Sergeant, Northwestern District, 30 years of service, October 29.

BUNKER, JOHN E., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 25 years of service, November 4.

COLEMAN, JOHN C., SR., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 32 years of service, November 5.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUNYAN, BRAD, son of Police Officer and Mrs. David B. Munyan, Western District, 7 lbs., 10 oz., September 10.

MILLER, ROBERT RAYMOND, JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert R. Miller, Northeastern District, 7 lbs., 11 oz., September 11.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

GILROY, JOHN, Police Officer, Eastern District, October 9.

GROSS, HARRY PHILLIP, retired Detective, Criminal Investigation Division, October 17.

## IN MEMORIAM

RICHARDSON, MARY, grandmother of Detective Kevin Harris, Special Investigation Section, Arson Unit, September 15.

WILLIAMS, EDWARD, SR., father of Police Officer Edward Williams, Jr., Western District, September 16.

## CLASSIFIED

For Sale: 1977 Monte Carlo, 2-door, vinyl top with sun roof, air conditioned, AM/FM radio, automatic transmission, no rust, 86,000 miles, \$950.00. Contact Police Agent James A. Edmunds, Administrative Bureau.

For Sale: 1979 Camaro Z-28, good condition. One string of 8" cultured pearls necklace, \$100.00. Spa Lady lifetime membership, best offer. One full-length rabbit coat, worn twice, best offer. One Sears personal electronic, printer/typewriter, best offer. To a good home, 1 female Samoyed dog, 3 years old, shots up-to-date, loves children. Contact Judy Rumpf, 285-7179.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

November 11, 1987

## Mounted Unit...

### A Century of Tradition

For the last 100 years most law enforcement tools and techniques have changed to meet the needs of the community. One unit still proudly patrols downtown and Druid Hill Park essentially the same way it did when it was formed in 1888.

The Mounted Unit's main function then was to enforce the 6 miles per hour speed limit in the parks of the city and to chase and charge the horse and buggy speeders. The effort

was aimed at protecting life and property, much as it is today.

The Mounted Unit recently received "Super Skipjack," a three year old quarter horse, that was donated to the Department by the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. (BOMA).

BOMA is a non-profit trade association that represents owners and man-

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On October 15, 1987, Super Skipjack trotted into the Baltimore Arena during ceremonies where the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc., donated the gelding to the Mounted Unit. Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau, accepted the horse from Mr. Thomas C. Shaner, (center) Executive Director. Mr. Gene Ubriaco, General Manager of the Baltimore Skipjacks Hockey Club, rode the new recruit during the ceremonies. Also on hand (L to R) were Colonel Joseph H. Cooke, Jr., Chief of the Special Operations Division, Lieutenant Robert F. Smith and Officer Timothy Timmons, Traffic Section.

## Our Commitment to Youth

The Baltimore Police Department recognizes that children are one of our most precious assets and the keys to our future. This Department has long been committed to programs designed to educate youths and to foster lines of communications. The Officer Friendly Program, Youth Clubs and Explorers have been a success in exposing youngsters to good citizenship, how to call for help, and safety tips.

Recently, the Department enhanced its involvement with young people here in Baltimore as well as those from surrounding counties as evidenced by the below activities:

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA -- LAW AWARENESS DAY

Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, proclaimed October 31, 1987, "Boy Scouts of America - Law Awareness Day" in Baltimore. On that day 1,500 Boy Scouts gathered at the War Memorial Plaza to celebrate the event. The Baltimore Police Department coordinated the special activities. Agencies throughout the Criminal Justice System, which included the State's Attorney's Office, County Police Departments, Maryland National Guard, Mass Transit Administration, State Fire Marshal and the Baltimore City Fire Department participated.

The festivities began with greetings from Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and a tour of the headquarters building. Throughout the day the scouts participated in mock trials,

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## Mounted Unit

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agers of the office building sector in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Mr. Thomas C. Shaner, Executive Director, says that the organization is dedicated to the well-being of the community and donated "Super Skipjack" as an expression of support for public safety in Baltimore.

With the addition of Super Skipjack, the Mounted Unit currently consists of 20 horses, 19 police officers, 2 sergeants and 1 lieutenant. Functioning under the Special Operations Division of the Operations Bureau, members continue their mission to protect life and property by patrolling, on horseback, in directed areas of downtown. During the summer months, mounted officers are also assigned to patrol the extensive and popular grounds of Druid Hill Park.

The time tested advantages of maintaining a mounted unit are numerous. In an often congested downtown area the unobstructed view from the saddle of a 1,200 pound 15.2 hand (60" from the ground to the base of the horse's neck) horse enables an officer to easily spot situations that need response more readily than a foot patrol officer or motorized officer. When responding for help, the mounted team's ability to maneuver through traffic and pedestrians allows for a quick response. The visible presence of an officer on a horse assures everyone within a large area that an officer is there and ready to help if the need arises.

Visitors to Baltimore and long term residents alike seem suprised to see police officers riding down the street on a horse, or in a stationary position observing his assigned area. Children and adults frequently stop to greet the officer and admire his mount. The horses and the officers enjoy the attention they receive from the public and believe their presence is not only an effective crime supression tool, but also one that spreads goodwill throughout the community or as one veteran horseman stated, "In all my years in law enforcement, I've had many folks

come up and say, hi, while I worked in a radio car, but I've never had anyone come up and feed it an apple or pet it."

## Our Commitment to Youth

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viewed movies, heard speeches, and witnessed demonstrations.

The mock trials were a unique experience for the scouts who learned how an actual trial is conducted. Judges and attorneys donated their time to make the court proceedings authentic. Baltimore City Circuit Court Judges Joseph H. H. Kaplan, John N. Prevas, Ellen M. Heller and Roger W. Brown along with Baltimore District Court Judge George J. Helinski and Court of Special Appeals Judge Robert M. Bell presided over the mock court trials while members of the States Attorneys' Office and lawyers from private law firms played the roles of attorneys.

The Department's Marine Unit conducted a demonstration for the scouts, who found it intriguing. Various types of knots such as the Bolwin, Sheet Bend and Taunt Line Hitch knots were taught for future use by the youngsters in camping or other scouting activities.

The K-9 Unit, Crime Resistance Unit, and the Laboratory Division also conducted lectures.

Sergeant Goldie Phillips, Neighborhood Services, Northwestern District, said that the Boy Scouts who attended not only learned the function and responsibilities of the Criminal Justice System, but many expressed interest in law enforcement careers.

### A SAFE HALLOWEEN

The Community Relations Section, Central District, sponsored a Halloween party for 243 neighborhood children from 3 years old to those of the middle teens. The party was held at Booker T. Washington Middle School.

Prizes for best costumes were given to different age group categories. Ser-

geant Jerome E. Green, Central District, said that the Halloween party was enjoyable to those who attended, but the main focus of the event was to find a creative way to interact with the children and stress the importance of safety, especially on Halloween night.



The winner for the best costume contest (front row) of the Central District Community Relations Halloween party with (L to R), Officer Paul J. Boone, Sr. (bear costume), Officer William Humble, Jr., (Ms. costume), Agent Kate V. Woods, (witch costume), and Explorer Captain George Grant, Post 9441 as McGruff, America's famous crime dog.

"We wanted to stress to the youngsters that Halloween is fun, but also to be careful not only tonight but every night. It is also an excellent time to teach good citizenship by respecting other people's property and the importance of obeying traffic rules," says Sgt. Greer.

The children were able to have lots of fun learning and top it off . . . treats!

## Agent Cassidy Improves

Police Agent Eugene J. Cassidy, Western District, has been removed from the critical list at the Shock Trauma Unit of University Hospital and is now in serious but stable condition after being shot twice in the head on October 22, 1987, at the intersection of Appleton and Mosher Streets.

A second suspect was arrested October 31, 1987, by Western District Offi-



cers after an arrest warrant was issued for his involvement in the incident. He is being held at Baltimore City Jail on no bail.

Hospital reports indicate that eye sight has not returned and there is no need to remove the second bullet at this time. They also revealed that Agent Cassidy is responding to treatment, is talking and is walking with assistance.

## Commendation

CONTINUED FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

### BRONZE STAR

*The Bronze Star is awarded when the circumstances of bravery, dedication to duty and general achievement exceed those standards established as routine police work.*

Officer Ronald M. Cooper, South-eastern District, responded to a location to investigate a woman who was acting suspiciously. When the Officer arrived, he was informed that a woman in a nearby apartment was screaming. Officer Cooper went to the apartment and found a two year old child and an adult who was despondent. Suddenly the woman lunged for her child and threatened to kill him and commit suicide. Officer Cooper struggled to free the child from the woman's grasp, and was able to carry the child to safety.

When the officer returned to the room, he found the woman attempting to jump out of a second floor window. While talking with the woman, Officer Cooper was able to distract her long enough to get close and remove her from the window. She was subdued with the assistance of other officers and was taken to a nearby hospital for psychiatric care. Officer Cooper's quick thinking and sound judgment saved two lives.

On July 7, 1987, Officers Charles Reedy and Elmer Mohr, Jr., of the Western District, were assisting Mr. Winfred Freeman of the Medical Examiners Office, remove a corpse from a home. They saw Mr. Freeman fall and

strike his head. Checking for injury, the officers discovered Mr. Freeman had suffered a heart attack. Working as a team, the officers summoned help, and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). As a result of the officers quick action and life sustaining efforts, the ambulance crew was able to revive Mr. Freeman, saving his life.

Officer Alan Savage, Eastern District, responded to the 1700 block of East Federal Street to investigate a discharge of firearms. When he arrived a citizen described a suspect dressed in brown clothing and carrying a gun in a plastic bag. Officer Savage saw the suspect and pursued him.

After a foot chase of several blocks, Officer Savage apprehended the suspect and disarmed him.

Officer Harry Jessa, Eastern District, responded to a call for an assault in progress. He observed a woman being beaten by a suspect with the handle of a butcher knife. Distracted by the officer the suspect advanced, knife in hand, toward Officer Jessa. Rather then resorting to deadly force, Officer Jessa kept the suspect at arms length using his espantoon until he was able to disarm and arrest the suspect.

Officer Charles Strachan, Eastern District was informed by a citizen that an accident occurred at an intersection of Belair Road and Erdman Avenue. When he arrived, Officer Strachan found a motorist unconscious and extricated him from the damaged vehicle. After he checked for vital signs, he found no pulse and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He continued the first aid for ten minutes, until emergency medical units arrived. It was later learned that the driver had a heart attack and survived because of Officer Strachan's first aid measures.

## Combined Charity Campaign Update

The 1987 Combined Charity Campaign for members of the Baltimore Police Department and other em-

ployees of the City of Baltimore ends Friday, November 13, 1987.

Returns as of last week indicate that 68.9% of the Department's employees have returned their Combined Charity Campaign pledge cards. Those returns amount to 84% of the Police Department's goal of \$62,000.00.

Officials of the Combined Charity Campaign have expressed their appreciation for the tax-deductible donations which have been made so far. They indicate that if the remaining members of the Department were to donate just fifty-cents per pay, the campaign's goal will be achieved.

## Just to Let You Know...



... that the Drug Enforcement Unit, CID, recently recovered 3½ ounces of cocaine in the above can of deodorant. The professionally constructed can could be unscrewed at the bottom, allowing the concealment of drugs or other items inside.

Two days prior to this seizure, another arrest took place where members of the Drug Enforcement Unit arrested a suspect wearing a money belt.

Investigators are reminded to be aware of those items that are now used by narcotic racketeers.

"Magnet key cases attached to metal

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# Just to Let You Know...

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surfaces on vehicles should be checked." Also check hollow fence posts and tree trunks where drugs are often stashed.

The recovery of the drugs from the deodorant can was a result of a 685-DRUG Hotline phone call.

Since 1984, more than 16,339 phone calls have been received from concerned citizens giving valuable information on illegal drug operations in their communities. Often, the information has not only led to the arrest of street dealers, but their suppliers as well. So far 3,473 persons have been arrested due to information from the 685-DRUG Hotline program.

## NEWS NOTES

On November 20, 1987, at 7:00 p.m., Northwestern District's Community Relations Council will be sponsoring a Gospel Show in the auditorium of the Police Headquarters Building, 601 E. Fayette Street. Tickets are \$4.00 each. The proceeds will be used for the Northwestern District's Christmas Basket Program. Among the performers for the event will be Rev. John R. Bryant, Inspiration Choir of Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Chancel Ensemble from Wayland Baptist Church, and several television personalities.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or needing additional information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office, Northwestern District, ext. 2466.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — The Southern District Running Team recently competed in the Eighth Annual Pennsylvania State Police Olympics 10K (6.2 mile) race. Officer Frank Wagner, Southern District completed the race winning top honors. He was tied with two other runners for more than halfway through the race. Officer Wagner won first place by a slim margin of 23 seconds over the second and third place winners. Other members of the Southern District Running Team were Officers Raymond T. Ray, Communications Division and Sergeant Earle T. Eagan, Jr., Southern District.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officers James E. Zombro, Northeastern District, and Joseph Mantegna, Tactical Section, on winning trophies in a Karate Tournament. Both officers are members of the Goh's Kung-Fu Karate School and for a year have practiced to master the art of Karate. Keep up the good work, Jim & Joe.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — A retirement party will be held for Detective John Coleman, CID, Robbery Unit, on Friday, November 20, 1987, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. It will take place at the Fire Officers Union Hall at Linwood Avenue and O'Donnell Street. Tickets are \$15.00 each. A portion of the donation will be to purchase a retirement gift. Tickets also include a hot and cold buffet, and open bar. For more information contact Linda Trabbert, Homicide Unit, ext. 2721.

## RETIREMENTS

PARIS, MITCHELL E., JR., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 22 years of service, October 30.

HENTHORN, BERNARD, Police Officer, Property Division, 35 years of service, November 5.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

TAUTER, CHARLES J., retired Police Officer, Traffic Division, October 13.

PRITCHETT, HERBERT E., retired Captain, Criminal Investigation Division, October 15.

## IN MEMORIAM

RUMMEL, LOUISA, mother of retired Police Officer Charles L. Rummel, formerly of the Traffic Division, September 19.

HOGAN, MARY, mother-in-law of Detective Stanley Mezewski, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section.

COLL, BERTHA, mother-in-law of Lieutenant Lawrence A. Frank, Southern District, September 25.

YOUNG, EDITH, aunt of Police Agent Richard Young, Criminal Investigation Division, September 28.

BAKER, CHARLES, uncle of Police Officer Daniel Mitchell, Central District, October 2.

COOPER, GRACE M., mother of Police Officer Christopher Cooper, Northeastern District, October 3.

LABOO, DAVID, grandfather of Police Officer Anita Hicks, Northeastern District, October 6.

SPRIGGS, JAMES, father-in-law of Police Officer Corey Belt, Western District, October 11.

BROWN, DORIS, sister of Sergeant David Bryant, Southern District, October 21.

FASSIO, MARION A., mother of Arthur J. Fassio, Jr., Laboratory Division and George P. Fassio, Electronic Data Processing Division, October 21.

TAYLOR, SADIE, grandmother of Officer/Trainee Arlan Webb, Education and Training Division, October 28.

BERTAZON, CARMEN, brother of William Bertazon, Communications Division, October 31.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Seventeenth Annual Officer Friendly Award Luncheon

People who destroy buildings, houses  
and cars.

End up behind prison bars.

Don't vandalize!

Rafique Tucker, 8 yrs.  
Cross Country Elementary  
School

Vandalism may seem like fun.

But your troubles have just begun.

You'll pay the price.

It won't be nice.

Sabrina Washington, 5 yrs.  
Cross Country Elementary  
School

In time,

The world will be free of crime,

No vandalism, no war!

Just peace will be yours and mine.

Dennis Dunlap, 5 yrs.  
Cecil Elementary School

If you vandalize the school

You are a fool.

You are putting your pride aside

while you break the rule.

Catrece Johnson, 4th grade  
Rosemont Elementary School

Eight elementary school children walked proudly to the podium before more than 200 guests at the Seventeenth Annual Officer Friendly Luncheon. Each child confidently spoke loudly and distinctly into a microphone and recited rhymes about crime and good citizenship. The children, winners of the Rhymes Against Crime Contest, each received trophies from Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman.

"These children's rhymes show that the Officer Friendly classroom lectures are heard, the booklets are read, and our messages are getting across," says Sergeant Marian Crawford, supervisor for the Department's Officer Friendly program.

Don't be surprised if you see these creative verses applied in future campaigns against crime and vandalism in our schools and communities.

Established in 1970, the officers have provided a means for young children to understand their responsibilities to the laws of society, the functions of a police officer and also what it means to be productive law abiding citizens. Last year four members of the Community Relations Section visited 130 city schools reaching more than 55,000 children with the Officer Friendly message.

Each officer makes three visits to the school. In thirty-minute classroom instructions, visual and audio aids, and student participation inform students in kindergarten through the third grade. During the first session they discuss the importance of students knowing their full names, addresses and telephone numbers, what to do if they are lost, and specific ways that police officers can as-

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## Thirteen Promoted

During afternoon ceremonies in the Education and Training Division Lounge, Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presented Certificates of Promotion to thirteen members of the Department. Listed below are the newly promoted Lieutenants and Sergeants and their assignments.

*Lieutenant Earl I. Nesbit — Northwestern District*

Lieutenant Nesbit, a native of Charleston, South Carolina, has an Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore. A nineteen year veteran he joined the Department after serving in the United States Army. He worked as an officer in the Central District and the Criminal Investigation Division prior to his promotion to the rank of sergeant in 1980. As a sergeant, he served in the Western District and Northeastern District.



Newly promoted Lieutenants (left to right) Lawrence E. Leeson, Jr. and Earl I. Nesbit.

*Lieutenant Lawrence E. Leeson, Jr. — Public Information Division*

Lieutenant Leeson joined the Balti-

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# Officer Friendly Luncheon

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The winners of the Rhymes Against Crimes contest hold their trophies which were presented to them by Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman (left). Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Fullwood, who co-sponsored the program, assisted Commissioner Tilghman in presenting the awards.

sist them. The next two follow-up sessions reinforce earlier topics and include discussions of the hazards of illegal drugs and the advantages of good citizenship.

"I feel that Officer Friendly enhances what is taught at home and in church. For example, we discuss putting toys away as a safety method, and why shoplifting and vandalism are wrong," says Sergeant Crawford.

The Officer Friendly Program is sponsored through grants by the Sears Roebuck Foundation. This year, more than 3.8 million dollars is being distributed nationwide to finance the concept in 350 communities. On September 10, 1987, Major Eugene Tanzymore, Jr., Community Relations Section accepted a check in the amount of \$3,930.00 from Mr. James Richardson, store manager of Sears Roebuck and Company. The money will assist in the cost of the materials used in the Officer Friendly Program.

The children's skits and rhymes against crimes performed at the luncheon are examples that the children are getting the Officer Friendly message. It is difficult to measure the impact on their future development and destiny. However, Commissioner Tilghman summed up the possibilities when he said, "I believe that among you are future leaders and maybe even a Police Commissioner or Mayor of Baltimore."

## Promotions

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more Police Department in 1970. After graduating from the Education and Training Division, he was assigned to Northwestern District. In 1971, he was appointed police agent and three

years later was assigned to the Public Information Division. He remained in the Public Information Division until his promotion to sergeant. As sergeant, he served in the Criminal Investigation Division and Community Services Division before returning to the Public Information Division in October

of 1987. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Baltimore.

*Sergeant Charles J. Dixon — Northern District*

Sergeant Dixon, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, is a graduate of Woodlawn Senior High School. Since joining the Department in 1980, he has been assigned to the Southwestern District.

*Sergeant Charles D. Schneider — Northwestern District*

Sergeant Schneider is a seven year veteran. He joined the Department after serving in the United States Marine Corps. As an officer he has worked in the Southern District. A native of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Sergeant Schneider has attended the Coastal Carolina Community College in Michigan. He has been awarded four Official Commendations which includes one Bronze Star received in 1983. The Bronze Star was given for his assistance in evacuating senior citizens from an apartment building which was engulfed in fire.

*Sergeant Michael A. Fry — Office of the Legal Advisor*

Sergeant Fry has eight years of service with the Baltimore Police Department. He joined after honorably serving in the United States Army. After graduating from the Police Academy, he has been assigned to the Southwestern District and the Office of the Legal Advisor. In 1985, he was appointed a police agent. Sergeant Fry has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of Baltimore. He has received two Official Commendations which includes a Commendatory Letter.

*Sergeant Jack W. Kincaid — Community Services Division*

Sergeant Kincaid joined the Department in 1979. He has worked in the Northern District, Criminal Investigation Division and Community Services Division. While assigned to the Community Services Division, he was among the members of the Crime Resistance Unit who received a Unit



Citation for outstanding achievements. Sergeant Kincaid has also received two other Official Commendations. He is currently attending Essex Community College.

*Sergeant John B. Sanders — Eastern District*

Sergeant Sanders, a native of Albany, New York, is a sixteen year veteran. He has been assigned to the Central and Southwestern Districts. He has been the recipient of four Official Commendations. Sergeant Sanders attended the Community College of Baltimore and the University of Baltimore.

clude two Bronze Stars and one Unit Citation. The Unit Citation was awarded in December, 1985, while assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division for the investigation of complex cases that resulted in numerous arrests. One Bronze Star was awarded for his rescue attempts to evacuate residents from a burning building. The second Bronze Star was given to Sergeant Ossmus while he was a member of the Special Task Force, Concentrating on Drug Enforcement (C.O.D.E.). Sergeant Ossmus joined the Baltimore Police Department as a police cadet and was appointed a

Sergeant Helms is a sixteen year veteran of the Department who has been the recipient of three Official Commendations, that includes one Special Commendation. The Special Commendation was awarded for the rescue of several small children from a burning dwelling in 1973. After graduating from the Police Academy, Sergeant Helms worked as an officer in the Eastern District and Criminal Investigation Division.

*Sergeant Lawrence S. Maloy — Southeastern District*

Sergeant Maloy joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1967 after serving in the United States Navy. Since his appointment to police officer, he has worked in the Southern District until his promotion to sergeant. He has received two Official Commendations.

*Sergeant Frederick H. Bealefeld, III — Southwestern District*

Sergeant Bealefeld began his career with the Department as a police cadet. In 1983, he was appointed a police officer and entered the Police Academy. After graduating from the Police Academy, Sergeant Bealefeld was assigned to the Western District. He has received two Official Commendations which includes one Unit Citation.



Promoted to the rank of Sergeant are: (left to right) Michael A. Fry, John B. Sanders, Jack W. Kincaid, Diane K. Dutton, Charles J. Dixon, Lawrence S. Maloy, Steven R. Ossmus, Randy W. Blades, Don W. Helms and Frederick H. Bealefeld, III. Not shown above and also promoted was Charles D. Schneider.

*Sergeant Randy W. Blades — Western District*

Sergeant Blades has been assigned to the Eastern District since 1980, after graduating from the Education and Training Division. A native of Baltimore, Sergeant Blades is a graduate of Brooklyn Park Senior High School and has attended the Community College of Baltimore.

*Sergeant Steven R. Ossmus — Northern District*

Sergeant Ossmus has received six Official Commendations in the twelve years that he has been with the Department. These Commendations in-

clude two Bronze Stars and one Unit Citation.

*Sergeant Diane K. Dutton — Northeastern District*

Sergeant Dutton has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and Education from Western Maryland College. She has also attended the University of Baltimore and Towson State University for graduate studies. A five year veteran of the Department, Sergeant Dutton was appointed police agent in 1982. She has worked in the Southeastern District and Community Services Division.

*Sergeant Don W. Helms — Southern District*

## Signal 13

During its November 18, 1987 Board of Directors' meeting, the Signal 13 Foundation, Inc. voted to pay for all of the expenses incurred by Police Agent Eugene J. Cassidy's family while he was recovering in the hospital. The Western District Officer was shot twice in the head on October 22, 1987.

Family members arrived in Baltimore from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and as far away as Florida and arrangements were made to accommodate them in a local hotel.

Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman thanked the Board on behalf of the Department, stressing the importance of having such an out-

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# Signal 13

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standing organization that is ready to help all of our officers and their families during a time of need or emergency.

The Signal 13 Foundation was formed in 1983 by prominent Baltimoreans to offer financial assistance through grants or interest free loans to members of the Department in time of personal trauma.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Sergeant Charles Dixon and Sergeant John Sanders on their recent promotions.

Welcome aboard to Sergeant Frederick H. Bealefeld, Western's loss is our gain.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Officer Carl Walker who is presently recuperating at home from a fractured knee and elbow.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer George Jones, Central District, and his wife on the birth of their son, James Michael, on 10/26/87. Michael weighed in at 7lbs., 15 oz.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Detective Mark Tamlin and his wife Susan on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, 6lbs., 2 oz., born on 11/8/87, granddaughter of Colonel Leon Tamlin and niece of Major Joseph Newman.

Congratulations to retired Sergeant Paul J. Lloi, Arson Unit, who became a grandfather for the first time on the birth of his grandson, Steven Robert, born on 10/24/87, 8½lbs. The proud parents are Dr. Raymond P. Lloi, D.D.S. and his wife, Valerie.

The Drug Enforcement Section wishes to express their appreciation to outgoing members,

Detective Melvin Utz, Carolyn Gillespie, Christopher Bieling, James Welsh and James Hagin. Good luck in your new assignments.

Welcome to our new members Detectives Michael Caperoon, Gary Cover and Edward Fox.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Agent Albert M. Marcus, Sr., who has completed 12 years as a "Big Brother" for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Maryland.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Gerald H. Smith, III and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Courtney Marie, born on October 28, 1987.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Congratulations from the entire staff of the Public Information Division to Lieutenant Lawrence E. Leeson, Jr. on his recent promotion.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRISCH, DAVID ANDREW**, son of Detective Robert Frisch and wife Carla Frisch, Internal Investigation Division, 8 lbs., October 28.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**LEWIS, HOWARD W.**, Police Officer, Property Division, November 14.

**MAIN, WILLIAM F.**, retired Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, November 15.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GAYHART, DELLA**, grandmother of Officer/Trainee Michael McDonald, Education and Training Division, October 29.

**POWELL, WINFLOW, JR.**, brother of Officer/Trainee Robin Upton, Education and Training Division, October 29.

**REEDER, IRVIN**, uncle of Police Officer Shawn Dashiell, Community Services Division, Youth Section, October 30.

**LEWIS, ETHEL**, mother of Sergeant Larry S. Lewis, Community Services Division, Crime Resistance Unit, October 31.

**EAGAN, EARLE T., SR.**, father of Sergeant Earle T. Eagan, Jr., Southern District, November 2.

**NORTON, CONCETTA M.**, wife of retired Major Robert E. Norton, Communications Division, November 2.

**GODWIN, EVA MAE**, aunt of Police Officer Emmanuel Kennedy, Tactical Section, November 3.

**SELBY, REGINA**, mother of Police Officer George Selby, Tactical Section, November 12.

**WILLIAMS, LEOLA**, father of Police Officer Gary Williams, Tactical Section, November 12.

**PALMERI, MARION**, grandmother of Sergeant Nicholas R. Palmeri, C.I.D., Drug Enforcement Section, November 3.

## CLASSIFIED

For sale: One year's comprehensive membership to the Signal Fitness Center. A \$555.00 value for only \$275.00 or best offer. Contact Sgt. Roof, Inspectional Services Division.

House for sale: 3 bedroom rancher, 1½ baths, living room, dining room, hardwood floors. Updated kitchen, full basement with family room plus a 4th bedroom, partly fenced lot. Anderson sliders to 12 x 20 deck, new wooden storage shed. Asking \$97,900.00 — ground rent \$120.00. Principals only. Call Agent Mario DiFonzo, Southwestern District or 882-6089 for more information.

For Sale: \$42,500 in fee (negotiable) brick row home, 2700 block of Erdman Avenue. Three bedrooms and bath on 2nd floor, living room, dining room and kitchen on 1st floor and a full finished basement with toilet. Garage in rear (storage only). Contact retired Officer Tam Morse, Ocean City, Maryland at 1-301-289-1031. If interested, call collect.

For sale: 3 x 9 — 40 Tasco var-power rifle scope with mounts, \$45.00. 3 x 9 Redfield widefield rifle scope with dot reticle, \$120.00. Contact Sgt. Paul Davis, Western District or call 472-2397 or 472-4428.

For Sale: Time Share, Fairfield Harbor, North Carolina. Assumable - \$8,500.00 For more information, contact Police Officer Loomis, Fiscal Division.

For Sale: 1987 Harley Sportster, 883 evolution engine, black tank, battery cover, leather pouch, approximately 2,200 miles, garage kept, \$3,700.00. Contact Officer Charlotte Marsheck, Eastern District.

For Sale: 1979 Ford pick-up with cap, 69,000 miles, AM/FM 8 track, 3-speed overdrive, \$2,000.00. Contact Officer Norman Griffin, Traffic Division or call 256-9646.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Taxis On Patrol . . . Five Years Of Commitment

On November 25, 1987, Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman invited the owners and operators of all of the taxi cab companies in Baltimore to join him and his command staff to celebrate the success of the Taxis on Patrol (T.O.P.) program in the lobby of the Headquarters Building. Representatives from six cab companies joined the Commissioner and re-committed themselves to help make the city a safer place for everyone.

Established on January 20, 1982, T.O.P. is a cooperative effort with the

cab owners and drivers to encourage calls, through their dispatchers, to the Police Department about suspicious or criminal activities they observe while transporting and responding to fares throughout the city.

Since the program's inception, about 1,500 emergency calls have been received from the 1,083 licensed cab drivers. The calls ranged from reports of house fires, to accidents, to reports of people armed with guns, to rob-

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Sun Cab driver Eddie Young proudly points to his Taxis on Patrol decal being mounted on his vehicle by Police Agent Martin M. Seltzer, Crime Resistance Unit, as Deputy Commissioner Ronald J. Mullen, Operations Bureau and Ms. Carol Zimmerman, Vice President of Sun Cab Company look on. More than 800 cabs display the decals as a part of their commitment to help make Baltimore a safer place to live and work.

## Department Receives Governor's Award For Eighth Consecutive Year

On November 24, 1987, the Baltimore Police Department was honored during the Eighth Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony, as one of twelve agencies from throughout the State selected to receive the



Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accepts the Governor's Award from Secretary Bishop L. Robinson. Assisting him is Patricia L. Sill, Maryland Crime Watch Coordinator. McGuff, America's famous Crime Dog looks on.

Governor's Crime Prevention Award for Law Enforcement Agencies. Presenting the Awards on behalf of Governor William Donald Schaefer was Secretary Bishop L. Robinson, whose agency, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, hosted the affair in conjunction with the Maryland Crime Prevention Association.

Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accepted the Award marking the

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## Taxis On Patrol

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beries in progress and for other serious incidents.

Training is offered and conducted for T.O.P. participants by members of the Crime Resistance Unit of the Community Services Division. The seminars include not only how to recognize suspicious activities and crimes in progress, but also the reporting of safety hazards. The Crime Resistance Unit acts as the liaison between the Department and the cab companies.

Prompt response to crimes in progress and other emergency situations depend on timely calls from alert members of the community. The T.O.P. effort, along with Citizens on Patrol and the Neighborhood Watch program that currently has more than 113,000 participants, enhances the crime resistance effort for everyone. The knowledge that police will be immediately called whenever the situation warrants has a chilling effect on the criminal element.

Commissioner Tilghman believes that public safety is everyone's concern. During the celebration, he saluted the taxi cab companies and the drivers for their commitment to both the Department and the citizens of Baltimore.

## Governor's Award

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eighth consecutive year the Department has received the honor.

This Award is given to agencies meeting an established criteria for a comprehensive law enforcement agency crime prevention program including Personal, Residential and Commercial Security and the support of the National Crime Prevention "McGruff" Campaign.

Every member of the Baltimore Police Department should feel great pride in this honor, for it represents the efforts of each individual. The participation of all members in such programs as Neighborhood Watch,

Operation Identification and Security Surveys contribute directly toward meeting the necessary requirements for recognition.

Other recipients of this award were:

- Anne Arundel County Police Dept.
- Baltimore County Police Dept.
- Charles County Sheriff's Dept.
- Frederick County Sheriff's Dept.
- Frostburg State University Police Dept.
- Howard County Police Dept.
- Maryland State Police
- Metro Transit Police
- Montgomery County Police Dept.
- Prince George's County Police Dept.
- Towson State University Police Dept.

Also honored during the ceremony were more than 70 individual Law Enforcement Officers, Community Groups, Organizations and Individual Citizens who made outstanding contributions to crime prevention during the period of July, 1986 through June, 1987.

The Rosemont Citizens Patrol received the Governor's Crime Prevention Award for Community Groups, Organizations and Individual Citizens.

Mr. John Merritt accepted the Award for the Rosemont Citizens Patrol, nominated by the Baltimore Police Department for their efforts toward a safer community. This Citizen On Patrol Group, operating in the Southwestern District, has contributed more than 6,500 hours of crime prevention patrols, in addition to participation in a wide variety of other crime prevention programs.

Receiving Crime Prevention Achiever's Awards were Lieutenant Robert E. Wilson and Sergeant Hezzie T. Sessomes, Jr. of the Crime Resistance Unit.

The Crime Prevention Achiever's Award is given to law enforcement officers in Maryland who are personally recognized for their outstanding participation in crime prevention programs.

Lieutenant Wilson has achieved the

highest level of this Award for the completion of 500 residential and/or commercial security surveys and Sergeant Sessomes was recognized for the completion of 50 surveys.

Sergeant Robert E. Lassahn, Crime Resistance Unit says, "The Baltimore Police Department receiving the Governor's Award is a result of the Department's pro-active approach to prevent crime. It is an effective technique that makes crime everybody's business."



The Associated Black Charities  
salutes the  
BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPT.  
Giving thanks and appreciation  
to Commissioner  
EDWARD J. TILGHMAN  
and staff  
1987

OSBORNE A. PAYNE  
Chairman

Associated Black Charities saluted the Department during their first major fundraising dinner at the Convention Center on November 22, 1987. The Association praised all of the officers for their roles in having a positive impact on the community. Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman accepted the honors during the affair attended by more than 1,000 people.

## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

For most families, this is the time of the year for various types of holiday enjoyment as relatives and friends get together to share best wishes and good times. The first of the season's holidays conjures up visions of plates piled high with turkey and dressing, steaming yams and other foods which adorn the traditional Thanksgiving

Day table.

For too many families however, this special meal is a financial impossibility.

Once again this year on November 25, 1987, Roy Rogers' Restaurants provided a bountiful Thanksgiving Day repast for forty needy families in Baltimore. This was the tenth year in which representatives of Roy Rogers' Restaurants have joined members of the Community Relations Section of the Baltimore Police Department to deliver baskets of turkeys and all of the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings to those, who if it were not for the generous donation, would not be able to share in this family-time meal.



Officers William M. McCallister and Princess D. Coleman, Northeastern District, put two of the forty boxes of food donations in a vehicle for transport to families throughout Baltimore on Thanksgiving eve.

Families receiving Thanksgiving packages were selected by the Police Department's representatives who are familiar with those who have the greatest need for assistance.

Neighborhood Services Sergeants and Communications Division Personnel collected, donated and distributed food baskets to additional families.

## Kids Against Crime

On October 15, 1987, nine members of Kids Against Crime visited the Baltimore Police Department and met with Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman. Kids Against Crime was established in 1983, to teach children about crime prevention, how to protect themselves, their family, and drug abuse. The organization works in cooperation with the Laurel City Police Depart-

ment. Each month, a meeting is held where speakers from various federal and local law enforcement agencies discuss good citizenship and how their respective agencies function.

Kids Against Crime has been recognized for their outstanding work by the National Crime Prevention Coalition and has received a letter of congratulations from President Ronald Reagan for being involved in the fight against crime.

Mr. Jim Collins, Supervisor of the Services Division, Laurel City Police Department says that, "They have participated in many activities, but have not visited a large Police Department. The children were amazed at what it takes to run a large law enforcement agency." They learned that our Department has over 800 vehicles, runs on a budget of \$151,000,000.00 and has almost 3,500 employees.

## Holiday Happenings

The Holiday Season offers many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Below is a selected list of these events:

### DECEMBER 10, 1987

- A Candlelight Tour includes decorations, carols and refreshments, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Cloisters Children's Museum, 396-7101.
- Tree Lighting and Festival, Washington, D.C. at 5:00 P.M. President Ronald Reagan will light the National Christmas Tree to officially open the Pageant of Peace. A choral group and military band will perform. For more information call 202-485-9666.

### DECEMBER 12, 1987

- A Holiday Chess Tournament will take place, starting at 10:00 A.M. at the Virginia S. Baker - Patterson Park Recreation Center, 2601 E. Baltimore St., 396-4891.

### DECEMBER 12 and 13, 1987

- Holiday Craftshop weekend, December 12, 1987 and December 13, 1987. It will be held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway. A local toy company will craft unique toys such as tin soldiers and design greeting cards. Also candy makers will hand dip chocolates. There will also be tours of the S. S. Baltimore, a steam powered tugboat. Call 727-4808.
- A Colonial Christmas at Mount Clare Mansion, Carroll Park Washington Blvd. and Monroe Street. It is Baltimore's only pre-revolutionary house from 1760. Demonstrations of beaten biscuit making and exhibits of antique dolls will be featured. For more information call 837-3262.

### DECEMBER 13, 1987

- A Holley Trolley Christmas at the National Capital Trolley museum, located in Wheaton, Maryland between Bonifant and Layhill Roads near New Hampshire Avenue. There will be Sing-a-long trolley rides with Santa. Times 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. Trolley rides will also be on December 20 and December 27, 1987 Call 776-8627.

### DECEMBER 14, 1987

- Grand opening of McCormick Tea Pot Booth at 12 noon at the McKeldin Square, Harborplace, Pratt and Light Streets. Free hot spiced McCormick Tea will be served to the public until 5:00 P.M. Thereafter, free hot tea will be served to the public from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. beginning December 15th through December 22nd, except for Sunday, December 20, courtesy of McCormick & Company, Inc.

### DECEMBER 15, 1987

- 10th Annual Fells Point Holiday celebration. Beginning at 6:00 P.M., Santa Claus and his elves will arrive by way of sleigh to the Broadway Market

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## Holiday Happenings

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Square. There will also be other festivities. 396-4891.

- Christmas Wonderland at Woodlawn Elementary School, Woodlawn. Visit Santa Claus, Christmas garden and his workshop, where broken toys are repaired. There will be floral displays and Christmas caroling. Festivities will be conducted daily until December 19, 1987, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. For more information, call 944-7488.

### DECEMBER 19, 1987

- Join the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for its Holiday Pope Gala at the Meyerhoff at 8:15 P.M. This show will also take place on December 20, 1987 at 3:00 P.M. Conductor Ed Polochick will lead the orchestra, and the Boys Choirs of St. Michael and All Angels, and Old St. Paul's churches.
- Baltimore Museum of Art Children's Day entertainment. Dr. Seuss cartoons and refreshments for 4 - 7 years old. Festivities begin at 7:00 A.M. to 12 noon at the Baltimore Museum. 396-7101.
- Christmas Puppets Show, 1:00

P.M., Baltimore Zoo, Druid Hill Park, call 367-4387 for information.

## NEWS NOTES

Members of the Department shall provide each victim, reporting person, or witness of a crime, the New Baltimore Police Department Victim Assistance/Incident Information form.

This form includes the victims' and witness' Bill of Rights and the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Information regarding claims.

The new form is an 8½ x 11 trifold and will replace the old look out size forms.

Police Officer John Barton, Central District, is coordinating an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for interested Departmental members and their families. For more information, call Officer Barton evenings at 288-2823.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Congratulations to Police Officer James L. Holford who was promoted to First Sergeant in the United States Army on 15 November, 1987 in charge of the 60th Medical Helicopter Unit, Tipton Army Airfield, Fort Meade, Maryland.

## RETIREMENTS

ENTZ, FREDERICK W., JR., Sergeant, Eastern District, 26 years of service, November 21.  
ELLIOTT, WILLIAM T., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 26 years of service, December 3.

STROHMER, HERBERT J., Radio Maintenance Technician II, Communications Division, 7 years of service, December 3.

WOODCOCK, GARY W., Lieutenant, Planning and Research Division, 28 years of service, January 1.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEMSTETTER, ROBERT MICHAEL, grandson of Printing Press Operator II (Multi-color) and Mrs. Robert F. Hemstetter, Jr., Property Division, Printing Unit, 6lbs. 9 oz., November 27.

YOUVELLS, ANNA LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Edward Youvels, Western District, 7lbs. 7 oz., November 29.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

MOODY, LEROY, retired Police Officer, Western District, November 21.

## IN MEMORIAM

CROMWELL, MABEL, grandmother of Police Officer Gary L. Smith, Northeastern District, November 13.

DYSON, CLARA, mother-in-law of Police Communications Assistant I Shirley Dyson, Communications Division, November 13.

FLOWERS, JULIA, mother-in-law of Police Communications Supervisor Rethella Flowers, Communications Division, November 30.

DANTONI, NICHOLAS, stepfather of Sec. II Diane E. Talbott, Administrative Bureau, December 1.

## CLASSIFIED

Entertainment "88" — save up to 50% on almost everything! Fine dining, sports events, movies, travel, carryout, etc. Great Christmas gifts for the person who has everything. Proceeds benefit the Maryland School for the Blind. \$30.00 Contact Officer Sheckells at 391-1548.

For Sale: A Cannon AT-135mm, 28mm, 55mm, 100-300 zoom Cannon lens. \$600.00. Berettas 9mm model 92SB and a model 92F. Price given on request. Sgt. Paul Davis, WDist. or call 472-2397 or 472-4428.



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*With Best Wishes*

**FOR A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON**

The holiday season is a time to enjoy our families, reflect upon past experiences and plan for the future.

As we approach the end of 1987, may I take this occasion to thank each of you for your many and varied contributions during the past year. Your task is not an easy one; but, your great spirit, concern and love of the Department and the citizens of Baltimore comes through loud and clear! I am very proud to be your Commissioner.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you happy holidays. Whatever dreams you have for 1988 I hope each one comes true and makes the new year a perfect one for you and yours.

God Bless,

*Edward J. Tilghman*  
Edward J. Tilghman  
Commissioner

## Eric's Gift

By Detective Jeanne Mewbourne  
Criminal Investigation Division

"... And it doesn't have to cost a lot of money — just something pretty. Maybe your mother would give you a Christmas ball from your own Christmas tree at home ... Or maybe you could even *make* an ornament — you know how good you all are at making things ..."

A Christmas tree ornament seemed like such a small request from a teacher to her class of second graders, but as far as seven-year-old Eric was concerned, Miss Preston might as well have been asking for a new car. He couldn't ask his mother for a Christmas ball because they had no Christmas tree to take it from. Making an

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## Six Sergeants Promoted

Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman presented Certificates of Promotion to six new sergeants. The promotions took place during morning ceremonies on December 16, 1987 in the Education and Training Division's Lounge.

Listed below are the newly promoted members and their assignments:

*Sergeant Mario J. Difonzo — Central District*

Sergeant Difonzo, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Delaware. A thirteen year veteran of the Department, he was designated Police Agent in 1976. As Police Agent, Sergeant DiFonzo has worked in the Central and Southwestern Districts.

*Sergeant Robert D. DeAngelis — Western District*

Sergeant DeAngelis, an eight year veteran of the Department has received three Official Commendations which includes one Unit Citation that was awarded to him while assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Towson State University.

*Sergeant Richard C. Smith — Eastern District*

Sergeant Smith has worked in the Southern District as a Police Officer since he joined the Baltimore Police Department in 1981. He has been awarded two Official Commendations

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## Promotions

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including one Commendatory Letter.

*Sergeant Robert A. Oros — Western District*

Sergeant Oros, a native of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, holds a Master of Science Degree from the University of Baltimore. Since joining the Department in 1973, he has been appointed a Police Agent and awarded a Bronze Star. He has been assigned to the Central District and Education and Training Division.

*Sergeant Lester L. Geesey — South-eastern District*

Sergeant Geesey joined the Department in 1972 after serving in the United States Army. He has worked in the Eastern District since graduating from the Education and Training Division. Sergeant Geesey has an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Essex Community College. He has been awarded three Official Commendations which includes one Bronze Star.

*Sergeant Robert L. Frisch — Central District*

Sergeant Frisch, a twelve year veteran, has been awarded three Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter. As a Police Officer, Sergeant Frisch has been assigned to the Central District, Traffic Division and the Internal Investigation Division. He has attended Harford Community College.

## Eric's Gift

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ornament was out of the question too — he could barely stay in the lines when they had coloring time in school. Of course, he could always ask his mother for the money and for sure she'd dig in her purse and come up with enough change for an ornament, but then she'd have to walk to work for a couple of days instead of riding the bus. Eric had seen her doing that before and it always saddened him.

Eric came from a poor family. He

had a mother and a younger sister. His mother held two jobs and it was all she could do to pay the rent and put food on the table — there was never any money left over for nice things.

That night Eric looked around the house for something he could use as an ornament. He remembered Miss Preston saying that Christmas was the celebration of the birth of the Baby Jesus and that their ornaments would be like little presents to him. Eric was doubly distressed. He liked Miss Preston very much and he *loved* the Baby Jesus and he would have to let them both down — he couldn't find *anything* around the house that wouldn't look *stupid* hanging on the tree. Finally he gave up his search and went to bed.

The next morning, Eric woke with a start. He lay there for a moment trying to remember why he had such butterflies. Then he remembered. Today was the deadline. He'd be going to school empty-handed.

Eric's mother had worked all night, so he tried not to make any noise as he got ready for school. As he stood outside the front door, he paused to watch the falling snow. He loved the snow. He tilted his face skyward to catch the flakes on his tongue. He tried to forget for a moment the pain and embarrassment which surely awaited him at school.

While he was walking, he bent over and scooped up a handful of snow, made a snowball, and absently threw it into a vacant lot. He was suddenly struck with the idea of hooking school, but dismissed it immediately when he thought how hurt his mother would be if she found out. Then he had another thought: "Why couldn't I just say I forgot . . . But that would be lying — I can't do that either."

Just then he heard a gravelly voice say, "Hey, kid, I already been through that trash can. Nothin' in there. What're you lookin for anyway?"

Eric was stunned. He didn't even realize he was poking in the big wire

trash can . . . for what? — still the ornament?

"Don't be afraid, kid, what're you lookin' for?"

Eric didn't realize he was crying. "I need a gift for the Baby Jesus to put on the Christmas tree at school and I don't have nothin'."

The gravelly voice belonged to a man with a gray beard and neck-length hair. He was probably in his sixties. He was pushing a heavy market basket loaded high with plastic garbage bags filled with all his worldly possessions. "We'll, you're not gonna find anything in there unless you want to put a milk carton on the tree — or an orange juice can."

Eric sighed and bit his lip.

"Why don't you make something?"

"No. I can't make something. I can't make something pretty. There's no more time, anyway."

The street man paused. "Well how about if I ask my boss?"

Eric was puzzled. "Who's your boss?"

"God," the street man replied. "I work for God. Didn't you know that?"

Eric was incredulous. "You don't work for God!"

"Sure I do . . . See my bumper sticker here?" The street man pointed to a vinyl bumper sticker on his cart. "What's it say?"

Eric read the sticker out loud: "ASK God." Eric was impressed. "But how do I ask him?"

"Wait a minute. I'll put in a good word for you." The street man looked upward. "Oh God . . . God, it's me, your favorite street person . . . I got a little man here that needs a little miracle. He's a personal friend of mine — what's your name, kid?"

Eric respectfully took off his cap and nervously sneaked a glance upward. "Eric J. Crawford."

The street man looked Heavenward again. "His name is Eric J. Crawford, God, and he's a very personal friend of mine." There was a pause as if the



street man were listening for an answer.

"Now what am I supposed to do?" Eric asked anxiously.

The street man's eyes were still searching the sky. "Wait."

"How long?"

"Any second now . . . What's that, God? — He should *make* a gift?" The street man looked down at Eric. "Like I told ya, you should *make* a gift."

Eric was disappointed. "Boy, that's not much help." He put his cap back on.

But the street man laid his hand on Eric's shoulder, and as if inspired by Someone Else, said, "Reach down . . . gather some snow . . . and make a star."

"I can't!" Eric cried. "I can't even stay in the lines when I color!"

"That's only because you don't *believe* you can . . . You gotta *believe*!"

Reluctantly, Eric bent down, and with his little bare hands began to mold in the snow. His eyes widened as the perfect shape of a star emerged.

"There!" exclaimed the street man, "You see?"

"Yeah! . . . Wow! . . . Now what, Mr. street man?"

The street man looked skyward again, waiting for the word from above. "Get a box . . . you're in luck, kid, there's one right here." He pulled out an old Domino's pizza box from a garbage bag in his cart and dusted it off. "Be careful, now . . . put the star in here."

Eric gently laid the frozen star in the box. Suddenly a doubt crossed his mind. "It's gonna melt before I even get it to school."

"I told you, Mr. Eric J. Crawford, just *believe*."

Eric suddenly became aware of the time. "I'm gonna be late . . . I gotta hurry."

"Wait," said the street man, "I'll give you a lift." With that he hoisted little Eric and his box onto the mound of garbage bags on the cart and off

they went.

When they reached the school the street man swept Eric to the ground and Eric began to run up the steps. Half way up he realized he hadn't thanked the street man and he wheeled around and yelled, "Thanks, Mr. Street Man!" But as if he had disappeared, the street man was nowhere in sight. Eric's heart sank. The doubts were creeping back. He peeked in the box. The star was still there. It hadn't melted yet. "Believe," the street man had said, "Believe." The school bell rang and Eric rushed through the front door to class.

"It seems we have just about everything we need for the tree except something for the top." Miss Preston glanced around the class and spotted Eric who was nervously standing in the back of the room holding the box and muttering to himself, "Just believe . . . just believe . . ."

"Eric, do you have something for the tree — perhaps something for the top?"

One of the other boys piped up, "Oh look, Eric brought a pizza to put on the top of the Christmas tree! Ha, ha, ha!"

Eric, trying to ignore the snickers, handed the box to Miss Preston and stepped back.

"Just believe . . . just believe," he kept repeating to himself.

Miss Preston opened the box. She caught her breath. "Oh, Eric . . . this is beautiful . . . a crystal star! . . ."

Eric peeked through his fingers. Miss Preston was indeed holding up an exquisite crystal star. Its facets caught the light and shed a thousand tiny rainbows around the room. She carried the star to the tree and placed it on top.

"Eric, how did you ever find such a beautiful ornament?" Eric was still dumbfounded. "Eric?" Eric finally heard her.

He answered, "I just believed I could . . .", adding under his breath "And so did God and Mr. Street Man."



On December 1, 1987, Santa Claus arrived in town. He was not sliding down chimneys nor delivering presents, but placing 50,000 Holiday Summonses on vehicles. The Holiday Summons is a part of the Department's Christmas Anti-Auto Theft Campaign. It is a cheerful reminder for motorists to lock their cars and keep packages out of view. Police Agent Robert E. Douglas, Crime Resistance Unit (Santa) makes his first of many deliveries.

## Holiday Happenings

The Holiday Season offers many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Below is a selected list of these events:

### DECEMBER 23, 1987

- Polish Community Association's annual caroling walk will take place in the Fell's Point area of Baltimore. The procession will begin at 7:00 p.m., 1627 Eastern Avenue, where hundreds of people will join in singing seasonal favorite songs. The procession includes horses and carriages. For more information call 563-1800.

### DECEMBER 26, 1987.

- Tour the Fire Museum of Maryland, 1301 York Rd. and see their Christmas garden and movies. 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Festivities also on January 2, 1988. 321-7500.

### DECEMBER 27, 1987

- A holiday documentary featuring the mystery of Picasso, 4:00 P.M. at the Baltimore Museum of Art. For information call 396-7101.

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## Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day .....	January 1, 1988
King's Birthday .....	January 15, 1988
Lincoln's Birthday .....	Feb. 12, 1988
Washington's Birthday .....	Feb. 15, 1988
Maryland Day .....	March 25, 1988
Good Friday .....	April 1, 1988
Memorial Day .....	May 30, 1988
Independence Day .....	July 4, 1988
Labor Day .....	September 5, 1988
Defenders' Day .....	September 12, 1988
Columbus Day .....	October 12, 1988
General Election Day .....	Nov. 8, 1988
Veterans' Day .....	November 11, 1988
Thanksgiving Day .....	Nov. 24, 1988
Christmas Day .....	December 25, 1988

## Happenings

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### DECEMBER 31, 1987

- New Year's Gala for children at the Baltimore Aquarium in Harborplace, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Festivities include puppets, holiday favors and celebrities, call 727-Fish.
- Baltimore's New Year's Eve Extravaganza with four parties and fireworks, takes place at the Convention Center and Inner Harbor starting at 9:00 P.M. Call 837-4636.

### JANUARY 1, 1988

- An exhibit at the Maryland Science Center, "The Science of Sports." 685-5225.

### JANUARY 3, 1988

- "Oh Say Can You Say — Imagination Day" at the Baltimore Museum of Art from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Featuring story tellers, folktales and children's books. Also the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Childrens Theatre at 1:00 P.M.

### JANUARY 4, 1988

- View the film "Speed" at Imax Theatre, at the Maryland Science Center. For times call 685-5225.

### JANUARY 5, 1988

- At Walters Art Gallery will be displays of paintings, jewelry and manuscripts. Call 547-9000.



Ms. Mildred Moon tells Santa (Officer Howard J. Gittings, Western District) her Christmas wish. She was one of more than 250 seniors who attended the Eleventh Annual Senior Citizens Christmas party. It was held at the Omni Hotel on December 13, 1987. The party included dinner and entertainment by the Department's band, Sounds of an Era.

Afterwards, every senior received a personal Christmas gift, compliments of various community organizations and business groups.

## NEWS NOTES

A boating course for sail and power craft will be offered by the Sue Island Power Squadron.

Topics include boat handling under normal and adverse conditions, seamanship, rules of the waterways, aid to navigation, compass and chart familiarization.

The courses are open to anyone over the age of 12. Instruction is free, with a small charge for course materials. The courses are given in 11 lessons at two locations: Towson Senior High School, Cedar Avenue, Towson, Md., and Kenwood Senior High School, Stemmers Run Road and Marlyn Avenue, Essex, Md. Registration for the Towson course is January 7, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. (late registration is January 14.)

For more information call 574-6254, 747-5105 or 433-0785.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**HEADQUARTERS SECURITY** — To all Departmental Personnel: Thank you for the many cards and telephone calls that I received during my stay at University Hospital and my recovery at home from gunshot wounds. Thankfully yours, Officer Jason Smith.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTMAN, CHRISTEN REESE**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. David F. Eastman, Special Operations Division, Traffic Section, Mounted Unit, 71bs. 9 oz., November 15.

**HALL, TIMOTHY JAMES**, son of Police Officer John Hall, Northwestern District, November 17. Timothy was 81bs. and 20½ inches at birth.



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