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Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

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A NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

On January 21, 1994, Thomas C. Frazier was appointed as Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department. Commissioner Frazier hails from the San Jose Police Department where he held the position of Deputy Chief. The Vietnam Veteran and father of three, was chosen by Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke to take command of Baltimore's 2,900-member department. According to Mayor Schmoke, "In Thomas Frazier, we are getting the right man for the right time, a person who really understands policing and community concerns who can also talk effectively with people."

Commissioner Frazier has the overwhelming task of not just combatting the city's existing crime problem, but also that of dealing with allegations of brutality and corruption within the department. According to the Commissioner, his priority is dealing with the gun violence on the streets. He says, "We've got to take back the streets, block by block, if we are lucky. If we are not, we'll do it house by house." Commissioner Frazier has been described as being on the cutting edge of modern technology law enforcement.

Among the new Commissioner's reform package, there is a definite focus on street patrols. It has long been known that patrol is the backbone of police work, however, Commissioner Frazier takes this to another level by indicating that "patrol is the point of battle." In response to the alleged corruption within the department, one of the Commissioner's first actions was to bring the Internal Investigation Division into his office. The Director of IID now reports directly to the Police Commissioner. Commissioner Frazier also hopes the move



Commissioner Frazier with his family; (l. to r.) wife Deborah, daughter Alexandra, and his mother Faye Frazier at swearing in ceremony.

will send a clear message that improper conduct will not be tolerated. The Commissioner adds, "What disturbs me to a certain extent, is that I think it overlooks the good work done by hundreds and hundreds of conscientious law enforcement officers every single day."

Commissioner Frazier describes himself as being fair and having the courage to make tough decisions. "You'll see me in uniform far more than you will see me in a coat and tie," he says. The Commissioner has pledged to be "highly visible" to the community as well as the rank-and-file. According to Commissioner Frazier, "The community has to understand that I will change the organization if it needs to be changed based on feedback from them." When questioned about his goals as commander, he reveals that his intentions are: "To lead by example and maintain my unquestioned integrity and honesty in interpersonal, professional, and community relationships." He credits coming in from an outside agency with giving him the advantage of an open mind, in that there will not be hesitation in abandoning existing practices if it is in the best interest of the agency as a whole.

Commissioner's Message

I am delighted and honored to have been selected to head one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country. The proud history and tradition of the Baltimore Police Department, spanning more than two hundred years, makes it particularly gratifying to join the ranks of the men and women who have the privilege and responsibility of fostering that reputation as we approach the next century and enter a new era of policing.

You have pledged yourselves to our city by making a commitment to the maintenance of the quality of life by the protection of the public and provision of quality police services. Today let me, in turn, pledge my unwavering support in helping you perform your duties at maximum efficiency and with the greatest possible safety.

To keep that pledge I believe there needs to be a change in the emphasis and methods of policing. As that occurs, the position of the police officer in the orga-

nization changes also. To make this possible, much thought is being given to redesigning the structure of the department and to recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting officers in the field. Changes must be made in all of these areas to create a new police professionalism. And that new police professionalism will embrace the philosophy of community policing to include problem-solving techniques, strategic utilization of resources, and increasingly sophisticated investigative capabilities.

There will also be changes in the management structure to create a supportive organizational environment for community policing and to revise the relationship between supervisors and rank-and-file officers. I recognize that any new organizational changes imposed often look good on paper, but the test must be whether they do in fact improve communication and expedite action. For this reason, it is important that feedback be obtained from officers at each stage of implementation, to determine whether the new structure is providing the intended benefits. Tables of organization and channels of communication should be regarded as provisional, not immutable, until they have been proved in practice. Even then, changes in conditions may require further changes in organizational arrangements. I have an open door policy and I encourage your input.

Whatever the organizational model, it must facilitate maximum participation by the patrol officer who is in direct contact with citizens of the community. It will be the policy of this Police Department to treat all employees as mature men and women; to demonstrate more trust and confidence in them; to give them more responsibility and a stake in the outcome of their efforts; and to give them a greater sense of fulfillment and job satisfaction.

Changes in titles and organization can provide the conditions for improved professionalism, but only human beings can fulfill the potential of new strategies. There will most certainly be changes in our organization that will require you to adapt to new professional challenges. You will be expected to meet the highest standards

of police conduct in the nation. It will not be easy for you to live up to these expectations, but you have already proven your capacity to meet the test.

As police officers you represent the fundamentals of social stability: courage, honesty, respect for the rule of law, responsibility, accountability, discipline, the offering of self in the service of the community. For many Baltimoreans you will be the law. They will judge its value and effectiveness on the basis of your conduct, on your honesty and compassion. They will judge the Criminal Justice System on your ability to be fair at all times, to deal with every citizen equally, without regard to color of skin, or religion, or education, or social class, or any of the superficialities that underlie human prejudice.

That's difficult to do consistently.

I offer no magic, one stroke solutions to our problems - no instant, total answer. Ours is a system where order is balanced with justice, where all - black and white, poor rich, middle class - can enjoy a reasonable degree of freedom. But that system's survival is dependent in large measure on a group of superbly trained men and women, from all areas of the community, who reflect the diversity that is our greatest strength: men and women willing to obey the law as well as enforce it. It depends in good measure on you, our police. A great responsibility. But one to which you are more than equal.

As Commissioner, I want to express my admiration for your courageous involvement, for your faith and allegiance, your common willingness to surrender a part of yourselves to the service of others. I am proud of what you are, and who you are, and I am certain of what we can accomplish together.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner.

The Telephone Reporting Unit Expands

If a call for service is received by the department and it is not in progress, if there is no suspect on the scene, no one injured, no witnesses, and no evidence to be recovered at the scene, then more than likely the call for service will be handled by the Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU).

Since Commissioner Frazier's appointment, he has expanded the Telephone Reporting Unit by adding nine officers to the unit and it is now a 24 hour operation. This expansion has enabled TRU to handle more calls for service, thus allowing officers on the street to be more available for the emergency dispatches. Compared with April of '93, in which TRU handled 9611 total calls for service, in April of '94, TRU handled 13,291 calls for service.

A new development in the reporting system used in TRU is the development of form 94-B, which is an abbreviated Crime Incident Report form. This form, which was created through input from the TRU members, was introduced to the departmental reporting system this month. It has cut down the average amount of time that a member of TRU spends on the phone with each complainant from 21 to 9 minutes. Subsequently, TRU is able to supplement patrol more effectively and in a more timely manner. Officer Deborah McKinley, a member of TRU, adds, "It takes a lot of non-essential calls away and officers can devote more time to patrol."

The revamping of the TRU division is clearly one of Commissioner Frazier's implemented ideas that has allowed patrol to dedicate more time to their crime fighting efforts. With an efficient, operable TRU division, patrol is able to spend more time clearing and holding drug corners, and investigating crimes, while at the same time be more visible to the community instead of being occupied by mounds of paperwork at the district.



Col. Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr.

Col. Steven A. Crumrine

Col. Ronald L. Daniel

Maj. Leonard D. Hamm

Maj. John E. Gavrilis

Commissioner Frazier's First Appointments

Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier presented certificates of appointment to two majors and three colonels in April, 1994. The appointment ceremony was held in the auditorium of Police Headquarters.

Appointed to Major was Leonard D. Hamm who is a native Baltimorean, and a 20 year member of the department. Major Hamm holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences. He will serve as the District Commander of the Central District. Prior to this appointment, Major Hamm served as Lieutenant at the Education & Training Division. Major Hamm expresses the importance of education and principles like, self-discipline, perseverance and courage (to do what is right).

Appointed to Major also, was John E. Gavrilis. Major Gavrilis is a native of Baltimore who 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. The new Southeastern District Commander has been a member of this department for 20 years and served as Captain of the Southwestern District prior to his appointment. Major Gavrilis intends to maintain his high standard of commitment to the community and preserve the eminent tradition that is characteristic of the Southeastern District.

Appointed to the rank of Colonel was Steven A. Crumrine. Colonel Crumrine is a native of College Park, Maryland and he has been a member of the department for 19 years. His educational background includes a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the University of Maryland, and specialized training from the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Prior to his appointment he was assigned to the Fiscal Division. Colonel Crumrine will be the coordinator of Technical Services, Human Resources/Services Bureau. He will oversee the Communications Division, Central Records Division and Management Information Systems Division. Colonel Crumrine says that he feels fortunate to have chosen law enforcement as a career and he attributes his success to listening and learning from mentors, not being afraid to fail in his various assignments, and pursuing educational goals.

Appointed to Colonel was Ronald L. Daniel. Colonel Daniel is a native Baltimorean with 20 years of service in the department. His educational background includes, attending the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, John Hopkins University and Morgan State University. Colonel Daniel also was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1972. Prior to his appointment, he was the Director of the Personnel Division. Colonel Daniel will be in the Police Commissioner's office. His duties will be to oversee Planning and Research, Inspectional Services Division and the Legal Advisor's Office. Colonel Daniel also believes that education is the key to success. He believes in hard work and the necessity of good fellow officers as learning resources.

Appointed to Colonel was Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. Colonel Bolesta is a native of the Baltimore area with 27 years of service at this department. He has attended the Community College of Baltimore and Northwestern University. Colonel Bolesta was honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1959. Prior to his appointment, Colonel Bolesta was assigned to the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau. He attributes his success to a strong family structure, and has future plans of establishing a new Field Training Officer Program within the department. Colonel Bolesta will now coordinate Human Resources. He will oversee the Personnel Division as well as the Education and Training Division.

Communicating With The Commissioner

If a police department is to be successful in the attempt to strengthen the relationship that exists with its community, there must first be a willingness to deal with certain issues of concern on the homefront. Commissioner Frazier recognizes the need for officers under his command to be heard, and he has taken the first step in providing this outlet. The Commissioner has devised a system which allows officers to interact, one on one, with the Commissioner.

The first part of the Commissioner's system entails "The Coffee Hour." The Coffee Hour is organized approximately once every ten days (on average). It consists of a group of 15 officers who discuss concerns that may effect the overall safety and operation of the department, i.e. working conditions. The Coffee Hour sessions have begun and Commissioner Frazier wants to hear what officers have to say about their working conditions and how he can make their job a better one.

If the officer's concern is sensitive in nature, or if the officer has a complaint of unfair or unjust treatment, there is an alternative to the Coffee Hour. This alternative is an "Open Door Policy." These sessions are limited to fifteen minutes per officer, per visit. The Coffee Hour and Open Door Policy can be arranged by contacting the Police Commissioner's Office.

Operation Midway

On March 19, 1994, over 100 officers armed with 14 search and seizure warrants along with numerous arrest warrants swept through the Barclay-East Baltimore Midway neighborhood in an attempt to take back the neighborhood that seemed lost to drug dealers and violent crime. This drug sweep is known as Operation Midway and is the first step in a multi-step process to take back the streets of one particular East Baltimore Neighborhood.

Since the March 19th raids, efforts have focused on enforcing the various drug/loitering laws in an attempt to keep the streets clear of the drug dealers and provide a safe environment for the many residents of the neighborhood. Compared with the crime statistics from the same period in 1993, from March 19 through April 15 in 1994, violent crime is down 82.1%. There were 39 Part I crimes reported in that same time period in 1993 as opposed to 7 in 1994. Also in the Midway neighborhood in 1993, there were 5 shootings between 19 March 1993 and 15 April 1993 and none have been reported in 1994 since the institution of Operation Midway for that same time period. The enforcement efforts of the Baltimore City Police Department is the first phase of Operation Midway, other city agencies have also joined the effort.



Officers Harold Wertz, (l.) and Kate Wood (r.) confer with community leader Sylvia Fullwood on Greenmount Avenue, the site of Operation Midway.

Since the drug sweep, The Department of Public Works has come into the Midway-Barclay neighborhood and removed trash from the streets and alleys and boarded up some of the vacant houses. City officials have also planned to demolish or renovate existing vacant houses in the neighborhood.

The Midway-Barclay citizens have also formed a neighborhood watch program called P.U.L.S.E., which stands for People United Live in a Safe Environment. This neighborhood watch is funded by Johns Hopkins Hospital and provides the neighborhood with vehicular and pedestrian citizen patrols that operate on various schedules in an attempt to preserve their neighborhood and assist the Police Department in the area of crime prevention.

Operation Midway is a clear cut example of how Commissioner Frazier has instituted his community policing plan to work in conjunction with the Midway-Barclay neighborhood and other city agencies to improve the quality of life in Baltimore City. Major Winkler, District Commander of the Eastern District, states, "Since Operation Midway, we have seen a large amount of residents come to the forefront and talk to the police about crime problems. The key ingredient of Operation Midway is that we have removed the wall of fear from the community by removing those persons who created the fear."



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Commissioner's Message

As a police community, it is our responsibility to ensure that the communities we serve receive the most effective, efficient service possible. As Police Commissioner, I am committed to ensuring that this quality of service is maintained throughout all ranks of the Baltimore Police Department. In order to maintain this high quality of service, I feel that it is very important for sworn personnel to have a wide range of skills. This will aid them in handling community problems more effectively.

I am a firm believer that in order for a police officer to best serve in a neighborhood, he or she must be a "well-rounded" person. The streets have changed dramatically over the past five to ten years and the officers who have not been on the street for a lengthy period of time may be somewhat out of touch with our current situation. It is my belief that officers who hold supervisory ranks should also display a wide range of skills.

In terms of promotability, there are also other assets that an officer should possess. These include a wide range of assignments, formal education, an exceptional disciplinary record, good physical fitness, strong community involvement, good attendance record as well as a positive recommendation from the chain of command.

I recently spoke to a graduating class of the Baltimore Police Academy and told them that we have made a conscious decision to hire in the spirit of service and not a spirit of adventure. The spirit of service is the direction of the Baltimore Police Department, and an officer is best equipped to serve the citizens of this city if he/she has had a wide range of experiences both professionally and personally. These experiences will help the officer understand, evaluate and confront the various neighborhood and leadership concerns that challenge him/her daily.

I am aware that there are many highly qualified men and women that have worked relentlessly for the department for many years. Your hard work and dedicated service is very much noticed and appreciated. I also realize the importance of career development and advancement and I feel officers who display a variety of skills will best serve the community and department's needs as we approach this new age of policing.

It's time for a new level of intensity and a new sense of urgency. It's my intention to promote those who can best meet this challenge.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Officer Shot



Officer Antonio L. Murray

On May 23rd at approximately 9:22 p.m., Officer Antonio L. Murray of the Central District was in the 800 blk. of Newington Ave. working a plain clothes detail. He and his partner, Officer Ray Hunter, were preparing to observe narcotic activity in the block when Officer Murray noticed a subject making a narcotic transaction in front of him. Officer Murray then went to approach the subject and immediately the subject resisted arrest. Officer Murray was then jumped from behind and hit in the head with a hard object by a second suspect. A struggle ensued and during the course of the next few seconds, Officer Murray was shot in the left forearm. The suspects then fled the scene, leaving Officer Murray

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Officer Shot (cont'd. from pg. 1)

wounded in the street. Officer Murray was taken to Shock-Trauma for treatment.

Officer Murray was admitted to Shock-Trauma for a period of one week, however, he is home now resting comfortably. Although it may be a long process for Officer Murray, he is expected to make a full recovery.

Officer Murray's experience is one that any officer could encounter throughout the course of his/her career. However, it is the commitment to service and bravery that officers like Officer Murray displayed that represent the department proudly.

Class 93-6 Graduates

On Tuesday, May 10th, Class 93-6 received their Certificates of Completion from Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier in a morning ceremony held in the auditorium of Police Headquarters Building. There were 39 members of the graduating class, who began their Police Academy training on November 12, 1993. Speakers at the ceremony included Commissioner Frazier and The Honorable Judge Emory A. Plitt, Jr.

Members of Class 93-6 listened attentively as Commissioner Frazier stated, "We have made a conscious decision to hire in a spirit of service and not the spirit of adventure. Service is the direction in which we are going." The Commissioner also told the new officers that they will be held to a higher standard and that is why they were chosen.

The Honorable Judge Plitt delivered the keynote address and said, "Being a Police Officer will not be easy but that they should be proud of the City and the people that you serve, with the emphasis on serve." Judge Plitt added, "You are now part of the 'Thin Blue Line' which separates order from anarchy."

The following is a list of the graduates from Class 93-6 and their new assignments:

Nella J. Altadonna	NED
Anthony E. Barksdale	SD
Deidre A. Booker	SWD
Erwin Casilum	CD
John Choinski, Jr.	NWD
Kevin W. Clements	CD
Joseph H. Comegna	SED
Troy W. Dezwart	SWD
Patrick M. Donnelly	ND
Dawn M. Dorn	NWD
Angela M. Gasque	SD
Janine L. Gilley	SWD
Danny G. Grubb, Jr.	CD
Kristine M. Harman	ED
Arthur J. Harvey	NWD
Louis C. Holley, II	ND
Edna M. Jackson	CD
Laura J. Janiszewski	NED
Wayne A. Jones	NWD
Dennis R. Knight, Jr.	SWD
Michael R. Larkins	SD
Peter J. Mongelli, III	WD
Andre O. Monroe	SD
Robert W. Morris, Jr.	WD
John J. Ondek	NED
Konstantinos Papadopoulos	ED
Kimberly A. Parks	ED
Stanley C. Reaves	SD
Charles A. Seward, Jr.	SWD

Brian L. Sewell	CD
Karlton W. Simms	CD
Todd M. Stahm	NED
James E. Stouch	NWD
David L. Thompson	ND
Herbert Timberlake III	ED
Raymond S. Trawinski	ND
Matthew S. Walker	WD
JoAnne D. Williams	WD
Jae W. Yim	SD

Congratulations to Class 93-6 for the successful completion of your training. The department wishes you well as you meet the new challenges that lie ahead in your law enforcement careers.

THREE MAJORS RETIRE

The Major of the Youth Section, *Herman R. Ingram*, bid farewell to the Baltimore Police Department on April 16th, after 29 years of service. He began his career in the Western District in 1965, and transferred to the Southern District a year later. In 1969, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, and in 1972 he was promoted to Sergeant. He had the opportunity to work in the Chief of Patrol's Office and in the Tactical Section before his promotion to Lieutenant in 1977. At the time of this promotion, he was assigned to the Northern District where he remained until 1979 when he returned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

As Lieutenant, Herman Ingram was assigned to the Personnel Division in 1981 and a short time later, in 1982 he was appointed to Major. He continued to work in Personnel until

The Southland Corporation Acknowledges Officers

On May 10th, the Southland Corporation held its annual Police Awards Luncheon at the Stouffer Harborplace Hotel. The Southland Corporation sponsors this event so that they may express their appreciation to Baltimore Police Officers who selflessly serve the department and the citizens of Baltimore City. Commissioner Frazier, along with several members of the Command Staff, attended the event as well as Mark Nevins and Jim Dale, who are loss prevention managers for Southland Corporation.

There were twelve police officers honored at the luncheon all of whom expressed their appreciation toward the Southland Corporation, in addition to the support their families and the department provide them. The honorees for the ceremony included:

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| Konstantinos Passamichalis | CD |
| Anthony J. Hrica | ND |
| Gerald Heid | NED |
| Edward C. Bochniak | ED |
| Paul Conner | SED |
| David Lee Williams | SD |
| Charles D. Williams | SWD |
| Vercell Wynder | WD |
| Charles R. Dillon | WD |
| Martin Young | WD |
| John P. Jendrek, III | NWD |
| Michael Craig | NWD |

Congratulations to all of the police officers who were honored at the annual luncheon, your exemplary work performance and community service is recognized and well deserving of recognition.



(l. to r.) Baltimore City State's Attorney Stu Simms, United States Attorney Lynn Battaglia, ATF Special Agent Margaret Moore and Commissioner Frazier examine seized weapons.

Project Intercept

The Baltimore Police Department worked along with ATF, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, Baltimore City State's Attorney and Prince Georges County Police Department on an 18 month investigation which targeted "straw purchasers" of firearms. The 18 month investigation was deemed Project Intercept. The purpose was to interdict the illegal flow of weapons and ammunition in Maryland by "straw purchasers" prior to the weapons being used in violent crimes and narcotic trafficking on the streets of Baltimore and other areas of the state. The operation netted 208 weapons, which included 144 handguns/assault weapons and 43 rifles/shotguns. There was also a total of 52 defendants (federal and state) that were arrested or warrants issued during the operation. Stuart O. Simms, the Baltimore City State's Attorney, said, "I fully support the effective joint action of law enforcement. This is just the beginning of a unified effort to strongly address the problems with the proliferation of guns in our community."

A New Director Of Fiscal Division Appointed

On Wednesday May 18th, Fiscal Supervisor, Edward E. Ambrose, III, was appointed to Director of the Fiscal Division in a ceremony held in the Commissioner's Board Room at Police Headquarters. The ceremony was attended by members of Director Ambrose's family as well as members of the Command Staff.

Director Ambrose is a twenty year member of the department and began his career in the Eastern Dis-

trict as a patrolman. He was promoted to Sergeant and after serving as a member of sworn personnel for over ten years, he changed classifications and became the Payroll Section Supervisor in the Fiscal Division, where he eventually was promoted to Fiscal Supervisor.

Director Ambrose holds a Masters Degree from Johns Hopkins University as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Baltimore. He is married with two children and attributes his success to "having been fortunate enough to work with people of high caliber over the years."

made three arrests for handgun violations.

POLICE OFFICER BRUCE BUTTON, Western District. Responsible for the apprehension of a burglar who tormented the Evergreen Protective Association.

POLICE OFFICER DARRYL OSBORNE, Southwest District. Made twenty-seven arrests, seventeen of which were narcotic arrests.

POLICE OFFICER KENNETH DICKSTEIN, Southern District. Since Jan '94, conducted 278 vehicle investigations, 151 field interviews and 19 arrests.

POLICE OFFICER RONALD BECKER, Central District. Helped set up a "street sweep" which resulted in 25 arrests and the seizure of a large amount of narcotics.

The performance of these officers is recognized not only by the department but also the communities in which they work, as they curb crime in an attempt to make Baltimore City a safer place to live.

RECRUITING ABROAD

The Baltimore Police Department extended its recruitment process to possible candidates at U.S. Military bases in Germany this May. Officers Tyrone Kilby and Maria Watson, members in the Recruitment Section of the Personnel Division, spent 10 days recruiting military personnel. This operation was sponsored in full by the Department of Defense.

This is the first time that Baltimore Officers have left the country in search of recruits. The officers traveled to various military installations and participated in job fairs attended by nearly 6,000 people near the completion of their enlistment. Baltimore and Orlando were the two cities that sent police re-



Officers Kilby and Watson represent the Baltimore Police Department in Germany.

cruiters to the European job fair, however, approximately 30 other employers were represented there.

During the job fairs in Germany, military personnel were given civil service exam and interview. Those who performed satisfactorily were extended an invitation to Baltimore for more extensive testing. The recruiters spoke with over 300 potential applicants and tested 94 of them. According to Officer Watson, the applicants that she interacted with had been well prepared by the military for the interview process. Officer Kilby spoke with several applicants (from Italy, Germany, England, Berlin, Spain, and Turkey) who expressed interest in relocating to Baltimore.

The trip to Germany was just one example of how the Personnel Division plans to increase its recruiting efforts to attract candidates with the most potential to the Baltimore Police Department.

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Deputy Chief Physician Dies

Doctor Archie Robinson, Jr., who has been a Deputy Chief Physician for the Baltimore Police Department for the past 20 years, died on April 19th. He was 66 years old, and had been a surgeon for over 30 years. Dr. Robinson's death was the result of a ruptured aneurysm.



Dr. Robinson practiced at his office in the Madison Park Medical Center. He was a member of Liberty Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, and Greater Baltimore Medical Center staffs. Dr. Robinson was President of the Medical Staff, and Chief of Surgery at Liberty Medical Center (formerly Provident Hospital). At the time of his death, he was on the board at Stella Maris Hospice.

Dr. Robinson graduated from Douglass High School and Morgan State University in Baltimore. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Robinson was also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Monumental City Medical Society, Baltimore City Medical Society, The National Medical Association, The Medical Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, The Maryland Medical Association, and The Southern Medical Association.

Dr. Robinson is survived by his wife and four children. He is also survived by two sisters.



Major Herman R. Ingram

his transfer to the Community Services Division, Youth Section in 1989. Major Ingram remained in this section for the remainder of his career. The thirty letters of commendation and two official commendations are indicative of the years of commitment to the citizens of Baltimore as well as the Baltimore Police Department. He has taken on a new career role as the Deputy Assistant to the Executive Director of Residential Services for the Department of Juvenile Services.

Major John C. Lewandowski, who began his career in 1960, retired on June 6th, with 33 years of service to the Baltimore Police Department. In 1961, he was assigned to the Central District where he remained until 1967. A transfer to the Criminal Investigation Division in 1967, was followed by a promotion to Sergeant in 1968. He became Lieutenant in 1974, and transferred to the Northeastern District in 1977 with his promotion to Captain. John Lewandowski was appointed to Major in 1983 while being a member of the Tactical Section. The years to come included various assignments including the Northeastern District and Property Division, where he remained until his recent retirement. Major Lewandowski re-



Major John C. Lewandowski

ceived 26 official commendations, to include two Bronze Stars and one Special Commendation. He will now take on a new challenge as the Director of Services of Pre-trial Detention.

Major Harry J. Koffenberger Jr., who began his career 24 years ago in the Northern District, retired April 21st. He was assigned to the Planning and Research Division in 1971 during which time he was designated a Police Agent. In 1974, Harry J. Koffenberger was promoted to Sergeant, and with this promotion, he was assigned to the Tactical Section. He remained there until 1979, when his promotion to Lieutenant allowed him to work in the Criminal Investigation Division. Major Koffenberger was assigned to the Deputy Commissioner's Office in 1983, and remained there until his promotion to Captain in 1986. He was assigned to the Southeastern District and remained there for the duration of his career, even after being appointed to Major in 1988.

Future plans for Major Koffenberger include that of Director of External Security for the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in the Corporate Security Division.



Major Harry J. Koffenberger, Jr.

Police Officers of the Month

Each and every day, the patrol division of the Baltimore Police Department is called upon to handle the shootings, rapes and robberies, often times in-progress, that occur on the streets of our city. These men and women are on the "front-lines" and put their lives on the line each and every time they receive a call for service, no matter how minor or superficial the call may seem. Each month, the District Commanders choose an "Officer of the Month" for their respective district that displays qualities of service, professionalism and courage that should be emulated throughout the department. The "Police Officers of the Month" are as follows:

POLICE OFFICER MICHELLE BOLDEN, Southeast District. Handled 246 calls for service, 8 arrests, and completed two child abuse investigations with arrests.

POLICE OFFICER IAN BUDNEY, Eastern District. Issued 55 moving violations, 11 arrests, became radar certified.

POLICE OFFICER ROBERT RODGERS, Northeast District. Arrested a suspect and cleared thirteen armed robberies.

POLICE OFFICER TIMOTHY ARONHALT, Northern District. Excellent traffic enforcement with 31 moving violations and two DWI arrests.

POLICE OFFICER THOMAS GAUSE, Northwest District. Handled 109 calls for service and

A SALUTE TO SERGEANT HEZZIE SESSOMES

One hazy spring evening while working a secondary job at a fast food restaurant, a Baltimore Police Sergeant finds himself in the midst of a hold up in progress. Several employees and customers were present in the store. Without regard for his own life, this police sergeant successfully defeated the suspect and provided safety for the customers and employees in the store. The sergeant had been shot by the suspect, however, he was able to maintain his presence of mind and divert the suspect's attention away from the citizens. The suspect was apprehended and has been sentenced to prison. The police sergeant who was involved in this courageous act is Baltimore City's own Hezzie Sessomes. Since this incident, Sergeant Sessomes has been fighting a battle much different than that of the streets for 21 years. He was diagnosed with cancer. As he fights the battle of his life, his spirits remain strong, and the constant companionship of loved ones and long term friends gives him the strength to endure painful treatments.

April 30th at Martin's Eastwind, was indicative of the cohesive relationship that still exists within the law enforcement family. "An Afternoon with Sergeant Hezzie Sessomes and Friends"

was attended by many dignitaries including State's Attorney Stuart Simms, and Congressman Kweisi Mfume. Members of the Baltimore Police Department, and many from local agencies as well as those agencies across the nation, were in attendance. Those who could not be present, sent greetings by



Sgt. Hezzie Sessomes embraces a friend at Martins Eastwind.

letter or salutation. Lieutenant Wendell France was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, and Major Barry Powell presented the resolutions and salutations. Sergeant Hezzie Sessomes, is the epitome of law enforcement professionalism and dedication. You are a legend in your own time..... WE SALUTE YOU!

Final Roll Call

PAONE, LEON. Police Officer, retired.
SWD. 25 May, 71 years of age.
CRAIG, OLWINE W. Sergeant, retired.
SED. 17 May, 74 years of age.
GRAY, LEON K. Police Officer, retired.
SOD. 28 May, 81 years of age.

Retirements

LAMB, CLAUDE H., Police Officer, Communications Division, 63 years of age, 27 years of service, May 20.
FRUHWIRTH, CHARLES K., Police Officer, Personnel Division, 49 years of age, 15 years of service, May 28.
MEWBOURNE, CHERYL J., Police Officer, Personnel Division, 50 years of age, 29 years of service, May 28.
LANDSMAN, JAY C., Police Sergeant, Criminal Investigation Division, 43 years of age, 22 years of service, June 1.
OSSMUS, DONALD K., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 38 years of age, 20 years of service, June 4.
BARCLAY, VERNON G., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 64 years of age 33 years of service, June 9.
MULDOWNEY, JAMES D., Police Officer, SOD, 54 years of age, 33 years of service, June 11.
DESCH, GEORGE G., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 49 years of age, 27 years of service, June 13.
McWILLIAMS, CLYDE F., Police Officer, Southeast District, 48 years of age 25 years of service, June 14.

Chaplain's Corner

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Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor

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Commissioner's Message

As we move forward in our rebuilding process within the agency, the concept of decentralization is becoming a reality. Decentralization is a concept that will allow the department to become more in touch with the community's needs and concerns.

The District Commanders will assume a large degree of responsibility and authority under decentralization. It is my intention to allow the district commanders to run the districts as they see fit. They will have responsibility for patrol allocation, investigations, community relations, discipline, labor relations as well as proper equipment and facility management. It is my intention for this agency to operate in a coordinated and consistent way, while allowing the district commanders the flexibility to develop individualized performance targets that will ultimately improve the quality of life within their respective districts. Keep in mind, however, with authority comes accountability.

Each individual, regardless of rank, is held accountable for their actions both on duty and off. As sworn members, we have responsibilities to the citizens we were sworn to protect and serve. You have my personal commitment and unwavering support as you meet the challenges in this new age of community policing. The more open the relationship with the community, the better able we are to understand and meet their needs and concerns. Without citizen input, we can't do our job effectively.

In light of the Jesse Chapman

incident, I am in the process of implementing a policy that would require any officer directly involved with a law enforcement related death be placed on administrative duty until the incident is investigated fully. This will give the officer a chance to deal with the incident emotionally, not become involved in a similar incident while there is a continuing investigation, as well as protect the officer from any type of retaliatory threats. This type of policy already exists in many police agencies and I am reviewing these policies prior to implementation in our department. I firmly believe that this type of policy is in the best interest of our department and the citizens that we serve.

It also should be known that when any allegation of use of excessive force is received by the FBI, the Bureau will initiate an independent investigation to determine if there was a violation of an individual's civil rights. The investigation by the FBI into Mr. Chapman's death began predicated upon information they received several days after the incident was made public. This type of investigation is routine in nature and one that the department has no control over. We have in the past complied fully with federal investigations and will continue to do so in the future. Over the past five years numerous cases in Baltimore City have been investigated in this manner.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Officer Dies



Officer Gerald Michael Armiger

Officer Gerald Michael Armiger worked daywork on June 24th and after he completed his tour of duty, he was in the Foot Patrol office completing paperwork when he experienced sharp chest pains. Officer Armiger collapsed, suffering a massive heart attack. Fellow officers performed CPR and medics worked on Officer Armiger for more than one hour at the Southeast District and at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. All efforts failed and Officer Armiger died shortly after 5 p.m.

Officer Armiger was a footman in the Fells Point area of the Southeast District, where he has been assigned since 1974. He was assigned to various units within the Southeast District over the course of his career, the last of which was

Officer Dies (cont'd. from pg. 1)

Operations Foot. Mike was well respected within the department and loved by the many communities he served during his 21 years of service. He gained the reputation as being an honest, genuine person who would go the extra mile to help someone in need or to solve a problem on his post. He is a heavily decorated 21 year veteran who already this year received two Police Officer of the Year Awards from the Fells Point Food and Beverage Assn. and the Polish Festival Committee.

The Fells Point community was absolutely shocked when they learned of Mike's death. He had done so much for the community that he couldn't be given enough praise or compliments. Nick Filipidis, a business owner on Mike's post, summed it up perfectly when he said, "Mike was like a social worker with a badge. He couldn't do enough to help the people around him. We will all miss him." In honor of Mike's service, Fells Point Square, which is located in the 800 blk. of S. Broadway, will be officially named the "G. 'Mike' Armiger Square". There will also be a tree planted in his name in the square.

Officer Gerald Michael Armiger dedicated his life to the Baltimore Police Department and the communities which he served. He selflessly devoted his time and energy to everyone that he came in contact with and is the epitome of what a community police officer represents. The Baltimore Police Department expresses its condolences to Mike's wife, Melanie, and nine-month old twins, Paul Michael and Rachel. He will be dearly missed and is a husband and father to be proud of.

Two Officers Shot



Officer Eric Dawson

On June 14th, Officer Eric Dawson received a call to 100 blk. of E. West St. for an armed subject that had forced a female into a vehicle at gunpoint. Upon his arrival, he observed the tan Bronco leaving the area. Realizing that the female passenger of the vehicle was in grave danger, he continued to follow the vehicle even though the driver was armed with a .32 cal. revolver. Officer Dawson followed the vehicle onto Interstate 95 and the officer, realizing that the suspect's actions were a threat to everyone in the immediate area, pulled along side of the vehicle and before he can react, the suspect brandishes the handgun and shoots Officer Dawson in the neck area. He then pulled to the side of I-95 and received medical attention from other officers as well as Maryland State Police Medevac

Helicopter Unit. Officer Dawson was air-lifted to Shock Trauma.

Other officers continued to pursue the suspect's vehicle and after a period of time, the driver lost control of his vehicle. He was then blocked in by surrounding units and could not escape. Multiple shots were then heard coming from the suspect's vehicle and as officers approach, they discovered that the suspect had shot the female hostage in the forehead at point blank range and then ended his own life.

Officer Dawson was released from Shock-Trauma approximately 5 hours after he was shot. He is still experiencing some pain and discomfort and is in the process of going through therapy in hopes of returning to full duty.

Officer Dawson wishes to thank all of the Baltimore City Officers who assisted him during the incident, especially Officers Ken Dickstein and Ken Lipman, who were the first to assist him after he was shot. He also expresses his appreciation to the surrounding jurisdictions who assisted in bringing the volatile situation to an end. Officer Dawson adds, "I'm just glad to see that it all came to an end without any loss of life to any innocent parties." The Baltimore Police Department acknowledges Officer Dawson's courage and dedication and hopes for a speedy recovery in anticipation of his return to full duty.

Northwest District Police Officer Kevin Baskette was shot in the hand following what appeared to be a routine traffic stop on June 27th. Officer Baskette noticed a vehicle with an expired tag. He pulled the vehicle over in the 4300 blk. of Park Heights Ave. and obtained the drivers license and registration from the driver. At that point, the passenger of the vehicle exited the vehicle and began to run from the scene.

Officer Baskette pursued the suspect on foot, chasing the suspect down an alley. When the officer got within five feet of the suspect, he brandished a revolver and fired two shots at Officer Baskette. Officer Baskette was struck in the right hand



Officer Kevin Baskette

and the left forearm and was transported to Union Memorial Hospital where he was admitted.

Officer Baskette is currently undergoing therapy and wishes to thank the entire Northwest District for their support during his crisis.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. BIEMILLER, 12 years of service, assigned to the Southwest District.

LIEUTENANT MARY E. EILERMAN, 12 years of service, assigned to the Central District.

LIEUTENANT HARRY J. LOBER, JR., 24 years of service, assigned to the Western District.

LIEUTENANT GERARD G. DeMANSS, 23 years of service, assigned to the Northwest District.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Sergeant Thomas J. Cassella, 10 years, assigned to the Community Service Division.

Sergeant David N. Datsko, 19 years of service, assigned to the Communications Division.

Sergeant Deborah A. Owens, 5 years of service, assigned to the Western District.

Sergeant Paul D. Herman, 6 years of service, assigned to the Community Services Division.

Sergeant Ernest M. Anderson, 14 years of service, assigned to the Northwest District.

Sergeant Linda V. Rodriguez, 15 years of service, assigned to the Central District.

Sergeant Terry E. Tolda, 8 years of service, assigned to the Western District.

Sergeant William D. Price, 14 years of service, assigned to the Northwest District.

Sergeant Henry A. Martin, 19 years of service, assigned to the Northern District.

Sergeant Juan R. Rodriguez, 16 years of service, assigned to the Communications Division.

Sergeant Frederick W. Kinder, Jr., 19 years of service, assigned to the Communications Division.

Sergeant Craig W. Gentile, 9 years of service, assigned to the Communications Division.

Sergeant Dean A. Brightbill, 14 years of service, assigned to the Community Services Division.

Sergeant O'Donald B. Sampson, Jr., 8 years of service, assigned to the Western District.

Sergeant Melvin T. Russell, 15 years of service, assigned to the Community Services Division.

Sergeant Deitra A. Pitts, 7 years of service, assigned to the Communications Division.

Class 94-1 Graduates

Baltimore Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier held graduation exercises for thirty-six Baltimore Probationary Police Officers on July 6 in the Auditorium of the Headquarters Building.

The Commendation Ceremony publicly recognized one civilian who rendered outstanding service to the community. The guest speaker for the ceremony was Special Agent Barry Marsh, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Class representative Robert F. Cherry referred to the choice of law enforcement as a career with the phrase "thin blue line". Officer Cherry said, "Thin" because few in society choose law enforcement as their profession, and a "line" because those few who do choose law enforcement choose as well to stand by their fellow officers in order to protect life and preserve property. Officer Cherry challenged his fellow class members by saying, "As we take to the districts, let us keep the mission of this department close at hand. Today's police officers are directly responsible for the development of community empowerment and of forging the partnership that is needed between the police department and the citizens we serve so faithfully."

Officers of the Month

P/A Herbert Swinson, Central District. 25 years of service including 6 Commendation Ribbons, 1 Bronze Star. Excellent investigative and leadership qualities.

P/O Michael Guzman, Southeast District. 5 arrests, which included an armed car jacking, handgun, and stolen auto arrest.

P/O Raymond Buda, Eastern District. 1994 Officer of the Year, consistently displays high level of professionalism.

P/O John Ciparik, Northeast District. Superior service to NERTCA Community, which has shown a decrease in crime and improved quality of life.

P/O Sean Jones, Northern District. 39 car stops and 3 auto theft arrests. Excellent work on the Johns Hopkins University

DAVID F. AZUR	SWD
MARGARTE R. BARILLARO	NWD
CHRISTOPHER BLACKISTONE	SD
GREGORY M. BORIS	SD
MATTHEW T. BRANHAM	NWD
RICHARD K. BREWER, JR.	SWD
CARL N. BROOKS, JR.	NED
BRIAN K. BROWN	ND
DAMON L. CEPHAS	ND
ROBERT F. CHERRY	NWD
STEPHEN L. COHEN	CD
BRAD A. CROSSAN	NWD
MICHAEL DAVIS	ND
ANDREW G. DELYSER	ND
SCOTT A. DICKSON	ND
MICHAEL R. EDWARDS	NED
STEVEN P. EVANS	SWD
RUFINO J. GARCIA	SED
EARL S. GARDNER	ND
DOUGLAS C. GIBSON	ND
ROBERT L. HARTLOVE	NWD
CHRIS HOLLINGWORTH	SWD
ANDREW W. HUNDERTMARK	SWD
PHILIP K. LASSAHAN	ND
MARK J. LUNSFORD	CD
MICHAEL R. MCDANIEL	ND
HORACE MCGRIFF, III	SD
JAMES W. MARTIN	NWD
TIMOTHY B. MARTIN	CD
DAVID K. MOYNIHAN	SWD
GORDON SCHLUDERBERG	NED
LINDA D. SIMPSON	NWD
CRAIG L. SLACK	SWD
JAMES E. WASHINGTON	SD
LORETTA L. YOUNG	CD
GLENN A. ZINN	NED

Campus.

P/O James Seitz, Northwest District. Numerous arrests and car stops to help curb crime in the Northwest District.

P/O Willie Grandy, Western District. While on overtime foot patrol arrested two armed individuals and recovered two handguns.

P/O John Wagner, Southwest District. Arrested two men for attempted 1st degree rape and assault. His quick response and thorough investigation may have prevented the actual rape and possible murder of the victim.

P/O Eric Dawson, Southern District. His quick response, alertness and courage which was above and beyond the call of duty on 14 June 94 when he was shot.

Appointments



Major John F. Meeks

Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier held a promotional ceremony on June 8th which resulted in the appointment of three Majors, nine Lieutenants, and sixteen Sergeants. The ceremony was held in the 5th floor Auditorium of the Headquarters building. Major John F. Meeks was assigned to the Southeast District where he held the position of captain, until his recent appointment. Major Meeks is a native of New Castle, Indiana and he holds a Master of Divinity Degree in Theology from St. Meinrad College in Indiana. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts from St. Meinrad College. Major Meeks has been a member of this agency for nearly 23 years, and his previous assignments include the Southern District, Office of the Chief of Patrol, Tactical Section, Planning and Research Division, Education and Training Division, Community Services Division, Personnel Division, and Property Division. Included in his personnel jacket are three Official Commendations, one of which is a Commendatory Letter. Major Meeks is now assigned to the Planning and Research Division.



Major Gary G. Lembach

Major Gary G. Lembach was formerly assigned to the Special Operations Division as captain. He is a native Baltimorean and a graduate of Southern High School. Major Lembach has attended Essex Community College, and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1971 as a sergeant, E-5. He has served this department for 26 years and his previous assignments include the Northeastern District, Southeastern District, and the Internal Investigation Division. Major Lembach has received seven Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter and one Bronze Star. He was also awarded Policeman Of The Year by the Hamilton Lions Club in 1972. Major Lembach is now assigned as District Commander of the Southwest District.



Major Odis L. Sistrunk, Jr.

Major Odis L. Sistrunk, Jr. was assigned to the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau as Lieutenant until his appointment to Major. Major Sistrunk is a native of Steubenville, Ohio and has been a member of this department for the past 25 years. Major Sistrunk has held numerous positions within the department including the Communications Division as a Cadet, Southeastern District, Criminal Investigation Division, Inspectional Services Division, Western District, and the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau. Major Sistrunk has received two Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter. He is assigned to the Property Division.



Major Robert C. Novak

During a morning ceremony held on June 29th in the Commissioners Board Room, Lieutenant Robert C. Novak was appointed to the rank of Major by Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier.

Major Novak is a 24 year veteran of the department and began his career in the Southeastern District in August of 1970. He has also served in the Eastern, Northern and Central Districts. Throughout his career, Major Novak has been assigned to CID, Community Services, Planning and Research, the Patrol Bureau and the Office of the Police Commissioner.

Major Novak holds a Master of Science Degree from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. Degree from the University of Maryland. He is currently the Director of the Internal Investigation Division.

PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

LIEUTENANT JOHN F. TEWEY, 17 years of service, assigned to the Southwest District.

LIEUTENANT STEVEN R. OSSMUS, 19 years of service, assigned to the Southeast District.

LIEUTENANT EDWIN W. SCHILLO, III, 20 years (9-16-94), assigned to the Eastern District.

LIEUTENANT JOHN L. BERGBOWER, 21 years (8-20-94), assigned to the Northern District.

LIEUTENANT PAUL B. SHEPPARD, 16 years of service, assigned to the Northeast District.



Deputy Comm. Melvin C. McQuay



Deputy Comm. Eugene Tanzymore, Jr.



Deputy Comm. Michael C. Zotos

The Three Deputies Retire

The Baltimore Police Department bid farewell to three Deputy Commissioners on June 30. Deputy Commissioners Michael C. Zotos, Human Resources/Services Bureau, Eugene Tanzymore, Jr., Neighborhood Patrol Bureau, and Melvin C. McQuay, Operations Support Bureau have a combined service time to the department of nearly 100 years.

Deputy Commissioner Melvin C. McQuay is a native Baltimorean and graduate of Patterson Park High School. He began his career with the Baltimore Police Department in December of 1960 when he was 21 years old. Deputy McQuay attended the 146th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy in 1986 and the University of Virginia that same year. He received an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore in 1976. In 1981, Deputy McQuay graduated from the University of Baltimore with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He has a military background which includes an honorable discharge from the United States Army Reserves as a sergeant in 1965.

During his tenure with the Baltimore Police Department, Deputy McQuay had an opportunity to work numerous assignments including the Traffic Division, Eastern District, Northeastern District, Tactical Section, Southern District, Southwestern District, Northwestern District, Office of the Police Commissioner, Special Operations Division, and the Operations Support Bureau.

Deputy Commissioner McQuay received one Official Commendation.

Deputy Commissioner Eugene Tanzymore is a native of Baltimore and he began his career with the Baltimore Police Department 29 years ago in the Northern District at the age of 21. In 1964, he was honorably discharged as a sergeant from the United States Army. Deputy Tanzymore received an Associate of Arts Degree from the Community College of Baltimore in Law Enforcement in 1977. At the time of his retirement he was assigned to the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau.

During his career with the department, Deputy Tanzymore had the opportunity to work in several areas including the Northern District, Personnel Division, Western District, Criminal Investigation Division, Central District, Northwestern District, Community Services Division, and Patrol Division.

Deputy Commissioner Michael C. Zotos is a native of Annapolis, Maryland. Nearly 35 years ago, Deputy Zotos became a member of the Baltimore Police Department. His educational background includes an Associate of Arts Degree in Law Enforcement from the Community College of Baltimore. Deputy Zotos also received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore in 1973. He has also attended Coppin State College, where he received his Master of Education Degree in 1975. Deputy Zotos is a graduate of the 111th Session of the F.B.I. National

Academy. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955 when he was honorably discharged.

At the time of his retirement, Deputy Zotos was assigned to the Human Resources/Services Bureau, however, throughout his career he has worked in various assignments. These include the Northeastern District, Criminal Investigation Division, Personnel Division, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tactical Section, Special Security Unit, Community Services Division, and Services Bureau. Deputy Commissioner Zotos received two Official Commendations during his tenure, including one Commendatory Letter.

According to Commissioner Frazier, the Deputy Commissioner position will be abolished as a part of the reorganization of the Police Department. The ranks of Lieutenant Colonel and Captain will be phased out through attrition. Commissioner Frazier says, "It is time for further changes in the way the organization is structured at the top. These changes will remove three levels of bureaucracy and make the department more efficient."

Colonel Leon Tomlin is now the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Patrol Bureau, and Colonel Ronald L. Daniel is assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. Colonel Daniel replaced Colonel George L. Christian who is now in the Commissioner's Office.



On May 21st, members of the Southern District Bicycle Squad earned second place in the A. A. County Police Mountain Bike Competition. (l. to r.) Lt. Cavey, Maj. DiStefano, Comm. Frazier, Off. Rutherford, Off. Walker..

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was held on June 17th. Numerous law enforcement agencies, including the Baltimore Police Department participated.



Retirements

BAKER, JACK W., Police Agent, Northern District, 41 years of age, 20 years of service. June 1st.

TURRINI, DAVID A., Police Officer, Southwest District, 46 years of age, 24 years of service. June 23.

STINE, RONALD W., Sergeant, Comm. Serv. Div., 53 years of age, 31 years of service. June 24.

DAVIS, LEWIS C., III, Sergeant, CID, 54 years of age, 30 years of service. June 25.

DAVIS, CHRISTINE M., Police Officer, CID, 41 years of age, 15 years of service. June 29.

AMEY, GORDON E., Police Officer, Central Records Div., 45 years of age, 26 years of service. June 30.

DIAMOND, RICHARD E., Police Agent, Eastern District, 43 years of age, 20 years of service. June 30.

LINSEMEYER, JOSEPH F., Southern District, 55 years of age, 29 years of service. June 30.

RUPERTUS, JOHN F., Police Officer, Central District, 47 years of age, 25 years of service. June 30.

SCARDINA, SALVATORE S., Police Officer, Southern District, 53 years of age, 30 years of service. June 30.

SHAFFER, ROBERT E., Sergeant, Northeast District, 49 years of age, 25 years of service. June 30.

SHELLEY, JAMES M., Sergeant, Personnel Div., 40 years of age, 20 years of service. June 30.

DOUGLAS, ROBERT E., Police Agent, Comm. Serv. Div., 48 years of age, 20 years of service. July 3.

WOODLAND, FRANKLIN L., Police Officer, Northwest District, 55 years of age, 34 years of service. July 7.

WILEY, JAMES A., JR., Police Officer, Comm. Serv. Div., 48 years of age, 25 years of service. July 14.

Final Roll Call

RUMNEY, HUBERT. Sergeant, retired. ND. May 30, 84 years of age.

WEBER, NORMAN. Police Officer, retired. NWD. June 5, 73 years of age.

SIMONSEN, CHARLES R. Police Officer, retired. CID. June 8, 72 years of age.

GODDARD, JOSEPH W. Sergeant, retired. Youth Section. June 11, 65 years of age.

McCARTHEY, WILLIAM T. Lieutenant, retired. CID. June 11, 63 years of age.

BLANDING, CHARLES RANDOLF, JR. Auxiliary Police Officer. June 16, active member.

STEGERT, DANIEL H. Police Officer, retired. CID. June 29, 81 years of age.

We are redesigning our Museum in the Headquarters building and are in need of police antiques. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Museum, please contact the Property Division, ext. 2575.

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Commissioner's Message

As summer draws to a close, I would like to share some of my thoughts on my crime fighting efforts, public perception of the police department and a number of internal issues.

As I travel around the city, citizens have tremendous praise for the job they see our officers performing every day to reduce crime in the city. Operations such as Midway, Mid-East, Perkins Homes, Druid Heights and Clean Sweep send a strong message to our residents. The message is that the police department not only cares, but fully intends to be a major player in improving the quality of life in Baltimore. Anyone who has traveled on Greenmount Avenue can't believe it's the same place where just last year, violent drug dealers had the neighborhood under siege.

This summer the residents are in control of their neighborhood and it all started with the Police Department's Operation Midway. That

initiative has been and will continue to be replicated in crime ridden neighborhoods across the city both from the headquarters and district levels.

You, the working officers, particularly deserve the praise for the 18 percent drop in the homicide rate for the first six months of the year. You renewed focus on open air drug markets and crime reduction efforts have had a tremendous impact.

Huge amounts of mail come to the office of the Police Commissioner and through this vehicle I can gauge public sentiment about the work that this department does. I am proud to report that letters of commendation and compliment run approximately 10 to 1 in relation to letters that provide any kind of complaint or negative feedback. I am frequently told that there appears to be a renewed energy and work ethic in the department, and for this I both thank and congratulate you.

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Curfew

On July 28th, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke signed Curfew Ordinance number 680 concerning parental responsibility as it applies to the Curfew Law.

While the Curfew Law has been in effect for many years, the penalty for violation consisted of nothing more than a written notice.

The new law allows police officers to either take juveniles home or detain them at a juvenile holding facility. In his press conference on July 29, Mayor Schmoke indicated that the overwhelming majority of juveniles are law abiding citizens and there are only a few who are not.

According to the Mayor, this law was not put into effect to open young people up to harassment, but to allow officers to use their expertise and discretion when they observe juveniles who are out after hours.

"The primary goal is to return kids home to prevent victimization," Mayor Schmoke said. According to Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier, studies revealed that juveniles under age 16 were victims of aggravated assault most often between the hours of 11:00 pm. and 1:00 am.

The new law includes age changes and an article that outlines parental responsibility including penalties up to \$300.00.



Colonel George L. Christian



Colonel Patricia A. Mullen



Major Charles M. Dickens



Major Mervin L. Spiwak

COMMAND STAFF RETIREMENTS

The Baltimore Police Department bid farewell to four members of its command staff on August 27th. The two Colonels and two Majors, have a combined service to the Department of more than 100 years. These pioneers and their law enforcement expertise will be greatly missed.

Colonel George L. Christian began his career with the Baltimore Police Department on July 2, 1959. Upon completion of the Academy, Colonel Christian had the opportunity to work in the Traffic Division temporarily before his assignment to the Central District. In 1964, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division followed by his promotion to Sergeant in 1969. Colonel Christian had the opportunity to work in several areas during his tenure including the Southeast District, Northwest District, Office of the Deputy Commissioner (Operations Bureau), Community Relations Section, and Patrol Division. Included in his personnel jacket are fifteen Official Commendations including three Commendatory Letters and two BRONZE STARS.

Colonel Patricia A. Mullen has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department for 30 years. She began her career as a Police Clerk II in 1963 and was assigned to the Community Services Division. In 1965 Colonel Mullen was assigned to the Central District. In 1967, she resigned and was appointed as a Police Officer assigned to the Education and Training Division. Upon completion of the Academy, Colonel Mullen was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division where she remained until 1978. Following a short detail in the Personnel Division, Colonel Mullen was assigned to the Community Services Division where she remained until her retirement. She was involved in several professional and community organizations during her tenure.

Major Charles M. Dickens is a native of Alexandria, Virginia, who began his career with the Baltimore Police Department in 1962. During his tenure he was afforded the opportunity to work in several areas including the Traffic Division, Eastern District, Tactical Section, Western District, Northern District, Southeastern District, Criminal Investigation Division, and Central District. Major Dickens has two Official Commendations including one UNIT CITATION.

Major Mervin L. Spiwak has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department for 31 years. He began his career in the Traffic Division followed by an assignment to the Western District. During his tenure, Major Spiwak had the opportunity to work in seven of the nine Districts and the Community Services Division, Office of the Chief of Patrol, and Special Operations Division. His personnel jacket includes four Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter and a DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. Major Spiwak received the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD for outstanding accomplishments since the Baltimore Neighborhood Watch Program was established in 1981.

Johns Hopkins Offers Leadership Development Program

The Johns Hopkins University will be offering a Master's Degree Program to members of the department who are mid-to-executive-level management within the Baltimore Police Department.

This master's program is designed to be completed in two years and upon completion of the 45 credit curriculum, the member will receive a Master of Science Degree in Applied Behavioral Science, with a concentration in Community Leadership Development.

Courses taken during the time of study will include business-based interdisciplinary studies, which will focus on topics such as leadership and management, organization and human

resource development, community relations, and values and culture.

The "Police Leadership Development Program" instituted at Hopkins is the first of its kind in the United States and could well serve as the national model, according to William C. Richardson, President of Johns Hopkins.

"Along with fighting crime, police chiefs must cope with increased citizens concerns, urban unrest, and social conditions often beyond their control--all in a period of fiscal constraint and crisis," Dr. Richardson said.

Commissioner Frazier, who also supports the program offered at Hopkins, adds, "Our officers know the law;

they are trained to conduct investigations, work with sources and make arrests. But what they really need to learn is how to make large, complex organizations work effectively and to be responsive to the diverse society in which we live. This program will provide them with that knowledge."

About twenty officers statewide are to enroll in the program's first class, which is to begin in the Fall of 1994.

The class will meet weekly from September through May and the expected date of graduation for the first class of this pilot program is the Spring of 1996.

Firearms Unit

The Firearms Unit of the Baltimore Police Department plays a crucial role in the identification of firearm related evidence that may ultimately lead to a successful investigation.

The Firearms Unit consists of three examiners and two examiner-trainees.

The examiners include Ronald Stafford, Agent Jacqueline Barbour, and James Waxter.

The examiners in training include Benjamin Bowles and Karen Crutchfield.

Mr. Stafford, who is the supervisor of the unit, explains that it takes a full three years of vigorous training to become an examiner and once an individual becomes an examiner, the educational process is never ending.

The Firearms Unit was recently selected as the national pilot unit to adopt the FBI Drugfire Program, which is a computer system that involves the continuing phased development and deployment of a scalable automated firearms identification system.

This system allows the examiners

to examine firearm related evidence and try to obtain matches or "hits" on the computer screen.

The benefit here is that the comparisons can be done case-by-case and jurisdiction by jurisdiction.

Mr. Stafford adds, "With our increased caseload, the new technology has helped us greatly with processing all of the evidence."

To illustrate how effective the Drugfire Program has been in Baltimore, since its inception, the unit has made 671 entries into the system and has come back with over 120 "hits," which is unheard of in the firearm evidentiary field.

This enables investigators to link cases that otherwise may have gone undetected. The Baltimore Police Department's Firearm Unit has gained national recognition for its exemplary work performance and results.

Mr. Stafford attributes the unit's success under the Drugfire Program to the unit's belief and dedication to the system as well as the data entry protocol and procedures followed by its members on a daily basis.

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The law also holds business establishments accountable if they allow juveniles to congregate in violation of the curfew.

Police Officers are expected to be selective and responsible in the enforcement of this law.

The focus is not to create bigger problems but to use the Curfew Law as a tool for preventing victimization.

The Baltimore Police Department will be issuing a Training Guideline to sworn members outlining the law.

Prior to the law being strictly enforced, there will be a period of education for juveniles, parents, and police officers.

Initially juveniles and their parents will be given warnings and informed of potential liability.

In order for this law to be successful in preventing victimization as well as reducing truancy and Crime, there must be a joint effort between juveniles, parents, and police.

Retirement, Sergeant Gary T. Childs

On August 11th, a morning retirement ceremony was held for Detective Sergeant Gary T. Childs in the Commissioner's Board Room.

It was an emotional ceremony as Sergeant Childs bid farewell to his comrades after 22 years of service.

During the course of his career, Sergeant Childs received twelve Official Commendations and was a well respected narcotic and homicide investigator.

When asked about his thoughts at the time of his retirement, Sgt. Childs replied, "The department has been very good to me over the past 22 years and I have always enjoyed my work. I will sincerely miss all of those that I have worked with over the years."

Sergeant Childs will now continue his career as an investigator with the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office. Good Luck!

Summary of Index Crimes

Date: January-June 1993-1994

TYPE OF CRIME	1993 This Year	1994 This Year	Amount of Increase/ Decrease	Percent of Increase/ Decrease
MURDER	171	141	-31	-18.0%
FORCIBLE	300	320	20	6.7%
ROBBERY	5549	5383	-166	-3.0%
AGG. ASSLT.	4079	4327	248	6.1%
BURGLARY	8059	7163	-896	-11.1%
LARCENY	19780	19682	-98	-0.5%
AUTO THEFT	4450	6725	2275	1.1%
TOTAL	42389	43741	1352	3.2%

GRADUATION

Baltimore Police Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier announced the graduation of thirty-seven Baltimore Probationary Police Officers on August 11, 1994 from the Department's Education & Training Division.

The Graduation Exercise took place at 9:30 A.M. in the Auditorium on the Fifth Floor of the Headquarters Building.

The Commendation Ceremonies publicly recognized one Civilian and eight Sworn members of the Department who rendered outstanding service to the community.

The guest speaker was Richard A. Lanham, Commissioner, Department of Safety and Correctional Services, Division of Correction.

CLASS 94-2

MELISA A. ANDERSON	NWD
BILLY L. HOOPER	NWD
ANTHONY J. BARBIERI, JR.	CD
BRYAN G. ISSAC	WD
KIMBERLY A. BETTS	SWD
SHELLISH P. JOHNSON	NWD
MICHAEL G. BROTHERS	ED
KEVIN A. JONES	NWD
GARRY L. BROWN	SWD
KEVIN J. MCLEAN	SWD
ANTHONY S. CALLOW	CD
STEPHEN W. MCLEROY	SWD
DONALD O. CATTERTON	ED
FRANCIS W. MILLER	NED
JAMES I. CLARK	ND
DAVID J. O'LEARY	NWD
TY C. CRANE	CD
ERIK J. PECHA	NWD
ROBERT H. CREMEN	NWD
JOSEPH M. PETERS	ED
BRIAN E. DAYTON	ND
VALERIE L. PRICE	CD
MICHAEL DEJESUS	WD
ROBERT PROBEYAHN	SWD
MATTHEW B. ENSOR	SWD
KEVIN ROSEBOROUGH	SWD
DAVID R. EULER	WD
MICHAEL A. STURM	WD
JOHN C. GANOVSKI	NED
MICHAEL A. GARY	ND
THOMAS C. GILLEN	NWD
CARLOS M. VILA	SWD
ROBERT E. GLOVER, JR.	SWD
GLENN A. ZINN	CD
DANIEL O. HENLEY, JR.	ND

Police Officers of the Month

P/O George Cunningham, Central District. 16 arrests for narcotics, 1 handgun and 1 purse snatch arrest.

P/O Michael Feehely, Southeastern District. 19 arrests, handled 200 calls for service and led squad in car stops and field interviews.

P/O Deron Garrity, Eastern District. 15 narcotic arrests, seized two handguns, leads his squad by example.

P/O Keith Harrison, Northeastern District. Consistently displays a work ethic that is both professional and conscientious.

P/O Byron Carter, Northern District. Able to successfully convince a man not to jump off of a bridge and commit suicide.

P/O Shawn Gilbert, Northwest District. Made 22 arrests and was able to identify several "chop shops" used for receiving stolen vehicles.

P/O David Shields, Western District. Recovery of 60 capsules of heroin and a .38 cal. revolver during one arrest.

P/O John Taylor, Southwest District. Made 20 arrests and displays quality case developing while also suppressing crime.

P/O's Wayne Hennlein and Dennis Moured, Southern District. Cracked internal theft ring at Eastern Manufacturing Co.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

On Thursday August 11th, Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier held Appointment and Promotional Ceremonies for one Colonel, four Majors, four Lieutenants, and ten Sergeants. The ceremony was held in the fifth floor auditorium of the Headquarters Building.



COLONEL MARGARET W. PATTEN

Colonel Margaret W. Patten has been a member of the Baltimore Police Department for 21 years. She has worked in numerous areas within the Department including Central District, Criminal Investigation Division, Northeastern District, Central Records Division, and Northern District. Colonel Patten holds a Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Johns Hopkins University, 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. Colonel Patten has received one SPECIAL COMMENDATION. Colonel Patten is assigned to the Office of the Police Commissioner.



Major Bass



Major Patek



Major Smith



Major Rosen

MAJOR MICHAEL D. BASS - Assigned to the Northern District

Major Bass has 21 years of service and he has received four Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter and one BRONZE STAR.

MAJOR KATHLEEN T. PATEK - Assigned to the Southern District

Major Patek has 19 years of service and is a graduate of Northwestern University Traffic Institute and she has attended the Community College of Baltimore.

MAJOR ROBERT F. SMITH - Assigned to the Western District

Major Smith has 23 years of service and has received four Official Commendations including two commendatory letters and one BRONZE STAR.

MAJOR JEFFREY S. ROSEN - Assigned to the Office of the Police Commissioner

Major Rosen has 19 years of service and has received Two Official Commendations including one Commendatory Letter.

Lieutenant Jack L. Spicer Jr.
17 years of service

Lieutenant Barry M. Baker
23 years of service

Lieutenant Donald E. Healy
21 years of service

Lieutenant Michael T. Kundrat
14 years of service

Sergeant James F. Magness
17 years of service

Sergeant William S. Davis
5 years of service

Sergeant James M. Fallon
12 years of service

Sergeant Lawrence B. Ames, Jr.
15 years of service

Sergeant Robert A. Bigos
14 years of service

Sergeant Stephen C. Nalewajko, Jr.
13 years of service

Sergeant Frederick V. Roussey
15 years of service

Sergeant Derrick K. Lee
12 years of service

Sergeant Craig S. Hartman
9 years of service

Sergeant Michael J. McKnight
8 years of service



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Commissioner's Message

I would like to commend the members of the department for passage of the two year contract for police officers. This contract is the result of some tough bargaining sessions, and give-and-take on both sides. I also pledge to continue my efforts to bring salaries up to a competitive level with other Maryland police departments. With the labor contract now ratified, we can all focus our efforts on our top priority...crime fighting. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected leadership of the Fraternal Order of Police. I look forward to working with you to address pressing issues in the department.

In uniform and equipment news, the 23 Geo Trackers ordered by the department have arrived. The Trackers will be used by Neighborhood Services Officers in the 9 districts. Blue shirts for officers and sergeants are on order and should be arriving

by mid-December. Sweaters and winter hats will also be issued. Officers also raised safety concerns to me about only having one magazine. For these officers' safety reasons, you will now be issued a second spare magazine.

The department recently recognized eighty-three non-sworn employees for their many dedicated years of service to the department. Those honored have spent between twenty and forty years with the department. As I said on the day of the ceremony, our non-sworn employees are a vital link in the delivery of police service and are very much part of our Baltimore Police Department family.

God speed, and until next time, be safe.

Thomas C. Frazier, Commissioner

Curfew vs. Conflict



Neighborhood Services Officers from the Southeast District interact with youngsters from the community.

Enforcement efforts have begun relative to the Curfew Law in a continuing effort to prevent youngsters from becoming victims of crime. On October 19th, the Northern District announced the opening of a juvenile facility to detain juveniles who are taken into custody in violation of the curfew and other laws. This detention is for the period between initial custody and release to guardians, or referral by the juvenile intake officers.

In an effort to educate juveniles about the law and other issues relating to youth,

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Officer Warren A. Gatewood, from the Central District, had a vision. An open forum where youths from the community would be allowed to ask police officers questions and vent their concerns. This vision became a reality on Friday, September 16th, at United Artist Cable of Baltimore. Officer Gatewood, along with eight other officers from their respective districts, were the featured panel guests on "The Ro Show."

The show was entitled "Kids Talk About Curfew vs. Conflict," and additionally featured Baltimore City Public and Private School students, parents, and administrators. The show was hosted by Dr. Rosetta Stith, Director of the Paquin School for Expectant Teenagers. This show reinforced the existing relationship between police officers and youths, while educating the parents, administrators, and one another about the Curfew Law.

According to Dr. Stith, "This show was a visual first and the officers who participated are to be commended. I was impressed with their commitment and high level of professionalism, as well as their ability to demonstrate a genuine sense of caring about kids." The show aired on Cable Channel 41 on September 28th, 29th, and October 1st.

The talk show was such a success that more open forums, between youths and police officers, are expected in the near future.

A Celebration of Life



Sergeant Hezzie T. Sessomes

Family, friends, and dignitaries gathered to say a final good-bye to the gallant Sergeant Hezzie T. Sessomes on September 13th in the chapel of the William C. March Funeral Home on Wabash Avenue. The service and eulogy was delivered by retired Police Agent Robert E. Douglas, Pastor of the Jenkins Memorial Church.

Reverend Douglas worked under the supervision of Sergeant Sessomes for many years and he referred to him as not only a great supervisor, but a true friend. He further offered words of compassion and inspiration to friends, family, and more specifically, the Sergeant's young son, Deszar.

Among those in attendance for the standing room only service, were members of the Baltimore Police Department's command staff and many, many fellow officers. Law enforcement officers from as far away as California participated in the celebration of the life of Hezzie Sessomes. Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier addressed

those gathered by referring to Sergeant Sessomes as, "One of those individuals that everyone speaks of very highly."

The Commissioner, who had just returned from the White House where he witnessed President Clinton sign the Crime Bill, said, "For the first time, crime prevention was a key component in the nation's crime fighting strategy, and ironically the President signed the bill on the day we celebrate the life of a man who dedicated much of his career to crime prevention."

According to Ms. Leslie J. Seymore, National Chairperson of the National Black Police Association, "Hezzie taught me something about living by the way he exemplified joy and authentic happiness in day to day living."

Lieutenant Diane K. Dutton presented acknowledgements, and Agent Teresa E. Cunningham delivered the obituary. Irvin C. Bradley, President of the Vanguard Justice Society and longtime friend of Sergeant Sessomes, said, "Since I've known Hezzie, I have never heard anyone say anything bad about him. He respected everyone, and his immaculate demeanor was worthy of emulating."

It is sad to think about the loss of such a good friend and such a genuine human being. But what a celebration of life, when one considers the exemplary deportment set forth by Sergeant Sessomes. He will be greatly missed.

BALTIMORE POLICE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Baltimore Police Youth Basketball League began its season with a kickoff game at Lake Clifton-Eastern High School on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. The league continued through October 22nd and included male and female players between the ages of 11 and 18.

The Basketball League was organized in an attempt to strengthen police officer and youth interaction, which is paramount in the implementation of community oriented policing.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke commended the police department by saying, "In addition to providing night activity, the long term benefits are relationships that will develop between police officers and youths." The Basketball League was the first step in returning officers to positive involvement with youths as part of an ongoing effort towards community empowerment.

The league had approximately sixty teams with 600 participants. Commissioner Frazier said, "The first phase has successfully met the primary objectives of the program which are building morale and self esteem in our youth through the concept of teamwork and commitment."

Communities were allowed to form their own teams as long as the league requirements were met. Participating teams had to provide their own coach, although there were some Baltimore Police Officers who acted as coaches. According to Major Bernard Harper who is the league coordinator, "This is only the beginning of a new era of community policing that attempts to combat and overcome the lack of programs made available to young people in recent years."

The games were held at the following city high schools:



Polytechnic High, Lake Clifton-Eastern High, Mergenthaler High, and Walbrook High. The games were held between 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and some Saturdays.

The young people who participated in the league were recognized at an awards ceremony on October 20th. The ceremony was at 7:00 p.m. and awards and trophies were presented to the youngsters. According to Major Harper, efforts are underway to secure funding to continue the program.

Officers of the Month

Officer Darlene A. Tyson, Central District. Arrest of a Burglary suspect, which led to 89 clearances.

Officers Dave Classing and Darin Cover, Southeastern District. Cleared 13 auto thefts and made 7 narcotic arrests.

Officer Rick Addy, Eastern District. Made 12 narcotic arrests and executed a search and seizure warrant.

Officer Thomas Lotterer, Northeastern District. Led district with 68 arrests in the first six months of the year.

Officer Dean Palmere, Northern District. Recognized as a probationary officer with outstanding ability and initiative.

Officer Thomas Gause, Northwestern District. Ninety calls for service, 3 felony arrests, 4 narcotic arrests along with traffic and warrant arrests.

Officers Michael Hofmann and Sandra Moore, Western District. For heroic efforts displayed in saving the life of a one-and-a-half year-old child after she had been shot in the head.

Officer Frank Jarrell, Southwestern District. Saved a newborn's life after it was born in a house and not breathing. He cleared the airway of the child until medical attention arrived.

Officer Scott Pumphrey, Southern District. Arrest of an on view Assault and Robbery suspect.

Officers Michael Glenn and Randy Pope, Tactical Section. Off. Glenn for delivering exemplary performance, dignity and commitment. Off. Pope for 8 arrests and the seizure of a handgun.

Detective Albert Marcus, Homicide Unit. Has recently completed 19 years as a Big Brother for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Maryland.

Civilian Promotions



Dr. Marsha J. Brown



Margaret S. Guiou



Gisselle A. Fredericks



Barbara L. Kropp

Police Physician Marsha J. Brown was appointed to Deputy Chief Physician and is assigned to the Personnel Division, Medical Section.

Margaret S. Guiou was promoted from Office Assistant III-T to Office Supervisor and is assigned to the Northern District.

Gisselle A. Fredericks was promoted from Criminalist I to Criminalist II and will remain in the Lab Division.

Barbara L. Kropp was promoted from Secretary II to Secretary III-S and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau.



*Officer Gregory A. Fonseca
patrols the Inner Harbor*

The Marine Unit is one of the oldest divisions within the Baltimore Police Department. Since 1860, when the Maryland Legislature gave the police department jurisdiction over the harbor and surrounding waters, police officers have been patrolling the harbor's waters. The harbor was patrolled by officers in rowboats between the years of 1860 and 1891. These officers were on duty from 0800 hrs. until 1600 hrs. weather permitting. In 1891, the department received its first boat, a steamer sixty feet in length. Her name was Lannan, named in the honor of a former Deputy Marshall.

Currently, the Marine Unit has four vessels and they consist of two 19 foot Boston Whalers, one 30 foot Baltimore's Best and a 25 foot Boston Whaler. The commanding



Monthly Spotlight:

The Marine Unit

officer of the Marine Unit is Lt. Wayne R. Wilson, and also assigned are Sgt. Alfred A. Hall and Sgt. John R. Mitcheltree along with thirteen officers.

The primary duties of the Marine Unit include speed enforcement, accident investigation, body recovery, rescue and the proper securing and towing of disabled boats. The unit has jurisdiction over 55 square miles of water, which doesn't include the various lakes, streams and reservoirs within Baltimore City. On these waters, the Marine Unit has the responsibility of enforcing federal and state boating laws. It should be noted that over one-half of the officers assigned to the marine unit have their Coast Guard Boating Licenses, which is not an easy accomplishment. Some members of the Marine Unit also

do all of the maintenance and repairs to the vessels, since they are qualified mechanics.

When asked about any memorable events that took place on the water, Sgt. Mitcheltree recalls one 4th of July when he was out on the water and during the Inner Harbor fireworks display, one of the cylinders tipped over and simultaneously ignited. The firework shot out of the cylinder and headed toward Sgt. Mitcheltree, who was in a police vessel. Seeing that the firework was headed toward him, he turned his back only to be hit squarely in the back by the firework. It hit with such impact that it threw Sgt. Mitcheltree over twenty feet into the air and into the water. Sgt. Mitcheltree was not seriously injured, even though the city requested him back for next year's show!

Mountain Bike Competition



The Baltimore Police Department hosted a Police Mountain Bicycle Competition on Saturday, September 10th, at Rash Field. This event was held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with officers from police departments from up and down the East Coast participating.

The competition consisted of a 5 mile race, an obstacle course and a bike toss. Various units of the Baltimore Police Department had displays and information tables set up for public viewing.

The Southern District's Bike Squad won the Commissioner's Cup, which was presented to Commissioner Frazier by Officers Lester R. Rutherford and John M. Walker. This was a highly successful event and a great day. Sergeant Victor Gearhart of the Southern District's Bike Squad adds, "It was unique getting police officers from all over the East Coast together for some friendly competition and camaraderie."

Bike squads, even though viewed just a few short years ago as the latest fad in community policing, have become much more accepted and utilized as a modern day crime fighting tool. All nine of the Baltimore Police Districts now have their own bike patrols.

Major Blackwell Graduates from FBI Academy

Congratulations to Major Kenneth L. Blackwell who graduated from the 178th Session of the National F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Major Blackwell attended the National Academy from July 10th through September 23rd, where he proudly graduated in a formal ceremony.

When asked about some important issues addressed at the Academy, Major Blackwell stated, "I learned a great deal about ethics in leadership, dealing effectively with personnel and the implementation of appropriate styles of management." He went on to say that he also enhanced his knowledge a great deal with regard to problem solving, decision making and leadership. Major Blackwell also spoke about the physical challenges



that he faced in the Academy. Physical training was part of his daily routine and at times were extremely taxing. He mentioned that he was inspired by a member of the class named "Bob." Bob is a physically handicapped ex-marine who had his right leg and part of his left foot blown off in

Vietnam. Bob completed all of the vigorous runs with the rest of the class and at the completion of the runs, his leg and foot were bruised so badly that it would have made some quit, Bob didn't. Major Blackwell goes on to state, "He was

quite an inspiration. Whenever I felt like slowing down on the runs, I thought of and also heard Bob in the background saying, 'Keep those legs churning we are almost there.'" Upon completion of the Academy, Major Blackwell had a tremendous feeling of accomplishment. He states, "If we continue in our profession with a spirit of teamwork and perseverance, then there is very little that we can not accomplish in our law enforcement careers."

911 Day

September 11th, was 911 Emergency Number Day, as proclaimed by Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke. The 911 emergency number was established in 1968 as the nationwide emergency telephone number and was adopted in Maryland in 1979. The 911 number was established because it is easy to remember, fast to dial and provides the caller with immediate and direct access to trained personnel in an emergency answering center. Last year the Baltimore Police Department's 911 Emergency Communications System handled 1,596,965 calls, which is a slight increase from previous years.

Mayor Schmoke and Commissioner Frazier visited the communications center on 911 day to personally thank the unit for the job it performs each and every day. Mayor Schmoke states that Baltimore's call-takers and dispatchers are clearly the busiest in the state and called them the vital link between the citizens and the delivery of public safety services. Commissioner Frazier states, "Their dedication to the valuable mission of saving both lives and property does not go unnoticed."

Retirements

CADDEN, JOHN T. Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 49 years of age, 25 years of service. August 8th.

JACKSON, DEBORAH K., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 48 years of age, 17 years of service. August 18th.

GAMERMAN, NEIL A., Police Agent, Neighborhood Patrol Bureau, 43 years of age, 20 years of service. August 20th.

BRAZIL, GERARD D., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 47 years of age, 25 years of service. August 20th.

MEYERS, RAYMOND F., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 49 years of age, 26 years of service.

PACE, FREDERICK D., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 42 years of age, 19 years of service. September 5th.

BOYER, DENNIS W., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 43 years of age, 20 years of service. September 5th.

KOCH, MARY C., Police Communications Assistant I, Communications Division, 59 years of age, 26 years of service. September 5th.

PODGORSKI, LEONARD S., Police Agent, Education and Training, 46 years of age, 25 years of service. September 13th.

CERNIGLIA, VINCENT J., JR., Police Agent, Personnel Division, 43 years of age, 21 years of service. September 21st.

BRAWNER, CHARLES F., Police Officer, Western District, 55 years of age, 33 years of service. September 21st.

HUBBARD, RONALD T., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 43 years of age, 20 years of service. September 21st.

CLINE, HERBERT E., SR., Police Officer, Central Record Division, 55 years of age, 33 years of service. September 24th.

O'BRIEN, JOHN M., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 45 years of age, 23 years of service. September 26th.

MILLER, MELVIN E., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 57 years of age, 27 years of service. September 30th.

THURSTON, GREGORY D., Sergeant, Traffic Section, 47 years of age, 22 years of service. October 1st.

COLLINS, RONALD B., Major, Personnel Division, 49 years of age, 26 years of service. October 1st.

LAMOND, PAUL K., Police Officer, Traffic Section, 47 years of age, 26 years of service. October 1st.

MITCHELL, JOHN E., Police Officer, Southern District, 48 years of age, 25 years of service. October 1st.

TRESS, SAMUEL D., Lieutenant, Northern District, 46 years of age, 23 years of service. October 3rd.

Final Roll Call

FLYNN, JOSEPH R. Sergeant, retired. N.W.D. 1 August, 77 years of age.

MINA, WALTER R. Sergeant, retired. TAC. SEC. 11 August, 70 years of age.

COLL, FRANCIS J. Sergeant, retired. C.D. 13 August, 78 years of age.

SMITH, JOHN B., SR. Police Officer, retired. C.D. 25 August, 53 years of age.

WIGGINS, CHARLES W. Motor Pool Supervisor, retired. Property Division. 26 August, 53 years of age.

BALDWIN, WILBUR G. Police Officer, retired. N.W.D. 6 September, 76 years of age.

SESSOMES, HEZZIE T, JR. Sergeant, active. Community Service Division. 6 September, 46 years of age.

LEVINSON, PAUL. Officer, Active, N.D. 9 September, 48 years of age.

HARRIS, RICHARD P. Sergeant, Active. N.E.D. 14 October, 35 years of age.

Chaplain's Corner

Those members of the Baltimore Police Department who desire to seek spiritual guidance and assistance, may call the Police Chaplain Unit at 396-2057.



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